**Friendliness**

Dear God,

Guard our friendships:

Encourage us,
That we might encourage one another.

Strengthen us,
That we might strengthen one another

Remember us,
That we may remember one another.

365 Days of Prayer

**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.

As this is an important day for the school the children will be treated with a special surprise and an ice cream at morning tea. Ice blocks will be available for children with an allergy to milk. Please advise your child’s teacher if you have a concern. Children will be required to wear their winter uniform, not their sports uniform, on the day.

**Have you booked your place?**

**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

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

**Mother’s Day Stall Thankyou**

Special thanks to Michelle Bowman for coordinating our wonderful Mother’s Day stall last week. The children were very excited purchasing their gifts. Special thanks to all the stall helpers – Margaret Rule, Suzy Grgic, Tracy D’Ambrosio, Wendy Regan and Ros Emmerick, Hayley Fulivai

**Book Reading**

Every book a child reads creates new neurons in their brain. Empathy is learned, and each book teaches them to understand others – and themselves. If we want our children to create machines to mine asteroids or design ways to cure our wobbly knees, we give them books. Make sure to give them great books: hilarious books, enthralling books, or deeply insightful books, because ‘boring books’ turn kids into anti-readers.

**A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL**

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS**

**BEING RESPONSIBLE**

Being responsible means that we follow instructions. To follow instructions we need to listen to our teachers and stay on task. We ask for help if we need and we support those around us.
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.

Families Taking Leave For 10 Days Or More
Where children are accompanying family members for an extended holiday, for 10 or more school days, parents are now required to complete an Application for Extended Leave – Travel form. I will make this available on our school app and website or it can be collected from the office. Thank you for your assistance.

Playground Equipment
A reminder to parents that children, including little ones are not permitted on the equipment before or after school. This is a safety issue. While I know everyone has good intentions to supervise their children it just take that short conversation to distract you from watching a child. Our SMOOSH carers have also expressed concern as they are very much aware of their duty of care when supervising children after school. They are concerned when other children are also using the equipment; it is a fine line.

I am open to suggestions of how to offer opportunities for families who like to have a chat after school to gather and make use of our wonderful equipment. An idea I experienced at my niece’s school in Perth earlier in the year – Friday afternoons are designated play afternoons where families interested in gathering after school bring along an afternoon tea snack and supervise their children on the equipment. If this idea appeals we would ask our SMOOSH staff not to use the equipment until 4.00pm. If interested please let me know. (I realise this may be more a summer suggestion.)

School Fees
Fees were issued on Tuesday and sent to families via email or home with the eldest child. Statements were emailed home today to families paying via direct debit, so that you can monitor the amount owing.

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 has ceased. 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
For families interested in setting up a Youthsaver account for their child/children you can do this by visiting any Commonwealth Bank branch to set up an account. If you are already an existing Commonwealth Bank customer you can apply online through Netbank. Your child will receive a yellow Dollarmite wallet and deposit book to bring their banking to school. Banking is every Monday.

God bless

Carmel Maguire
Principal

St Monica’s Primary School
Official Enrolment Period
2 May – 20 May

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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY
At the feast of Pentecost we welcome the coming of the Holy Spirit- the fulfilment of Jesus’ promise that He would not leave his apostles alone. Pentecost Sunday is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (20:16) and St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians (16:8). It is the 50th day after Easter including Pentecost. On Pentecost Sunday, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, they were granted the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Those gifts helped them to fulfil their mission to preach the Gospel to all nations.

We pray:
“Come Holy Spirit,
Fill the hearts of your faithful,
Kindle in them the fire of Your Love.
Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created,
and You shall renew the face of the earth.
Amen”

THE YEAR OF MERCY
St Teresa of Avila wrote the following poem. You may know it as a well-loved hymn. It is as challenging for us today as it was in the time that St Teresa lived.

You are Christ’s Hands
Christ has no body now on but yours,
No hands but yours,
No feet but yours,
Yours are the eyes through which we are to look out Christ’s compassion to the world;
Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good;
Yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now.
This term our theme for the year of Mercy is “We are the Hands of Christ”. Our hands are so important to us. Nearly everything we do on a daily basis involves our hands. When you are carrying an injury to an arm or hand life can be very challenging. Christ used his hands in his everyday ministry. His hands welcomed, consoled, challenged, healed, soothed, calmed,
helped, taught...the list is endless. We are encouraging the students to be the ‘Hands of Christ’. Are you the hands of Christ for someone today?

Mary - Month of May
Here is a traditional and well-loved prayer to Our Lady.

Hail, Holy Queen
Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you we cry, the children of Eve; to you we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this land of exile.
Turn, then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us; lead us home at last and show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus: O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Claim the Date - Grandparents Day
St Monica’s Grandparents / Special Friends Day will be held on Friday 3 June.
Further information and timetable will follow next week.

Save the Date – Athletics Carnival
The St Monica’s Athletics Carnival is fast approaching. This is a full school activity and all children are required to attend.
Date: Thursday 26 May, 2016 (Week 5)
Place: Charnwood Oval, Lhotsky Street Charnwood
Time: 9:30am - 2:30pm
Transport: Children will be transported to and from Charnwood Oval by bus. The cost of the bus will be covered by the Curriculum Levy. (Years K-6 will be participating in the carnival).
Permission notes went home yesterday and are due back by Friday 20 May.

Belconnen Cross Country
Next Friday the following children will be given the opportunity to compete at the Belconnen Cross Country Carnival. Permission notes will be sent home with the children tomorrow. We have arranged a bus to transport the children to and from the carnival.

The following children will be competing:
12 Years – Ben Mc, Ryan U, Chad A, Jaycob S, Hannah C, Alison F, Sophie H, Rachael C.
9 Years – Riley L, Harrison P, Riley H, Ryan K, Elyse S, Olivia S, Annie R, Anyelih A
8 Years – Sam C, Brock T, Harrison C, Brian H, Layla R, Imogen H, Emma B, Maddie N.

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M & M Medallions – Ben B (4W), Hayley S (4W)

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

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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. New Canteen Menu for Term 2 and 3 went home today.

The Roster for Term 2, Week 4

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Thank you - Samantha Manning- 6258 4687
Friday Lunch Orders only available via Flexi Schools ordering due to availability of helpers.
Bringing Up Great Kids
Parents and Care of children aged 2-10 years are invited to
Bringing Up Great Kids a parenting program developed by the
Australian Childhood Foundation which will be presented by
CatholicCare commencing WEDNESDAY 18th MAY 2016 from
6-9pm at 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill. The course is 3 hours per
week over a 4 week period and the fee of $100 includes
course materials and supper.

Bookings are essential please contact 1800 068 698 free call

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.

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.

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

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