



NEWSLETTER

Term 4 – Week 5 – 10 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



On behalf of the staff I would like to express my thanks to Megan Scott, Chair Community Council, for coordinating the beautiful morning tea the staff enjoyed to celebrate World Teachers Day, on Friday 28 October. The teachers felt very special!



Families Leaving

This week we said Farewell to the Aba family (Sam, 5E). We wish them all the best.

Staff Leaving

This week Mrs Agi Ryan advised that she will be taking up the position of Director at Nan's Child Care Centre & Preschool in Scullin, effective from 21 November 2016. Next week will be Agi's last week at St Monica's.

Mrs Sally Gervink has recently accepted a part time permanent position at the Anglican School at Googong, commencing in 2017. While sad to be leaving St Monica's Sally's new school is located very close to home.

We will miss Sally and Agi as they are both highly professional and have made a positive contribution to our community. I wish them both all the very best for the future.

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

Lord Jesus,
So many people approached you for comfort and healing.
You touched each one with your words and healing grace.
Increase my capacity for empathy.
Let me see each person's suffering as you would.

Help me to overcome my fears in order to be a source of comfort and hope.

In your sacred name, I pray.

Amen.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please pray for the following students who will make their First Reconciliation next Wednesday night at 6:30pm.



Fletcher A, Jack A, Corey B, Lillian B, Sean B, Ava B, Emma B, Nellie B, Rocco C, Dominic C, Gabrielle C, Gabriela C, Samuel C, Sebby D, Angelo F, Haylie F, Samuel G, Gabriel H, Riley H, Imogen H, Ellie H, Sienna H-C, Jessica H, Christopher J, Lucia J, Marin J, Yaroslava K, Milana K, Connor L, Caydence L, Hena L, James L, Sophia M, Alicia Mc, Madeline N, Joseph O'D, Zoe O'H, Harrison P, Joshua R, Annie R, Sebastian R, Katie R, Isabelle R, Adrian S, Elyse S, Isabella S, Kate S, Dita S, Ruby S, Brock T, Chiara W, Emily W, Dion W.

St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal

Our St Monica's Mini Vinnie's team launched our St Vincent DePaul Christmas Appeal yesterday. As the year of Mercy comes to a close it is a good reminder that one of the Corporal works of mercy is to feed the hungry. The St Monica's St Vincent de Paul Conference endeavours to provide a Christmas dinner for the people who receive the hampers. They have sent in a list of appropriate foods.



Mince pies, Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings, Tinned Hams, tinned fruit and vegetables, jellies, long life /boxed custard, biscuits and crackers, lollies, Christmas Stockings, Chips, Chocolate, soft drinks, tea, instant coffee, hot chocolate mix, jams, spreads, chutneys, gluten free items. The Conference is grateful for all donations but does request that items are not past their use by date.

The hampers will be presented to the St Vincent de Paul at the end of year Giving Mass.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Remembrance Day

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, an armistice was signed that called an end to World War I. After World War II, this day of remembrance became known as Remembrance Day, to honour the people who died in all wars. It's easy for us to take our freedom for granted, when we are not threatened to lose it on a daily basis. It's also easy to forget that times of peace have come at the great cost of many lives lost. Let's take time on Friday 11 November to remember the freedom that we enjoy!



5E will coordinate the school in our Remembrance Day prayer at 10:40am in the school hall. There will be a minutes silence at 11:00am. You are most welcome to attend.

Trivia Night News

Congratulation to Emma Howlett and Rachael Hind on their coordination of a great night. While only a small gathering this year everyone had a great time and enjoyed lots of laughs.

Council Executive News

SMOOSH Fees 2017

Last week the Council Executive approved the follow SMOOSH fee for 2017

	Permanent	Casual
Before School	\$13.00	\$15.00
After School	\$25.00	\$26.50
Vacation Care	\$50 + excursion and incursion costs	

Carols on the St Monica's Oval

Yes, Christmas is only six weeks away. This year we are inviting the school community to gather on the oval for a picnic tea and to share Christmas Carols to be led by the children. We have set aside Thursday 1 December commencing at 5.30pm for this special occasion.



We thought it would be helpful if we fired up the BBQ on the night. If you are interested in assisting with coordinating the BBQ please let me know by contacting the office.

Scholastic Book Fair! Last day tomorrow!



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.

Kinder - Year 2 Swimming

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

The dates are as follows:

Week 6: Tuesday November 15 to Friday November 19

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

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.

Semester Two Reports

With the end of the year fast approaching the teachers are busy finalising your child's school reports. The reports will be issued on Monday 5 December 2016. Should you be leaving prior to this date please let your child's teacher know, as soon as possible, so that I can ensure it is signed off in time. While formal interviews will not be arranged the teachers will be available once the reports are issued to discuss any concerns you may have. We are currently finalising the best afternoon to make available for parents to request an interview if required.

fresh TASTES | healthy food at school

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.

Year 5 & 6 Camp 2017

Next year all Year 5 and 6 students will attend camp at the same time. This camp will be taking place in Week 8 of Term 1, from Wednesday 22 March to Friday 24 March 2017 at Cooba Sport and Education Camp in Berridale, NSW. Participation in this school camp will provide the children with many wonderful experiences that focus on interpersonal skills including co-operation, team building, initiative and leadership.

The cost per child to attend the camp is \$305. This covers the cost of accommodation, meals, bus hire and additional course supplies. To secure a place for your child we require a deposit of \$100.00 due by **Friday 9 December 2016** and full payment by **Friday 3 March 2017** (Week 5, Term 1 2017). Information notes along with permission slips/medical forms were sent home with children earlier in the week. **Permission notes** must be returned by **Friday 18 November 2016** as we must notify Cooba of numbers attending plus any special dietary needs. If you have any questions please contact Patrick Ellis, Assistant Principal.

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.

Review of Student Support Programs

Early this week I sent out an alert requesting a response to the two student support programs currently in place to help with the wellbeing of our students. Your feedback to our current programs would be appreciated.

Program 1 - Chaplaincy Program.

For the past 8 years St Monica's has received a grant of \$20000 initially for the Australian Government and now through the National School Chaplaincy Program 2015-2018 - ACT National School Chaplaincy Program. Each year we are required to seek parental feedback and support for the continuation of this program in the school. The funds received cover the cost to employ Mr Bob Fletcher for 20hrs a fortnight to support our identified goals:

- To be an attentive listener/support for all students including those students with emotional and related needs; and
- To coordinate programs with other staff to assist students develop their communication and resilience skills and to manage grief ie Seasons for Growth.

Program 2 - School Counsellor – CatholicCare

Catholic Schools across our Archdiocese are provided with an allocation of counselling support provided by CatholicCare. The amount of counselling time allocated to each school is determined by Catholic Education, based on school enrolment numbers. The cost to employ counsellors is covered by Catholic Education; schools are not asked to meet the cost of employing the counsellor. This counselling offered is a service with the employment and appointment of counsellors being managed by CatholicCare. This year Morena Minero de Gonzalez was appointed to St Monica's.

The St Monica's staff value both programs and strongly supports their continuation. I now need to hear from our parent community and those families whose children have accessed support via our Chaplaincy Program or School Council Program to ensure we are providing the best service possible.

We value your comments. Please return the response sheet by Monday 14 November 2016.

Year 4 Parent Information Night – BYODD

On Monday we hosted an information session for our Year 4 parents outlining our BYODD program in Years 5 & 6. Many thanks to Monika Richards who led the evening and to Mr Christopher Evans and two students from 5E, Millie A-C and Lachlan F who very capably demonstrated the use of the iPad in the classroom. Information will be sent home to those families who were unable to attend and do not have a child currently in Years 5 or 6.

How is Technology Transforming Education? Part 3 BYODD in Years 5 & 6 - Why?

Years 5 & 6 are the senior years in primary school and therefore they are being prepared as independent learners for high school. The particular emphasis on developing learning skills will benefit students during this transition and later in their adult life.

Internet Safety

Digital Citizenship & Cyber safety workshops for both students and parents will be run at the commencement of the school year to help support families while working through the issues surrounding the use of technology in today's society. There will also be an ongoing focus in the classroom throughout the year to help students develop the necessary skills in a safe and supportive environment.

General Expectations for Year 5 and 6 students

- St Monica's iPad policy/user agreements will be discussed with and signed by students & parents prior to use in the classroom.
- Bring the iPad each day to school, fully charged. iPads must be fully charged overnight.
- Keep the iPad in a robust case.
- Store the iPad in a safe place when not in use. iPads will be stored in a specific location in each classroom and the classrooms are locked when the teacher is not present.
- Use the iPad for school-related activities: iPads are intended for school-related activities, not games or videos.
- Keep electronic communication school related. No non-school related e-communication is allowed during the school day.
- Insurance of the iPad is the responsibility of the parents/caregivers. Many home contents insurance policies include devices but please check with your policy provider. Parents/carers may wish to consider AppleCare + for iPads which provides up to two year of expert telephone technical support and additional hardware coverage from Apple1, including up to two incidents of accidental damage, each subject to a \$65 service fee.

Minimum Specifications

We are asking students to bring Apple iPad devices only. The preference is an iPad Air 2 32GB Wifi. This is the ideal model however other iPad models will be compatible. The iPad must have a durable cover, preferably with a keyboard.

Discount available

Due to the school purchasing through Apple at the Canberra Centre, Apple offers special iPad and Mac pricing for students attending our school. This special pricing is available for purchases made at Apple Stores, through our school's customised online store or via the Apple contact centre. If you are purchasing in-store or over the phone just let the Specialist know our school's name. Finance options are also available for purchases if you are purchasing at an Apple Store or online. Refer to the Apple Purchasing Portal created for St Monica's via the online link http://store.apple.com/au_eduind-k12-discounted_802593 to purchase the Apple solution we've selected for your child's use in the classroom. The custom page ensures that you're buying the device your child needs, and it offers all the same great features of the regular Apple Online Store, like free delivery. Families can call 133-622 to purchase through the Apple contact centre. To find your local Apple store visit www.apple.com/au/retail. Please feel free to shop around with Christmas deals coming up.

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@cg.catholic.edu.au.

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.



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.

Birthdays

Year 1	Diego C
Year 3	Jasper M
Year 4	Sophie H



AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS



No Assembly tomorrow (Friday 11 November).

Prayer Assembly (Wednesday 16 November) at 2.30pm led by 5/6M. Value Awards for Week 5 presented.

	Value Award – Empathy	Class Award – Written Presentation of Work
KS	Joel M	Mason N
KMR	Grace S	Jakob K
KRG	Talija M	Cody M
1V	Archie S	Annabelle F
1B	Finn D	Shaye S
1OH	Makenna M	Ador D
2L	Bethanie G	Isobel C
2S	Micaela M	Mary D-H
2D	Amber M	Brian H
3R	Ria M	Harrison P
3D	Dita S	Angelo F
3/4RG	Bailey A	Jackson G
4C	Sam Mc	Georgia M
4W	Patrick E	Domenic S
5K	Leo B	Claire R
5E	Nicholas H	Sam A
5/6M	Lauren H	Ava J
6M	Amarlia R	Sophie H
6S	Elena S	Ben Mc

M&M Star Medallions –

Pride Badges – William C (3R), Katie B (3/4RG), Nicholas I (4C), Tara K (5/6M), Elena S (6S)

SPORTING NEWS

Brindabella Physis

Ruby S (3D), Shakai L (6S), Grace P (6M) and Charlotte F (6M) will be competing in Teams for Brindabella Physis on Saturday 12 November at Olympic Park in Sydney. We wish them all the best.

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.

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 6

	Early 9:15am - 11:45am	Late 11:30am - 2:30pm
MONDAY 14/11/16	Vacancy	Vacancy
TUESDAY 15/11/16	Vacancy	Vacancy
WEDNESDAY 16/11/16	Evelyn David-Hoole	Evelyn David-Hoole
THURSDAY 17/11/16	June Manning Anne Carew	June Manning Anne Carew
FRIDAY 18/11/16	Jenny Fulivai June Manning	June Manning Wendy Regan

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

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Walk4BrainCancer

9.30am Sunday, 13 November 2016, Stromlo Forrest Park
Walk the 2km flat track as many times as you like. A further 3km bush walk is also available on the Mt Stromlo equestrian trail. After the walk there will be a BBQ and entertainment for all ages. <https://www.walk4braincancer.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.



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

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.



Love the Raiders? Love your Canberra Community?

Join the team today as a Canberra Raiders Volunteer!

What the Raiders are looking for:

- Working with vulnerable people card (compulsory)
- Outstanding interpersonal and communication skills
- A 'can-do' and friendly attitude
- Willingness to work in teams and independently
- Any customer service experience highly regarded

What the Raiders can give you:

- Experience working with the capitals largest sporting organisation
- Local engagement with your community
- 2017 Raiders Membership
- VIP parking at games
- Food and beverage voucher on game days
- Raiders uniform
- Other benefits dependent on contribution
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If you are interested in volunteering with the Canberra Raiders head to the Raiders website

[http://www.raiders.com.au/community/volunteer_with_the_r.ht
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Please contact the Raiders on 02 6253 3515 with any questions or email volunteer@raiders.com.au