



NEWSLETTER

Term 4 – Week 10 – 15 December 2016

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

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Inclusion



Dear Parents

It is hard to believe another year has come to a close. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very safe and joyful Christmas break and to thank you for your ongoing support.

Christmas Prayer

Whenever we gaze into a crib this Christmas season
 May new hope and joy flood our spirit
 Whenever we watch babies and young children playing
 May a new energy delight our hearts
 Whenever we are tantalised by the aroma of a BBQ
 May we unwind, relax and enjoy time off
 Whenever the crush of family and friends overwhelms us
 May the hospitality of our hearts expand
 Whenever we provide a meal or bed over the holidays
 May we experience love and appreciation
 Whenever we spy our reflection in the mirror or pool
 May we find ourselves to be images of God
 Whenever we put our feet up for leisure
 May the humble presence of the Incarnate One companion us
 Whenever we feel our distance from each other around the world
 May the Christ child draw us into unity
 Amen



School Office Hours in January 2017

Monday 23 Jan Midday-3pm
 Tuesday 24 Jan 9am-3pm
 Wednesday 25 Jan 9am-3pm
 Friday 27 Jan 9am-3pm.

School returns 30 January

9.00am for Years 1 to 6
 9.30 for Kindergarten

Staffing Arrangements Currently Organised For 2017

Principal	Carmel Maguire
Assistant Principal	Patrick Ellis
RE Coordinator	Carmel Rheinberger
Coordinators	Haley Stonham, Amanda Stewart
Kindergarten	Carmel Rheinberger – 3 days Kirsty Godschalx – 2 days Bridgette McCann – 3 days Emma Russell – 2 days Yvette Rosenfeld
Year 1	Jacinda Vaughan – 3 days Helen Houghton – 2 days Lynne Sydney
Year 2	Mira Lustica Ted Dunstan Amanda Stewart
Year 3	Amanda Winne Teacher TBA
Multi-age 3 & 4	Monika Richards
Year 4	Susan Carswell - 4 days Patrick Ellis – 1 day Clare Battye
Year 5	Christopher Evans Catherine du Bois
Multi-age 5& 6	Michael McFadden
Year 6	Haley Stonham Elizabeth Mahoney
Library	Rachael Hind
Classroom Support Teacher	Denise Duck - 3.5 days Jacinda Vaughan – 2 days Bridgette McCann – 1 day Emma Russell – 1 day
Learning Support Assistants	Esme Byrne, Kelly Levi, Shane Starkey, Sonja Vocisano, Sharon Friend
Music, Dance Drama	Sarah Anderson – 4 days
Japanese	Anne Hodgkin – 2 days
Office Administrator	Stephanie Flynn
Finance Officer	Allison Walsh
Maintenance	Peter Hales
Canteen	Samantha Manning
SMOOSH	Acting Director – Kate Turner Assistant Director – Sarah Davidson
Chaplaincy	Bob Fletcher
Catholic Care Counsellor	Morena Minero de Gonzalez

Staff Farewells

On behalf of the community I would like to thank the following staff for their commitment and dedication in providing wonderful learning opportunities for the children. I wish them well in the future:

Miss Sonia Brown is taking up a position with NDIS

Mrs Robyn O'Rourke is taking leave to spend a little more time with family.

Miss Rebecca Perry is taking 12 months leave to work and travel overseas.

New staff

Congratulations to **Miss Kate Turner** on her appointment as Acting Director to our SMOOSH Care Program for 2017. Kate is well known to our families as she has been working in our program for the past 3 years. Kate has recently completed her teaching degree and is very much looking forward to the opportunity to lead the SMOOSH Team. We will also welcome

Miss Sarah Davidson to our SMOOSH team as Assistant Director. Sarah has worked in several centres in Canberra and is looking forward to joining the team in the 16 January.

Reflections by Year 6 Students

Reflection - Ashton

Being at St Monica's has been a roller coaster of highs and lows but it was a great experience. When I came to kindergarten I was excited but shy. I knew I was going to have great memories here. I made friends, loved learning and it was all great. I left St Monica's to go to Russia. It was hard to leave my friends and the school. Luckily I arrived back in year 4 and I was so happy. Years 4 and 5 passed by and year 6 has nearly finished. I've learnt to be mature, respectful and responsible. I will always remember this school as an amazing place. I want to say thank you to the teachers and students who helped me throughout my time here.

Reflection - Paige S

Looking back at my time at St Monica's I have noticed I have spent most of my life at this wonderful school. I have grown up here learning important values and rules for my life. I have made so many incredible relationships, not only making amazing friends but getting to know the teachers as well. I have been able to form trusting relationships with many of these people. I know that I will always have a very important place in my heart for this school.

Reflection - Sarah R

Looking back at my time at St Monica's I have realised how much I have changed since my first day of kindergarten. I still remember my orientation day. I was really shy and only knew a couple of people. I made my dad sit outside the classroom the whole time.

On my first day of kindergarten I remember standing outside the class with my mum and looking around and seeing all the other students. I remember thinking how great it would be if I could be friends with them.

Now I am in year 6 and I no longer need my dad to sit outside my classroom. St Monica's has shown me to do my best and try to achieve my goals. I now know almost everyone in year 6 and I have made great friends that I will hopefully know all my life. Thankyou St Monica's.

Reflection by Cohen

Reflecting on my time at St. Monica's, I have realised that we have AMAZING, caring, quality teachers who care about our every feeling. They are also the people who got us where we are today. They built up our knowledge to be strong and resilient, as well as our courage. When we were just starting kindergarten, we were unintelligent individuals who didn't know their rights from wrongs. Or how to completely ACE mathematics, or grammar, or spelling, or to even write and draw properly, seriously, we didn't even know the pencil grip. Now, we are leaving year six, about to take our big leap into the big world of High School, Puberty, Social Media, Assignments, and much more. We will learn to care for ourselves, cook for ourselves, take responsibility for ourselves, and how to deal with money, ourselves. I have learnt so much in my almost seven years at St. Monica's Primary, and there is much more to learn about in High School, in a much harder way. But we, as students, know that we are and always will be safe and welcomed here at St. Monica's.

Reflection by Chris

I remember when I was a little kindergarten kid, looking up to the year Sixers, especially my buddy. Today, I still can't believe I am in year six, with the cutest kindergarten buddy, heading into the world of High School next year. I will miss lots of things about this school. I'll miss the school canteen, how they teach EVERYONE to use their manners, and all the teachers who would ALWAYS make sure that everyone had a good learning experience, and an enjoyable one. I'll miss all the teachers, especially the ones that have taught me. But most of all, I'll miss my friends particularly the ones who are taking different paths into different schools. So, I would like to thank everyone who has been a part of my time here at St. Monica's.

Family Farewells

This week we farewell the following children and their families who are transferring either interstate or to a school closer to home. Jackson M (KS), William D (2L) Owen L (3D) Gabriela C (3D) and Katie W (4W). We wish you all the very best for the future.

Council Congratulations

Congratulation to the follow parents who have filled the three St Monica's Community Council positions commencing in 2017: - Evan Thomas, Gabrielle Blair and John Alston-Campbell.

Class Grouping

Today the children had the opportunity to meet their new teacher/s and locate their 2017 classroom. A great deal of time and effort has been given to formulating the class groups taking into account parent and teacher comments and endeavouring to provide the children with at least one nominated friend. The children in Year 3 will be notified, during the holidays, the name of their new teacher.

God Bless

Carmel Maguire
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP – For last minute items

St Monica's Uniform Shop, located in the hall, will be open on

Wednesday 25 January 11.00am – 12 noon
for those last minute uniform supplies

SAFE, RESPONSIBLE AND RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

Learning Focus – Weeks 7-10

Be Respectful

Use our Manners

We say please and thank you, apologise when things go wrong and wait our turn.



Social Focus – Weeks 7-10

Be Responsible

Report things that don't make us feel safe

We all have the right to feel safe all the time. Nothing is so bad that we cannot tell someone about it.



Sacramental Dates for 2017

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST:

Parent Information Evening: Wednesday 29 March

First Communion Commitment Masses:

Saturday 1 April 6:00pm Sunday 2 April 10:00am

First Holy Communion: Saturday 17 June Sunday 18 June



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Parent Information Evening: Wednesday 10 May

Confirmation Commitment Masses: Saturday 13 May 6:00pm, Sunday 14 May 10:00am

Parent and Child Night: Wednesday 25 May

Sacrament of Confirmation: Wednesday 26 July 6:00pm, St Monica's Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Parent Information Evening: Wednesday 10 October

Reconciliation Commitment Masses:

Saturday 14 October 6:00pm, Sunday 15 October 10:00am

Sacrament of First Reconciliation: Wednesday 22 November



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SCHOOL VALUE - Thanksgiving

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

Loving God, Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.



Close the door of hate
and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children,
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

-- Robert Louis Stevenson

Simbang Gabi

This year our Parish is again hosting the Filipino Community of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn for the **Simbang Gabi Celebration** from 15-23 December. The Nine Day Novena Mass will start at 8pm. This is a long-standing Filipino Religious Tradition in preparation for the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Please come and join us. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

African Catholic Community End of Year Mass

The African Catholic community of Canberra is having an end of year Mass on Sunday 18 December at St Peter Channel Church, corner Weston and Loch Street, Yarralumla, 11.30am for 11.45am. All most welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Yesterday the Mini Vinnies group delivered the Christmas hampers to the Parish Meeting room. They were delighted with the donations that came in, although a little surprised at how heavy the baskets were! Many thanks to you all for your generosity. These donations do make a real difference in your local community- perhaps even in your street.

Thank you for your support, encouragement and participation in the various sacramental programs, Masses and liturgies this year. I wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas and New Year.
Carmel Rheinberger



GENERAL INFORMATION

CEO Tuition Fees and St Monica's School Levies for 2017

The following **school levies** were agreed to by the St Monica's Community Council Executive and will apply from the commencement of 2017.

Every effort has been made to keep the increase in our local fees to a minimum. The increase in our school levy has been necessary to ensure we continue to provide a high quality educational facility and a wide range of learning opportunities and programs to meet the needs of your child/ren.

St Monica's School Levies 2017

		Per Annum
School Levy	1 st child - \$255.00 per term 2 nd child - \$95.00 per term 3 rd child - \$45.00 per term	\$1,020.00 +\$380.00 +\$180.00
ICT Levy	\$35 per child per term	\$140.00
Curriculum Levy	\$50 per child per term	\$200.00
Stationery and Resource Levy	\$35 per child per term	\$140.00
Magazine Levy	\$30 per family term 4 only	\$30.00

Fees set by the Catholic Education Commission for the Catholic Education Office

CEO Tuition Fee	\$336.00 for 1 st child + \$100.80 for 2 nd child + \$67.20 for 3 child + \$0 for 4 th child per term Arrangement for 2017 A 20% discount applies to the first child CEO Tuition fee where there is a sibling in an Archdiocesan Secondary School - St Francis Xavier, Merici & St Clare's, John Paul College, St Mary Mackillop	\$1,344.00 + \$403.20 + \$268.80 + \$ 0.00
Catholic Schools Voluntary Building Fund	\$163 per family per term	\$652.00
Fee paid on lodgement of enrolment application		\$25.00

Important Note

The Canberra Catholic Schools Voluntary Building Fund (applicable only to ACT schools) is endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as a deductible gift recipient (DGR)

EXTRA CURRULAR ACTIVITIES NOT INCLUDED ON THE TERM FEE ACCOUNT

Yr 5 & 6 - Camp = \$305
K-2 Swimming = \$100 (approx)

SOME INTERESTING FIGURES

To educate one child at St Monica's in 2017 including all fees, excluding extras, will cost approximately
 \$18.00 per day (200 school days)
 \$88.00 per week (40 school weeks)
 \$874.00 per term

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL TUITION, BUILDING FUND & ALL LEVIES VIA REGULAR PAYMENTS

If electing to pay via fortnightly direct debits, the fortnightly repayments over **26 fortnights**, from **1 February 2017 to 31 January 2018**, will be approximately

1 child - \$136.00

2 children - \$184.00

3 children - \$220.00

4 children - \$238.00

School Fee accounts are posted home in Week 2 of each term with payment due by the end of Week 5, if not paying via Direct Debit arrangement.

Prompt payment is expected.

Fees can be paid via QKR (app), BPAY, cash, credit card, EFTPOS, Direct Debit.

For Direct Debit payments please use the Direct Debit application form enclosed. The completed and signed original must be returned to the Front Office for processing. Please allow seven (7) working days for this.

A BPAY arrangement can be established once the school accounts are issued as each family is issued with a Biller Code. This code is printed on the family fee statement or should you wish to commence payments immediately please contact the school office.

Please note - that if a child is away from the school for an extended period of time (eg. overseas holiday) full fees are payable for that time.

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES: If at any time, parents experience financial difficulties, it is important to contact the Principal to discuss a payment plan. All matters are handled in confidence.

No of Children	Yearly Fees	Special arrangement where an older sibling attends an Archdiocesan High School 20% discount and no building fund as it is paid to high school
1	\$3,526.00	\$2,605.20
2	\$4,789.20	\$3,868.40
3	\$5,718.00	\$4,797.20
4	\$6,198.00	\$5,277.20

Automatic Deduction (Credit Card) for School Fees Payments

Currently families have the option of an automatic deduction from their nominated credit card as a way to pay school fees. We wish to advise that from April 2016 this option has ceased. Families currently using this arrangement may do so for the remainder of this year but new arrangements should be prepared for 2017. Families currently using this option are advised that deductions may not occur during school holiday periods. Other payment options are: Direct Debit (from bank account), BPAY, Credit Card (at office or by phone), QKR app, cash or cheque.

SMOOSH

Confirmations of care for 2017 have been sent home today. Any problems please contact the SMOOSH office.

40 Year Celebration

Next year St Monica's celebrates 40 years. We would like to convene a committee to help coordinate possible events to mark this occasion. If you would like to get involved, please let the front office know. We would look at convening the committee early in the year. Thank you to Evelyn David Hoole and Ellia Marando who have joined this committee.

Happy Birthday to the following children who are celebrating their birthdays this week and throughout the holidays



STATIONERY SUPPLIES TO BE PROVIDED BY EACH CHILD AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF 2017	
Kinder Box of tissues & roll of paper towel – per term Library Bag Painting Shirt Contact or plastic to cover books when sent at home	
Year 1 Box of tissues and roll of paper towels – per semester Library Bag Painting Shirt Textas Plastic or contact to cover books when sent home	Year 2 Box of tissues and roll of paper towel– per semester Library Bag Pencil case and Textas only Plastic or contact to cover books when sent home
Year 3 & 4 Box of tissues and paper towels – per semester Library bag Pencil case Headphones - if previous set need replacing Dictionary – if purchasing – Macquarie Essential Dictionary Contact to cover books at home or plastic exercise book covers A4 Size	Year 5 & 6 Box of tissues and paper towels – per semester Library bag Pencil case Calculator Headphones – if previous set needs replacing Dictionary – from Year 3 & 4 Contact to cover books at home or plastic exercise book covers A4 Size

Kindergarten	Talijia M, Zavier T, Violet P, Christian M
Year 1	Elijah L, Isaac P, Xavier M, KKeir F, Darius C, Ethan G, Gabrielle W, Leila W, Michael H,
Year 2	Geordie T, Tulli H, Mikayla T, Aurelia S, Jack R, Raphael S, Isabella M, Zali J, Caitlin M, Alani A, Jessamine A-C, Mary D-H, Isobel C, Archie E, Madeline H
Year 3	Sienna H, Jessica H, Isabella L, Lachlan M, Milana K, Gabriel H, Gabrielle C, Emily W, Jaidah T,
Year 4	Patrick E, Katie F, Atiya W, Thomas B, Domenic S, Paul S, Zara D, Riley L, Lily S
Year 5	Millie A-C, Eve M, Madeline S, Bailey M, Charlotte J, Tyler M, Jessica H, Holly W, Zoe R, Baxter S, Patrick H, Victoria M
Year 6	Franko S, Anthony R, Sara C, Elisabeth R, Sam P

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

School Magazine

Another amazing school magazine has been produced capturing the many wonderful memorable events that occurred during 2016. A copy has been sent home with each child today. Where a family has finished up for the year copies will be held at the office for collection in 2017. Many thanks to the teachers for their creativity in page design and to Mrs Amanda Stewart for the time given to coordinating the booklet. We hope you enjoy looking back.

Final call for absentee notes as we must close our rolls at 3.10pm tomorrow

Canteen – Special Lolly Sale

Tomorrow we are clearing out the canteen stock. We will be selling Chomp Bars \$1, Zappos \$1, Lolly Bags \$1 and Chupa Chups 50 cents, Fruit Jelly Cups 50 cents.

	CLASS – Consistent Effort and Leadership throughout the term
KRG	Alex A
KS	Eamon F
KMR	Mia D
1B	Jesse F
1V	Emma S
1OH	Emily R
2D	Tulli H
2L	Xara G
2S	Isla B
3R	Joseph O
3D	Dita S
3/4RG	Katie F
4C	Marcus D
4W	Lily S
5K	Rocio F
5E	Tamika S
5/6M	
6M	Christopher H
6S	Sarah R



M&M Star Medallions – Elspeth S (2L), Marin J (3/4RG), Thomas B (3/4RG), Jackson G (3/4RG), Gabriel H (3/4RG) – 3rd star, Bridget A (4C), Samuel B (4C), Ryan H (5E)

Pride Badges – Elspeth S (2L), Olivia Sharp (3/4RG), Bridget A (4C), Marissa C (6M), Ashlyn D (6M), Cohen E (6M), Charlotte F (6M), Sinead H (6M), Sophie H (6M), Marko J (6M), Noumi M (6M), Phoebe O (6M), Grace P (6M), Amarlia R (6M), Thomas O (6S) – **all badges given out**

End of Year Assembly

Our final assembly to present awards was held yesterday.

Awards presented at the final assembly

Citizenship – Rotary Club	Franko Soriano
Pastoral Care & Christian Values	Joven May
Academic Awards – Senator Zed Seselja	Alison Francis Ben McFadden
National Representatives	
Tennis	Ryan L (5K)
Rugby League	Noah M (6S), Jack M (6S), Ben Mc (6S), Sam P (6S),
Touch Football	Jack M (6S)
Rugby Union	Sam P (6S), Noah M (6S), Jack M (6S)
Soccer	Marko J (6M), Jaycob S (6S)
Oz Tag	Montana M (4W), Annie R (3/4RG), Taeya H (5E), Holly W (5E), Katie H (5K), Olivia R (5K), Sam P (6S), Ben Mc (6S)
Swimming	Olivia R (5K), Jessica H (5/6M), Ben Mc (6S)
Athletics	Ryan C (4W), Jessica H (5/6M)
Golf	Ryan U (5/6M)
Cross Country	Ryan C (4W)
Judo	Sinead H (6M)

Academic Achievement (Joint award)

Alison Francis

Alison consistently strives for academic excellence and continues to challenge herself. She has achieved outstanding results across all areas of school. Allison is a student who always explains and justifies reasons for approaching a task a certain way.

She is an active participant in all class discussions, asking insightful questions to formulate concise and articulate responses. Alison has the ability to challenge others during group tasks through respectful conversations and questioning. She is a talented writer who is willing to put herself forward to showcase her published work.

Alison is a true academic role model for her peers in her mature approach, attention to detail, organisation of her learning.

Academic Achievement (Joint award)

Ben McFadden

Ben displays a quiet confidence in his academic ability across all learning areas and has achieved excellent results. Ben loves learning and draws on his knowledge and understanding in order to find creative solutions to a challenging task. He confidently articulates his reasons for reaching conclusions or solutions, using a variety of methods.

Ben participates in class discussions, offering insightful and articulate ideas and questions. He has inspired his peers to challenge themselves when working on individual, small group and whole class tasks.

His mature approach to learning, attention to detail, organisation and ability to focus on independent inquiry, has made him a role model for his peers at St Monica's.

Citizenship – Franko Soriano

Franko actively seeks out opportunities to be involved in his school and wider community. He is an exemplary Year 6 Leader who is a member of the following school community groups – SRC, Mini Vinnies, School Band, Japanese Choir and as a Mediator. Franko has taken great pride in these roles and contributes cooperatively in making sure goals are achieved and everyone has a chance to contribute.

In particular, Franko displayed a restorative attitude in his dealings with others while as a mediator and in his day-to-day dealings with others. He has helped the SRC and Mini Vinnies Team to raise awareness of those in need in our community and world through fundraising activities and talking to classes. He shows empathy to others and can put himself in their shoes to better understand the situation.

Franko is committed to reaching out to others within his local community and volunteers with his family for the St Vincent de Paul Door Knock Appeal this year. Franko attends mass regularly, demonstrating a solid commitment to Christian Values and his faith. He is an active member of the 'Youth for Christ' and 'Kids for Christ' groups within his parish and is undertaking training in order to be an Alter Server.

Franko, you are an inspiration to us all on how to be more actively involved in our community and to be of service to others.

Pastoral Care / Christian Values – Joven May

Joven is a perfect example of what it means to live out Christian Values and show Pastoral Care to others. He is a friendly, well-mannered student who is always ready to lend a helping hand to others in his school and wider community. He puts himself into other people's shoes and he leads by example. Joven never lets a day go by without doing something for someone else. He opens the door for others and always greets and farewells teachers, parents and students. Joven performs random acts of kindness especially if he notices that someone is sad. He does not hesitate to share and does not judge others.

Joven thinks positively and actively listens, he is patient and kind and puts others before himself. He displays great sportsmanship and helps others without any expectation of anything in return. Joven is respectful and supports and encourages others.

Joven, you are role model for us all of how to show pastoral care to others and live out our Christian Values.

SPORTING NEWS

Congratulations to Sophie H (4W) (Juniors) and Annabelle F (1V) (Sub-Juniors) who have been selected for the ACT Calisthenics teams to compete at Nationals in Sydney in 2017.

CANTEEN CORNER

Thank you

Thank you to all the helpers with the Special Lunch on Monday.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Thank you

Samantha Manning - Canteen Manager - 6258 4687

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Fete Facebook Page

The Fete Team is excited to announce our new Facebook page. Please like and share our page with your family and friends to stay up to date with all things fete. The page is: 'St Monica's Primary School 40th Annual School Fete' (<https://www.facebook.com/St-Monicas-Primary-School-40th-Annual-School-Fete-Saturday-4-March-2017-473889046113365/>)

Working With Vulnerable People Cards (WWVP)

Parents visiting the school to assist are to sign in/out at the Front Office and receive a **Visitors badge**. **All volunteers must now hold a WWVP Card**, displayed in a visitor's lanyard.



Please check your expiry date as some cards are due for renewal

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@cg.catholic.edu.au

The email will be checked regularly by Evelyn David - Hoole, Council Executive Secretary.

Christmas Community Event

A free family fun afternoon will be held on **FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER** at the Anglican parish of St Barnabas. Friends and family are invited to celebrate the start of the festive season and enjoy a free BBQ with free face painting; a free jumping castle and live music. There will be wonderful free craft activities for the children and a live nativity to get the family into the spirit of Christmas. Please come and join our Christmas Community Event at St Barnabas Church, 10 Charnwood Place, Charnwood, 3pm – 6pm.

2017 ACT Secondary Bursary Scheme

The ACT Government's Secondary Bursary Scheme provides financial assistance to low-income families with student (s) in Years 7 to 10 attending an ACT public, Independent or Catholic system school or are home schooled. To be eligible applicants must have a current Centrelink card or Healthcare card with means tested payment codes. The ACT Secondary Bursary Scheme is an annual payment of \$750 per eligible student. To ensure eligible applicants receive payment by February 2017, applications must be lodged by **30 November 2016**. Applications received after this date will be processed as soon as possible, and paid February 2017 onwards. Applications received by 30 June 2017 may be eligible for a full year's payment. Applications received from 1 July 2017 to 27 October 2017 will be eligible for a half-year payment of \$375. If you require further information please call the Bursary Administrator on 62058262 or via email at: ACTSecondaryBursary@act.gov.au.



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 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

An advertisement for GKR Karate. At the top is the GKR logo with 'Karate' written below it. The text reads: 'Footy is over Summer is coming now is the time to join', 'No contracts: pay as you go Family specials', and 'Children who train in karate are less likely to be bullied and school work and class behaviour can improve classes continue during school holidays'. There is a list of benefits: 'Build confidence', 'Improve fitness', 'Gain self discipline', and 'Learn self defence'. Below this is a photo of two young boys in white karate uniforms. At the bottom, it lists 'North side classes in: Evatt, Florey, Fraser, Harrison, Kaleen' and 'other classes: all around Canberra, Queanbeyan, Cooma, Yass'. Contact information is provided: 'contact Wendy 0406 375 091 wendy.gkr@gmail.com'. The slogan 'Learn self defense karate for all ages' is at the bottom.