OUR VISION
GROWING TOGETHER
Believe ~ Discover ~ Achieve

VALUE - Cooperation

Prayer for a Spirit of Cooperation:
Grace me with a Spirit of Cooperation
O God.
Restrain impulses that cause me to value my own opinions over the needs of others.
Remind me often of the importance of serving one another with humility.
And help me to regard each and every person as part of the great human family, created in your image, and held in your great and loving heart.
Amen.
http://www.sadlier.com/religion/we-believe-and-share

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS
BEING RESPECTFUL

The rule focus this week is about being respectful. Hands off! Feet off! This means interacting appropriately with others. Keeping our hands and feet off treats others the way we want to be treated.

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Principal’s Retreat
I am away at a Principal’s Retreat for 3 days this week -- from Wednesday to Friday. In my absence please contact Mr Patrick Ellis.

6S Class -- Week 6
Mr Smith will be on Long Service Leave for Week 6. Mrs Gemma Francis will be teaching 6S for the week.

Catholic School Week
This year St Monica’s will join Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW) from 8-14 March. The theme for CSW 2015 is ‘Educating for Today and Tomorrow’. The theme ties in with the 50th anniversary of the Declaration on Christian Education, ‘Gravissimum Educationis.’ The document recognised the continuing need for the Church to support parents in the education of their children.

Catholic Schools Week is about strengthening relationships between all those who have a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community – by showcasing what happens in our classrooms every day.

It is for this reason that I would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to join us at St Monica’s to celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2015.

Our school will be celebrating this important week by holding the following events

**Wednesday 11 March**
2.15pm Prayer Gathering and Presentation of Values awards

**Thursday 12 March**
9.00 – 10.00 – Open Classrooms
Kinder - Literacy
Year 1 - Literacy
Year 2 - Literacy and Numeracy
Year 3 & 4 - Literacy and Numeracy
2.00 – 3.00pm – Open Classrooms
Years 5 & 6 Group work on Investigation Projects – see the children in action!

This is an ideal opportunity to support the community of St Monica’s and learn more about the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

Our school has a supportive community of teachers, parents, carers, school council, clergy, parishioners and support staff who work together to focus on giving students the best education possible, encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion.

Dear Parents

O God, give me the things which will make me a good member of the community in which I live.
Give me a forgiving spirit, that I may forgive others, as I hope that you will forgive me.
Give me the tolerant spirit that I may be quicker to praise than to criticise, and that I may be more eager to understand than to condemn.
Give me the unselfish spirit, that I may think even more about the rights of others than about my own rights.
Teach me what to remember and what to forget; to forget all insults and injuries, and to remember all that has been done for me by other people.
Help me always to aim at putting more into life than I take out of it:
through Jesus Christ my Lord
Amen
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of St Monica’s and I look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you.

I also encourage you to visit the Australian Catholic Superannuation and Retirement Fund’s website, www.catholicsuper.com.au. The Australian Catholic Superannuation is a proud supporter of Catholic Schools Week 2015.

Special Prayers

Please keep the Schroeder family (Chaney (2L) and Charlie (2R) in your prayers as their grandfather passed away last Saturday.

Our Year 2 Team

Mrs Monika Richards
2R

Mr Ted Dunstan
2D

Mrs Mira Lustica & Mrs Veronica Ellis
2L

Car Park Etiquette

While aware car parking can be a challenge at St Monica’s, it is no excuse for parents to park in areas that prove dangerous or affect the general flow of traffic. So please

• Be patient!
• Do not park in the nature strip along Montague Place – it is illegal to park in that area.
• Do not park under the trees near the Kinder playground. This is government land.
• Park between the lines when parking outside the hall
• Park carefully on the basketball courts considering the recent accident. Endeavour to create four lines when parking on the basketball courts; leave the entry/exit clear of traffic and leave a space near the ramp so that traffic can travel in a clockwise direction.
• As the courts are often used by the children until 2.45, avoid coming too early.

Preferred Payment Method

Coffee Hour with Carmel the Principal

Our next Q&A over coffee is set aside for Friday 13 March at 9am. Please feel free to drop in to the staffroom for a chat before collecting your child/ren.

Parent Teacher Interviews – Conversations on Goals (CoGs)

Our CoG sessions for Years 1-6 parents, students & teachers to set learning goals will be held in Week 6 of this term – Wednesday 11 March to Friday 13 March. Due to prior commitments some teachers’ schedules will vary.

Kindergarten will only be a Parent/Teacher Interview.

Once again, we have opted for an online booking system to enable parents to select an appropriate time and coordinate appointments when there is more than one teacher to meet. All unique passwords and instructions on how to book an appointment were posted home this week, with access to the booking site from Tuesday 2 March until Monday 9 March. All parents and students are expected to attend a CoG session. If you do not have internet access please contact the Office and we can assist you. If you require any further information please contact Allison Walsh.

School Banking

There will be no school banking next week due to Public Holiday on Monday. Our school banking coordinator will be taking some leave so school banking will resume on Monday 23 March.

5/6 School Camp

On the 11 February 2015, Year 5 and 6 went on a 3 hour bus trip to camp Cooba. The Year 5 went straight to the camp but Year 6 went dragon boating.

I am in Year 6 so I went dragon boating. It was really fun but hard because we all had to paddle in time with each other and the drummer. We all got a bit wet and muddy but it was still fun. At the start I was scared it might tip over but fortunately none of the boats did.

After that we took a bus to the camp. When we arrived there we got our room numbers and settled in. Then we had free time. During free time I went on the jumping pillow and talked with
friends. Then we had dinner, which for me was lasagne, it was delicious.

After dinner we had night activities at about 8:30. This included dancing, popping balloons which were tied to people's ankles and trying to throw a ping pong ball on the top of a coke bottle. We choose one person from each group to throw the ping pong ball and it was really funny to watch. Then we all went to bed. I slept pretty well!

The next day we all woke up and had breakfast. Then we formed our activity groups and started our activities.

My group's first activity was dirt buggies. There were three tracks but we only got to two of them because we didn't have enough time. We got pretty muddy and it was scary but I still had fun. Then we had morning tea.

After that my group did team manoeuvres. We were put into groups and then given a map. On the map were numbered boxes, which we had to find. Then we had to read the message inside. It took forever to find our first box and it even started raining. It was kind of fun but I fell over in the mud!

Then we had lunch. My group's last activity for the day was the flying fox. It was really fun and I went pretty fast. That was definitely one of my favourite activities.

Then we had free time. I went in the pool, on the jumping pillow and bought some stuff from the shop. Then we had dinner which was pizza!

That night we had a disco. It was really loud and there were lots of lights. I thought it was alright but towards the end I got tired. Then we went to bed.

The next morning after breakfast my group did the big swing. It went really high and was a lot of fun and a bit scary. Then we had morning tea. After that all of year six did the gladiator course. It had a huge variety of obstacles and we got wet doing a lot of them.

Then we got changed and had lunch. After that we put our bags on the bus and drove home.

So that was what I did at year 5/6 camp. I was exhausted but it was really fun! By Madeline E (5/6ED).

School Wide Positive Behaviour (SWPB)

At St Monica's we are respectful, responsible and safe learners.

We use playground data for decision making regarding our rule focus for the week. We emphasis the use of preventative, teaching, and reinforcement-based strategies to achieve meaningful and sustainable behaviour and lifestyle outcomes.

At St Monica's we reward students for being respectful, responsible and safe learners.

- Students receive an M&M (Monica's Medallion).
- 5 M&Ms = a maroon wrist band.
- 5 maroon wristbands = a white wrist band.
- 3 white wristbands = a St Monica's Star badge.
- 3 Star badges = a Pride of Australia badge and a reward negotiated with the Principal.

We aim to build an effective environment in which positive behaviour is the focus and students are affirmed for their behaviour. There are times where mistakes are made by our students and there are consequences for negative choices as well as the positive ones. If students display inappropriate behaviour which breach our expectation of a responsible, respectful and safe learner, then an orange incident card is written for their classroom teacher. This is done so as a school we can monitor students displaying inappropriate behaviour and work with them to ensure repeating these behaviours does not occur. If a student repeats these inappropriate behaviours or behaves in an unsafe way towards another person, then they will be referred to the Principal or Assistant Principal for 'time-out'. This is time for the student to reflect on their behaviour and be in a better position to make the positive choice next time. Parents are notified when 'timeout' occurs. Parents may also be notified by the class teacher should your child be receiving several orange cards in a small period of time.

Should you have a concern or question about your child's behaviour, please contact the class teacher to make a suitable time to discuss further.

School Fete

Our annual fete is only weeks away and is our major fundraising venture for the year. For the fete to be a success we need the support of all families in the community. I am aware that we can often be time poor but if the fete is to be successful we require the assistance of everyone.

We urgently need coordinators for the following stalls: Cakes, Baby & Kids, Fruit Salad, Hotdogs and Pizza. If you can assist please contact Kath Stiller ASAP on 0428100797. These stalls will not be offered if we do not find coordinators.

- Raffle tickets should be returned immediately.
- Lucky dip donations are required.

Bottle Day – Friday 13 March

Students can enjoy a non-uniform day (please wear sneakers/comfortable shoes) in exchange for bringing a bottle donation for our Tombola stall. Suggestions for bottle donations include – bath gels, cordial, sauces, soft drinks, bottles filled with hair ties, trinkets, stationery, lollies etc. Every bottle brought in allows the student to put a raffle ticket in a draw. One Fete Value Ticket per grade will be drawn as prizes.

Fete Grade Prize Baskets

It is a longstanding tradition that each year group fills a washing basket with goodies to be raffled at the fete. Each child is asked to bring in an item to fill the basket. Each grade has a particular theme, please be as creative as you would like.

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White Elephant Drop Off Times
This is a good time to clear out the cupboards
Monday 9 March – 1.30pm – 4.00pm
Saturday 14 March & Sunday 15 March – 1.30pm – 4.00pm
Saturday 21 March & Sunday 22 March – 1.30pm – 4.00pm

Volunteers Urgently Required
Uniform Coordinator – Due to work commitments Sandra Forrest has advised that she will be standing down from her position at the end of the year. She would love to be able to train someone over the next few months in the operations of our Uniform Shop. This is a volunteer role that provides a wonderful service to our community. Please contact the school if this sounds like an area you could assist in.

Fete Treasurer for 2016 - With the Batho family finishing up at St Monica’s at the end of the year we are looking for someone to take over this role in 2016 – Dave has done an amazing job for the last 3 years. Now is the time to volunteer so you can learn what happens in preparation for 2016.

Found a Fundraising Coordinator – Thank you to Emma Howlett for so very kindly offering to coordinate, with the assistance of Rachael Hind, our fundraising events for 2015.

Proposed Fund Raising 2015

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Canteen – Helpers Required
If you are able to help out in the Canteen at lunchtime or any Friday at lunchtime please call Sam – Canteen Manager on 0417291926.

Champions’ Reading Challenge
To encourage our students to keep reading the St Monica’s staff will once again challenge all our students to read 12 books by the end of Term 1. Students are required to record the books they have read on a sheet, distributed during their library session. An adult is required to sign off on each book read. Any type of book can be recorded, including readers, fiction, non-fiction, picture books and chapter books. Students will complete the recording of their sheets during library lessons and additional sheets can be picked up from the library. When each student completes the challenge they are required to place the sheet in the box in the Library. All students who enter will be in the draw for prizes which will be drawn at the final assembly in Term 1. Students can enter more than once. Good luck! Happy reading.

Mrs Hind and Miss Brown

God bless

Carmel Maguire
Principal

RE NEWS

LENT:
Here are some ideas that you might inspire you through your Lenten journey.
They come from Caritas’ Lent Calendar.
- Write a letter to someone you care about, telling them why they are special
- Swap unhealthy snacks for fresh fruit or vegetables
- Perform an act of kindness for someone you don’t know but regularly talk to.

Coffee Comparison: if you normally buy one coffee a day, by forgoing your daily coffee through Lent you will save about $150. This would provide 30 farmers in Fiji with a tray of seedlings to diversify their crops.

Sacrament of Eucharist:
Home groups commenced this week. Please remember Home Groups are a time for you to share your faith your child. Be supportive and respectful of the Leader, ready to listen and share.

Presentation Masses
If you were unable to attend Mass last weekend to present your child for the Sacrament of Eucharist you must be present this weekend or contact Fr Warrick to make other arrangements. The Presentation Masses are an essential part of the Eucharist Program. Handing the presentation card in at school does not meet the requirement to be at Mass.
First Communion Mass Times: a sheet was available at the Parent Information Evening for you to nominate a Mass time for First Eucharist. Sunday 3 May (10:00am) is full. If you have not allocated a time you will be placed on Saturday 2 May (6:00pm). I will send out a list confirming these dates and times next week.

Sacrament of Eucharist:
- Presentation Masses Saturday 7 March 6:00pm Sunday 8 March 10:00 St Monica’s Church (if you were not present last weekend)
Coffs Harbour was really hot but it was so much fun. I went with my mum and dad. There were a lot of skilled players and good teams. The competition was very tough.

My team was called the ACT Cougars. On the first day we played two games and on the second day we played three. Our team came fifth out of 22 teams, I think that is a great effort.

When our team wasn’t playing, I went swimming at the hotel pool. I had a great time! - Rory S (5/6ED)

Congratulations – What a WIN
Congratulations to Jaycob S (5/6ED) and Michael M (5E) on winning the U/10 Division 1 North Canberra Futsal Grand Final last Sunday with the Belnorth Devils... Racing to a solid 3-0 lead early in the second half the boys showed tremendous team work and spirit against a tough Gungahlin United Young Guns to hold on for a 4-3 victory.

Futsal U12 Team
Congratulations to the All Stars U12 Futsal team on winning their final on Sunday – Jake T, Joda R-G, Patrick G, Mitchell R and Joshua G.

Swimming Carnival
Ribbons will be presented tomorrow at assembly commencing at 12.30pm. Ribbons are only presented to the overall 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner in each age group for PSSA events. We do not issue ribbons for the individual heats or 25m events. This was a decision approved by the St Monica’s Council Executive and implemented in 2014.


Belconnen Swimming Carnival Events
Children to be selected for our Belconnen squad is currently being finalised and will be announced next week. Events include 50m in the 4 strokes for all age groups (8-12 years), as well as 100m events in all four strokes and 200m Individual Medley for 10-12 years. There are no 25m events.

In 2015 we have qualifying times that need to be met in order to proceed to the 12 years and under Regional Swimming Carnivals. These times have been sent to all schools and will be advertised on the School Sport ACT website.

200 IM - Each school is permitted to nominate up to two (2) competitors in each age group (10, 11, 12 years) providing qualifying times are met.

100 Freestyle and Form Strokes: Each school is permitted to nominate the first 2 placegetters in each age group 10, 11, 12 years, i.e. a maximum of 6 swimmers from combined 10-12 years events providing qualifying times are met.

Two (2) swimmers can be nominated for all 50 metre events providing qualifying times are met.
Catholic Soccer Carnival on Sunday 15 March 2015

Our seven Soccer teams have been accepted. Final information packs and vouchers will be distributed next week.

Meninga & Laurie Daly Shield

Yesterday 41 children from St Monica’s competed in the annual Laurie Daley Shield (Years 5 & 6) and Mal Meninga Cup (Years 3 & 4) rugby league 7-a-side tournament at Nicholls Ovals.

All four teams played with great skill level and collaborated well together in their respective teams. We now wait to see if two of our teams have qualified for the Finals Day. A huge thank you to Mr Mills and Mr Carey for volunteering their time to coach. Many thanks to the parents for their support and who assisted with varied tasks throughout the day.

Belconnen Zone AFL trials

Any Year 5 & 6 students interested in trying out should see Mrs Figura for details - Trial 1: Wednesday 11th March

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

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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@catholic.edu.au

The email will be checked regularly by Lis O’Daly, Council Executive Secretary. We look forward to hearing from you.

CANTEN Corner

Canteen Capers 6258 4687 (c)
Samantha Manning: 6259 7240 (h)

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. Real McCoy chips are no longer available at the Canteen.

The Roster for Term 1, Week 6

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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

Positive Partnership Workshops

Belconnen United Sharks Junior Rugby League Football Club 2015

The Belconnen United Sharks is a friendly club with home playing fields located in Melba.

The Belconnen United Sharks will be holding their second registration day on Sunday 15 March at the Melba District Playing Fields on Verbrugghen Street, affectionately known as ‘Shark Park’.

The Sharks have teams from under 6’s to under 16’s, and for those looking further into their Rugby League future, we are affiliated with the Senior Sharks with teams in under 18’s, reserves and first grade. Boys and girls are encouraged to come along and meet up with old team mates, if you are new to the game or coming from another club, no need to be shy, as friendly Sharks and Sharkette’s will be there to answer all your questions. Shorts and socks are provided as part of the registration. In addition, each registration that is paid on the day will receive a Sharks football prior to the commencement of the season. For further information please contact club register – Peter McCook on 6595281 or 0403 310 084. (peterandsharon@iinet.com.au)

Catholic Schools Week 2015 Competition
What will your Catholic school of tomorrow look like? Tell us in a 30 second video. $5,000 in prizes to be won. Individual primary and secondary entries. Win an iPad plus a $250 JB Hi-Fi voucher. Runners up in each division with a $100 JB Hi-Fi Voucher. Open to all Catholic primary and secondary students in NSW & ACT. Competition closes 18 March 2015. To enter visit www.catholicschools.act.edu.au.
Qkr! Payment App
Have you downloaded our Qkr! payment app yet? It is such a simple way to pay for things at school, such as school fees, excursions, camp, Forward Together program and more! We have had a fantastic response with many families using the app already, but we would like to educate all our families that this is our preferred payment method. It will avoid the children carrying cash and/or credit card details on their person.
Each week we will feature a helpful tip on this page, so stay tuned! If you have any trouble using the app, or have any questions about it please contact Mrs Allison Walsh in the office.

Adding or deleting payment cards:

To add, delete or edit your payment cards from the 'Settings':
1. Open Qkr!
2. Tap on the three horizontal lines icon at the top left of the screen
3. Tap on the word 'Settings'. This will open the settings page and present you with a number of options to personalize the way Qkr! works for you
4. Tap 'Manage Payment Cards'
5. To delete a card: Tap and hold
6. To edit details of an existing card: Tap quickly to enter 'Edit Card' screen
7. To add a new card, tap the icon on the top right of your screen (an image of a card with a ‘+’ symbol on Android devices or the word ‘Add’ on Apple devices)
   To add another card from the check out screen:
1. Tap on your registered card
2. Tap ‘Add Card’ option
3. Provide card details
4. Tap the ‘Done’ button (Apple devices) or ‘tick’ icon (Android devices) on the top right of your screen to save changes