



NEWSLETTER

Term 4 – Week 6 – 17 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

Recently I was approached by a parent to explore, once again, the setting up of a contact team for each grade to help connect families socially. This is a wonderful way to network families and improve general communication across the school.

Being part of the **St Monica's Connect Network** is a great way to meet other families and be involved in the school community. It really would not require immense amounts of your time. A suggested idea could be families in a grade meet by the lake for a BBQ one evening. I'm sure you have lots of ideas to share.

The first member of our St Monica's Connect Network is Fiona Steinberg. Fiona will have two children at St Monica's in 2017 (Year 4 & Kinder) If this sounds like something you would like to be part of please let me know by emailing office.stmonicas@cq.catholic.edu.au. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Next Wednesday our 2017 Kindergarten students will be visiting St Monica's between 9.00am – 11.00am. A reminder to parents that an invitation to meet for coffee at the Spence shops during this time was included with the information provided in the pack. Thanks to Alicia Priest for suggesting this great Community Connect opportunity, especially to make our new families feel welcomed.

Next year St Monica's celebrates 40 years. I would like to convene a committee to help coordinate possible events to mark this occasion. If you would like to get involved please let me know. We would look at convening the committee early in the year.

We are noticing that many of the children are extremely tired, particularly our K – 2s due to swimming. Please take some time to discuss our rule focus for the coming weeks.

God Bless

Carmel Maguire
Principal

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 4-6

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.



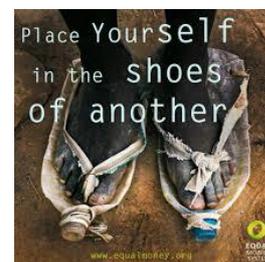
SCHOOL VALUE - Empathy

EMPATHY

A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising the 4 pups and set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of a little boy.

"Mister," he said, "I want to buy one of your puppies."

"Well," said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat off the back of his neck, "These puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money." The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer. "I've got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look?" "Sure," said the farmer. And with that he let out a whistle. "Here, Dolly!" he called.



Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur. The little boy pressed his face against the chain link fence. His eyes danced with delight. As the dogs made

their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse. Slowly another little ball appeared, this one noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward manner, the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up... "I want that one," the little boy said, pointing to the runt. The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would."

With that the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up one leg of his trousers. In doing so he revealed a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attaching itself to a specially made shoe. Looking back up at the farmer, he said, "You see sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands." With tears in his eyes, the farmer reached down and picked up the little pup.

<https://sites.google.com/a/wautoma.k12.wi.us/character-education/stories-about-empathy>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Last night we celebrated with fifty three of our students as they made their First Reconciliation. The children were very reverent and approached the Sacrament with a mature and prayerful attitude.



We extend our thanks to Fr Loi, who with Fr Johnny, Fr Gerard and Fr Bernie, lead our young people through this special time. We acknowledge Fr Loi's trip back from Galong where he and the other priests are on their annual retreat. THANK YOU!

Thank you too, their parents for walking with your children through this important step on their journey of faith. As Fr Loi said last night 'it is to you that they look for guidance and inspiration'.

And finally to their teachers who have worked hard to prepare the children- Catherine du Bois, Monika Richards, Carmel Rheinberger, Kirsty Godschalx and Shirley Boag. Thankyou

Here are some reflections from the children:

- 'I felt forgiveness, I felt good, not upset or guilty' Milana
- 'When you go to Fr it is one of the most special times in the world.' Gabe
- 'At first I was really nervous, when I got to Fr I wasn't any more.' Nellie
- 'I really liked it, I felt really happy that God had taken away my sins, I felt forgiven.' CL
- 'I felt really happy that I was able to tell God all the things that I have done wrong in my life.
- I felt really happy and forgiven.' GC
- 'It felt good to say sorry at Reconciliation last night- I enjoyed getting my certificate.' JR

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

Baskets are now in classrooms across the school. Each basket has a list of food items requested by St Monica's St Vincent de Paul Conference. Please consider items from this list (also published below) when purchasing. The society has in the past, distributed over sixty hampers to needy people in this parish. That is a lot of Christmas dinners!



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.

Carmel Rheinberger - REC

GENERAL INFORMATION

SMOOSH Care 2017 Bookings

A reminder to any current SMOOSH families who have not yet enrolled for 2017 please contact the SMOOSH office ASAP to enrol as places are limited. Current payments must be up to date before an offer of a place will be made for 2017.

Vacation Care

Vacation Care bookings for both our December 2016 and January 2017 programs are now open. A reminder to families that you can book & pay via the Qkr! App.

Council Executive News

SMOOSH Fees 2017

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

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

fresh TASTES | healthy food at school

Healthy Snack Recipe Competition - Our winners!

Congratulation to KS the winning class with the most entries submitted for our recent recipe competition. KS will now participate in a cooking class activity with Kids Pantry on Tuesday, 22 November at about 12pm.

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 Tuesday 6 December 2016. Should you be leaving prior to this date please let your child's teacher know, as soon as possible, so that Carmel Maguire 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.

Carols on the St Monica's Oval

Yes, Christmas is only five 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. Christmas Carols on the Oval will be replacing our traditional Kinder Nativity Assembly. All grades will be involved.



We thought it would be helpful if we fired up the BBQ on the night. If you are interested in assisting with the BBQ please let me know by contacting the office. Thank you to Kathy Moir and Evelyn David-Hoole who have very kindly offered to coordinate those happy to volunteer.



Candy Canes

Christmas is just around the corner and while the custom of giving Candy Canes with Christmas Cards is a lovely gesture. A reminder to parents that the giving and sharing of lollies at school is not permitted.

Canteen – Moving to Qkr!

Fantastic news! Our Canteen has now been set up in our Qkr app, this means we now accept payments for all school, canteen, SMOOSH, uniform shop & fundraisers in the one safe & secure app.



We will commence using Qkr for Canteen Recess & Lunch orders from Monday 21 November. Orders for Special Lunch Days will also be available through Qkr.

For families currently using FlexiSchools, whilst the transition is in place orders will be accepted from either platform. You will be able to close your account and will have the account balance refunded by FlexiSchools.

Disco Coordinator/s for 2017

Passing on the baton. Many thanks to Emma Shea and Lisa Simpson for their fabulous coordination of the school disco's over the last few years. I am sincerely grateful for the time and effort given to the organisation of these events. It is now time to pass on the coordination to families with children in the junior grades. If you are interested, please let me know as I will put you in touch with Emma and Lisa. They have great records that will make the handover a breeze.



Kinder Playground - Tanbark

We are still looking for help to move some of the tanbark to our kinder playground. If you can spare an hour or two please contact the office.



News from the Library

Thank you to all the families who supported our Book Fair. The proceeds from the Book Fair go straight back into our own Library, enabling us to buy more books for borrowing! A big thank you to Sharon Friend and Sam Manning for helping in the Book Fair.

Congratulations to the winners of the Book Fair Raffle:

- Ava S (2S)
- Rohan G (1OH)
- Claudia G (4W)

Week 7 is the last week for borrowing books from the Library. Please return all Library books in Week 8 and 9. The Library will be closed for Stock-take in Week 10. Thank you to the fantastic people who help in the Library and cover books for us. Much appreciated!

7th Annual St Monica's Writing Competition

Congratulations to the winners of the 7th Annual St Monica's Writing Competition. The standard of writing entries is going up every year. Well done to all who entered. The stories and poems are on display in the Library. Certificates and prizes were handed out last Monday morning at assembly.

Grade	Poetry	Story Writing
Kinder	Sarah D-H	Jakob K
Year 1	N/A	Holly F
Year 2	Mary D-H	Laura G
Year 3	Anjelo F	Sebby D
Year 4	Sophie H	Patrick E
Year 5	Millie- A-C Charlotte J	Alicia R
Year 6	Elena S	Alison F Lauren H

Happy reading! - Mrs Hind & Miss Brown

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 have been sent home. **Permission notes** must be returned by **tomorrow** as we must notify Cooba of numbers attending plus any special dietary needs. If you have any questions please contact Patrick Ellis, Assistant Principal.

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.

How is Technology Transforming Education? Part 3 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 are 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.

Justification of the 32GB of storage

While much of the students' work will be stored in apps with cloud based storage, students will also be completing creative tasks that require the use of iMovie, photos and videos, which will quickly fill the storage on a 16GB device. Students also need approximately 5GB of free space on their device at all times to allow for software updates and new apps.

Life span of an iPad

Will I be able to pass it down to younger siblings when they enter Year 5/6? The original iPad was released in April 2010. This iPad was usable until the release of the iOS 8 operating system in late 2014, which was not available for the original iPad due to the limited 256MB of RAM. Based on this, an iPad's lifespan is currently expected to be approximately 4 years before it is unable to be updated with the current software. Software upgrades are likely to make current iPad models out-dated down the track. This does not take into account breakages that may happen during the use/lifespan of the product. It therefore would be possible to hand down the device to younger siblings should families wish to do so. However, it will depend on the condition of the individual's device and software compatibility issues at that future time.

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	(Sold)
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.

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	Alex C
Year 2	Laura G
Year 3	Sam G, Yong A, Matthew Mc
Year 5	Hannah B, Emily C, Rocio F, Bailey R



AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS



Whole Assembly tomorrow (Friday 18 November) at 1pm led by 4C and 4W. Class and Star Awards for Week 5 and 6 presented.

Prayer Assembly (Wednesday 23 November) at 2.30pm led by Year 3. Value Awards for Week 6 presented.

	Value Award – Empathy	Class Award – Teacher Choice
KS	Lorenzo S	William Mc
KMR	Jack R	Sophie B
KRG	Bella P	Sophie S
1V	Lucy O	Chase M
1B	Connor K	Giuseppe C
1OH	Amour A	Xavier M
2L	Elspeth S	Clancy P
2S	Peter M	Conner H
2D	Gabriella F	Aurelia S
3R	Dominic C	William C
3D	Sebby D	Isabella L
3/4RG	Anthony F	Natalie L
4C	Jorja J	Tom P
4W	Jack H	Ryan C
5K	Jess W	Maddison G
5E	TBA	TBA
5/6M	Carys M	Ryan G
6M	Charlotte F	Marko J
6S	Jack M	Nicholas B
M&M Star Medallions – Mya L (KMR), Jack A (3D), Annie R (3/4RG), Jorja J (4C), Zara D (4C) – 3 rd star, Rowan D (4C) – 3 rd star, Nicholas I (4C) – 3 rd star		
Pride Badges –		

Piano News - AMEB Piano Exam Results

Congratulations to the following students, who did very well in their recent piano exams:

Charlie O (5E) – Credit, Mia S (6S) – Honours, Elena S (6S) - High Distinction. Well done. A fantastic effort!

SPORTING NEWS

Sport Leaders for 2017

Congratulation to the following student who were elected by their team to lead our sporting teams in 2017.

Name	House Team
Claire R 5K, Natalia M 5E, Lachlan G 5/6M, Josh C5/6M	Buru
Lara Mc 5K, Ava J 5/6M, Chad C 5/6M, Millie A-C	Mirri
Carys M 5/6M, Jess W 5K, Nathan F 5K, Holly W 5E	Mugga
Paddy D 5/6M, Charlotte W 5E, Jessica H 5/6M, Cooper M 5/6M	Walga

CANTEEN CORNER

Friday Lunch Orders only available via Qkr or FlexiSchools due to availability of helpers.

Roster for Term 4, Week 7

	Early 9:15am - 11:45am	Late 11:30am -2:30pm
MONDAY 21/11/16	Rowena Thompson	Rowena Thompson
TUESDAY 22/11/16	Vacancy	Vacancy
WEDNESDAY 23/11/16	Evelyn David-Hoole	Evelyn David-Hoole
THURSDAY 24/11/16	June Manning Anne Carew	June Manning Anne Carew
FRIDAY 25/11/16	Tracy D'Ambrosio Samantha Cox	June Manning Wendy Regan

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

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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.

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.



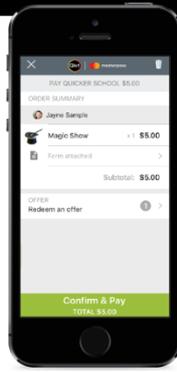
TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. How do I complete my payment after submitting a form?

A. Some activities have electronic forms attached that need to be completed prior to making the payment for the item. It is important to ensure that after you complete the form, you also complete the payment step.

To complete a form and the payment:

1. Open Qkr!
2. Select the activity that you are purchasing and 'Add to cart'.
3. Tap 'OK' when prompted for additional information.
4. Enter your Qkr password to sign in to the form then complete the information as required. Fields with a red asterisk (*) are mandatory to be completed.
5. Sign the form if required and tap Next or Submit when complete to add the activity and form to the cart.
6. Tap Checkout at the bottom of the screen to display your order summary showing that there is a form attached.
7. Tap 'Confirm & Pay' and submit the payment.



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 you 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



TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. How can I be sure my child's food order has been received by the school?

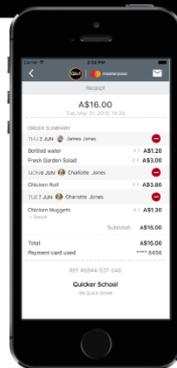
A. Qkr! is the safe, secure, reliable way to pay for school food orders. Your eReceipt is confirmation that the order has been received by the school.

On canteen days the staff print stickers for each Qkr! order containing the child's name, class and order details. Orders are prepared and placed in individual bags labelled with the stickers for ease of identification.

Qkr! orders are much more efficient to prepare than cash orders. Ordering with Qkr!:

1. Speeds up preparation so canteen staff have more time to prepare and serve food;
2. Reduces the time spent on cash handling tasks;
3. Reduces the need for your child to carry cash to school, so no more worrying about lost lunch money.

Check your school's nominated cut-off time for Qkr! Orders. Food orders cannot be placed after the cut-off time, giving the canteen staff sufficient time to prepare the orders.



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 defence

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

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

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