Dear Parents,

Another fantastic week at St Monica’s. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Parent/Teacher interviews last week. These are important as it provides an opportunity to discuss your child’s learning with their teacher. If you did not arrange a meeting with your child’s teacher, I would encourage you to call them to do so.

Annual School Survey
Satisfaction surveys of parents, students and staff will be conducted on behalf of all Catholic schools in the Diocese this term. This survey is designed to gather feedback from parents, staff and students about our school and will be used to inform school improvement. Responses are confidential and individuals can not be identified.

The surveys launched via email on August 1 and close on August 12, 2016. If you did not receive an email you can access and complete the survey with the following link https://www.research.net/r/smevattParent2016. We welcome your feedback. Thank you in advance.

School Uniform
There has been an increasing amount of students not in full school uniform. We understand there may be times where this is unavoidable however, we require a written note letting us know. I have asked teachers to start letting me know if students out of uniform and we will follow up.

Disco
Tomorrow we are having our K-4 Disco. A reminder, unless you a volunteer, we ask that you drop your child at the side doors and pick them up once the disco has finished. This will assist us with supervision.

Prayers
Kai G (5E) who underwent surgery last week.

Enjoy the week ahead.
Patrick Ellis
Acting Principal

At St Monica’s we are a vibrant Catholic community that works collaboratively to empower its members to be inclusive learners, custodians and citizen
Confirmation

Preparation is well under way for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you have not been to a commitment mass yet, please make contact with Fr. Loi to let him know when you and your family will be attending. You will need to bring the little white card and orange card with you to the mass.

Thank you to all the families who have returned the Confirmation Registration Form. There are a few outstanding. Could these please be returned to school as soon as possible. Confirmation information cards are coming in as well – thank you! Please make sure that the Sponsor information is included on the card as we need that information.

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

Haley Stonham
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

Sacrament of Confirmation Dates to Remember
Parent and Child Evening: Thursday 11 August 7:00pm
Preparation Day: Wednesday 31 August
Sacrament of Confirmation: Wednesday 7 September 6pm

Save the Date:
St Monica’s Parish will celebrate St Monica’s Feast Day Sunday 28 August at the 10am Mass followed by a multicultural morning tea in St Monica’s school hall.

GENERAL INFORMATION

BYODD Parent Night
Tonight, Thursday 4 August St Monica’s will be hosting our first 5/6 Parent BYODD night. This night will be an opportunity for parents to learn, in more detail, how we are implementing the use of iPads in the classroom and how they can better support their child.

This night is also an excellent opportunity to showcase how the students have been using their iPads to present their learning. We still have places left if you would like to attend, please come along.
Haley Stonham and Monika Richards

Olympic Tabloid Fun Day - Mini Olympics
Next Friday 12 August St Monica’s will be holding a Mini Olympics to celebrate the Rio Olympics! At the start of the day we will hold an Opening Ceremony where students will walk around the oval with their country (class). Throughout the day students will have the opportunity to participate in activities run by our Year 6 students. To close the day we will then have a Closing Ceremony and hand out the gold, silver and bronze awards to the classes that have earned the most points.
Each class is representing a country and is encouraged to dress in those colours on the day. Please ensure your child/ren are wearing runners, as the activities will be held outside. Thank you for your support.

Book Week Parade

Dress up as your favourite book character on Wednesday 24 August.
The Book Parade will be in the School Hall at 9:15 am.
Look forward to seeing your creative costumes!
Mrs Hind & Miss Brown

SRC Fundraiser – Jeans for Genes Day
Jeans for Genes is the iconic fundraising campaign of Children’s Medical Research Institute. The Children’s Medical Research Institute is dedicated to finding ways to treat or prevent childhood cancer, epilepsy, birth defects and genetic diseases in order to create brighter futures for all children.

Each year, Australians unite by wearing their favourite jeans or denim outfits, and donating money to support genetic research. On Friday the 5 August our school will become a sea of denim in a united stance against childhood disease. Every dollar raised on the day helps scientists at Children’s Medical Research Institute discover treatments and cures, to give every child the opportunity to live a long and healthy life.

So, tomorrow, Friday 5 August, students are encouraged to wear their jeans, denim outfits or casual clothes and bring in a gold coin donation to support this fundraiser.

Read-a-thon News
Congratulations to Jackson G (3/4RG) who has won a Samsung Galaxy Tab3Lite for creating a Student Profile Page in support of the School Read A Thon. Well done Jackson!

Catch a Reader Display

Step 1: Take a photo of yourself or someone else reading in the most unusual or inspiring place.
Step 2: Email your photo to Mrs Hind @ rachael.hind@cg.catholic.edu.au
Step 3: Check out the display!

School Hats On Again – Monday 1 August
In keeping with our SunSmart policy it is now time for children to start wearing their hats again. Can you please ensure your child has their school hat each day. If a child has a hat which is not a school hat, they require a note from home explaining why they are out of school uniform.
**Reading Workshop – Kaye Lowe**

Adjunct Professor Kaye Lowe from Canberra University is visiting St Monica’s to present a parent reading and writing workshop on Monday 15 August at 6pm. Information came home today. She will provide parents with practical strategies to help your child learn to read and write. She will explain the research behind the structure of the literacy block currently being implemented at St Monica’s. A repeat of Kaye’s first workshop was requested by parents and was highly recommended by our parents that attended.

You might like to look at Kaye’s website to read and view some of her suggested strategies [read4success.com.au](http://read4success.com.au)

Please RSVP should you wish to attend.

Bridgette McCann – Literacy Coordinator

**Parent help needed to Publish Student’s writing**

The student’s at St Monica’s have been busily writing! Everyday students are participating in sustained silent writing. Students are working collaboratively with their peers and teachers to edit and conference their work.

In Week 7 during Literacy and Numeracy week we are going to invite parents to come in to our classrooms to participate in a ‘Publication Celebration.’ We are asking for parent help in publishing student’s writing.

Please see your child’s class teacher to offer assistance either by editing and publishing work with students during class time or by taking work home to publish. Thank you for your ongoing support of our students.

Bridgette McCann - Literacy Coordinator

**Restorative Practices**

Sometimes things go wrong at school (and at home). Sometimes it might be a regular occurrence. Sometimes it might be hard to talk about and may be very complicated.

We all have the right to be treated fairly, to be listened to, for people to work with us, for people to understand our emotions and for us to understand their emotions, guided by the use of appropriate questions that are non-judgmental. This is the foundation of why Restorative Practices is so important to us at school and we encourage you to use this at home also.

**Japanese Choir**

The Japanese Choir is open to any student from Year 1 to 6. We practise during the lunch break every Friday. It is a non-competitive, non-auditioned choir – we just sing for fun! We are always happy to welcome more singers.

As we only sing in Japanese it really helps the children with their Japanese learning in the classroom as well as increasing their confidence. There are some opportunities for the choir to sing in public for example at the school Fete or special assemblies in school and at the recent Japanese Autumn Festival. The children also love to sing Christmas songs at the final Assembly of the year.

Now we are preparing to sing at Floriade and at the Canberra Nara Candle Festival both in October. At the latter, we will join with two other Primary Schools to perform a group of songs about the seasons. I am proud of our singers who have worked hard and learnt a large repertoire of songs in Japanese.

Anne Hodgkin – Japanese Teacher

**STEAM Club**

St Monica’s is proud to announce our new school based Club – STEAM!

What does STEAM stand for?

STEAM stand for Science Technology Engineering Arts and Mathematics. STEAM Club will offer students and opportunity to solve problems that are inquiry-based, hands-on and often set in real life. They will imagine, plan, research, create, hypothesis, justify, challenge, question, reflect and improve designs and solutions.

This club is offered to students in Years 3-6 and will run on two separate lunch times. Mrs Richards will be facilitating the 3/4 Club and Mrs Stonham will be facilitating the 5/6 Club.

Students have had to write a letter explaining why they would like to be part of the STEAM Club. There have been some excellent letters coming in! STEAM Club will be up and running in Week 5 this term.

Mrs Richards and Mrs Stonham - STEAM Club Facilitators

**K-4 Talent Quest**

This Term we will be celebrating the achievements of our Kindergarten to Year 4 students by holding a talent quest - St Monica's Kids Got Talent!

Students are encouraged to enter as individuals or in groups and show off their talents in the Arts by performing a short piece in areas such as, music, drama, poetry, magic or dance.

Each grade level will select students to participate in the Grand Final in Week 6, where parents and friends will be welcome to come along.

See your class teacher for entry forms and show off your talent!

Amanda Stewart – Coordinator

**Kinder Excursion to National Museum**

Last Friday all the children in Kindergarten were very excited to catch the bus to the National Museum of Australia. The children were able to participate in a storytelling activity, examine and hold Aboriginal tools and walk through some of the Museum’s fabulous galleries. It was a wonderful introduction to the diversity of Aboriginal people and life before 1788. - Kindergarten Teachers
As One Voice Kids Forum
On Thursday 28 July Miss Mahoney, Joven M (6M) and Elena S (6S) drove out to Stirling for the Youth Parliament Forum day. The day started at 9am and was all about Student Voice and their opinions about education and their schools.

There were lots of different groups that talked and discussed different ideas. Everyone learnt a lot about other schools, what works well and what doesn't and also how to stand up and make changes in the school.

A massive thanks to Miss Mahoney for supervising on the day and the kids who represented the school. - Joven M (6S)

K-4 Disco Night
Friday 5 August
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).
- Volunteer preferences has been given to Kindy parents.
- Some Yr 6 students will be there to assist as “buddies” for the younger students.

National Science Week
St Monica’s will be celebrating National Science Week during Week 5 this term. We have Come Dressed as a Scientist Day where the children will be participating in Science experiments and investigations. The theme this year is ‘Drones, Droids and Robots’. I would like to invite children and their families to create a Drone, Droid or Robot to bring in to school in Week 5. You can use the image above as inspiration! At home, children can draw and label or create and construct (using recycled materials, Lego etc.) a Drone, Droid or Robot. Each creation must have an explanation of how it works, what it is used for and what materials it is made out of. This can be part of your child’s optional activity for Home Work in Term 4.

Children can bring in on Monday Week 5 and present to their class. After this their Drone, Droid or Robot will be displayed near the National Science Week Display wall ishe sliding doors at the front foyer.

Happy creating!
Haley Stonham

School Fees
Term 3 fees were invoiced last 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 have been sent. 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.

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SPORTING NEWS

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**Whole School Prayer**

Whole School Prayer – 4C 2.30pm - Wednesday 10 August

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Whole School Assembly – 3R 1pm – tomorrow - Friday 5 August

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**AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

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**M&M Star Medallions** – Siena D'Ambrosio (1B), Scarlett Bowman (1B), Lucy O (1V), Brock T (3R), Adrian S (3R), Dita S (3D), Natalie L (3/4RG)

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**CANTEEN CORNER**

The Roster for Term 3, Week 4

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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.**

Thank you  
Samantha Manning - Canteen Manager - 6258 4687

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**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**Wests Basketball ACT**

**Junior 2016/17 Summer Season Trials**

All Players 6-18 years. Wests Magpies Basketball Club is calling all girls and boys turning 6-18 years in 2017 to register now for the upcoming junior summer season basketball competition. Trials will be held during the week of 1 - 5 August 2016. Contact the club for registration instructions and for full trial details including venues and times. All skill levels are more than welcome and encouraged to register. If you are interested in joining our fantastic club, email us at wests.basketball@gmail.com or check out our website for more information at www.westmagpies.basketball.net.au.

**Found in Montagu Place**

Leopard print scarf handed into Front Office.