VALUE - Friendship

You have blessed us, O God, with the gift of friendship, the bonding of persons in a circle of love. We thank you for such a blessing: for friends who love us, who share our sorrows, who laugh with us in celebration, who bear our pain, who need us as we need them, who weep as we weep, who hold us when words fail, and who give us the freedom to be ourselves. Bless our friends with health, wholeness, life, and love. Amen.
http://www.beliefnet.com/Prayers/Multifaith/Gratitude/Prayer-For-Friendship.aspx#zVjQXOzGO49fw1o4.99

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS
BEING RESPECTFUL

Being Respectful means that we actively listen to others. We listen to teachers and follow instructions. We listen to our classmates when they are speaking. We look at those who are speaking.

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 2

I trust everyone took advantage of our beautiful Autumn weather over the holidays and enjoyed the outdoors. There is lots in store for this term so remember to check our website, have loaded our school app to your phone and please ensure you read the newsletter weekly.

Baby News

Congratulations to Sally Gervink on the arrival of her daughter Sophie born during the holidays. Ben and Sally are both glowing new parents.

Congratulations to the Smith family on the arrival of Fraser born 15 April. Little brother for Elspeth in 2L and Grace in KMR.

Sacrament of Eucharist

The students from St Monica’s School and School of Religion preparing to make their First Holy Communion gathered yesterday for a day of prayer, reflection, work and fun. We started our day by attending Mass, then Fr Loi, guided us through receiving the host, how to bow, hold our hands and say the responses. Afterwards we watched some information about the Last Supper and the Passover. Then we completed our posters for the church. Lunch was a yummy treat-pizza!
The children will bring home a note detailing the arrangements for the First Communion Masses today.

Please pray for these children and their families at this very special time.

First Holy Communion: Saturday 30 April 6:00pm
First Holy Communion: Sunday 1 May 10:00am

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.

Staffing Update

Mr Bob Fletcher will be away for the next three weeks. He is celebrating a special family occasion and taking the opportunity to travel.

Mrs Sydney is also celebrating a special family occasion. She is accessing Long Service Leave and will be away from Friday, 6 May and will return on Monday 16, May. Mrs Jodie May will be taking the class while Lynne is away.

For the first six weeks of Term 3 I will be accessing Long Service Leave. During this time I will be visiting my brother and family in Denver, Colorado. During my absence Mr Patrick Ellis will be Acting Principal.
No Assembly tomorrow and no Prayer Time next Wednesday due to Open Day

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.

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 and 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 within 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.

School Administration and Staff Facilities Opening
On Friday 20 May, commencing at 10.00am, our refurbished administration area will be officially opened by Senator Zed Seselja and blessed by Archbishop Christopher Prowse. Keep the date free as families are most welcome to join us to celebrate this special occasion.

St Monica’s Public Speaking and Rostrum
This term the children in Years 3 – 6 will be preparing speeches based on the Rostrum Public Speaking rules. Our school finalists will be selected from Year 5 & 6 to represent St Monica’s at the quarter finals held towards the end of May.

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

Sport Uniform Days Term 2

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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.

Life Education Years K - 2
For the next three days the Life Education van will be visiting St Monica’s. Each class in Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 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.

Planned Excursions
- The Year 6 students will be visiting several of our local Catholic High Schools over the next few days. Permission notes are available on Skoolbag App.
- Year 1 are visiting Calthorpe’s House as part of the current unit of work. A permission note has been sent home and is available on Skoolbag App.
- Athletics carnival is booked for Thursday 26 May. Permission notes will be sent home closer to the date.
Restorative Practices
This week we were visited by Vic and Liz O’Callaghan from Restorative Practices Australia. All students across the school have now been trained in Restorative Practices along with teachers, learning support assistants and SMOOSH staff. We have hosted two parent evenings and will be looking to hold another parent evening in Week 8 in Term 3 when Vic and Liz return.

A few tips to consider.
1. Using Fair process in all interactions
3. Working WITH others instead of doing it TO, FOR or NOT
4. Opening up and seeing our mistakes as learning opportunities

Students can choose from one of the following topics. Oceans, Going to Rio, The year of the monkey, I need more time!, Board Games or Keeping up with technology.

Speeches are for 3 minutes with the children working on their speeches for homework. Children who are selected for our school final will present towards the end of May.

READING AND WRITING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS – Don’t miss this wonderful opportunity!
Adjunct Professor Kaye Lowe from Canberra University is visiting St Monica’s to present a parent reading and writing workshop. She will provide parents with strategies to help your child at home.
You might like to look at Kaye’s website to read and view some of her suggested strategies [read4success.com.au](http://read4success.com.au)

Target audience: K-2 parents, parents of children who are finding reading or writing difficult.
When: Tuesday 17 May 2016
Time: 6.30pm-8.00pm
Where: St Monica’s Library

Uniform Reminders
- No nail polish.
- Shoulder length hair should be tied back.
- Hats should not be shared.
- Blue shirts should be tucked in.
- Avoid brightly coloured runners – we have released the white jogger rule.
- Jewellery should not be worn except for a watch and small gold or silver studs. No coloured or decorative studs should be worn. Small sleepers are permitted.

WWVP Card
A reminder - all volunteers must wear their WWVP card when assisting around the school. This is a requirement and schools are being checked to ensure this is occurring.

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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
Term 2 Accounts
Our Term 2 accounts will be issued next week. I very much appreciate the families who ensure their accounts are up to date, prior to commencement of each term. Reminders will be emailed home to advise the current amount owing prior to the Term 2 fees being added.

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.

School Banking
School banking will resume next Monday afternoon.

God bless

Carmel Maguire
Principal
ANZAC DAY
Yesterday we commemorated ANZAC Day with a whole school prayer. Our special guest, Mr Andrew Walczak spoke to us about his service in the Royal Australian Navy. We were reminded about the sacrifice made by all those who have served in our armed forces, those from the First World War through to those on current deployment. We give thanks for their sacrifice and that of their families, so that we can live in peace.
Lest We Forget.

AWARDS, PRIZES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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Champions’ Reading Challenge Winners Term 1, 2016

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

Kindy Mitchell B, Oliver V
Year 1 Scarlett B
Year 2 Ava P, Josephine H
Year 3 Hena L, Caydence L, Angelo F
Year 4 Fiona M, Jennifer C
Year 5 Anabelle H, Ryan L, Amy R
Year 6 Sinead H, Alison F

Cross County Carnival News
We had the perfect day for our Cross Country Carnival. The weather was perfect. Congratulations to Mr Michael McFadden for his coordination and to everyone who contributed to the success of the day – staff, parents and the enthusiasm of the children.

Our winning team was Mirri and the Spirit Award also went to Mirri.

Softball News
Jack F(5K) along with his Belconnen team mates won the PSSA ACT Softball Carnival held at the International Softball Centre in Hawker on 7 April. Congratulations Jack. Well done!!

Belconnen Regional AFL Teams
The following boys have been successful in gaining selection for the Belconnen Region AFL Squad – Christopher H, Lachlan G, Ryan U, Preston T and Joven M.

Belconnen PSSA Rugby League 2016
The following boys have been selected in the Belconnen PSSA Rugby League teams – Lachlan F, Riley K, Ben Mc, Jack M, Noah M and Sam P.

Belconnen Region Boys Touch Squad
The following boys have been selected for the Belconnen Region Boys Touch Squad – Jack M, Ben Mc and Ryan U.

CANTEEN CORNER

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 2, Week 2

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Thank you - Samantha Manning- 6258 4687

Friday Lunch Orders only available via Flexi Schools ordering due to availability of helper.
**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.

**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
Thursday 12 May 6.00pm-7.15pm
Careers Expo 4.00pm-6.00pm
Senior Information Handbooks will be available.

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**

Enrolment Application Forms 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).

**MapMates**

Join the fun! Come along to the Blue Sparks' May orienteering event - MapMates. Held Saturday mornings for four weeks, MapMates teams will work together, learning new skills as they navigate around the safe, graded courses set in various bush parks around Canberra. The emphasis is on fun and adventure. Come to the welcome event on Saturday, 30 April 2016.

For more information, or to register for the event, see [http://act.orienteering.asn.au](http://act.orienteering.asn.au) - look for the MapMates Symbol.

**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 sky school@skyzone.com.au