Dear Parents,

This week our Years 5 and 6 students presented a very comical and professionally produced play that kept the audience entertained. The children were outstanding thanks to the support of a dedicated team.

Special thanks to:
- Mrs Anderson for her choreography, making the script come to life and her time and effort with rehearsals. Her coordination of our musical has been outstanding.
- Miss Mahoney for her expertise in drawing the backdrops, painting and support with rehearsals.
- The Year 5/6 teachers Mr Evans, Mrs Kelly, Mr McFadden and Mrs Stonham, for their planning, organisation behind the scenes and creative input and support provided by Mr Ellis.
- Our super Staff members for their assistance with painting backdrops, prop making and costumes.
- Mrs Flynn and Mrs Walsh for coordinating tickets and all enquiries.
- Year 6 Technology Team for organising ticket distribution.
- Our wonderful parents for their commitment with helping the children with learning lines and costuming.
- Miss Perry and SMOOSH for supporting and accommodating us in various ways.
- Our talented actors for their energy and creative flair and all the wonderful children in Year 5/6 for their amazing enthusiasm, smiles and dedication!

Baby News
Congratulations to the Smith family (Sophie – KRG) on the arrival of twin boys – Archer and Jack.

Families Leaving St Monicas
This week we say farewell to the Whittaker family - Annie (4W) and Sam (1B), the Hodgson family - Charlia – (5K) and Billie (4C) and the Page family – Charlotte (2D).

Welcome
In term 4 we welcome the Goodger family to St Monicas – Maddison – 5K and Bethanie – 2L.

Enjoy the holidays.
God Bless
Carmel Maguire

Learning Focus – Weeks 7-10
Be Responsible
Focus
Effort and determination are needed to stay motivated and engaged in your learning.

Social Focus – Weeks 7-10
Be Safe
Sun Safety
When we are outside, we need to wear our hats.
Jesus
You were a compassionate person who reached out to people in need. Open our hearts and our lives to the needs of other people. Show us opportunities that we may reach out a helping hand to others. Give us willing hearts so that we can help where we are needed.
In this way, we follow in your footsteps and live as caring people.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession)
Thank you to those parents who have sent in their child’s enrolment forms. Please continue to do so. Consider offering your home or talents as a home group leader.

Dates for the Calendar
Parent Information Evening: Wednesday 12 October, 7:00pm - School Library
Committment Masses: Saturday 15 October 6:00pm St Monica’s Church, Sunday 16 October 10:00am St Monica’s Church
Home groups Week 1: 17 October - 21 October
Home Group Week 2: 24 October - 28 October
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wednesday 16 November St Monica’s Church - 6:30pm

Children’ Mission Week
World Mission Day is celebrated every year in every country wherever there are Catholics committed to building a better world for all of God’s people, a world where everyone has all they need to live a dignified and fulfilling life. It is the day on which we reflect on the urgency to proclaim the Gospel in our times. This year World Mission Day is Sunday 23rd October 2016.

Missionary activity is a response to the love with which God loves us. God’s love is the spiritual energy that can make harmony; justice and communion grow among persons, races and peoples for which everyone is searching. The God of love is the source of care, tenderness, compassion, hospitality and interest in other people’s problems, for spreading Christ’s charity around the world.

Catholic Mission around the world has the responsibility of promoting a dignified and fruitful celebration of World Mission Day.

At St Monica’s School this year we will celebrate Mission Week with a children’s Mission Mass on Wednesday 26 October followed later in the day by our Mini Mission Activity.
This year money raised on Mission Day could provide the following:
$25 provides meals for 4 children for one week
$67 Provides school uniforms for 10 children from rural areas of Cambodia.
$150 Provides education for one year, for 12 children who come from disadvantages communities
$264 provides 4 children with a push bike to enable them to ride to school.
What a great response to the Spiritual work of Mercy - to instruct the ignorant.
Carmel Rheinberger - Religious Education Coordinator

HAVE YOUR SAY on the future of Catholic Secondary Education in the ACT.
The Catholic Education Commission (CEC), Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn is seeking the advice of Canberrans – from our own School communities; within the Catholic Church and beyond; and from those interested in the future choices for education in the ACT.

We know some of the challenges facing the Catholic system include the changing demographics of Canberra, transport for students, provision of suitable and engaging choice for students and parents, support for students with special needs, improving academic outcomes and providing the best support and professional development for staff who are operating in an increasingly complex environment.

Chair of the Catholic Education Commission, Dr. Patrick McArdle has said “We want to thank all our school and Church communities for their open and enthusiastic involvement to date. The Study will ensure the great strengths of the current schooling arrangements are retained, while responding to the need for change creatively.”

“We encourage all current members of our communities and those who are considering Catholic education into the future to take part in the Study”, said Dr. McArdle.

We want to hear from you. Please link on to our survey to have your say. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MT329WM

Library News
Please return all Library books and readers by tomorrow. Our 7th Annual Writing Competition will be held in Term 4. Get started on your stories and poems in the holidays. More information to come.
Happy Reading! – Mrs Hind and Miss Brown

Robots – Science Week
Robots on display tables may now be collected and taken home.
Getting help for mental health difficulties: Suggestions for families

It is important to know that help for children’s mental health difficulties comes in many shapes and forms. Brochures, fact sheets, high-quality websites, family, friends and health professionals are all good sources of information and support. Support may be directed at children, parents and carers, the family as a whole or early childhood services, because the ultimate goal is to provide the best possible pathway to improve a child’s mental health and wellbeing. When partnerships are formed and both families and children feel valued, understood and respected, this goal is more easily reached.

Suggestions for families

- Ask a friend or family member to help you gather information about children’s mental health.
- Make a list of questions to ask services or professionals.
- Consult a GP for initial professional advice.
- Look at high-quality websites for more information.
- Remember to look after yourself.

Keep in mind there are lots of different ways to access help for your child (eg talking to a friend, visiting a doctor, phoning a specialised service). When children are experiencing mental health difficulties, the earlier families can access help and support, the better. Problems that are not addressed can get bigger and harder to manage and can continue to affect children as they grow up.

This resource is part of a range of KidsMatter Primary information sheets for families and school staff. View them all online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au

Kinder - Year 2 Swimming

Children from Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 will participate in the Gungahlin Leisure Centre Swimming Program during Term 4. The program is for 8 days during Weeks 5 and 6 of Term 4. Dates are Week 5 Tues 8 Nov to Fri 11 Nov and Week 6 Tues 15 Nov to Fri 18 Nov. Children will be transported there and back to school by bus. Cost for 8 lessons and travel is $100 per child. Permission notes have been sent home to families. Payment is due.

Uniform Shop

Summer uniform items are now available for sale in the Uniform Shop. Hats are for sale in the Front Office – Bucket Hats - $5, Slouch Hats - $12, Legionnaire Hats - $10.

School Banking

School banking will resume on Monday, first day of Term 4.

St Monica’s Chess Tournament

Thank you to Evelyn David-Hoole for her time and effort put into organising the Chess Tournament.

School Garden Working Bee Thankyou

Last Saturday a number of St Monica's families started the task of transforming our hall carpark garden beds. All ten Flowering Cherry trees were 'adopted' and planted, as part of our carpark makeover. We had the perfect day for gardening. A big thank you to everyone who was able to give time to help out.

School Read-a-thon

We are expecting delivery of the prizes in the first week of Term 4.

Trivia Night – Friday 28 October 2016

Trivia is back in 2016! Block out the date in your diaries and book in the babysitter. The annual trivia night is back. We have new hosts on board for 20-sixteen so let’s harness last year’s awesomeness and show them how it’s done!!! More details to follow in the next few weeks….

In the interim, if you are able to donate any items for the silent auction please contact Emma Howlett on 0413 660 585.
Community 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@catholic.edu.au
The email will be checked regularly by Evelyn David - Hoole, Council Executive Secretary.

Birthdays and Birthdays throughout October Holiday

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School Assembly tomorrow (Friday 23 September) at 1pm. Week 10 Class Awards and Stars to be presented.

Class Award – Consistent Effort and Leadership throughout the Term

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M & M Medallion – Samuel W (1B), Australian Pride Badges – Paul S (4C), Byron P (4C), Georgia M (4C)

Sporting News

Golf News
Ryan U (5/6M) has been selected to play in the Under 12 Golf team to represent the ACT in Adelaide from 13-17 November 2016.

Netball News
Congratulations to Holli N, Natalia M, Taeya H, Katie H, Sarah K, Eden B, Lara Mc and Grace F from the Pink Pearls netball team. The team has gone through the whole netball season undefeated and last Saturday they won the grand final. Well done girls!!

Canteen Corner

Flexi Schools online ordering system is available for placing lunch orders. Friday Lunch Orders only available via Flexi Schools ordering due to availability of helpers.

The Roster for Term 4, Week 1

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Thank you - Samantha Manning - Canteen Manager - 6258 4687

Community Information

Interested in Playing Softball?
Any children interested in playing Softball (and teeball) in the coming Summer competition – Saturday mornings during Term 4 (2016) and Term 1 (2017). For more information please contact Mr Fletcher at school or mobile 0438 303 460.

Questacon Holiday Workshops
Every school holidays we deliver a series of design and innovation workshops at the Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre in Deakin. These holidays, our workshops will cover topics like app design, creating wacky vehicles, Computer Aided Design, domino-effect machines and robotics. Workshops are suitable for students aged 10 to 15. For more information visit website – www.questacon.edu.au

MapMates - Twilight Series
Join the fun! Come along to the Blue Sparks’ October orienteering event - MapMates. Held Wednesday evenings for four weeks, MapMates teams will work together, learning new skills as they navigate around the safe, graded courses, set in various bush parks around Canberra. The emphasis is on fun and adventure! Come along to the welcome event on Wednesday 12 October 2016, from 5pm. The series starts on Wednesday 19 October 16. For more information, or to register...
Explosion Youth Conference - St Francis Xavier College Florery – 27-30 September

Explosion Youth Conference is open to all high school aged young people from around the Archdiocese and beyond. Participants will have an opportunity to explore the Catholic faith through seminars and workshops as well as experience Christianity, the Church and the Sacraments as never before. There will be time to meet other young people through sports, games and free time. Cost: $130 first participant, $100 subsequent siblings. For more information visit www.explosionconference.org.au or email youth@cg.org.au.