Tolerance
We are all unique and have something valuable to offer and share.
Tolerance is accepting others and appreciating differences.
Tolerance is accepting myself, even when I make mistakes.
Tolerance is accepting others, even when they make mistakes.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS
BEING RESPONSIBLE

This means we are on time for bells. We stop playing when we hear the bell, move quickly to go to the bathroom, get a drink and make our way to line up. We need to be organised so everyone is ready to go back into classroom to continue learning.

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

The following information is provided to assist you in understanding some of the key facts about Catholic schools in Australia and the key issues facing Catholic education in the lead up to the Federal election.

Key facts about Catholic schools in Australia

* More than 765,000 students attend 1,731 Catholic schools across Australia.
* With 91,000 staff in those schools, Catholic education is a significant Australian employer.
* Catholic schools receive government funding, which covers 65 per cent of the cost of schooling in the ACT. Fees and private income cover the rest.
* Catholic schools are welcoming and inclusive communities, with the number of students with disability and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students doubling over the past decade.

* Almost one-third of students in Catholic schools are non-Catholic.

Key issues for Catholic schools

1. Respect for religious freedom in Catholic schools. Catholic schools, respecting the rights and freedoms of parents and carers to choose schooling for their children in the Catholic tradition, should continue to be free to form and instruct students in the Catholic faith and celebrate the faith as an integral and inseparable activity of the Catholic school.

2. Government funding that keeps pace with school costs. Government policy to increase school funding at the rate of CPI from 2018 could see funding increases fail to keep pace with school costs. That could lead to even larger fee increases, affect school quality or lead to school closures.

3. Government funding that is needs-based. School funding should reflect students’ learning needs, with greater educational need attracting additional funding. Catholic schools’ commitment to meeting the learning needs of all students requires appropriate government funding.

4. Government funding to support the construction of new Catholic schools. More than 70 new Catholic schools are planned in the next five years to meet growing demand for school places. Without additional capital funding, these schools may not be built. Government funding is also needed to maintain and upgrade existing Catholic schools.

5. Respect for the autonomy of Catholic schools. The ability of Catholic schools and systems to meet the local needs of a school community is one of their strengths. Government funding arrangements should respect the identity, integrity and autonomy of Catholic school and education systems.

Source: My School funding data 2014. Note: Catholic sector includes both systemic and non-systemic Catholic schools.

* Includes deductions for capital improvements.

Staffing Term 3

Over the next few weeks staffing for Term 3 will be finalised in preparation for when I will be away on Long Service Leave. The following staffing arrangements have been approved:

Mr Patrick Ellis - Acting Principal
Miss Carmel Rheinberger - Acting Assistant Principal and Mrs Haley Stonham - Acting Religious Education Coordinator

For the first three weeks of Term 3 Mr Christopher Evans will be joining a group of teachers, selected from our Archdioceses, to attend World Youth Day in Krakow. This is a wonderful opportunity for Chris who is looking forward to the experience; we look forward to hearing his stories.
No Assembly Tomorrow

Grandparent’s Day
What a wonderful buzz filled the school last Friday. We were delighted to welcome so many special visitors. (The school almost doubled in size.) It is always a delight to witness the close bond between Grandparents and their grandchildren. There were many cuddles, hugs and whispered conversations occurring in all corners of the school. The openness and willingness of Grandparents to share their time with children who did not have visitors added to our special day.

Thank you to everyone who made a special effort to join us last week. Your presence was greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to those who offered their time, through baking, setting up, monitoring urns and cleaning up afterwards. We had a marvellous and delicious array of food—thank you cooks, cleaners and water carriers!

Special thanks goes also to the staff of St Monica’s school, who opened their rooms and prepared stories, activities, sat with children, ordered supplies, welcomed guests, took photos, prepared to choir, made special PowerPoint presentations—the list is endless. Thank you!

All labelled plates and containers were sent home last week. Un-named items can be collected from the Front Office/Meeting Room.

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 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.

Absentee Notes and Arriving Late/Leaving Early
It is a legal requirement that the school receive official notification when a child is absent from school. This official notification can be sent via our school app, an email or a hand written note. The information provided should include the date, reason for absence and person making the notification. Where no formal notification is received the child is marked as absent at the end of the term. If a student arrives late to school or leaves before end of school day they must be signed in or out at front office.

Mary Millar Library Fund
An invitation for families to contribute to our special library fund was sent home and put up on our App this week. Any donations over $2.00 are tax deductible. Funds raised this year will go towards display boards and additional furniture for the library. Should you wish to contribute please do so by 30 June so that you can claim on your 2015/2016 tax return.

Departing Families
We are aware that some families will be leaving St Monica’s at the end of this year. To help us with staffing and class structure for 2017, we would appreciate knowing which children (apart from Year 6) will not be returning to St Monica’s next year. If your child/ren will not be returning, please advise via email or note as soon as possible.

SMOOSH Vacation Care
Vacation care bookings are now open for the July school holidays. Spaces are filling up very fast. Please contact SMOOSH if you wish to secure a booking.

Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews
As I will be travelling to Perth during Week 9 of this term the reports will not be issued until mid Week 10. Parent teacher interviews will be held early next term.

Seasons For Growth
Change and loss affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At St Monica’s we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, young people benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. Seasons for Growth is an Australian program that provides opportunities for students in Years 1-6 to integrate the appropriate knowledge, skills and attitudes to understand and cope with change, loss and grief, using the symbolism of the four seasons.

Beginning in Week 8 of this term we will once again be offering the eight week Seasons for Growth program at St Monica’s. Mr Bob Fletcher, a trained ‘Companion’, will spend time with small groups of students who are dealing with some aspect of change, separation, loss or grief. The sessions do not provide counselling or therapy and are not designed to prepare children for imminent grief or loss. Instead, the program aims to specifically assist children who have had a change in their lives through death, separation or divorce. It does this through encouraging the expression of thoughts and emotions, educating about the grief process, developing a peer support network and drawing on extensive research in developing a sound educative response to loss and grief.

The program will be conducted during school hours with children being withdrawn from class. It is recommended that at least six months passes after the loss, as children are then in a better position to cope with the program.

Request forms can be found on our school app under newsletters or from your child’s teacher. If this is the first time your child/children will be participating in the program, it is essential that you have this information in order to ascertain if the program will meet the needs of your child/children. Please respond by next Thursday if you would like your child to access this wonderful program.

Bob Fletcher, our program co-ordinator and trained Companion will send home a consent form with your child once you return the response slip to confirm your child’s interest in the program.
Can you recognise the crew?

Congratulation to the SRC and Mrs Cerryanne Kelly for organising and promoting this special fundraising event to develop awareness of brain cancer and supporting ongoing research.

School Banking Account Opening Day

St Monica’s Primary is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit. To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards available during 2016 are:
- Flying Snake Tail, Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball, Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen, Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan, Wriggly Glow Worm

School Banking day is MONDAY. Each week you need to bring your deposit book to your classroom for collection.

We will be holding an Account Opening Day at our school:
**Time:** 8.30am
**Date:** Monday 27 June 2016
**Location:** School Assembly Area

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification. Alternatively, you can open an account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online. If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.

God bless

Carmel Maguire  
Principal

"Maryanne Gore, parishioner of the St Monica’s Parish, will be sleeping out at Questacon on Thursday 23 June with only a sleeping bag and three sheets of cardboard. Experiencing for one night what over 100,000 Australians experience every night. The money that the CEO’s raise goes directly to St Vincent de Paul's homelessness programs in our archdiocese of Canberra/Goulburn including the Night Patrol, emergency shelters, and food and accommodation assistance to families.

To sponsor a CEO, log on to [www.ceosleepout.org.au](http://www.ceosleepout.org.au) and search for the CEO of your choice or donate to the event. Your generous donations will not only provide immediate and emergency assistance but pathways to a brighter future." To sponsor Maryanne please click in the link below [https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/ceos/act-ceos/maryanne-gore-project-lighting-pty-ltd/](https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/ceos/act-ceos/maryanne-gore-project-lighting-pty-ltd/)
Sacrament of Confirmation
The Confirmation Program for Yr 6 students at St Monica’s will commence next term. Dates for the program are as follows:
Parent Information Evening: Wednesday 20 July 7:00pm. School Library
Parent and Child Evening: Thursday 11 Aug 7:00pm School Library
Sacrament of Confirmation: Wednesday 7 September (6:00pm)
Fr Tony Percy Vicar General will confer the sacrament.

SPORTING NEWS

Netball
Congratulations to Katie H ((5K), Taeya Hawke (5E) and Lara Mc (5K) who have been selected to compete in the ACT School Sport Belconnen Region 12 years and under Netball ACT championship next Thursday 16 June.

Athletics Carnival – Thursday 16 June 2016
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). Permission notes have been sent home and are due back tomorrow.

AWARDS, PRIZES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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Chess News
St Monica’s fielded a team at the ACT Junior Chess League’s Primary School Chess Championships (Belconnen Zone) which was held at Kaleen Primary on 8 June. The team was Hannah D-H (4W), Anthony F (3/4RG), Rose O (2S), Andrew H (5/6M), Thomas B (3/4RG) and Mary D-H (2S). Well done to our team for playing well and representing our school proudly. Thank you to Evelyn David-Hoole and Wilma Hird.

St Monica’s Public Speaking Finals
Congratulations to Ben Mc for his wonderful presentation at the Rostrum Quarter Finals on Monday night. While he was not selected to go onto the next level we are all very proud of his achievements.

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

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CANTEN 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 8

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

GENERAL COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Qkr App Update
The user design experts at MasterCard have come up with a new design and parent experience within the Qkr app that all users will see with the update from Apple’s App Store or the Google Play store on or soon after the 16 June 2016. Your username and password will remain the same, as will any credit or debit cards already stored within Qkr, as well as your profile settings and those of your children. What will change significantly is the look and feel of the app, and the screens you will see in the process of using Qkr. Below are some of the current Qkr screens.
on left (as seen on an iPad today), and how they will appear with the app refresh.

**Home screen:** Our school will appear at the top of the home screen for currently registered users, but note some new terms like “Discover” and “Activity” as Qkr is being used increasingly by non-school merchants around the world, so the design has been modified to cater for users in a wide range of industry sectors.

**Activity Tab:** Receipts will in future be stored under the “Activity” tab. Your old receipts will still be accessible from this area.

**Product selection screen:** This screen will now be more efficiently used to make scrolling through a large list of products easier.

Qkr is our preferred payment method with many benefits to parents:
- Qkr is a secure, one-stop ‘shop’ for school related purchases
- Parents can pay when it suits them, no waiting for business hours
- No additional costs to you
- No pre-funding third party accounts

It’s so easy to get started…

**Step 1:** Download the Qkr app to your smart device from the Apple App Store or Google Play
**Step 2:** Register your details

**Step 3:** Find our school either by searching for STMONICAS or by scanning the QR code (pictured)
**Step 4:** Register your children

Qkr is also available from a desktop computer or laptop. https://qkr.mastercard.com/store

You’re ready to go!

**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.

**Yoga Classes**
Yoga Classes with Ros Emmerick – Saturdays 7.15am-8.15am. Venue is Nellie Hall, Chinner Crescent in Melba. Cost is $18/casual or $65/5 classes. Classes run throughout the school term, Public Holidays excepted. New participants welcome any time. Tel – 0420 290 076 or email yogabilities@bigpond.com

**Being a parent is the hardest job we’ll ever have. All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress. Parentline ACT**
is a confidential and free telephone and face-to-face counselling and information service.
Phone Parentline if you would you like:
- To talk with someone about those parenting issues.
- Help with some ideas on raising children.
- Support in the important job you are doing.
- To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
- To build better relationships in your family.
- Help to understand your child or teenager’s behaviour.
- Make an appointment for a counselling session.

Parentline ACT Monday to Friday (except on public holidays), 9am to 5pm, Phone: 6287 3833