Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 3. For the first six weeks, I will be in the Acting Principal’s position while Carmel Maguire is on long service leave. For those who do not know me, this is my third year at St Monica’s. I have previously worked in both the Parramatta and Wilcannia-Forbes Dioceses. I have held all leadership positions within Catholic Schools including that of Principal at St Therese’s Community School in Wilcannia. I am looking forward to the next six weeks and feel privileged to be able to lead this great school community.

We have a busy term ahead full of learning and fun. We have opportunities to highlight many learning areas through Science Week and Literacy and Numeracy Week. We will get to celebrate as a faith community with St Monica’s Feast Day. The Year 5/6 students will show their creative side with their concert and we have a major fundraiser with our first ever Read-a-thon. We would encourage the whole school community to support these events.

Of course, there is so much more ahead this term. We will keep you up to date with school happenings via the newsletter, website and Skoolbag app.

Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent teacher interviews will be held next week (Tuesday 26, Wednesday 27 and Thursday 29 July). Booking information was sent home last term and the site opened on Monday to book in your time. Any problems, please contact the school office.

Prayers
Please keep the Kolesnikova family – Vsevolod (KS) and Yaroslava (3R) in your prayers as their grandfather passed away last week.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Patrick Ellis
Acting Principal

Learning Focus
Be Responsible
Organisation
You need to be organised to stay on task. Do you have everything you need to learn at your best?

Social Focus
Be Respectful
We are considerate
We are considerate of others, their feelings and what is happening for them. We are friendly and helpful.

SCHOOL VALUE - Courage
Our value focus for the first 3 weeks of the term is COURAGE. What does it mean to show courage?
Courage is:
- Being brave even when you are afraid
- Doing what needs to be done even if it is really hard or scary
- Keeping on going even when you feel like giving up
- Needed when trying new things
- Admitting your mistakes and then doing the right thing
- Asking for help
- Standing up for what you know is right even when all your friends are doing the wrong thing
- The strength in your heart

During the next few weeks all children will be exploring what it means to show courage. At home you can do the same! You might like to share a time when you have had to show courage, children love to hear stories from their parents.
Confirmation
There are 50 candidates from St Monica’s School and Parish who are embarking on their Confirmation journey this term. They are being supported by their peers and all Year 6 children will be learning about the sacrament. This will include exploring what it means to belong, the other Sacraments of Initiation, Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit and researching their chosen Saint.

We ask that you keep these children and their families in your prayers throughout this most special time in their faith journey.

“Ask Jesus what he wants from you and be brave!”
- Pope Francis

Haley Stonham
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

Sacrament of Confirmation
Commitment Masses: Saturday 23 July 6:00pm, Sunday 24 July 10:00am
Parent and Child Evening: Thursday 11 Aug 7:00pm School Library
Preparation Day: Wednesday 31 August
Sacrament of Confirmation: Wednesday 7 September (6:00pm)
Save the Date:
St Monica’s Parish will celebrate St Monica’s Feast Day Sunday 28 August at the 10:00am Mass followed by a multicultural morning tea in St Monica’s school hall.

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School Fees
The Canberra Catholic Schools Building Fund (applicable only to ACT schools) is endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as a deductible gift recipient (DGR) therefore is fully tax deductible. Building Fund Statements for the 2015/2016 financial year were emailed or posted on Tuesday this week. Please contact Allison Walsh if you have not received your Building Fund Statement. A reminder to please check your junk box if you haven’t seen an email. Please ensure we have your most up to date details on file.

Term 3 fees are to be invoiced next week. Full payment of Term 3 fees will be required by Friday 26 August. A reminder to families who have not yet finalised their school fees for Term 2, please make payment urgently. Reminder statements were issued this week. 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.

Changes to School Bus Services – Monday 29 August 2016
On Monday 29 August ACTION will be introducing a revised timetable for some school services. This information is now available on the Transport Canberra Website – transport.act.gov.au

Affected routes include:
Route 410 – this service will finish 3 minutes earlier at 4.01pm.
Route 461 – this service will finish 2 minutes earlier at 3.36pm.
Route 691 – this service will finish 2 minutes earlier at 3.40pm.

School Read-A-Thon – Term 3

On Monday the sponsorship forms were sent home with your child. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort. In the Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a Samsung Tablet every week!

We’re really hoping you will get behind us on this fundraiser to ensure we hit our fundraising goal for 2016. Thanks so much, in advance for all of your support. Let’s have some fun reading!

Rachel Hind – Reading Recovery & Teacher Librarian

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.

General Information

Family 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@cg.catholic.edu.au

The email will be checked regularly by Evelyn David - Hoole, Council Executive Secretary.
Reading Takes Top Priority at St Monica’s

This year our teachers are focusing on improving their knowledge of how children learn to read and engaging students in the reading process to become passionate life-long readers.

In every class we have implemented 20 minutes of daily voluntary free reading. This means your child chooses a book to read and reads quietly to themselves for 20 minutes. During this time teachers listen to individuals read out loud and discuss reading strategies and help children to unpack and comprehend what they have read. They may also discuss the features of the book or help the student become a fluent reader.

We are guiding student led inquiries into the reading process. Student’s engagement with books and reading is very evident in all classrooms. Teachers are facilitating student sharing time where each child has an opportunity to talk about their reading for that day. Some children are hesitant to stop reading when the time is up and are sneaking books to read that they just can’t put down!

This term we are lucky to have a second visit from Professor Kaye Lowe who is working with the staff and students at St. Monica’s to improve reading and writing standards. At the request of several parents, she is coming back to present another parent workshop. This will focus on reading and writing and what you can do to support your child.

We are also undertaking a major fund raising event which is a school Read-a-thon. We have chosen this event as it sends the right message to our students about developing literacy skills and creating a healthy mind. The main focus on this event is participation.

We are holding an event called ‘The Great Book Swap.’ It is a fantastic way for us to celebrate reading and raise much-needed funds for The Indigenous Literacy Foundation to buy books for remote communities. You and your child/ren can contribute to this great event by donating books to the school. On the day your child/ren can bring a gold coin to donate and choose another book to take home and enjoy!

Key Literacy Events and Dates Term 3
Kaye Lowe Reading & Writing workshop for parents
15 August 6pm - 7.30pm
Read-a-thon
18 July-19 August - Collect sponsors
19 August - Return sponsorship money and prize selection to the school
22 August – 2 September - Read for 20 minutes at school and 10 minutes at home
The Indigenous Literacy Day ‘Great Book Swap’
7 September
Bridgette McCann – Literacy Coordinator

Foods to Avoid
St Monica’s encourages a nut free environment due to the significant number of children with allergic reactions, some even life threatening, if they come in contact with nut based foods. Please pay particular attention to the information printed on snack foods such as muesli bars.

This year we have a student in 1V and a student in 3D who have a severe allergy to eggs. For the safety of the children and to assist our school management we have asked that children in Year 1 and Year 3 at this stage, do not bring eggs in any form to school. This includes egg sandwiches, hard boiled eggs, egg salads and mayonnaise which has an egg base. Please note that eggs, when used in the cooking of cakes, do not present a concern.

Active Kids Challenge 2016
This year St Monica’s will be participating in the Active Kids Challenge. The challenge officially kicks off on Monday 25 July and will conclude on Friday 16 September (Week 9).

Every student has been given a poster to take home so that they can record what they do. Each class will also be issued with a poster and teachers will record the challenge information on the classroom posters. At school we will be using this challenge to promote fitness sessions and incorporate it into Sport lessons during the week.

There will be a school display with tips and hints and ideas of how to achieve the fortnightly challenge. So keep an eye out for that! If you would like more information or some tips or extra hints on how to join in at home visit paf.org.au

Haley Stonham
Sports Coordinator

Restorative Practices

School Banking
In Term 3 School Banking will begin in Week 2. Robyn Jolly mum of Sophie T (3/4RG) and Emma T (2S) has kindly offered to take over role of banking coordinator. Special thanks to Nyree Watts for all your time and effort put into the school banking.
2016 Nationally Consistent Collection of Data On School Students with Disability

Catholic schools along with government and Independent schools across Australia will again be participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). Our involvement in this process is crucial as it will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students in our schools. The NCCD will enable National and State governments to better target support and resources in schools, this in turn will help Catholic Schools access the support for all students with additional needs.

The NCCD is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which includes a range of health issues and learning difficulties where schools implement strategies to support students in participating effectively in their learning.

The Data Collection will take place in August. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the NCCD, you are asked to contact your child’s principal to discuss your concerns. If you are still concerned you should request and complete an opt-out form and return to the principal. More information about the NCCD is available at: http://www.schooldisabilitydataapl.edu.au/

Patrick Kelly - Senior Officer Wellbeing & Diversity
Catholic Education Canberra & Goulburn

Save the Date
Friday 5 August - K-4 Disco Night
6pm - 7.30pm - St Monica’s School Hall

- Due to the hall capacity and student safety we are limiting the number of adults to only those volunteering who must hold a current WWVP card.
- Parents not volunteering will be asked to drop their children at the side door of the Hall (and not enter until pick up).

Save the Date
Friday 19 August Yr 5/6 Movie Night
6 – 8pm - St Monica’s School Hall

- Due to student safety we are limiting the number of adults to only those volunteering who must hold a current WWVP card.
- This night is for Year 5 & 6 children only – no younger siblings.

Uniform Shop - Price Increases

As of Monday 1 August there will be a new price list for stock in the Uniform Shop. Some items will not have changed price, however, there will be some increases as we were actually making losses on some items. The price increases will not be large, and we have still made sure the prices are less than MacDonalughs Schoolwear.

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Whole School Prayer – 2L
2.30pm - Wednesday 27 July

Whole School Assembly – 6M
1pm - Friday 29 July

Kanga Cup

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AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

CANTEN CORNER

The Roster for Term 3, Week 2

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

Thank you
Samantha Manning - Canteen Manager - 6258 4687

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**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

**SAVE THE DATE**
St Joseph’s P-6 School is 60 and we would love you to join us!

November 5-6 2016
Email: joey sis60@gmail.com to receive further info and be involved