



NEWSLETTER

Term 4 – Week 4 – 3 November 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/Carers

Wonderful news to share, Mrs Cerryanne Kelly is expecting a little 'Kelly' early next year. Cerryanne will be taking maternity leave for 2017.

Late last term I received notification that Gabriel Kenniff is resigning from her position at St Monica's and will be remaining in Sydney. We wish Gabriel all the very best for the future.

Following recent staffing interviews the following staff will be returning in 2017 – Miss Amanda Winne, Mrs Jacinda Vaughan and Miss Clare Battye. I congratulate them on their appointment.

After much consideration our SMOOSH Director, Miss Rebecca Perry, has decided to take up a position overseas for 2017. We will all miss Bec very much as she has been a vital part of the SMOOSH team, even before my arrival over 8 years ago. Bec's position will be advertised in the coming week.

Yesterday we held our Kindergarten Orientation day with a very excited 65 new Kindergarten children who spent a busy morning completing activities. Thank you to our Kindergarten teachers for their organisation – Mrs Sydney, Mrs McCann, Mrs Rosenfeld and Mrs Russell.

Thank you to Kath Stiller and all current Kindergarten families who assisted with morning tea in the hall. Thank you to Mrs Manning our Canteen Manager for her assistance, our Uniform Team for all your help and all who presented on the day. Our new Kinders will visit again on Wednesday 23 November 2016.

Thank you to all the parents, siblings and friends that were coaches/umpires last Sunday for the Catholic Schools Netball Carnival. Congratulations and well done to all the teams for their participation. A huge thank you goes out to Miss Catherine Du Bois and Miss Amanda Winne for organising the students who attended this event.

Please keep Kai G (5E) in your prayers. Kai commenced chemotherapy treatment in Sydney today. To support Kai's friends and peers in Year 5 we have a Clinical Nurse Consultant visiting St Monica's on Monday to talk to the children about Kai's treatment and the possible impact the chemo treatment will have on his body. We have also been fortunate to secure a booking with the Camp Quality Team to present a special children's show next Tuesday at 12.30pm to the Years 3 to 6 that address the issues around cancer. Parents may wish to speak to their children about this upcoming talk and show.

Thought for the Week: This is a story of four people named Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody. When there was an important job to be done, Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it. When Nobody did it Everybody got angry because it was Somebody's job. Everybody thought Somebody would do it but Nobody realised that Nobody would do it. So it ended up with Everybody blaming Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done in the same place.

God Bless

Carmel Maguire

SAFE, RESPONSIBLE AND RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

Learning Focus – Weeks 4-6

Be Respectful

Help each other with learning

We help our classmates. We can ask and answer questions, give them advice and we respect learning time.



Social Focus – Weeks 4-6

Be Safe

Play safe games

We play safely on the playground. This means we are considerate of others and play by the rules.



SCHOOL VALUE - Empathy

Empathy is trying to understand what another person is feeling. It is seeing the world through another's eyes. It helps people to get along better and to feel better.

GIVING EMPATHY



Having empathy is a key ingredient to becoming the best person you can be. You can practice empathy by:

- listening to someone rather than trying to talk to them
- asking someone how they are feeling if you think there is something wrong
- learning about people from different backgrounds and cultures
- showing concern and care for others
- paying attention to the needs of others
- getting to know someone better instead of judging them.

Empathy is easy to say, but hard to do.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please keep the families and students from Year 3 and the Parish School of Religion in your prayers as they prepare to make their First Reconciliation on 16 November.

Just a reminder: the cost of the program is \$20 payable to St Monica's via cash, credit card, QKr. If your family belong to the Parish Planned Giving there is no cost.

St Monica's Mini Vinnies and the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Our St Monica's Mini Vinnies group will lead school prayer next week. As part of their prayer they will launch our 2016 Christmas Hamper Appeal. The Mini Vinnies team will be actively promoting this appeal...so watch this space for details!



All Souls Day

Yesterday the Church commemorated All Soul's Day. This is the day where all people who have died are remembered in our prayers. This tradition is especially important for all our dear ones who are now in heaven and for those who have no one to pray for them.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Remembrance Day Wednesday 11 November

Students will lead the school in our Remembrance Day prayer at 10:40am in the school Hall. There will be a minute silence at 11:00am.

Carmel Rheinberger - Religious Education Coordinator



Sport Photos for School Magazine

On Tuesday 8 November all children involved in representative sporting events this year are to wear their sports uniform. Photos will occur between 9.00 – 11.00.

GENERAL INFORMATION

We are having a **Scholastic Book Fair!**



Where? St Monica's Library

When? 8-11 November 2016

Time? Before school from 8:30-9am
After school until 4pm

Perfect chance to get some Christmas presents sorted!

NB: Students will enter the Lucky Door Raffle during library lessons.

SAVE THE DATE

The St Monica's annual school fete is the school's biggest fundraiser of the year. Next year's fete will be held on **Saturday 4 March 10am – 2pm**. There will be lots of new and exciting attractions so keep an eye out in the newsletter and on the Skoolbag App for announcements.

2016 Fete Tally

It has taken us a while to make this announcement but we are very happy to finally announce that the total profit received from this year's fete was **\$35,303.62!!!** This money went towards the new 'Spider Park' near the kindergarten classrooms. The Fete Team would like to thank all our stall co-ordinators, volunteers and sponsors and the school and wider communities for making the 2016 fete a huge success. Thank you also to the teachers and staff, especially Carmel and Patrick, Steph, Allison and Rachel Hind for all the hard work and effort that went in behind the scenes.

2017 Sponsorship

If you have a business or know of one that would like to support the fete by sponsoring a stall, making a donation or contributing a prize to our Chocolate Wheel, please email stmfete@gmail.com. The success of our fete largely relies on the very generous support of our sponsors.

Volunteers

If you would like to assist with one of our many fabulous stalls please email stmfete@gmail.com and also keep a look out for announcements about our new online volunteer booking system coming soon.

Please don't forget that all volunteers including parents, grandparents and friends will need to have a current Working with Vulnerable People (WwVP) card. Please get in early and apply online through Access Canberra or collect a form from the school office. Add it to your pre-Christmas to-do list ☺

2017 Fete Theme

The 2017 fete will be a celebration of the school's 40th anniversary and so it seems apt that our theme will be 'Celebration'. We look forward to working with the school community to make this our biggest and best fete yet!
Fete Team.



Healthy Snack Recipe Competition – Have you entered?

Calling all budding chefs!!

How would you like to win a fabulous Cooking Masterclass with Kids Pantry for your whole class?

The Fresh Tastes team at St Monica's is holding an exciting competition.

Entry is simple: refer to the flier on the Alerts board on our App or the Website

1. Competition closes on Friday 11 November 2016 (end of Week 5).
2. Winning class will be announced in Week 6.
3. Selected Entries may be included in our St Monica's Cookbook, to be published in 2017 as part of our 40 Year anniversary celebrations.

7th Annual St Monica's Writing Competition



Entries are now sought for our annual writing competition. Students are invited to enter poems or short stories of no more than 500 words. Please hand in your typed entries to the Library **by tomorrow**. We look forward to reading your fantastic stories and poems. - Mrs Hind & Miss Brown

Kinder - Year 2 Swimming

A reminder that the K-2 swimming program is starting next week at the Gungahlin Leisure Centre.

The dates are as follows:

Week 5: Tuesday November 8th to Friday November 11th

Week 6: Tuesday November 15th to Friday November 19th

The session times are as follows:

| Classes | Depart School | Arrive at G.L.C. | Lesson time | Depart G.L.C. | Arrive School |
|---------|---------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| KS, 1V | 10.30am | 10.50am | 11-11.30 | 11.40am | 12.00noon |
| KM, 1B | 11.00am | 11.20am | 11.30-12.00 | 12.10pm | 12.30pm |
| KR, 1OH | 11.30pm | 11.50am | 12-12.30 | 12.40pm | 1:00pm |
| 2D, 2L | 12.00pm | 12.20pm | 12.30-1.00 | 1.10pm | 1.30pm |
| 2S | 12.30pm | 12.50pm | 1.00-1.30 | 1.40 | 2.00pm |

Please note – Recess and lunch times will vary across the classes during these two weeks. **Please check as it may be better if your child does not have a lunch order during Week 5 and 6 please.**

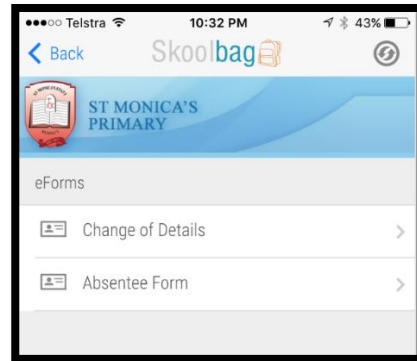
SMOOSH Enrolment for 2017

This is a reminder to all families who access our SMOOSH Care program. **All SMOOSH accounts must now be up to date before an offer of a place in our 2017 program will be confirmed.** We have a high demand for places and must ensure our program is consistent when offering places. This is the policy in other School Age Care Centres. Request for SMOOSH care in 2017 forms are due back tomorrow **Friday 4 November.**

Absentee Notes

A child's absence must be followed by a note indicating the date and reason for absence. I strongly recommend parents make use of the notification facility found on our school app. This is sent directly to the school office email address where we print it off for our school records. Emails are also acceptable. Class Rolls are checked each morning by 9.00am and again at 3.00pm. Rolls are a legal document and must accurately reflect a child's reason for non-attendance.

A reminder to parents to look for the Absentee Form on our Skoolbag under eForms. This is a quick way to notify the school as the forms come to the school's office email account and are printed daily.



Term 4 School Fees

Fees for Term 4 have been invoiced. **School fees are due by Friday 18 November.** Families leaving the school at the end of this year should ensure their fees are paid in full before the end of December. For any leaving families with a Direct Debit arrangement, the debit will continue until a zero balance is reached.

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.

For Sale – make an offer

We have two large corner adjustable desks looking for a good home/s. If you are interested, please let me know. As they are too big for classroom use and we do not have the available storage space, we need to get rid of them as soon as possible.



Swimming Carnival 2017 – Change in approach

Following an analysis of the number of children involved in our annual swimming carnival this year and the availability of family members to provide support on the day, the Council Executive have supported the following proposal.

- Only children aged 8-12 years competing in a 50m, 100m and 200m swimming event will be permitted to attend. All children in Years 5 and 6 to attend as part of their leadership role and those Year 5 and 6 students who pass the water safety test, will have the opportunity to compete in 25m events. This will streamline the carnival events and may encourage more of the older children to participate.
- All students remaining at school, including the junior school, will take part in a water fun day and activities at school.

Generally, at the carnival the non-swimmers or those who do not pass the swimming competency test, held on the day, spent most of the carnival time sitting in the stands and visiting the canteen. The school has also had to employed additional casual staff to assist with supervision.

Data used to inform decision

Swimming Carnival Statistics Response 2016

| Grades | 50m events | 25m event | Only Novelties | Did not attend |
|----------|------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| 3 & 4 | 30 | 39 | 27 | 19 |
| 5 & 6 | 50 | 20 | 37 | 19 |
| Students | 80 | 59 | 74 | 38 |
| % | 31% | 24% | 30% | 15% |

Year 4 Parent Information Night – BYODD

Due to the positive educational gains of the Bring Your Own Designated Device (BYODD) program introduced at the beginning of 2016, it will be continued for Year 5 and 6 students in 2017. To provide Year 4 parents with the opportunity to learn more about our program, expectations and what to purchase the staff are holding a workshop on **Monday 7 November at 6.30pm.**

How is Technology Transforming Education? Part 2 Pedagogy

Technology allows students to learn in different ways and develop a range of learning skills through the content of the Australian Curriculum.

Learning through projects (Literacy Out Loud - LOL), Maths investigations and matrices (Student Oriented Unlimited Learning – SOUL) encourages students to take responsibility for their learning while learning at their own pace. Allowing students choice in the tasks they complete, how they prepare and present their work (with or without technology), the spaces they work in, and the setting of high expectations helps students to develop autonomy, mastery and purpose.

Learning skills that are emphasised include: planning, setting goals, time management, collaborating with others, working independently and setting priorities. Content is taught in an integrated manner to emphasise connections in their learning and develop skills.

iPads in Education

With the integration of new and emerging technologies we can provide our students with the best opportunities for their learning. This also supports and strengthens the students' readiness for high school

Why the iPad and not another device when taking up a BYOD program?

- iPads are supported by CE school networks and by IT Services. Other devices are not supported at this time and may therefore encounter a number of technical issues.
- Sharing work between students and teachers is simpler across the same device type
- Teacher knowledge required to support learning, develop equivalent tasks and trouble shoot would have to be more extensive if catering across a range of device types
- Reduces device comparison and competition between students
- This tool allows for learning anywhere and anytime
- Fast start up - no wasted learning time waiting to log on
- Multimedia capabilities - camera, video
- Potential to collaborate with a wider audience
- Abundance of apps
- Touch interface - high interactivity
- 10 hour battery life
- Opportunity to learn in different forms
- Light and portable, easily carried in bag
- Minimal technological support required

Why we have a 1:1 iPad Program

The **i** in **iPad** means individual. The device is not intended to be shared or to have multiple simultaneous users.

In the last 5 years Apps (software on the iPad) have significantly improved and have more depth and sophistication. Therefore a considerable part of the plan is the careful discernment of Apps that are suited to the primary learning environment. Apps in the education sector have moved from drill and practice to the context of creation and presentation.

In **our** learning context, the iPad is intended to be a **LEARNING TOOL** to complement and support the learning and achievement not to be the learning. Research tells us that it is the teacher who makes the significant improvement in learning achievement and learning gain for students, far and above any tool. Content creation is the aspect of learning where students demonstrate & explain their learning – it is the choice and use of Apps to create that content. Students learn to fluently move between Apps in a workflow order to accomplish any task.

In the 21st century, content /information/ knowledge is readily available. *We are now living in a world where technology allows for learning to occur 'anywhere, anytime'.* Therefore students need to develop skills in collecting, organising, verifying, linking and presenting that information.

School Banking

School banking now occurs on **Tuesday** each week.

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

Advertising in our 2016 School Yearbook

We are seeking the support of local businesses to advertise in our Annual School Yearbook. Our Yearbook contains photos, events and stories from our students and staff and is a wonderful pictorial representation of the year. The St Monica's Yearbook is distributed to over 370 families within the school community, in the Belconnen Area, at the end of each school year.

To help subsidise printing costs we are seeking sponsorship from businesses in the form of advertising. If you would like to advertise in our 2016 Yearbook, please email your advertisement (PDF) or phone the school if you require more information.

Details are as follows (All prices are GST Inclusive):

| | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|--------|--------|
| Outside Back Cover | A4 | \$ | 300.00 | |
| Inside Front Cover | A4 | \$ | 250.00 | (Sold) |
| Inside Back Cover | A4 | \$ | 250.00 | (Sold) |
| Full Page | A4 | \$ | 150.00 | |
| Half Page | | \$ | 90.00 | |
| Quarter Page | | \$ | 60.00 | |

The 2016 yearbook will be sent out the week beginning 12 December. **Deadline for inclusion is Friday 25 November 2016**. All advertisements need to be in electronic form - PDF please.

Another option is through financial sponsorship where your business name will be listed with other businesses that have provided financial support.

If you require further information, please contact Allison Walsh by email: allison.walsh@catholic.edu.au.

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

| | |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| Kindergarten | Tyler B |
| Year 2 | Cooper W |
| Year 3 | William C, Katie R |
| Year 4 | Melanie R |
| Year 5 | Charlie O, Grace F, Leo D |
| Year 6 | Jaycob S |



AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS



Whole Assembly tomorrow (Friday 4 November) at 1pm led by 5/6M. Class and Star Awards presented. Pride Badges also to be presented.

Prayer Assembly (Wednesday 9 November) at 2.30pm – Mini Vinnies team leading. Value Awards for Week 4

| | Value Award – Empathy | Class Award – Maths |
|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| KS | Nathan M | Amelia B |
| KMR | Lillian F | Cameron H |
| KRG | Alex A | Patrick S |
| 1V | Gabe J | Michael H |
| 1B | Daniel I | Paolo C |
| 1OH | Evan L | Jasper T |
| 2L | Caitlin M | Giorgia M |
| 2S | Rose O | Alexandra B |
| 2D | Luke B | Remy D |
| 3R | Adrian S | Sienna H |
| 3D | Yong A | Jaidah T |
| 3/4RG | Milana K | Sophie T |
| 4C | Lachlan R | Paul S |
| 4W | Sophie H | Jack H |
| 5K | Patrick H | Hunter M |
| 5E | Oscar T | Ryan H |
| 5/6M | Victoria M | Ryan U |
| 6M | Grace P | Elisabeth R |
| 6S | Hannah C | Sam P |

M&M Star Medallions – Joshua Mc (1B) – from last week, Lauren F (1B) – from last week, Katie B (3/4RG), Lachlan G (5/6M), Andrew H (5/6M), Tara K (5/6M), Connor S (5/6M), Hannah C (6S), Elena S (6S) – 3rd star
Pride Badges – Anjeli R-G (5E)

SPORTING NEWS

ACT 12 & Under Track & Field Championships Results

Layla R (2D) – 1st Place in Girls 8 Yrs 70 Metre Sprint and 1st Place in Girls 8 Yrs 100 Metre Sprint.

Jessica H (5/6M) – 2nd Place in Girls 10 Yrs 100 Metre Sprint.

Ryan C (4W) – 3rd Place in Boys 8-10 Yrs 800 Metre Run.

Ribbons to be presented on Friday.

CANTEEN CORNER

Canteen Online Ordering

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

BIG NEWS! During Term 4 the Canteen will initiate the move from FlexiSchools to Qkr. This means that ALL school payments may be made within a single payment platform. Whilst the transition is in place, orders will be accepted from either platform. Families currently using FlexiSchools will be able to close their account and will have their account balances refunded by FlexiSchools.

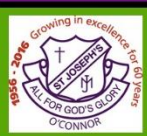
Roster for Term 4, Week 5

| | Early 9:15am - 11:45am | Late 11:30am -2:30pm |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| MONDAY 7/11/16 | Vacancy | Vacancy |
| TUESDAY 8/11/16 | Carol Lynch | Carol Lynch |
| WEDNESDAY 9/11/16 | Evelyn David-Hoole | Evelyn David-Hoole |
| THURSDAY 10/11/16 | June Manning Anne Carew | June Manning Anne Carew |
| FRIDAY 11/11/16 | Samantha Cox Tracy D'Ambrosio | June Manning Wendy Regan |

Thank you - *Samantha Manning* - Canteen Manager - 6258 4687

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

60th ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND



Everyone is welcome to attend the celebrations for our 60th Anniversary this weekend.

OPEN SCHOOL
12-2pm
SATURDAY 5
NOVEMBER

MASS
9am
SUNDAY 6
NOVEMBER

FAMILY PICNIC
10am
SUNDAY 6
NOVEMBER

Interested in Playing Softball?

Any children interested in playing Softball (and tee-ball) 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.



Karate

**Footy is over Summer is coming
now is the time to join**

**No contracts: pay as you go
Family specials**

Children who train in karate
are less likely to be bullied and
school work and class behaviour can improve

classes continue during school holidays

- Build confidence
- Improve fitness
- Gain self discipline
- Learn self defence



North side classes in:

Evatt
Florey
Fraser
Harrison
Kaleen

other classes: all around Canberra, Queanbeyan, Cooma Yass

contact Wendy 0406 375 091
wendy.gkr@gmail.com

Learn self defense karate for all ages

**Is your family interested in
the Spanish language?**

**Spanish Speakers Assoc. (OSITOS) and
the Pioneros Scout Group welcome
everyone to join our**

OPEN DAY

— of —

**OSITOS (classes for children or parents)
and the 'PIONEROS' Scout Group**

**Friday 18th November
4.30pm until late!**



- Fun Games & Activities
- Delicious Latin American BBQ
- Shows • Art Exhibition
and much more!

Turner Scout Hall
11 Masson St, Turner

ositoscool.com.au

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.