**VALUE - Compassion**

Compassion begins by noticing when someone seems sad or troubled. Put yourself in their place and ask how you would feel if it were happening to you. Think about how you can help. Take time to listen and then say kind things like “What are you sad about?” and “How can I help?” Be forgiving when others make mistakes. Be a friend when someone needs a friend.

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS BEING SAFE**

Being safe - staying in bounds.  
Staying ‘in bounds’ means that we are in the right place at the right time.

**A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents

I trust everyone enjoyed the four day Easter break, the Easter celebrations and the beautiful weather. This week is very busy around the school as last minute touches occur regarding the fete. Our new fete team have put in a massive effort ensuring Saturday is a very festive family day, filled with lots of bargains and tasty treats.

Your help is needed to assist with the fete

- All raffle tickets must be returned sold or not sold. We are required to account for all books for auditing purposes with the lottery office.
- Scones for our Devonshire tea stall
- Cake plates returned filled with goodies
- Plants and herbs

Our eftpos machine will be available in the White Elephant Stall so don’t forget your card this year.

**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 a 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 Gevick will be taking maternity leave; we are still to finalise her replacement on Fridays in KRG. We look forward to Sally’s news early next term.

**Baby News**

Congratulations to the Anyang family on the arrival of Aleer, born Sunday 28 March Brother for Chad (6S), Anyieth (4W) and Amour (10H).

**Family Farewell**

This week we farewell Sonny A (5K) and Daisy A (3D). The family are moving north to the warmer weather. We wish the family all the very best and look forward to their visits when they return to catch up with family.

**FETE DAY - SATURDAY 2 APRIL**

DON’T MISS OUT ON THIS WONDERFUL COMMUNITY EVENT

No Assembly Tomorrow

All Class Awards, Stars, Pride Badges, Swimming Ribbons, Reading Challenge Awards to be issued on the last day of term.
Canteen
Tomorrow there will only be toasted sandwiches and hot dogs or hot dog meals available to order through Flexischools.

As our canteen managed is currently on sick leave we are only offering limited options tomorrow. Thank you to you team of volunteers who have stepped in to keep the canteen operational over the last two days.

Library
Congratulations
St Monica’s has received recognition for being a Great School Library. Congratulations to Mrs Rachael Hind and Miss Sonia Brown for all you give to the children and your love of literature.

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
SMOOSH Vacation Care will be running for the April school holidays. Enrolments are due ASAP as places are running out.

Our Administration Team
Mrs Steph Flynn
Administration Officer

Mrs Allison Walsh
Finance Officer

Restorative Practice News Part 7
Circles
Agreements for Circles
Every person freely:
1. Acknowledges her/his part.
2. Takes turns to speak
3. Answers all questions clearly
4. Does not speak about another person
5. Is respectful at all times.

Each person shares on how he/she has been affected by an action or incident.

Circles Provide
- A place of safety
- A sense of equality
- A physical environment where all can be seen and heard.

Cross Country Carnival
The St Monica’s Cross Country carnival will be held at Stromlo Forest Park on Thursday 7 April.

Students from Grades 2-6 will leave St Monica’s by bus at 9:15am. On arriving at the park, they will complete a walk-through of the course with the first event starting at 10:15am. While a program is included with this letter, please be aware that start times are approximate only.

Students in Kindergarten and Years 1 will leave St Monica’s at 11:00am. They will eat their morning tea prior to leaving. Their events will begin around 11:45am. All students will commence the return journey to school at 1:30pm and should be back at St Monica’s by 2:30pm.

There will be a canteen operating at the carnival coordinated by Samantha Manning, our canteen manager, and volunteer parents. Children can purchase pies, sausage rolls, drinks and lollies on the day. They can also bring their own lunch and snacks.

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the conditions. Sports uniform and hats with windcheaters and raingear if the weather looks unkind. There is little shelter at the park. Students are permitted to wear a shirt the colour of their House team.
Parent helpers are most welcome. All volunteers must hold a current WWVP card with a copy held on file at the school. Contact Mr McFadden on the day, or in the lead-up to the carnival, or via the attached note if you would like to help out.

Parents must advise their child’s teacher if they plan on taking their child to the event or leaving from Stromlo Forest Park at the end of the day. Permission notes were sent home today.

Champions’ Reading Challenge – time is running out!
To encourage our students to keep reading the St Monica’s staff will once again challenge all of our students to read 12 books by the end of Term 1. Students are required to record the books they have read on this sheet, with an adult signing off on each of the books they have 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

All Volunteers
Parents visiting the school to assist are to sign in/out at the Front Office and receive a Visitors badge. All volunteers must now hold a WWVP Card, displayed in a visitor’s lanyard.

Please check your expiry date as some cards are due for renewal

God bless

Carmel Maguire
Principal

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**Easter Reflection**
The Easter Sunday Gospel (Luke 24:13-35) The Journey to Emmaus recounts the story of two of Jesus’ disciples encountering Him on the road to Emmaus. They had turned their backs on Jerusalem and were talking over all the events of the previous few days. Jesus joins them, He is not recognised, although a thorough discussion of all that had occurred takes place. Finally Jesus is recognised in the breaking of the bread. Jesus too joins in our passage through life...do we recognise His presence with us? Do we trust Him enough to let Him in?

**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. Please continue to pray for all our students who are preparing to receive Jesus for the first time at the end of next month.
Cost of the program is $30. Payments can be made via QKR, Credit Card, cash through the office at St Monica’s school.

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

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**AWARDS, PRIZES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

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Stars and Pride Badges to be published next week

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

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Happy reading - Mrs Hind and Miss Brown
Belconnen PSSA Swimming Results 2016
Congratulation to the following students who have been selected to the ACT School Sport Swimming Championships to be held on the 24 June at the AIS.
Jessica H, Ben Mc, Harry P, Olivia R

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.

The Roster for Term 1, Week 10

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Thank you - Samantha Manning- 6258 4687

FETE NEWS!

White Elephant, Baby/Toddler and Clothing drop-off dates
Tomorrow is the last chance to drop anything off for the white elephant. Please no mattresses, children’s car seats, broken, stained or unusable items. If you can assist with sorting please email the fete team at stmfete@gmail.com.

Raffle Tickets
All outstanding raffle ticket books are to be returned tomorrow. Please note we do need to account for all of the raffle books so your assistance in returning them, sold or unsold, to the school is greatly appreciated.

Volunteers
Some of our stalls are still in great need of assistance on the day of the fete. If you can help out please email stmfete@gmail.com.

Raffle Baskets in the Classrooms
All baskets will be collected from the classrooms tomorrow. Thank you to all the families who donated goodies for each basket.

Silent Auction – Guernseys on Display in Front Office
The silent auction of our fabulous signed Canberra Raiders, Wallabies and ACT Brumbies guernseys are off to a great start. The current highest bids are:

1. ACT Brumbies: $500
2. Canberra Raiders: $95
3. Wallabies: $300

St Monica’s is making healthy food and drink a part of everyday life at school with the help of Fresh Tastes www.health.act.gov.au/freshtastes.

Vegies to Your Door is a Fresh Tastes partner. They are a locally owned business who deliver fruit and vegetables to your home.

Vegies to Your Door are offering all families and staff at our school a 20% discount off any $50 Medium Size Box (for the first order only, and one per household). Our school will receive a free small fruit box once 15 or more orders are placed!

You can collect your discount voucher from the Fresh Tastes stall at our Fete on Saturday 2 April!

To claim the discount place your order online at www.vegiesyourdoor.com.au/freshtastesvoucher and enter the voucher number at the checkout. There are no lock in contracts and Vegies to Your Door are flexible with fruit and vegetable preferences.
**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.

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

**Merici Open Days**

**Wednesday 4 May**  2.00pm-7.00pm

**YEAR 7, 2017 INFORMATION EVENING**

Tuesday 10 May 6.00pm-7.15pm
Enrolment forms will be available

**YEAR 11, 2017 INFORMATION EVENING**

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Careers Expo 4.00pm-6.00pm
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**ADDITIONAL SCHOOL TOURS**

Saturdays 30 April and 7 May
Visit [www.merici.act.edu.au](http://www.merici.act.edu.au) for more information.

**Daramalan College**

Open Evening – Thursday 31 March 5-7pm
with last tour at 6.30pm and following this the Year 7 2017 Information Session from 7-8pm in McCowage Hall

Enrolment Application Forms will be available at these events or they can be obtained from the College by phoning Damaris Brown, Registrar, on 6245 6348 or by emailing enrolments@daramalan.act.edu.au. For further information on the College, visit our website [www.daramalan.act.edu.au](http://www.daramalan.act.edu.au).

**Melba Tennis Club - Juniors Friday Social Night**

It's on again until the end of term - Friday night social tennis for juniors. Any junior can come along. You don't need to be a club member or to be having coaching lessons at the club - you just need to be able to hit a ball. There is a BBQ, prizes and lots of fun tennis. So come along and give it a try! **Time**: Friday Nights 6:00pm - 8:00pm. **Cost**: $10 per child. Contact Owen on 0407 456 293 or email owen@onthelinetennis.com.au. There is also still spots available for after school tennis classes for this term, or get in early to secure your preferred day for Term 2.

**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