VALUE - Tolerance

Tolerance
Teach us, God, to treasure the differences that distinguish one person from another. Fill us with the strength to overcome senseless fear and hatred. Open our hearts to the radiance that shines forth from every human soul. Inspire us to shed our apathy; remind us that it is our obligation to be responsible for one another. Open our ears to the cries of all who are in need of our assistance. Give us the courage to combat prejudice and intolerance wherever they exist. Teach us to see each other through Your eyes, God. In Your eyes all people are equally loved, equally precious. Bless us all, God, with compassion, with kindness, and with peace. Amen.
-Rabbi Naomi Levy

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS
BEING RESPONSIBLE

This means we look after ourselves and others. We keep things small. We report to a teacher when things go wrong. We are fair, we tell the truth and we accept responsibility and move forward in a positive way.

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Next week we celebrate NAIDOC Week at St Monica’s. This is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements. This year the theme for NAIDOC Week is, Songlines: The living narrative of our nation.

Through learning more about Songlines and how they connect people to Country and the Country to people – we celebrate the rich history and diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures - the oldest continuing cultures on the planet.

Each class will participate in various experiences throughout the week including Aboriginal art, listening to Dreamtime stories, playing games and learning more about the achievements of Indigenous Australians.

On Wednesday, our Whole School Prayer celebration will focus on NAIDOC Week. This will be in Church starting at 2.30pm.

I would ask that you discuss NAIDOC further with your child during this week and ask them what they have been learning in class.

The official NAIDOC week is the first week of the school holidays and there will be plenty of events and experiences occurring across Canberra that I would encourage you and your family to become involved in.

Prayers
We continue to prayer for those in our community who are experiencing difficulty or challenges. I would ask us all to continue to support and reach out to those in need.

Staffing Term 3
Further to the staffing news in last week’s newsletter, Mrs Bridgette McCann will be stepping into the Acting Coordinator role for the first 6 weeks next term.

The Executive Team for Term 3, Weeks 1-6 during Carmel Maguire’s absence will be as follows:

Mr Patrick Ellis - Acting Principal
Miss Carmel Rheinberger - Acting Assistant Principal
Mrs Haley Stonham - Acting Religious Education Coordinator
Mrs Bridgette McCann – Acting Coordinator
Ms Amanda Stewart – Coordinator (continuing current role)

Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews
Reports will be sent home next week. Parent teacher interviews will be held in Term 3, Week 2 (Tuesday 26, Wednesday 27 and Thursday 29 July). Booking information will come home next week and the site will be open for bookings from the first day of school next term.

BYODD
Thank you to the Year 5/6 parents who returned the recent BYODD survey. As well as supporting our students and teachers with effectively using ipads as an educational tool to enhance learning, we are also here to support parents and families on this journey.

The BYODD Parent Bootcamp is set for Week 3 next term. This night session will provide parents with further understanding of the apps we use at school, assisting your child with researching along with any questions or troubleshooting issues you may have. Keep a look out for the invite, which will come home early next term.
A reminder to families who have not yet finalised their school fees for Term 2, please make payment urgently. Families with a Direct Debit arrangement should ensure their payments are sufficient to cover the fees in full. Please contact Allison Walsh if you need to discuss your school fees account.

SRC Fundraiser - Onesie for a Day – Friday 1 July
Onesie Day is a fundraising initiative to raise funds for Cerebral Palsy Alliance (CPA). This enables the CPA to support individuals living with cerebral palsy. Cerebral Palsy affects people in different ways and can affect body movement, muscle control, muscle coordination, muscle tone, reflex, posture and balance. There is no known cure for Cerebral Palsy but there are treatments and interventions available that can help.

On Friday 1 July, students are encouraged to wear their Onesie to school and bring in a gold coin donation. This will go to support CPA and help them continue the wonderful work that they have been doing.

Restorative Practices
Education in schools is largely about relationships, which can often develop into conflicts which require resolution, forgiveness and healing. Restorative practices help students learn from their mistakes and reconcile and resolve problems with others.

The aim of this initiative is for us to develop an understanding of restorative justice and learn skills and practices for use in the classroom and playground. It is acknowledged that these prevention measures may lead to and / or require the use of interventions for more serious offences. The consistent use at St Monica’s will ensure all situations have a restorative approach.

School Banking Account Opening Day
School Banking day is MONDAY. Each week students need to bring their deposit book to their classroom for collection. We will be holding an Account Opening Day at our school on Monday 27 June at 8.30am in the meeting room. Please contact the Front Office for further details.

In Term 3 School Banking will begin in Week 2.

School Banking Volunteer Needed
We are looking for a volunteer to take over the role as School Banking Volunteer as soon as possible. If you are interested please contact the Front Office. The school banking takes 1-2 hours per week. Nyree Watts has been our School Banking Volunteer since the end of 2014 and due to work commitments cannot continue with the role. Nyree will be available to hand over to a new volunteer.

Assembly Tomorrow – 1pm
Class Awards & Stars
Mini Vinnies will be moved to Term 3

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. This will be available on our school app and website or it can be collected from the office. Thank you for your assistance.

Absantee 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 an unexplained absence 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.

SMOOSH Vacation Care
Vacation care bookings are now open for the July school holidays. Bookings will close at 6pm on Wednesday 29 June. Please contact SMOOSH if you wish to secure a booking.

Miss Bec Perry will be taking leave in Week 10 this term. During this time Tash Perry and Kate Turner will be acting in Bec’s position. Please direct any enquiries or concerns to them.

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. Thank you to those families who have already made a donation, your generosity is highly valued.

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 6l) who 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.

Community Council Email Address
Council Email Address – this was established to allow parents to let us know areas of concern that they feel need addressing. As a Community Council we can only represent you if we know what is on your mind and as many of the council and you work, this address is just another avenue of contact. Council.StMonicas@cq.catholic.edu.au

The email will be checked regularly by Evelyn David - Hoole, Council Executive Secretary. We look forward to hearing from you.

Enjoy the week ahead
Patrick Ellis
Assistant Principal
Sacrament of Confirmation
Invitations and enrolment forms for the Sacrament of Confirmation went home today with Yr 6 students. If you did not receive one, please contact your child’s class teacher or Carmel Rheinberger.

To be eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation your child must be baptised Catholic and have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

For your information: Sponsors must be a baptised, confirmed Catholic who is over 16 years of age. Parents may stand in as a proxy if the sponsor is unable to attend the ceremony, however, they are not the sponsor. If you have any questions please contact your child’s teacher or Carmel Rheinberger.

Parent Information Evening: Wednesday 20 July 7:00pm.
School Library
Commitment Masses: Saturday 23 July 6pm and Sunday 24 July 10am at St Monicas Church
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.

Library News
A big thank you to all of our helpers this term. We are very grateful to all those people who have covered our books so quickly so that we can get the books into classrooms as soon as possible.

Week 9 is our last week to borrow from the library this term. Please let us know if you have received an overdue notice and you think it may already have been returned. We are more than happy to check our shelves and the classrooms for these books.

In Week 10 we return books during our library lessons and we have noticed this cuts down on losing books during the holidays. Happy reading! - Mrs Hind and Miss Brown

Happy Birthday to the following children who are celebrating their birthday this week

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Japanese Choir
Recently, 20 children represented St Monica’s when the Japanese Choir sang at the Canberra Japan Club Aki Matsuri [Autumn Festival]. The children were joined by our new Assistant, Ayano Nakamura, and Karin, the daughter of a previous Japanese Assistant. They all sang beautifully and looked wonderful in their Japanese Yukata and Happi. They received some great comments and many Japanese people joined in the singing of some of the songs. The songs related to the four seasons in Japan so you can see cherry blossoms and tulips in the pictures.

Athletics Carnival Results
1st Place – Walga – 770 points
2nd place – Mirri – 740 points
3rd place – Mugga – 710 points
4th place – Buru – 684 points

Athletics Carnival Spirit Award – Buru
Ribbons will be given out at Assembly on Friday of Week 10.

Congratulations to Marko J (6M) and Jaycob S (6S) who have been selected in the ACT School Boys Under 12 Soccer team. They will travel to Perth in August to compete. Well done boys!
AWARDS, PRIZES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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M & M Medallions – Amour A (1OH), Maria K (1OH), Chloe P (2D), Charlie S (3D), Sebby D (3D), Sophie H (4W), Ben Mc (6S) – 6th star, Anthony R (6S) – 3rd star

CANTEEN CORNER

The roster for Term 2, Week 10

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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.

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 increasing 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 accessable 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!

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

Drama Classes for Kids Classes at Evatt
Creativity - Confidence - Communication
Speech Bubbles: 4-6 years Thursday 4pm
Weekly themed classes developing communication and creative drama skills.
Footlights: 10-14 years Thursday 4.45 Children develop confidence and performance skills in a super-fun creative environment!
Canberra Academy of Dramatic Art
Enrol now: www.cada.net.au Phone: 1300 908 905

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

Kippax Kids
Holiday Happenings
for Primary aged children
presented at
Kippax Uniting Community Centre
Hardwick Cres, Holt (opp Kippax Fair)
10 am - 2 pm
Thursday July 7 and 14, 2016

Different craft, games, stories and activities each day
Cost: $5 per child, $10 for two or more
BYO lunch and hat.
Bookings essential - 6254 1733
An activity of Kippax Uniting Church