



St Monica's News

Term 1 – Week 7 – 16 March 2017

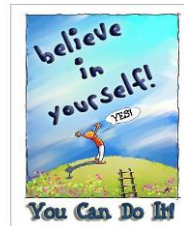
At St Monica's we are a vibrant Catholic community that works collaboratively to empower its members to be inclusive learners, custodians and citizens

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Believe in Yourself

Dear Parents & Carers,

On Tuesday, it is Harmony Day. This is an important day that students will be discussing in their classes. It is important, especially in today's society that we teach our children the importance of respect, acceptance, tolerance and kindness. Being a KidsMatter and Restorative Practice school we hold this as critical and want to work with families to ensure St Monica's continues to be a safe and supportive environment for all. We appreciate parents and carers working with us, understanding that we are catering for many different personalities among our students with varying needs.



I am very much looking forward to attending the Leadership Camp with Year 5 and 6 children next week. This will be the fourth year in a row that I am attending and I really enjoy these three days, getting to know our senior students away from the school environment. I am always inspired to see these young people challenge themselves in the activities and how they all work together to achieve common goals. I would like to thank the teachers who are leaving their families for the three days to ensure we can offer this experience to our Year 5 and 6 students.

We are excited that on Friday 31 March we will be receiving a 'Buddy Bench' from Mix 106.3 radio station. As part of a competition run by Mix 106.3 and ActewAGL, we will be presented with a 'Buddy Bench' - a seat where anyone can sit to make new friends, play new games or talk to someone different. There have been many people involved in promoting our school to be selected for this from parents, students and teachers. Kristin and Rod, Mix 106.3's morning radio show will be broadcasting live from St Monica's on the 31 March. We will send more details out closer to the date but our school community will be invited to come to school early on this day and be part of the fun.

Information was sent out this week via the app that there has been a change to the start date for Term 2. We will start Term 2 now on Wednesday 26 April.

I would ask that you continue to keep the Welsh family in your prayers this week. Max (3/4R) and Callie (5D) farewelled their mother, Teresa on Friday. I know the St Monica's Community will be there for them in the coming weeks.

Please also continue to pray for those in our community who are facing difficult times at the moment. Despite being a bigger school, we are a close family and look out for each other.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Patrick 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 - Kindness

KINDNESS

"No kind action ever stops with itself. One kind action leads to another. Good example is followed. A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. The greatest work that kindness does to others is that it makes them kind themselves."

~ Amelia Earhart



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Parish Meeting With Archbishop Prowse

Everyone is invited to attend a meeting with Archbishop Christopher Prowse at 7:30pm on Thursday 30th March. The meeting will be held in St. Monica's School Hall. Issues regarding the merger of St. Monica's and St Michael's Parishes will be discussed. Please come along and have your say.

Fr Loi

St Patrick 17 March

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen, he was captured by Irish pirates and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans, Patrick turns to God. Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family. He was prompted by a vision to begin his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message. Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461. He died at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick. His grave was marked in 1990 with a granite stone.



Lent continues...Week 2

Make your abstinence a prayer-in-action.

As Catholics we are called to give up something for Lent. Chocolate, coffee, that extra helping of dinner, one less hour of video games or watching DVDs—whatever it is, you can make what you're giving up for Lent a prayer as well: a prayer-in-action. Whenever you encounter the thing you are abstaining from or the time of day that you would normally enjoy it, take a moment to say a prayer in recognition of your wholeness in God even without the thing you have given up. Thank God for the freedom to be wholly yourself without this and, at the same time, acknowledge the gift of its existence in the world. *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

Year 5/6 Camp

Next week (Wednesday 22 – Friday 24 March) all Year 5/6 students will be attending Cooba for our annual Leadership Camp. We have 8 teachers attending, Pat Ellis, Haley Stonham, Bob Fletcher, Louise Dykes, Chris Evans, Catherine du Bois, Liz Mahoney and Michael McFadden.

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. These pavers will be placed in a path design up near the hall.

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

COMMUNITY COUNCIL OPEN MEETING



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

World's Greatest Shave

Tomorrow, 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

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

Lit Quiz

On Wednesday the 15 March 2017, 8 students from Years 5 and 6 took part in the Canberra heat of Kids' Lit Quiz. Kids' Lit Quiz is an international competition that tests children's knowledge of literature. St Monica's was represented by: Alicia R, Millie A-C, Sarah K, Charlotte J, Hannah D-H, Claire R, Fiona M and Patrick E. 21 teams from high schools and primary schools across Canberra participated in the half day event at Canberra Grammar Girls School. Although the St Monica's teams competed very well, the winners were Canberra Grammar. A big thank you to Mrs Hind for coaching both teams in the lead up to the event.

A friendly reminder to families that Term 1 school fees are due in full tomorrow, Friday 17 March. This does not include families who have a Direct Debit arrangement in place. Please contact our Finance Officer, Allison Walsh if you are concerned about your school fees account.

CURRICULUM NEWS

Humanities and Social Sciences

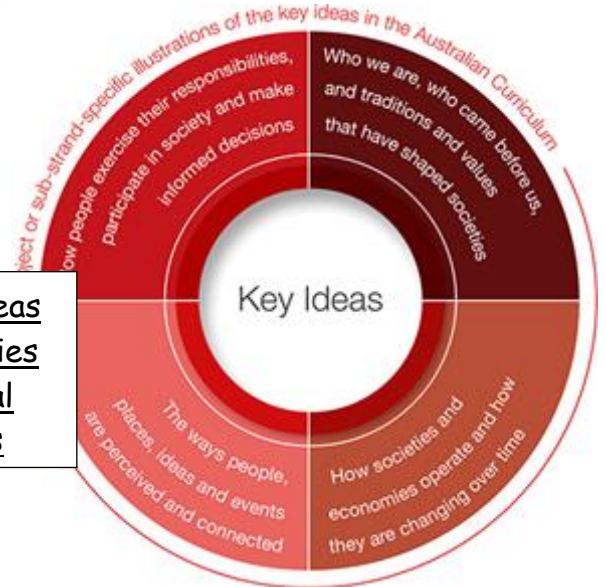
We are all quite familiar with the traditional strands of History and Geography which make up an important part of the Humanities and Social Sciences, but there are two newer strands that students in years 3-6 will be exploring: Civics & Citizenship and Business & Economics. The students in Year 3 will study Civics & Citizenship and then add Business & Economics in Year 5.

Civics & Citizenship focuses on the key ideas of government and democracy, laws and citizens, and citizenship, diversity and identity, giving students a broader understanding of how society works. **Economics and Business** looks at resource allocation and making choices, the business environment, and consumer and financial literacy.

The key ideas are outlined in the diagram above and offer students many ways to engage in 'real world' investigations which work well within our whole school Inquiry Learning approach. Students are encouraged to develop their understanding of the world in which we live and discover how people can participate as active and informed citizens with high-level skills needed for the 21st century.



The key ideas
in Humanities
and Social
Sciences



Ms Amanda Stewart

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Next School Assembly – Friday 17 March at 1pm
Class and Star Awards from Week 7 will be presented

Next School Prayer – Wednesday 22 March at 2.30pm led by 4B
Value Awards for Week 7 will be presented.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kindy	Cooper D, Ostin D, Tessa S, Ivana P
Year 5	Montana M, Apajok A
Year 6	Joe M, Cassie J

	Value Award – Kindness	Class Award – Creativity – Visual Arts
KR	Ater A	Sophia R
KMR	Lisia F	Arabella A
KRG	Cooper A	Olivia B
1VH	Mason N	Willem A-C
1S	Cameron H	Anneliese L
2L	Mia M	Zoe O
2S	Alex C	Maria K
2D	Jye L	Juliet P
3M	Gabriella F	Lucia Mc
3W	Sophie S	Isabella M
3/4R	Lucia J	Isabella L
4B	Alexandra O	Emma B
4C	Hena L	Mya A
5D	Jorja J	Montana M
5E	Jennifer C	Holly V
5/6M	TBA	TBA
6M	Alicia R	Leo B
6S	Taeya H	Nathan B

M&M Star Medallions –

Pride Badges –

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

SPORT NEWS

Netball

Congratulations to all the girls who tried out for B.N.A.. Holly, Tamika, Carys, Taeya, Holli, Amy, Sarah, Charlotte J, Katie, Eve and Eden. Congratulations to those girls who were selected. Well done! Congratulations also to those girls for C.N.A. Charlotte W, Lara, Natalia and Phoebe. Great work!

St Monica's PSSA Belconnen Swimming Squad

Congratulations to the following students who were selected for the Belconnen Swimming Carnival. Jett A, Ben B, Gabrielle C, Ryan C, Zara D, Archie E, Patrick E, Tulli H, Katie H, Nick H, Brian H, Jessica H, Isabella M, Lachlan M, Sam Mc, Michaela M, Alex O, Bryon P, Harry P, Isabella P, Sarah R, Olivia R, Bailey R, Anjeli RG, Olivia S, Tamika S, Baxter S and Ava S.

Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival

We have entered 5 teams in the Catholic School's Soccer Carnival happening on Sunday 26 March. Teams will be announced this week and training sessions held next week during lunch time. Information and draws will be sent home at the end of next week.

CANTEEN CORNER

Roster for Term 1, Week 8

	Early 9:15 - 11:45am	Late 11:30 - 2:30pm
MONDAY 20/3/17	Michelle Gaffey	Michelle Gaffey
TUESDAY 21/3/17	Evelyn David-Hoole	Evelyn David-Hoole
WEDNESDAY 22/3/17	Katrina Ciampa	Katrina Ciampa
THURSDAY 23/3/17	June Manning Anne Carew	June Manning Anne Carew
FRIDAY 24/3/17	Jenny Fulivai Wilma Hird	June Manning Wendy Regan

Samantha Manning - Canteen Manager - 6258 4687



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

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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.



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