Term 4 Week 2 – 23 October 2014

Prayer of St Therese

Christ has no body now but yours
No hands, no feet on earth but yours
Yours are the eyes through which He looks
Compassion on this world
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good
Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world
Yours are the hands, Yours are the feet
Yours are the eyes, You are His body
Christ has no body now on earth but yours

John Michael Talbot

Special Prayers
Please keep the Stephens family (Tamika 3K and Tyler KS) in your prayers as their great grandmother passed away last week.
Φ Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord

Staffing
Last week we welcomed back Mrs Joan Higginbotham, our Welfare Officer. Joan took Term 3 off to spend with family. Many thanks to Mr Bob Fletcher who filled this role last term. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful welfare team.

This term we welcome Saskia, our new Catholic Care Counsellor. Saskia is filling in for Michelle who is on leave this term.

Students Leaving St Monica’s
Please advise immediately if you are moving and will not require a place at St Monica’s in 2015. We currently have no vacancies and I have received inquiries from several families wishing to enrol their child/ren next year. Written notification is required.

Sickness at School
A vomiting bug is working its way around the school. If your child is sick prior to school, please ensure they remain home.

School Chess Challenge 2014
Notes for the School Chess Challenge to be held at Westfield were sent home this week. Entry forms and entry fee of $15 are due back to school on Monday 27 October.

Issue with Skoolbag
Just a note from Skoolbag to let you know that with Apple’s latest iOS 8 update they have managed to break various functions in the Skoolbag app, this issue includes the push notifications not working. To rectify the problem Apple are currently updating the app with a new version.

Please note that the issue does not effect users who are still running iOS 7.

For current Skoolbag customers your app will be upgraded to 2.6.0 version. Updates are being submitted daily to Apple who then take around 5 - 7 days to approve them. You can expect the update will be ready for download within the next 2 - 3 weeks.

A reminder that you can use Skoolmail and receive all our messages and alerts via email. Visit our website and elect the subscribe tab on the Skoolbag image. We currently have 66 families and staff registered to receive messages via email.
Walkathon News – Not long to go.
It’s on again! Last term the children were issued with information and a sponsorship form for our walkathon to be held on Friday 31 October (Week 3).

Please ensure permission forms are returned promptly to school. Information and sponsorship forms are also available on the school website and via the Skoolbag app. Please note that any parent planning to assist, particularly those walking with class groups, must hold a WWVP card.

Please continue to encourage your child to gain sponsorship and bring in the collected funds as they are received. Money collected to date is $2,300. Listed below are the school targets.

School Targets
$2000 – Games and Sports Afternoon
$5000 – Pyjama Day
$10000 – Heroes Day
$15000- Whole School Movie

Major Prizes
Mini iPad – Child who raises the most dollars.
Pendo Pad – Lucky draw prize. For every $5 donated a child’s name will be added to the lucky draw prize box.

Weekly Class winner – 4LD

Walkathon - Assistance Required
We require the assistance of 2-3 strong people who have the use of utes/small trucks/trailers to load, transport & set up equipment required for the BBQ on the morning of the Walkathon, and to load, return & unload the equipment to school that afternoon.

Please contact the office if you are able to assist at either or both times and to receive further information/directions.

We are also in need of people to cook the BBQ for this event. Any offer of assistance is greatly appreciated - the wonderful success of this event every year depends on a great deal of help from our school community.

Annual Parent Survey
It is that time of year when we ask parents for your response to questions relating to various aspects of our school. We can only continue to improve and be a great school if we know your concerns and hear your suggestions. Our survey was sent out via the Skoolbag App. Just in case you have not been able to access the app please type in the following address and answer the questions. https://www.research.net/s/StMonicaPARENTS2014

Our survey is interactive and your responses would be appreciated by 3 November. This year we have engaged a company to collate our responses. Please note your responses are confidential and individuals cannot be identified. Many of the children have completed a student version of the survey over the past few days. A summary of the results will be publishing in our annual report in 2015.

Catholic Netball Carnival
This Sunday we have several teams competing in the Catholic School Netball carnival. Many thanks to Miss Dana Jarrett for her coordination of teams. Managers packs and draws will be sent home tomorrow.

Boorowa Netball & Touch Football Carnival
Congratulations to all the students who travelled to Boorowa last Friday 17 October. St Monica’s was represented by 6 netball teams and 5 touch football teams, with a total of 110 students participating on the day. All students had a fantastic day and it was a great opportunity to play against many different children from around the region. A huge thank you to all of the parents, siblings and teachers who assisted with teams on the day. A special mention to the Year 6 Yellow Netball team who were the winners of their pool and the Year 5 Netball Team who were runners-up in their pool. Well done! Susan Carswell

Parent Engagement Workshop
There is very strong evidence that partnerships between schools and families that focus on positive family engagement in learning can significantly improve children’s learning and wellbeing.

In response to this evidence that children do better and learn more when families and teachers work together, The Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY) and the ACT Government are working together to develop a shared understanding of parent engagement in the ACT and build the foundations for leading-edge parent engagement in the ACT.

This research project involves:

- Talking with families and schools about their beliefs, knowledge and practices around parent engagement, with the aim of building a shared understanding of parent engagement and its importance.
- Building the resources to enable robust measurement of parent engagement, with the aim of equipping schools to understand their community and measure the impact of their parent engagement strategies.
- Collecting and developing resources to support schools and families.

The ethical aspects of this research have been approved by the ANU Human Research Ethics Committee. Protocol No 2014/515.

Please continue to encourage your child to gain sponsorship and bring in the collected funds as they are received.

St Moncia’s parents are invited to take part in the research project. This is a wonderful opportunity and it would be great to have a group of interested parents attend the discussion workshop.

When: 9:15am-10:45am Wednesday, 29 October
Where: St Monica’s Primary – Japanese Room
Morning tea will be provided

RSVP by Monday 27 October – School Office 62585105
Or email office.stmonicas@cg.catholic.edu.au
Child care will be arranged, depending on numbers. Toys will be provided.

The Walkathon News is for the benefit of parents. It should not be construed as school policy or official information. The Walkathon News is intended to inform parents about the Walkathon. The Walkathon will be held on Friday 31 October.

St Monica’s Primary School
Boorowa, NSW 2584
Ph: 6248 2400 parental.engage@aracy.org.au
5th Annual St Monica’s Writing Competition

Entries are now being sought for our annual writing competition. Students are invited to enter poems or short stories of no more than 500 words. Please hand in your typed entries to Mrs Hind by Friday 7 November (Week 4).

I look forward to reading your fantastic stories and poems.

Mrs Hind & Miss Osten

Kinder Orientation

Our Kindergarten Orientation Morning will be held on Wednesday 5 November 2014. While the children will enjoy a morning of activities, their parents will attend a parent information session to be followed with a cuppa to meet current and new parents. A note will go home in the coming week to existing Kinder parents requesting assistance with setting up of the morning tea and/or providing a plate of finger food. Is there a Kinder parent happy to put their hand up to assist with the coordination of the morning tea? Please let me know.

Uniform Shop – Volunteers for Kindergarten Orientation Day

Are there any Kindergarten/Year 1 and 2 parents who are willing to help out in the Uniform Shop on Kindergarten Orientation Day between 10am – 12.30pm? If you are able to assist on the day please contact Sandra Forrest on 0438 602 713.

School Banking

School banking has begun again for the term. School banking is Monday of each week.

Playground

Out with the old and in with the new. Installation of our new equipment should be completed by mid-next week. The children are very excited.

Electronic Roll and Absentee Notes

It is a legal requirement that parents provide the school with an explanation when a child is absent from school. This may be via a written note or email. Notifications sent via our Skoolbag App come in the form of an email which is also acceptable. I encourage parents to make use of our school app.

K-2 Swim and Survive Program – only 10 children from Kinder to Yr 2 not attending.

Gungahlin Leisure Centre Swimming Program

Week 5: Tuesday November 11th to Friday November 14th
Week 6: Tuesday November 18th to Friday November 21st
COST: $90 per child (8 lessons and bus travel)

Book Club

Book Club pamphlets were sent home last week. Orders for Book Club are due back to school by Monday 27 October.

Hall Car Park Lighting

With our hall car park lighting now operational the car park project is complete. What an improvement our new car park has made to the school parking and entry to the hall.

2015 Year 5 & 6 Camp

Next year all Year 5 and 6 students will attend camp at the same time. This camp will be taking place in Week 2 of Term 1, from Wednesday 11 February to Friday 13 February 2015 at Cooba Sport and Education Camp in Berridale, NSW.

The cost per child to attend the camp is $295. To secure a place for your child we require half the payment ($150.00) before the end of the Term 4, 2014 and the second payment by Wednesday 4 February next year (Week 1, Term 1 2015).

Permission notes (all green notes) must be returned by Friday 7th November as we must notify Cooba of numbers attending plus any special dietary needs. Notes are also available on the school web and via the school app under excursions. If you have any questions please contact Mr Patrick Ellis (Coordinator).

Orange Student Management Slips

To improve our tracking of student incidents more closely, the teachers will be making use of our orange incident slips to record when a student is spoken to for breaching a school rule, on the playground or in the classroom. Examples include not wearing a hat, playing out of bounds, back chatting, swearing, pushing in lines, not answering the bell immediately, refusing to follow a teachers instructions, interfering in someone’s game.

The children have been reminded about the use of the orange slips. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child’s teacher should you have any concerns.

Where a child is given a consequence for a minor breach, which occurs on the playground, this will be noted on the slip and then handed to the child’s class teacher. The class teacher will monitor if there is a regular occurrence and will then follow up with the parents.

Major breaches of behaviour are referred to an Executive teacher to be investigated.

Please speak to your children about this initiative and that it is being implemented to make St Monica’s a safe and happy place for everyone. Teachers will be looking to catch children displaying the correct behaviours to issue M&Ms.

God Bless

Carmel Maguire
Principal
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The Rosary
As well as the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be, the following prayers are recited at the end of each decade of the rosary - the Apostles Creed and the Fatima Prayer.
"O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of Thy mercy." (Mary asked the children of Fatima –Lucia, Jacinta, Francisco to say this prayer when she appeared to them at Fatima).

The Sorrowful Mysteries (said on Tuesdays and Fridays)
The Agony in the Garden:
The Scourging at the Pillar:
The Carrying of the Cross:
The Crowning with Thorns:
The Agony in the Garden:
The Sorrowful Mysteries

The Glorious Mysteries (said on Sundays and Wednesdays)
The Ascension:
The Resurrection:
The Descent of the Holy Spirit: (Pentecost)
The Assumption: (Mary is crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth).

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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M&M Star Medallions – Fletcher A (1D), Katie R (1D), Jessica H (1D), Hena L (1R), Coco B (1R), Caydence L (1R), Isabella L (1R), Sam Baussmann (2D), Christopher H (4LD)

Congratulations to the following children on their achievement in the Primary Research Project for 2014. Certificates will be distributed once they have been received.

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Happy Birthday to the following children who are celebrating birthdays this week.

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Parenting Ideas – Michael Grose
This year we have taken out a subscription with Parentingideas. Our subscription gives us access to a range of Parent Tip Sheets and the Parentingideas Magazine. Please visit our Website under the Publications tab – Parenting Ideas http://stmonicas.act.edu.au/publications/parentingideas.html for access to material uploaded to date.

CANTEEN CORNER

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Flexi Schools online ordering system is available for placing lunch orders. New to Flexi Schools – If your child has a lunch wallet you can select the option on the menu so a paper bag is not required. New Summer Menu has been sent home today and will begin from Week 2.

The Roster for Term 4, Week 3

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Please Keep In Mind:
* Help needed with the above VACANCIES.
~ Swap your shift if you can’t make your rostered day.
New faces greatly appreciated at any time.
Thank you - Samantha Manning

GENERAL COMMUNITY INFORMATION

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS
Parents and Carers of children aged 2-10 years are invited to Brining Up Great Kids a parenting program developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation which will be presented by CatholicCare commencing WEDNESDAY 29th OCTOBER 2014 at their Red Hill office. The course is 3 hours per week over a 4 week period and the fee of $60 includes course materials and supper. Bookings are essential please contact 61626100.

THE JOURNEY THROUGH ADOLESCENCE program for parents of Adolescents will be offered by CatholicCare commencing WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER, 2014 from 6-9pm at 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill. The course is run over 3 weeks and the fee of $50 includes course materials and supper. This course is suitable for parents of children in Primary Years 5 & 6 and Secondary School Years 7-12. Bookings are essential please contact 61626100.

Community Council Email Address
Council Email Address – this was established to allow parents to let us know areas of concern that they feel need addressing. As a Community Council we can only represent you if we know what is on your mind and as many of the council and you work, this address is just another avenue of contact. Council.StMonicas@cg.catholic.edu.au
The email will be checked regularly by Louise Dykes, Council Executive Secretary. We look forward to hearing from you.

GIANT COMMUNITY GARRAGE SALE
Don’t miss out on THE garage sale of the year, where over 60 stallholders will be selling their pre-loved treasure at bargain prices. Complete with live music, a jumping castle and face painting for the kids, sausage sizzle and café this is a fun, family day for stall holders and bargain-hunters alike. The stalls will pack the building and sprawl over the lawns of the North Belconnen Baptist Church. Stalls are only $20 and booking out fast so go to www.northbelconnenbaptist.org.au/giant-community-garage-sale/ to book yours. Mark your calendars - it’s just too good to miss!
When: Saturday, 25th of October
Time: 9am till 2pm
Where: North Belconnen Baptist Church
Chomley Court Evatt (Just off Copland Drive)

MILO in2CRICKET
MILO in2CRICKET Programs are ideal for boys and girls aged 5-10 years. Programs run all across the ACT and NSW, if you are keen to get involved and register your child please visit http://www.in2cricket.com.au or contact liz.mcpherson@cricketact.com.au