



St Monica's News

Term 1 – Week 6 – 9 March 2017

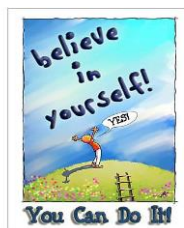
At St Monica's we are a vibrant Catholic community that works collaboratively to empower its members to be inclusive learners, custodians and citizens

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Believe in Yourself

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week we share our deepest sympathy for Max (3/4R) and Callie (5D), with the loss of their mother, Teresa, last week. We pray for Max, Callie, their father Brett, Auntie Sandy and their entire family during this very sad time and in the coming weeks. It is important as a Christian community for us to acknowledge the loss of a loved member of our school community and to pray for the family. Mr Bob Fletcher and I have been available throughout the week to listen and support both Max and Callie along with their friends and classmates. Our school counsellor is also available if needed for any student who needs to talk. The funeral for Teresa will be held tomorrow (Friday 10 March at 1pm) at St Monica's Church.



I would like to personally say a huge thank you to the 'Fete Mums'. Thank you to Alicia Prest, Keir Lawless, Kelly Gurn, Mel Wrenford, Sarah O'Connor, Clare McPhillips and Sue French. The amount of time, effort and energy you have all been putting in over the last year has been inspiring. We had an earlier fete this year that meant the pressure was on. We are so grateful to have you all part of our school community. Thank you to the 'Fete Mum' families who have allowed them to be spend so much time organising this fete. The weather was not great however; everyone still hustled and made some money for our school. Thank you to all the stallholders and volunteers who made sure their areas ran smoothly. Thank you to the teachers who came and helped. Lastly, thank you to the children, families and visitors who opened up their wallets and purses and spent money for our great school. Total figure to date is just over \$30 000. A huge effort considering the rain was heavy on at some parts during the day and we thought we might have to cancel. Well done to the St Monica's School Community!

I would ask that you keep many families in your prayers this week. Some we know of and I am sure there are some we don't know. Anything we can do as a school community to support our families especially in times of need and hurt, please come and see us. We are one big family and do what we can to look after each other.

Ante (KMR) has had an operation and is still recovering in hospital this week. His friends in KMR are missing him a lot. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

I have spoken to Carmel Maguire. She is recovering well and passes on her thanks to everyone for your positive thoughts and prayers over the last two weeks. She very much missed not being at the fete but was updated with how well it went.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Patrik Ellis
Acting Principal

**SAFE, RESPONSIBLE
AND RESPECTFUL
LEARNERS**

LEARNING FOCUS
Be Respectful

Follow Instructions

**We always listen to our
teachers and follow
instructions.**



SOCIAL FOCUS
Be Safe
Hands off, Feet off

**We keep our hands and
feet to ourselves at all
times.**



VALUE FOCUS - Understanding

Understanding

Understanding is the second of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. With this gift of understanding, we comprehend how we need to live as a follower of Christ. A person with understanding is not confused by all the conflicting messages in our culture about the right way to live. The gift of understanding helps us to discern truth. Sometimes it is hard to know the difference between Wisdom and Understanding-wisdom allows us to contemplate the things of God, whilst Understanding allows us grasp, at least in a limited way, the very essence of the truths of the Catholic Faith. Through understanding, we see the world and our life within it in the context of our relationship with God.

By Scott P. Richert

<https://www.thoughtco.com/understanding-gift-of-the-holy-spirit-542137>



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

LENT

One of the tenets of Lent is Fasting. We are all accustomed to giving up sugar or chocolate. Sometimes this can be the easy option. Lent is not meant to be easy- after all we are walking the road to Calvary. Our journey to Jesus' great sacrifice should not be easy...

This prayer (a litany –repeated prayer/responses) might offer us a challenge.



A LITANY FOR LENT

We fast from judging others but feast on patience.
We fast from apparent differences but feast on the unity of all life.
We fast from words that pollute but feast on words that affirm.
We fast from complaining but feast on appreciation.
We fast from bitterness and anger but feast on forgiveness and mercy.
We fast from discouragement but feast on hope.
We fast from suspicion but feast on trust.
We fast from idle gossip but feast on purposeful silence.
We fast from problems that overwhelm but feast on prayer that strengthens.
(Franciscan Mission Service.)

An Idea for your family this Lent.

Family Kindness and Sharing

On slips of paper, write random acts of kindness, such as give a compliment, say hi to an old friend, carry someone's heavy load. Present each family member with a slip of paper as he or she leaves in the morning. Invite each family member to perform the kindness without seeking recognition. Afterward, talk together about what happened. Pray with one another that your kindnesses will be passed on throughout Lent and beyond.

<http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent/activities-and-resources/lent-at-home>

Interested in becoming an ALTAR SERVER? If any child would like to become an altar server at St Monica's parish church for 2017, we would very much welcome you joining us. Training and induction provided. You will be rostered on a mass time of your preference, no more than once a month. You need to have made your first Eucharist before you can join up. Enquiries: Gabrielle Sullivan on 0400996030 orgabrielle.sullivan@bigpond.com

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



LAST FETE NEWS FOR 2017

Thank you to everyone who braved the rain on Saturday and came along to what was possibly the wettest annual fete in St Monica's history. The fete was a huge success and the Fete Team extends a big thank you to all of the volunteers, staff, parents and sponsors who helped in any way whether it was on a stall or by bringing the family along for a day out. Full details of our sponsors will shortly be sent home by way of our Sponsorship Booklet. Please support the sponsors who so generously support our school.



Congratulations to all of our wonderful stallholders for the amazing job they did to ensure everything ran smoothly on Saturday and for dressing up in the name of good fun! The winner of our best dressed stall was the **Kingdom of Tong** (aka the BBQ) and the best dressed individual stallholder was **Damian Weller** on the Drinks Stand. Well done!

Thank you also to all the kids who came along and joined in the fun. Seeing the smiles on the children's faces is what this special day is all about. A final figure will be released shortly, but the profit for the day is in the vicinity of \$30,000 which is an incredible number given the circumstances. Thank you also to all of those who assisted with the set up, pack up and clean up and who came along again on Sunday to help sell the remaining White Elephant items.

We know that we ask a lot from families in the lead-up to the fete, but seeing the end results makes all of the contributions made by those in our school community so worth it. Of course and by far, the most valuable thing about the fete is that it brings our school and wider communities together to share in the school spirit. The tight-knit community that is St Monica's was certainly very much on show on Saturday and the Fete Team feels very fortunate to be a part of that. Thank you!

Raffle Tickets

If anyone still has any raffle ticket books outstanding please return the books to the school as soon as possible or complete and return the form that was sent home. It is a legal requirement that all books, sold or unsold be returned. Congratulations to the winners of the Big St Monica's Fete Raffle...1st – Maurice Sharp, 2nd – Colin Campbell, 3rd – Nick Edwards, 4th – Kristen Mitchell and 5th – Scott Leighton.

Class Raffle Basket Winners

Congratulations...Cooking Basket – Lauren Jarvis, Better Homes and Gardens Basket 1 – Whitfields, Better Homes and Gardens, Basket 2 – Mya Dodt, Easter Basket 1 – Leah Platts, Easter Basket 2 – Rob Barnes, Stationery Basket – Marg Smith, Celebration Basket – Rebecca, Boredom Buster – Eugene Kovac, Quilt – Clare Battye, Popcorn Maker – Sharon O'Connor.

Value Tickets

We understand that some of the Value Tickets issued on Friday were not handed out to the children. If you were affected by this please email the Fete Team: stmfete@gmail.com and we will arrange a refund for you.

Feedback

If anyone has any feedback for the Fete Team please email us at stmfete@gmail.com or send us a private message via our Facebook page.

Until next year, Fete Team.

World's Greatest Shave

On Friday 17 March we will be having a 'Crazy Hair Day' to show our support for the World's Greatest Shave. Students who wear crazy hair are encouraged to bring in a gold coin donation. All money raised will go to the Leukaemia Foundation. With many families across our school touched with various illnesses, this is a great way to discuss with children about giving back. The crazy hair day is for the one day and students must have product/sprays etc that can come out in a wash. With the exception of some Year 6 students who initiated this fundraising event through raising their own funds for this cause and will dye their hair to show their support.



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

Design A Brick Project

To mark the 40th Anniversary of St Monica's we will be ordering pavers where families can get their name engraved and/or drawing. Further information will come out in the coming weeks. The following two pavers will be available to purchase. This will be a fundraising initiative for our school also.

Option 1



Max 3 lines per paver
 Max 17 characters/line
 Paver Size – 230x115x40mm
 Cost - \$30

Option 2



Simple drawing or picture
 Black and White
 Paver Size – 230x345x40mm
 Cost - \$35

These pavers will be placed in a path design up near the hall. Further information will follow in the coming weeks.



Community Council Email Address

As a Community Council we can only represent you if we know what is on your mind, this address is just another avenue of contact.

Council.StMonicas@cq.catholic.edu.au

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

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Next School Assembly – Friday 10 March at 10.15am (note change of time for this week only)

Class and Star Awards from Week 4, 5 & 6 will be presented along with the Swimming Carnival Ribbons.

Next School Prayer – Wednesday 15 March at 2.30pm led by 4C

Value Awards for Week 6 will be presented.



	Value Award – Understanding	Class Award – Teacher's Choice
KR	Tessa S	Sierra T
KMR	Flynn G	Patrick K
KRG	Freya S	Adriano M
1VH	Nathan M	Tyler B
1S	Joel M	Bella P
2L	Emma S	Aiden S
2S	Leila W	Sam G
2D	Thomas R	Chase M
3M	Isobel C	Bethanie G
3W	Tulli H	Mackenzie B
3/4R	Jack R	Jannah A
4B	Ria M	Coco B
4C	Joe O	Owen L
5D	Jett M	Flynn Mc
5E	Lyndelle M	Jack H
5/6M	Joe M	Millie W
6M	Grace P	Spencer B
6S	Olivia W	Jett A

M&M Star Medallions – Jacob M (2S), Bailey G (2S),

Pride Badges – Gabriel H (4B), Preston T (6S)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Year 1	Faith K
Year 2	Jacob M
Year 3	Lucija P
Year 4	Emma B, Ryan K, Dion W, Bowen D
Year 6	Holli N

UNIFORM SHOP

Monday 8.45am - 9.15am

Tuesday 2.50pm - 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.

SPORT NEWS

ACT Sport Awards 2017

The School Sport Excellence Awards were held yesterday at CIT Reid. Former student Jack Mills was short listed in two categories – 12 & Under Sportsmanship and 12 & Under All-rounder for 2016. Jack was awarded the overall recipient of the 12 & Under Sportsmanship award for 2016. Congratulations to Jack and we wish him all the best in his sporting endeavours!



CANTEEN CORNER

Roster for Term 1, Week 7

	Early 9:15 - 11:45am	Late 11:30 - 2:30pm
MONDAY 13/3/17	Public Holiday	Public Holiday
TUESDAY 14/3/17	Evelyn David-Hoole	Evelyn David-Hoole
WEDNESDAY 15/3/17	Michelle Gaffey	Michelle Gaffey
THURSDAY 16/3/17	Anne Carew June Manning	Anne Carew June Manning
FRIDAY 17/3/17	Samantha Cox Tracy D'Ambrosio	Wendy Regan June Manning

Samantha Manning - Canteen Manager - 6258 4687

Frushi Recipe from the Fete

- 1 cup sushi rice
- 1 1/4 cups water
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup lite coconut milk
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Shredded coconut, toasted (optional)
- Thinly sliced fruit (mango, kiwi, strawberry, plum and nectarine work well)

Method:

Rinse rice until water runs clear and soak in cold water for 30 minutes. Drain rice and bring to boil in a saucepan with 1 1/4 cups of water. Reduce heat to low and cover. Cook for 10-15 mins until water is almost absorbed and then take off the heat and leave covered for 15 minutes. Mix sugar, salt and coconut milk into rice and leave to cool. Shape into bite size 'sushi' pieces using a tablespoon or mold. Roll in coconut to coat sides and refrigerate. When cold, top with sliced fruit and enjoy!



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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

Liz T.C.R.G., A.D.C.R.G – 0419 225195

lqida52@hotmail.com www.lizgregoryida.com.au

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