If we want peace, we have the responsibility to be peaceful.

If we want a clean world, we have the responsibility to care for nature.

Responsibility is doing your share.

Responsibility is carrying out duties with integrity.

When one is responsible, there is contentment of having made a contribution.

As a responsible person I have something worth-while to offer-so do others.

A responsible person knows how to play fair, seeing that each gets a share.

With rights there are responsibilities.

Responsibility is using our resources to generate a positive change.

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Being responsible means that we follow instructions. To follow instructions, we need to listen to our teachers and stay on task.

May - the Month of Mary

Mary has many titles- one of which we celebrated yesterday with Mass- Mary Help of Christians.

Here are some of her other titles-are you familiar with any of these?

Mother of God: from the Hail Mary-pray for us Mother of God, pray for us seekers, pray for us peacemakers, pray for us poor, pray for us rich, pray for us sick, pray for us lonely and pray for us sinners.

Our Lady of Peace: Our Lady appeared to three young children at Fatima, Portugal in 1917. She asked the world to pray for peace and the conversion of Russia.

Mystical Rose: Our Lady appeared to a cleaning lady in Montichiari Italy. In one of the apparitions she asked for Prayer, Generous Sacrifice and Penance. When asked what that meant, Our Lady replied “Penance means to accept daily all the little crosses and the duties too, in the spirit of Penance.” Garbed in a white gown and roses Our Lady asked to be called the ‘Mystica Rosa’. 

Queen of the Universe: This is a title granted to Our Lady following Vatican 11.

Our Lady of the Rosary: encourages us to pray this prayer for peace.

Kinder 2017 Interviews

I just want to assure our families that Mrs Flynn will be in touch, in the coming week, to arrange an appointment time for our new Kinder children.
Last Friday our school looked amazing for the official opening of our new administration and staff facilities. The opening was a very special occasion in the life of our school. The Administration areas was blessed by Archbishop Christopher Prowse and official opened by Senator Zed Seselja.

Our project was only possible due to the following funding received:

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It was an amazing team effort over the last few weeks to get the school looking a "million" dollars.

**National Reconciliation Week**

This week was National Reconciliation Week. The theme for NRW 2016 is Our History, Our Story, Our Future. Our History, Our Story, Our Future is derived from the State of Reconciliation in Australia report, which asks all Australians to reflect on our national identity, and the place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and rights in our nation’s story.

‘Our History’ reminds us all that historical acceptance is essential to our reconciliation journey. ‘Our Story’ reflects the fact that the journey towards reconciliation forms a significant part of Australia’s story. ‘Our Future’ reinforces that reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward.

This week all classes have spent time reflecting on the significance of ‘Sorry Day’ which was today, 26 May. On our pathway towards reconciliation, it is an important moment to remember the past history of Australia. We would encourage you to talk further about Reconciliation with your child.

**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.

**Fee Reminders**

Fees are due by Friday 10 June

**School Fees**

Please contact Allison Walsh, our finance office if you have not received your Term 2 fee statement.
A Letter from the Colonial’s Office:

“To the Parents of Her Majesty’s most loyal subjects in Years 5 and 6,

I have recently received correspondence in many forms from investigators examining residents of the far flung colony of New South Wales. I admit to being highly impressed by the quality of their investigations and the notable effort and imagination evident in their work. I apologise for the number of teabags and candles which obviously gave their lives in the creation of their works and wish to thank parents for the support that has been provided in the conduct and presentation of these reports. It has been a fantastic effort, and I am very well pleased to see such very high quality work!

I am proud to say that an area has been found in the Library of Her Majesty’s School at Evatt to display, for a limited time, some of the fine reports submitted.

The Colonial Office offers sincere thanks to all parents who so enthusiastically supported and encouraged Her Majesty’s subjects in the completion of these fine reports.

Sincerely yours,

Lord Bathurst”

Can you guess the teacher who received this letter?

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.

End of May is Hats Off Day for Canberra schools.

Why Hats Off Day?

Being SunSmart is all about being “smart” when spending time outdoors in the sun, this includes having an understanding around the balance required between UV exposure, sun protection and vitamin D.

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 takes 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.)

God bless

Carmel Maguire
Principal

RE NEWS

Grandparents and Special Friends Day

Grandparents Day is rapidly approaching and we are looking forward to seeing everyone next Friday. Invitation went home last week. Extra invitations can be obtained from the front office. Please return as soon as possible so that we can organise the catering for morning tea.

Many thanks to all offers of morning tea- gratefully accepted! We are in need of more helpers if you can spare half an hour or an hour on June 3.

Timetable is as follows:
Date: Friday 3 June
Time Class visits from 9:00am -10:15am
Morning Tea for guests: 10:20 - 11:00am in the Hall
Grandparents Day Liturgy: 11:00-11:45am
Grandparent Photos: If you are new to our school this year and would like to send a digital photo of your child’s grandparents for inclusion in our Grandparents’ Day Power point presentation you may email it to the office or directly to me. Only digital images can be accepted thank you.
Athletics Carnival – Rescheduled proposed date Thursday 16 June
The St Monica’s Athletics Carnival is fast approaching. This is a full school activity and all children are required to attend.
**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). New permission notes will be sent home and are due back tomorrow.

ACT Cross Country
Best of luck to the following children who are part of the Belconnen squad to compete at the ACT Cross Country Carnival on Monday 6 June - Ben Mc, Hannah C, Amy R, Ryan C, Riley L, Elyse S, Sam C, Emma B, Layla R.

The following children will receive ribbons at our next assembly for their effort at the Belconnen carnival - 1st Layla R 8yrs & 2nd Ryan C 10 Yrs.

**AWARDS, PRIZES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

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M & M Medallions – Archie E (2L), Lachlan R (4C), Eden B (5/6M), Ava J (5/6M), Carys M (5/6M), Bailey R (5/6M), Feliks W (5/6M), Paige W (5/6M)

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

- Kindy: Joel M
- Year 1: Rohan G
- Year 2: James Mc, Arabelle S
- Year 3: Dita S
- Year 4: Ben B
- Year 5: Carys M
- Year 6: Grace P, Dylan R

**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 6**

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Thank you - Samantha Manning- 6258 4687
Friday Lunch Orders only available via Flexi Schools ordering due to availability of helpers.

**BEDWETTING PROGRAMME**

Based on Sydney Children’s Hospital Programme. Suitable for children from 5 years of age. Margaret O’Donovan, Physiotherapist, Canberra City. Enquiries – 62485066.

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