Congratulations to our wonderful Fete Team on their coordination of an amazing fun-filled day; your team effort generated lots of enthusiasm within the community. There was a really terrific atmosphere with so many great comments received. To quote a kindergarten child, “it was the best day of his life, ever!!” Our profit for 2016 is expected to be over $30,000. A great ending to a very busy term.

Thank you also to all the stall coordinators and their support teams, the teachers for your generosity of time and members of the community who supported our fete through sponsorship.

**St Monica’s Fete Raffle 2016**

1st Prize - $2,000 travel voucher from Jamison Travel – Blanka Maric

2nd Prize - $500 Home Painting – Alan Kerr

3rd Prize - $350 voucher donated by Merry Beach Caravan Resort – Peta O’Connor

4th Prize – Letty Rochow - $250 cash donated by Patrick Lawler Plumbing

**Prize Basket Raffles**

House & Garden – Pam McGuire

Party – Jenny Miinin

Bath and Beauty – Tina Kennedy

Stationery – Chris Hamilton

Clare Philips – Sweets

William Jarvis – KRG – House & Garden

4.5kg Toblerone – Beck

Patchwork Quilt – Sharon Jenkins

**Silent Auctions for Guernseys**

Raiders Guernsey sold for $165

Brumbies Jersey sold for $500

Wallabies Jersey sold for $350

**Thank you from the Fete Team**

The Fete Team would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all the wonderful families and friends who came along to the fete on Saturday. The school community spirit was certainly out in force and we have had lots of positive feedback about the vibe and atmosphere.

Thank you also to all of our very generous sponsors who came on board to make our fete a success. A list of all the sponsors has been sent home previously so please support the businesses who support our school. In particular, we acknowledge some of our major sponsors including Mick Bogaart Painting, Patrick Lawler Plumbing, Riteway Curtains and Blinds, Tim McInnes, Luton Properties, Pirtek, MacKay

**Inclusion**

What a team!
Finally, a very big thank you to all of our volunteers including our stall holders and their many helpers. We would like to extend an extra big thank you to Rachael Hind who helped the team with a lot of the behind-the-scenes work that goes into the fete. Thank you also to our Treasurer, Leanne Power and her team who worked tremendously hard on the day.

Congratulations to the winners of all the fabulous Chocolate Wheel prizes.

We would love your fete photos!
Thank you to all those who had some fun at the photo booth in ‘Friendship Lane’. If you would like to share your photo booth pictures or any other photos you may have taken on the day, please send them to the fete team at stmfete@gmail.com. Please note that if you do send your photos through they may be published on the school website, in the school newsletter or used for other promotion materials.

Thank you from the White Elephant Team
Firstly, we would like to thank the wonderful fete committee, their endless support and help in all areas have made a mammoth task very rewarding.

Secondly, to our amazing volunteers! From the people who came and sorted on drop-off days, to the dedicated Friday set-up team who made the hall look spectacular and finally to everyone who helped on Fete day- the sellers, the people collecting money and to everyone else who contributed to the success of the stall.

We would like to name everyone individually but this would fill the newsletter, however you know who you are and without your support the White Elephant wouldn’t be as great as it has become. Thank you from Bob, Paul and Jo.

Family Farewell
Tomorrow we farewell the Sture family - Talisha (5K) and Natalie (4C) who are leaving St Monica’s.

Staffing News Term 2
We have several changes occurring next term
- Mrs Susan Carswell will be working 4 days a week with Mrs Louise Dykes teaching in 4C every Thursday. Louise is well known to the children making for a smooth transition.
- Mrs Denise Duck is taking 6 weeks Long Service Leave to travel and visit family in Ireland. During her absence Mrs Jacinda Vaughan will oversee part of the Learning Support Program. Jacinda will be released from class at various times during the week by Mrs Agi Ryan. Mrs Agi Ryan and Miss Sonia Brown will share the teaching component of Denise’s role.
- Mr Bob Fletcher will also be accessing leave in weeks 2, 3 and 4 of Term 2 to travel and celebrate a special family occasion.
- Mrs Sally Gervink will be taking maternity leave for Terms 2 and 3. Mrs Louise Dykes will be teaching in Kinder every Friday for the two terms until Sally returns in Term 4.
- Mrs Lynne Sydney will be accessing a week’s Long Service Leave in Week 2 of next term. Mrs Jodie May will take the class while Lynne is away.

Assembly tomorrow at 1.00pm - All Class Awards, Stars, Pride Badges, Swimming Ribbons and Reading Challenges awards will be given out.

Enrolment of Siblings for 2017
I encourage parents who are enrolling siblings for 2017 to collect an enrolment form from the Office. This will enable me to determine the number of places we will have available as I have heard we have another big year of siblings.

Mother’s Day Stall
Our Mother’s Day stall will be held on Friday 6 May in the Courtyard from 9.30am-11am. There will be a wonderful range of fabulous gifts for the children to purchase.

Children will be invited to come to the stall in family groups, so they may choose a gorgeous gift for their Mum together. There will be one gift per family – with the possibility of purchasing extra gifts if numbers permit. If there are any parents/carers or grandparents free to help with the stall for an hour or more, we would very much appreciate your time. Please call Michelle Bowman on 0416 162 543.

Book Fair
We are having a Scholastic Book Fair!
Where? St Monica’s Library
When? 27-29 April 2016
Time? Before school from 8.30am-9am, after school until 4pm
Please contact Mrs Hind if you are able to assist as a cashier.
NB: Students will enter the Lucky Door Raffle during library lessons.

Anzac Day
St Monica’s School will mark the centenary of ANZAC with a special ceremony on Wednesday 27 April at 2.30pm in the church.

We would like to extend an invitation to current and past service personnel to attend this special event. We would very much appreciate your presence with us and acknowledge with thanks the outstanding contribution you have made to our nation.
RESTORATIVE PRACTICES – PARENT EVENING
Repeat session from Term 1

The question often arises:
With all its conflicting values, differing attitudes and pressure from peers and media, how do best I equip my son/daughter to cope in the modern world?

We invite you to attend a free session to learn how, as a school, we are working with your son/daughter to improve their capacity to recognise mistakes as opportunities for learning and to understand how he/she affects others by their actions. Repairing relationships in this way, creates a powerful climate for learning in the classroom.

Restorative Practices explores such questions as:
■ What is Fair Process?
■ Do I ask the best questions?
■ How would I describe my Parenting Style?
■ How can I better understand emotions?

Date: 26 April 2016
Time: 6.15pm – 7.45pm
Venue: School Library

Presenters:
Vic and Liz O’Callaghan are educators with many years experience in working with students, teachers and parents in teaching explicit ways in building healthy relationships.

We hope you can join them for an evening of humour and shared insights into how we can meet the challenges that face us as parents in today’s world.

Mental Health Basics: Suggestions for Families
Things can happen in children’s lives that make the risk of developing mental health problems more likely. It is usually not possible to eliminate all the risk factors that affect your children, but there are things you can do to reduce the impact of stress and help them build strengths for effective coping. The following suggestions identify the sorts of things you can do to support children’s resilience in the face of challenging circumstances.

• Spend time with children by having fun playing games, going to the park or going somewhere together as a family.
• Try to maintain routines as much as possible. Routines and consistency help children feel secure.
• Build and maintain supportive relationships with family, friends and your school community. Talk with them about how they can best support you and your child during hard times. Tell teachers about any concerning behaviour you are noticing at home.
• Try to help children to understand and manage their feelings; this can help them develop coping skills.
• Help children learn to cope with loss and change by providing support and reassurance, honesty and clarity.

Help them also to understand that loss and stress are a normal part of life.
• Acknowledge children’s feelings and try to understand and respect them, especially when they are going through a difficult time. Offer support and reassurance by asking questions and letting them talk about their feelings.
• Try to support children in building their internal protective factors (eg good communication and problem-solving and social skills) by acknowledging and encouraging their skills when guiding their behaviour.

Click to read more about mental health basics
Information from www.kidsmatter.edu.au

Life Education Years K - 2
In the first week of next term the Life Education van is coming to St Monica’s. Each class will be led through a selected workshop that supports the Term 2 Health unit. The cost of this workshop has been covered by the Curriculum Levy

NAPLAN 2016 tests timetable

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• Language conventions test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation.
• Numeracy test includes number, space, algebra, function and pattern, measurement, chance and data. Calculators are NOT permitted in the numeracy test in Years 3 and 5.

School Fees News
Email Addresses for School Fees Statements
This year we commenced issuing fees statements to families via email. Thank you for your patience as we introduce this new system. Please be aware that the software package we use cannot email to Hotmail accounts or some Government Department email addresses. If you have one of these email accounts an alternate email address is required please. Families are reminded that full payment of school fees is due by Week 6 every term unless on a Direct Debit arrangement. Families on Direct Debits should read statements carefully to ensure their amount is sufficient to cover fees in full each year. It is each family’s own responsibility to ensure fees are paid, any fees queries should be directed to the school’s Finance Officer, Allison Walsh in a timely manner.

Automatic Deduction (Credit Card) for School Fees Payments
Currently families have the option of an automatic deduction from their nominated credit card as a way to pay school fees. We wish to advise that from April this option will no longer be offered. Families currently using this arrangement may do so for the remainder of this year but new arrangements should be prepared for 2017. Families currently using this option are advised that
deductions may not occur during school holiday periods. Other payment options are: Direct Debit (from bank account), BPAY, Credit Card (at office or by phone), QKR app, cash or cheque.

**SMOOSH Vacation Care – April Holidays**
Bookings for April school holidays are now closed.

**Champions’ Reading Challenge – time has running out!**
All students who have entered will be in the draw for prizes which will be drawn at the final assembly in Term 1.

**Mrs Hind and Miss Brown**

**School Banking**
School banking will resume on Monday in Week 2 of Term 2.

All children to wear their sport uniform on Tuesday 26 April due to sporting activities planned for all grades.

Have an enjoyable and safe holiday.

God bless

Carmel Maguire
Principal

**RE NEWS**

**Sacrament of Eucharist**

A reminder that all children making their First Holy Communion are required to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving Holy Communion. The Sacrament is available every Saturday from 4:30-5:30pm in the Reconciliation room in St Monica’s Church.

**Preparation Day:** Wednesday 27 April
**First Holy Communion:** Saturday 30 April 6:00pm
**First Holy Communion:** Sunday 1 May 10:00am

**AWARDS, PRIZES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

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**M&M Star Medallions** – Zac C (10H), Emily R (10H), Sophie H (6M), Amaria R (6M), Dominic W (6M)

**Pride Badges**
Coco B (3R), Angelo F (3D), Jack A (3D), Sophie T (3/4RG), Hannah C (6S), Nicholas B (6S), Michael M (6M), Lachlan K (6M), Sophie H (6M), Amaria R (6M), Adrian M (6M)

**Cross Country**
We had another perfect day. Thank you to Mr Michael McFadden for his coordination. Everyone had a great day. The winning house will be announce at assembly The following Cross Country ribbons will be presented tomorrow.

**Boys 12**
Ben M, Ryan U, Chad A

**Girls 12**
Hannah C, Alison F, Sophie H

**Boys 11**
Samuel A, Joshua C, Bailey R

**Girls 11**
Amy R, Noumi M, Olivia R

**Boys 10**
Ryan C, Ryan G, Aliya W

**Girls 10**
Charli H, Holly W, Phoebe W

**Boys 9**
Riley L, Harrison P, Riley H

**Girls 9**
Elyse S, Olivia S, Annie R

**Boys 8**
Sam C, Brock T, Harrison C

**Girls 8**
Layla R, Imogen H, Emma B

Happy Birthday to the following children who are celebrating birthdays this week and throughout the school holiday.

**Kindy**
Zak D, Evie K

**Year 1**
Samuel G, Zoe O, Anica P, Bastijan P

**Year 2**
Peter M

**Year 3**
Mackenzie B, Haylie F, Joseph O, Jack A

**Year 4**
Ronald K, Anthony F

**Year 5**
Nicholas H, Natalia M, Hunter M

**Year 6**
Robbie W
**Softball News**
Jack F (5K) has been selected to represent Belconnen in the Softball team at the Primary School Softball carnival in April. We wish Jack all the best.

**Netball – Belconnen Netball Association**
The following students have made it to rep teams – Carys M, Grace F, Charlotte J, Holly W, Katie H, Taeya H, Holli N, Sarah K, Amy R, Jess W, Tamika S.

**Belconnen PSSA Swimming Results 2016**
- Ben Mc – 12yrs
  - 1st 50m Freestyle, 100m Breaststroke, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Backstroke, 100m Backstroke,
  - 2nd 100m Freestyle.
- Jessica H - 10&Under
  - 1st 50m Butterfly, 50m Freestyle,
  - 2nd 10&Under 50m Breaststroke.
- Olivia R - 11yrs
  - 1st 200m IM, 100m Butterfly, 50m Butterfly,
  - 3rd 100m Breaststroke, 100m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 100m Backstroke.
- Clancy P – 8yrs
  - 1st Freestyle

**Catholic Soccer Carnival**
Many thanks to Mrs Mira Lustica for her coordination. All five teams had a great day. Thank you to those parents who offered to coach or manage, your efforts were very much appreciated by the teams.

**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.**

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Thank you - Samantha Manning- 6258 4687

**Uniform Shop – Winter Warmers**
Come and get your beanies and gloves for winter. Beanies are $5 and gloves are $3.50.

**St Monica’s Primary School Official Enrolment Period**
- **2 May – 20 May**
- **SCHOOL TOURS** – Wednesday 4 May, at 10.00 am, 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm.
  - Please encourage neighbours and friends with prospective enrolments to attend so they can see first-hand the school in operation.
  - **Enrolment forms for 2017 school year will be available from the Front Office during this period.**

  **ELC Enrolments**
  - **Enrolment Application Forms for Archdiocesan Secondary Schools are also available.**
  - It is expected that available spaces will fill quickly so please ensure that the Enrolment Application Forms are returned to the school of your first preference before the enrolment period. Spaces cannot be guaranteed, even for siblings if the applications are not returned within the enrolment period. Please pass this information on to anyone you know who may be considering enrolling their child in an ACT Catholic School.

**St Thomas Aquinas West Belconnen Regional Catholic Early Learning Centre Co-educational**
Regional ELC Information Night for West Belconnen, Evatt, Florey & Page
Wednesday 11th May at 6:30pm
All prospective parents are warmly invited to contact the school regarding enrolment for the 2017 school year.

**Open Days 2016**
- Thursday 5th May 2:15pm to 3:15pm;
- Wednesday, 11th May 12:00pm to 1:30pm;
- Tuesday 17th May from 9:00am to 11:15 am.
  - Guided tours of the Regional Early Learning Centre will be available.

Please contact the Principal, Mr Cameron Johns.
- Phone: 6258 4077 or 6258 5834 (ELC)
- Address: 25 Lhotsky Street Charnwood ACT 2615
- Email: office.staquinas@cg.catholic.edu.au
- www.staquinas.act.edu.au

**High School Enrolment Information**
St Francis Xavier College 2017 enrolment period will be from Monday 2 May – Friday 20 May 2016. Applications may be submitted during this time directly to the College Reception, or by mail.
The **Year 7 2017 Enrolment Information Evening** is being held on Monday 9 May, 2016. The evening will commence at 5.00pm with tours of the College. This will be followed at 6.30pm with an information session in the Gymnasium.

The **Year 11 2017 Enrolment Information Evening** is being held on Wednesday 11 May, 2016. The evening will commence at 5pm with tours of the College and Course Advice. This will be followed at 6pm with an information session in the Theatre.

**SFX Open Day** is on Friday 13 May between 9.00am - 2.30pm. This gives prospective students and their parents an opportunity to tour the school with a staff member or student while classes are running.

For more information regarding enrolments please contact Jennifer Madgwick - jennifer.madgwick@sfx.act.edu.au or telephone the College on 6258 1055.

For any enquiries please contact Paul Manera on 0406 538 634.

**Rugby Camps**
We are a local company and are very excited to be partnered with Sports Camps Australia to bring their first Rugby camps to Canberra and Jindabyne this April school holidays. This is a great chance for both boys and girls to hone their skills or learn to play rugby for the first time. Participants will learn from the region’s best male and female players and coaches and also receive an exclusive Nike sports pack.

**The camp details are as follows:**
11, 12 & 13 April 2016 - Viking Park, Wanniassa
9:30am-12:30pm, Boys and girls aged 10-16 years, all skill levels cost: $240.

18 & 19 April 2016 - John Connors Oval, Jindabyne, Day 1: 9:00am-3:00pm; Day 2: 9:00am-12:00pm, Boys and girls aged 8-18 years, all skill levels, cost: $180.

**Raiders Masterclass School Holiday Clinic**

**When:**
Thursday 14 April 2016

**Where:**
Raiders HQ, 2 Eade Street Bruce, Canberra

**Registration link:**

**Masterclass Activity Summary**
- 8.30am – Registrations open
- 9.00am – Allocation into groups
- 9.15am – Welcome and overview
- 9.30am – 1.30pm
- 4 x skills rotations (each 30 minutes)
- Players/Kids breakout session – Wellbeing information and Q & A time
- Lunch with players and group photo
- 1.30pm – Close / Clinic packs distributed / Kids collected by parents/guardian

**Fun on another level at Sky Zone Trampoline Park**
Get set for 5 days of fun these school holidays! Learn all the trampoline flips and tricks, followed by lunch in our party rooms.

**Monday 11 - Friday 15 April, Monday 18 - Friday 22 April, 9am to 11:30am, $100 per child per week.**

Spaces are limited. To book call 13 SKYZ (13 75 99) or email school@skyzone.com.au