



St Monica's News

Term 1 – Week 5 – 2 March 2017

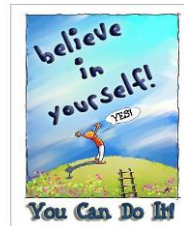
At St Monica's we are a vibrant Catholic community that works collaboratively to empower its members to be inclusive learners, custodians and citizens

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Believe in Yourself

Dear Parents & Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the amazing staff at St Monica's. The amount of time, care and effort they give to each child at our school is inspiring. I have had many conversations with staff members over the last week and now as a parent of the school community as well, I feel that our children are in the best possible care. All staff are passionate and dedicated to ensure we continue to have an engaging and supportive learning environment. I would like to thank the parents and families of St Monica's for your continued support and being an active member of the team at school to ensure each child reaches their full potential.



This week we asked parents to book into a session with their child's classroom teacher to discuss goal setting. These 10 minute chats are intended to be for the class teacher, parents and child to sit and discuss strengths and areas of focus. Any issue with booking online for these meetings please contact the school office.

Just a reminder that we have moved to online ordering for our Canteen this year. This decision was made last year and advertised throughout our newsletter during Term 4. With the difficulty getting canteen parent helpers, lunch orders not being handed in and the time taken with handling money, the decision was made by the School Executive supported by the Community Council to move to using Qkr!. This is an easy process which can be completed using the Qkr! app or on the Qkr! website. Qkr! does not charge you for ordering unlike Flexischools which was used last year.

Also a reminder that our school newsletter and calendar of events is available on our Skoolbag app. If you do not have a device where you can access the app, our school website is the perfect place to visit regularly to keep up to date. Everything that is on the Skoolbag app is also available on the school website. Moving to online options has allowed staff time to focus even more on the teaching and learning occurring in the school instead of these administration tasks which can take a lot of time to organise.

Two more sleeps till our Annual School Fete. There has been much buzz throughout the school this week as the excitement builds. Thank you to the whole school community for your support from donating chocolate bars, selling raffle tickets, bringing in tombola bottles, purchasing value tickets and baking cakes. See you at the fete!

Enjoy the week ahead.

Patrick Ellis

Acting Principal

SAFE, RESPONSIBLE AND RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

LEARNING FOCUS Be Respectful Use our Manners

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



SOCIAL FOCUS Be Safe Play Safe Games

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



VALUE FOCUS - Understanding

Understanding

Without an understanding mind, there would be no learning. People who don't practice understanding don't use their minds fully. People who use their minds to understand and solve problems, have great insights and wonderful ideas. People who use their hearts to understand, show compassion and forgive others for their mistakes.

"Try to understand people. If you understand each other you will be kind to each other. Knowing a person well never leads to hate and almost always leads to love." John Steinbeck



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

LENT

Yesterday the Church entered the season of Lent. We celebrated with the parish Ash Wednesday Mass.

Fr Loi spoke to us of the three tenets of LENT: Fasting, Giving and Praying. Fr Loi told us a story- a family in Australia wanted to do something for the poor in the Philippines and gave Fr Loi some money. When he was visiting his home town last year, he gave a family a gift of thongs (because the children had no shoes) and pencils etc. Two days later the family returned to him with two live chickens! in thanks for the gifts....He kept one, and returned the other with gratitude! And then he asked us the difficult question? What can you give- that is not your extra?... is it time? Patience? Forgiveness? Money?

What can you do this Lent?

All classes have been given Project Compassion Boxes. They will be encouraged to be generous this lent. \$75 dollars will provide a piglet and training on its care, for a family in the Philippines, which then enables them to generate a stable income.



The link below takes you to an inspirational story- it might inspire you!

<http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent/articles/curbside-mercy-an-89-year-olds-lenten-practice>



Lord,

Let everything I do this day and in this season of Lent

come from you, be inspired by you.

I long to be closer to you.

Help me to remember that nothing is important in my life unless it glorifies you in some way.

Help me to rely on you for help.

Please, Lord, remind me that "perfection" isn't the crazy, "successful" way I try to live my life, but a perfection of my most authentic, real self.

My "perfection" might be holding my many flaws in my open hands, asking you to help me accept them.

Amen.

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu>

Carmel Rheinberger – Religious Education Coordinator

SACRAMENTS – 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 11 October

Reconciliation Commitment Masses:

Saturday 14 October 6:00pm, Sunday

15 October 10:00am

Sacrament of First Reconciliation:

Wednesday 22 November



GENERAL INFORMATION



FETE NEWS

2 sleeps to go!!! The Fete Team is looking forward to celebrating with you all THIS Saturday. Come along and join the 40th annual fete fun.

A checklist was sent home last week and the fete team would be most grateful if parents could please assist with as many items on that list as they can. As parents ourselves we know that we are asking a lot, but being the school's biggest annual fundraiser we hope that you can bear with us and contribute where you can. The end goal is in sight!

Raffle Ticket Books

Raffle tickets are now overdue. Please return any books, sold or unsold to your child's class teacher or to the front office as soon as possible. As a last resort you can also bring your tickets along on Saturday and drop them off near the Chocolate Wheel. It is a legal requirement that all raffle books (even unsold) be returned.

Volunteers

We are still looking for volunteers to assist with some of our stalls and to assist our Treasurer on the day of the fete. If you can help, please email: stmfete@gmail.com with your contact details and your availability between 10am and 2pm on 4 March. Alternatively complete and return the form sent home on Tuesday.

Value Tickets sales

It's not too late to get your value tickets. Tickets are \$12.00 each and include \$18.50 worth of value. The Fete Team will be selling the last of the Value Tickets under the blacktop on Friday afternoon from 2.50pm.

Book Stall

Class winners for collecting the most books are **Week 3 – 2L and Week 4 – 5/6M.**

Wet Weather

The Fete will go ahead rain or shine so come along for a fabulous day with us.

Fete Team

Year 5/6 Camp

Year 5 and 6 students will attend Camp in Week 8, from Wednesday 22 March to Friday 24 March 2017 at Cooba Sport and Education Centre 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. We require a note for any child not attending Camp. Reminder - **Full payment for camp is to be paid by tomorrow, Friday 3 March 2017.**

Tree Removal

On Monday 6 March there will be a Cherry Picker at 36 Montagu Place removing a large palm tree. This will be occurring between 7.30am and 3.00pm. Please do not park or stop in Montagu Place between these times.

Champions' Reading Challenge



To encourage our students to keep reading the St Monica's staff will once again challenge all of our students to read **12 books** by the end of Term 1. Students are required to record the books they have read (see Mrs Hind for sheet), with an adult signing off on each of the books they have read. Any type of book can be recorded, including readers, fiction, non-fiction, picture books and chapter books. Students can complete the recording of their sheets during Library lessons or at home and additional sheets can be picked up from the Library. When each student completes the challenge they are required to place the sheet in the box in the Library. All students who enter will be in the draw for gift vouchers from **Book Passion**, which will be drawn at the final assembly in Term 1. Students can enter more than once. Good luck! Happy reading - Mrs Hind

COMMUNITY COUNCIL OPEN MEETING



YOU ARE INVITED TO
ATTEND A COMMUNITY
COUNCIL OPEN MEETING
TUESDAY 28 MARCH
6.30-7PM
STAFFROOM



Literacy

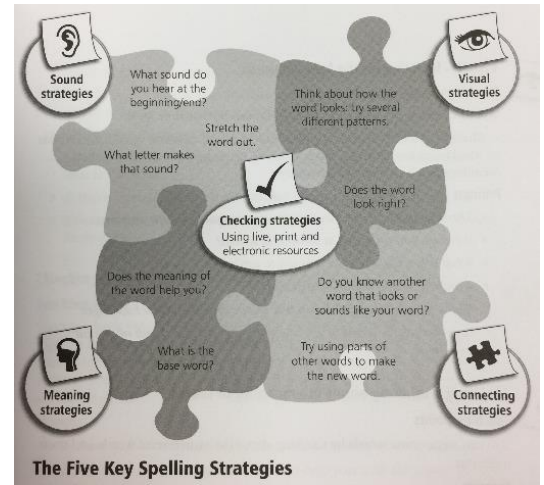


This Year the Literacy Team will be looking at ways to assist our students to use a range of Spelling strategies to improve their spelling in the context of their written work. Did you know spelling is made up of 2 key components phonemes and graphemes? Phonemes are the sounds that make up our language e.g 'a' in *sat* Graphemes are the letters or symbols that represent these sounds, e.g. the letter names that correspond to the symbols.

There are many skills that assist students to be more effective spellers.

- Breaking the words apart to identify the sounds (rather than just saying the letter names)
- Saying the word aloud
- Thinking about patterns in words they know
- Thinking about other parts that have been added to the word, e.g 'ing' or 'ed'
- Using memory tricks to help with difficult words
- Using resources like charts, dictionaries and 'have a go' books.

You can support your child with these strategies when they are reading and doing their homework.



Student Literacy Challenge

Did you know that many of the words we use come from other languages? In Australia many of these words are from Aboriginal origin, for example,

Dingo



Bunyip



Quokka



Can you find some words that come from other languages that we use? You can drop them in to Ms Stewart!

Numeracy

A focus for St Monica's this year is to improve student ability to understand and solve mathematical problems. In order to understand and solve problems in maths, we employ a range of strategies, but often we rely on the strategies we feel confident in using. Sometimes these strategies that we have are okay when solving one step problems, but we are challenged when faced with a multi-stepped problem. The Mathematics Proficiency Strand from the Australian Curriculum outlines four key areas in maths. These key ideas are; understanding, fluency, problem-solving and reasoning. The Mathematical Proficiency Strand 'describe the actions in which students engage when learning and using the content' (*Australian Curriculum*). Mathematic proficiencies make up the M in STEM education. For a more detailed explanation of each of the proficiency strands visit the link: <http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/mathematics/key-ideas>

Maths Proficiency - Understanding

When we say understanding, we are referring to building knowledge of adaptable and transferrable mathematic concepts. When we truly understand something, we can confidently apply it across subject or content areas. This is even more true outside of the classroom. Understanding also refers to having the confidence in what you know to in order to develop new ideas – challenging yourself! To do this we encourage the 'why?' and 'how?' questions.

MARCH MATHS CHALLENGE!

We all know the story of Humpty Dumpty. I wonder what height the wall was? Would he have broken if he was sitting on a lower wall? These are all questions we have wondered about ever since pre school! The challenge this month is to design a something that could protect Humpty Dumpty when he falls off the wall. When you test your protective design, record the heights you drop Humpty from. How might you record your results? What maths understanding are you using? Don't forget to modify your design if it needs modifying after testing! Ask mum or dad to help you out!

You might like to bring in what you have designed and your results to show your class. You can also send your photos or imovies to Mrs Stonham – haley.stonham@catholic.edu.au I will put the pictures in the newsletter each week.

So, how high can your Humpty go? *Mrs Haley Stonham*





PLEASE JOIN PAT ELLIS (ACTING PRINCIPAL) ON MONDAY 6 MARCH AT 9.15 IN THE STAFFROOM FOR A COFFEE AND A CHAT. OUR TOPIC OF CONVERSATION WILL BE LITERACY WITH BRIDGETTE MCCANN JOINING US.

UNIFORM SHOP

Monday 9 - 9.30am
 Tuesday 2.50 - 3.20pm
 If you are unable to attend the shop during these times you may submit your order through Qkr and your child's order will be delivered to their classroom.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Next School Assembly – Friday 10 March at 1pm
 Class and Star Awards from Week 4, 5 & 6 will be presented along with the Swimming Carnival Ribbons.

Next School Prayer – Wednesday 8 March at 2.30pm led by 6S
 Value Awards for Week 4 & 5 will be presented.



	Value Award – Understanding	Class Award – Written Presentation of Work
KR	Aria F	Sian S
KMR	Nicola B	Evie E
KRG	Emmett J	Princess U
1VH	Dallas M	Mya L
1S	James D	William J
2L	Jeremy R	Shaye S
2S	Archie S	Gabrielle W
2D	Samantha S	Madison R
3M	Ava P	Isabella C
3W	Ben B	Giorgia M
3/4R	Tyler S	Tahlianna B
4B	Lillian B	Olivia S
4C	Haylie F	Annie R
5D	Ben B	Apajok A
5E	Anthony F	Sophie H
5/6M	Harley J	Anyieth A
6M	Tahlia A	Cassie J
6S	Eden B	Jessica H

M&M Star Medallions – Faith K (1VH), Jess W (5/6M), Ellen C (5/6M), Ronald K (5/6M), Anyieth A (5/6M), Sarah K (6S), Preston T (6S) – 3rd star

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Year 1	Cody M,
Year 3	Ava , Sophie S, Darcy B
Year 4	Fletcher A, Sam C, Ria M, Riley H
Year 5	Matthew P,
Year 6	Lachlan F, Renee S, Katie H, Taeya H, Tamika S

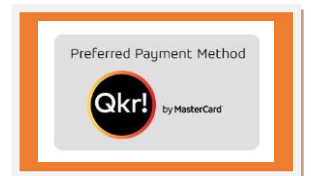


CANTEEN CORNER

Roster for Term 1, Week 6

	Early 9:15 - 11:45am	Late 11:30 - 2:30pm
MONDAY 6/3/17	Michelle Gaffey	Michelle Gaffey
TUESDAY 7/3/17	Evelyn David-Hoole	Evelyn David-Hoole
WEDNESDAY 8/3/17	Katrina Ciampa	Katrina Ciampa
THURSDAY 9/3/17	June Manning Anne Carew	June Manning Anne Carew
FRIDAY 10/3/17	Wilma Hird Jenny Fulivai	June Manning Wendy Regan

Samantha Manning - Canteen Manager - 6258 4687



Qkr! Information

When ordering online, please make sure you complete the full transaction. You should be able to see the order in your recent activity and receive a receipt of the purchase. If not, it means the order has not been processed and will mean that your child will not receive the intended order, as it has not been prepared. In these situations, no child will ever go without food however, it would be a simple sandwich provided due to product available. Please ensure you check your order for the date you require.

Liz Gregory Irish Dance Academy

LGIDA Aranda Dance Studio
Beginner Dance Classes – Tuesday and Thursdays 4pm
Join NOW! and enjoy a Special 4 week Dance Session for a special low fee!

Learn to Irish Dance like Emma from the Wiggles!

Children are taught dance for public performances, competitions and local and international championships. Special Boys Only Class arranged as required!

You can start anytime during the term!

For further enquiries please contact

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0419 225195

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Magpies Junior Football Club

Register to play AFL with the Magpies! We have teams for Boys and Girls – contact us today – Season starts Saturday 29 April, www.magpiesjuniors.com – all the details are there. Auskick (rookie ages 5-6) - \$100, Auskick (pro ages 7-8) - \$120, Juniors – ages 9 and up - \$170. Family discounts are available. Payment is required at time of registration. If you have any questions email rego@magpiesjuniors.com. All ages and skill levels welcome.

Wests Magpies Basketball Club

Winter season registration open now. All players 6-18 years welcome. All skill levels. If you are interested in joining our fantastic club, email us at wests.basketball@gmail.com or check out our website for more information at www.westsbasketball.com.au.

Canberra Academy of Chess

School Chess Challenge at Woden Sunday 12 March 2017. Venue – Canberra Academy of Chess Centre, Unit 4, 32 Dundas Court, Phillip. Cost \$20 per child. Times – Registration 9.30am-9.50am, Round 1 begins 10am, Prize giving 3pm. Divisions are Primary Schools and Secondary Schools. First placed school in each division will receive \$250 worth of equipment from Canberra Academy of Chess. Trophies given for 1st to 5th individuals and 1st to 3rd schools in each division. All participants receive a certificate of participation. To enter – fill in entry form and pay by credit or debit card – www.canberraacademyofchess.com.au/payment