



St Monica's News

Term 2 – Week 10 – 29 June 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

Dear Parents & Carers

Believe in Yourself

There is a saying "Blink and you'll miss it!", that is the feeling I have at the moment as we come to the end of Semester One. I would once again like to thank Patrick Ellis for his leadership and accommodating my part time schedule over the last five weeks, as part of my return to work. It has taken me the last five weeks to catch up on all the happenings and get back into routine. I have thoroughly enjoyed reconnecting with the children and seeing just how much they have developed in their learning. I look forward to returning full time from the commencement of next term.



Unfortunately, our fight for long term fair funding is not over. In the ACT, additional funding was won that guarantees funding levels for the next four years. As a result of the additional funding won for Catholic schools, our fee increases should be no more than normally expected for the next four years. What is to occur is a review of the Socio Economic Status (SES) measure in the next twelve months. This measure is based on ABS data and is the most significant determinant of commonwealth funding for Catholic schools.

The many school events for next term are currently being uploaded onto our calendar, which can be found on our St Monica's school app and our website. Please check our calendar regularly so you do not miss out on important school activities planned for second semester. The first important event is parent/teacher interviews. They are to occur in Week One for all classes except KMR, whose appointments will occur in Week 2. It is an expectation that all parents will make contact with their child's teacher at this point in the year, now school reports have been sent home. Where a child lives between two homes a second reports has been posted. Comparison grade tables will be available from the office next term or your child's teacher during the interviews, should you wish to request a copy. I would like to thank the teachers for the time given to preparing the reports and the level of detail provided in the comments. We are very fortunate to have a team of very committed and dedicated teachers on staff at St Monica's.

Next term St Monica's turns 40. I have also recently discovered that the church is turning 30, is a little younger! To mark these special events, we are planning several school events leading up to St Monica's Day on Sunday 27 August. On the Sunday we will be hosting a family feast day celebration in the school grounds commencing with Mass at 10am. Please mark that date in your calendar. *Commemorative brick order to be sent off for production tomorrow afternoon. Last call.*

This week we farewell several families who have been a valued part of our community for a number of years:- the Lowe family (Owen 4C & Ryan 5/6M) are moving overseas, Jopling family (Harley 5/6M is moving north to be closer to family) and the Lascelles family (Natalie 4C who will be attending her local neighbourhood school).

Have a wonderful break and travel safely
Carmel Maguire
Principal

TERM 3 FOCUS AREA
BELIEVE IN YOUR
COMMUNITY

**SAFE, RESPONSIBLE
AND RESPECTFUL
LEARNERS**

LEARNING FOCUS

Be Responsible

Focus

Effort and determination are needed to stay motivated and engaged in your learning.



SOCIAL FOCUS

Be Responsible

Look after ourselves and others

We keep things small. We are fair, we accept responsibility and move forward in a positive way.



VALUE FOCUS – TEAM WORK

Essential Skills for Working in a team (for adults and children).

1. Listening:

I listen to my team's ideas and use their ideas to help get new ideas (piggy-backing).

2. Questioning:

I ask questions of my team to help them figure out what to do and to extend their thinking.

3. Persuading:

I exchange ideas, defend my ideas and try to explain my thinking to my team.

4. Respecting:

I respect the opinions in my team. I offer encouragement and support for new ideas and efforts.

5. Helping:

I help my team by offering my assistance.

6. Sharing:

I share with my team. I make sure I share my ideas and thinking. I share the jobs.

7. Participating:

I contribute to the team assignment. I am actively involved with the work.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sacrament of Confirmation

Many thanks to all who have returned their details.

The Confirmation Preparation day will take place Wednesday 19 July- Week 1.

The students have been working very hard to prepare for the reception of this Sacrament.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Millie A-C, Tahlia A, Charlie B, Hannah B, Eden B, Spencer B, Leo B, Chad C, Ellen C, Emily C, Josh C, Leo D, Paddy D, Brynn F, Ryan F, Rocio F-O, Halle F, Lachlan F, Kai G, Maddison G, Anabelle H, Nicholas H, Patrick H, Ryan H, Jessica H, Ava J, Charlotte J, Ben L, Luiza L, Victoria M, Cooper M, Natalia M, Bailey M, Rose M, Lara Mc, Eve M, Carys M, Holli N, Charlie O, Grace P, Alicia R, Zoe R, Olivia R, Bailey R, Amy R, Joseph S, Madeline S, Tamika S, Renee S, Baxter S, Kaelin S, Preston T, Joseph T, Oscar T, Feliks W, Charlotte W, Olivia W, Jess W, Holly W.



**** Reminder****

There is a fee of \$30:00 for Confirmation, payable to St Monica's School via QKR, cash, credit card.

This fee covers: certificate, stole, pin, materials for Confirmation Prep day and lunch for this day as well.

Prayers for NAIDOC Week-

Our Languages Matter

Loving God, who listens to us with a heart full of love, we ask you to listen to our prayers.

That we may use words that give hope and healing: Lord, hear us.

That we may use words that bring peace and forgiveness: Lord, hear us.

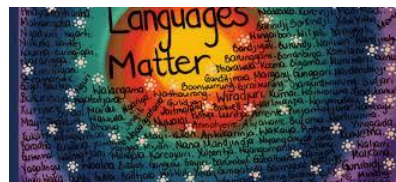
That we may use our words to encourage and praise others: Lord, hear us.

That the words we use show that we respect and value others: Lord, hear us.

That the words we use are inspired by the words of Jesus: Lord, hear us.

That our indigenous brothers and sisters may continue to value and respect their languages and culture so that they may live on for future generations: Lord hear us.

Leader: Loving God, with hope and faith we ask you to accept the prayers we make to you. Amen.



SACRAMENTS – 2017

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Sacrament of Confirmation:
Wednesday 26 July 6:00pm, St
Monica's Church
Wednesday 19 July – Preparation
Day



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

Sport Days – Term 3

Monday	KR, KMR, KRG, 2D, 2S, 2L, 3W, 3M
Tuesday	IVH, 1S, 3/4R, 4B, 4C
Wednesday	KR, KMR, KRG, 5D, 5E, 5/6M, 6M, 6S
Thursday	1S, 1VH, 2D, 2L, 2S, 3W, 3M, 3/4R, 4B, 4C
Friday	5D, 5E, 5/6M, 6M, 6S

Library Days – Term 3

Monday	None
Tuesday	KMR, KRG
Wednesday	6S, 6M, 5/6M, 5E, 5D, 3/4R,
Thursday	KR, 1S, 3M, 3W,
Friday	IVH, 2L, 2S, 2D, 4B, 4C

Play Equipment After School

Just a reminder if you can please keep your child/ren off the play equipment straight after school. It is becoming difficult to determine which students are with parents and who is not. This is to ensure everyone's safety and wellbeing. We appreciate your support.

NAIDOC Week

This week we have celebrated NAIDOC Week at St Monica's. Classes have reflected upon this week through prayer experiences, art, storytelling and traditional games. On Monday we welcomed Dion Drummond who presented his show focusing on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and deepening student knowledge and understandings in this area. A great performance where all students were very engaged.



Walk As One Prayer

God Creator Spirit, walk with us and give us the strength to stand for life, in the face of destruction and greed of the Earth. Teach us to be respectful and gracious for all that our land and waters provide.

Instil in us the spirit of unity with our Indigenous sisters and brothers from around the world. Lord, with your grace, help us to endure the challenges placed before us and our Earth. Let us take time to reflect on the spiritual connection to our lands and the fragility and beauty of mother Earth.

With your love and spirit, let us walk together in unity, peace and harmony on these great lands. God, strengthen our love and respect for each other and our connections to country and all creation.

We pray, as one global family, for a safe and just world for our children and our children's children. Let us bring your love to all people.



Year 5/6 Movie Night – Friday 28 July – 6-8pm

Year 5/6 students are invited to attend a Movie/PJ night on Friday 28 July. Formal invitations will come out early next term. This night will start at 6pm and finish at 8pm.

The movie will be 'Boss Baby'. The cost of a pre-paid ticket is \$11 which includes the movie, pizza, drink, popcorn and ice-cream (or \$6 entry per child, payable at the door on the night). Drinks, chips and lollies will be able to be purchased on the night. This is a school fundraising event. Information will come out early next term. Any parents helping must hold a current WWVP card.

St Monica's 40th Celebration - Claim the Date

Plans are underway to mark our 40th celebrations so be sure to add the following dates to your calendar. More information to follow.

Friday 25 August - Whole School Mass and Celebrations at school

Evening parent celebration at QT Canberra - More information to come out shortly

Sunday 27 August

Family Mass and celebration in the school grounds including school tours



Equipment/Toys from Home

Just a reminder that students should not be bringing in footballs, soccer balls, toys or other play equipment from home. Handballs are permitted. All other equipment is provided by school. Students bringing in their own equipment and toys cause issues with inclusion in games and items being lost. We would appreciate your support by asking your child/ren not to bring these items to school.

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 – tomorrow - Friday 30 June at 1pm

Class, Star Awards and Pride Badges for Week 9 and 10 will be presented.



Happy Birthday to the following students and students celebrating a birthday in the holidays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
Kindy	Emmett J, Aiden Mc, Toby Mc
Year 1	Cameron H, Mya L
Year 2	Annabelle F, Lily H, Chontelle L
Year 3	Skyla L
Year 4	Nellie B
Year 5	Adonai Y, Flynn Mc, Ryan S, Jackson G, Bridget A, Lyndelle M, Annabel L
Year 6	Feliks W, Ava J, Charlie B



No Value Award Week 10	Class Award – Consistent effort and/or leadership
KR	Tessa S
KMR	Nicola B
KRG	Nicholas P
1VH	Dallas M
1S	Jack P
2L	Holly F
2S	Amour A
2D	Michael H
3M	Pyper M
3W	Darcy B
3/4R	Angelo F
4B	Olivia S
4C	William C
5D	Jett M
5E	Tom P
5/6M	Jess W, Ronald K
6M	Tahlia A
6S	Renee S
St Monica's Stars – Eamon F (1VH), Lillian F (1VH), Alex C (2S), Levi T (2S), Jye L (2D), Jaidah T (4C)-2nd star, Taeya H (6S), Chad C (6S), Renee S (6S)	
Pride Badges – Taeya H (6S), Chad C (6S)	

EXTRA CURRICULAR NEWS

ROSTRUM

Congratulations to Maddie S (6M) who represented St Monica's at the recent Quarter Finals at the Rostrum Public Speaking Contest. We heard great things. Well done!

BJP Physical Culture 125 Years Spectacular

Last Saturday night, Ruby S (4B) and Charlotte F (Year 6 – 2016) danced in the BJP Physical Culture 125 Years Spectacular at Qudos Arena in Sydney. The Spectacular showcased the history of "physie", with the girls participating in the item showing the future. Well done girls on an amazing performance!

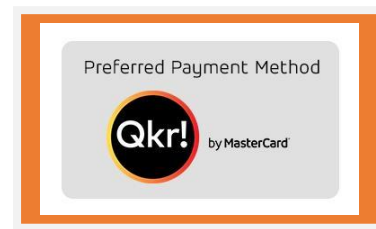


CANTEEN CORNER

Roster for Term 3, Week 1

	Early 9:15 - 11:45am	Late 11:30 - 2:30pm
MONDAY 17/7/17	Michelle Gaffey	Michelle Gaffey
TUESDAY 18/7/17	Evelyn David-Hoole	Evelyn David-Hoole
WEDNESDAY 19/7/17	Angela Herbert	Michelle Gaffey
THURSDAY 20/7/17	June Manning Anne Carew	June Manning Anne Carew
FRIDAY 21/7/17	Tracy D'Ambrosio Samantha Cox	June Manning Wendy Regan

Samantha Manning - Canteen Manager - 6258 4687



COMMUNITY INFORMATION



Yamaha E-Drums for Sale

Mr Mac is selling his E-Drums. In good condition. Ideal for any student who wants to learn how to play- \$400.00. Mr Mac is happy to demonstrate how they work. Lessons if you wish! Ring Mr Mac at home 02-61744805 or school email michael.mcfadden@cg.catholic.edu.au. They are lots of fun!



Auskick – Canberra AFL Holiday Program

Tuesday 11 July – 8.00am – 5.00pm at Harrison School, Boys and Girls 4 – 10 years. Cost is \$50 which includes Auskick Pack. For more information contact Lisa Kennedy – lisa.kennedy@afl.com.au

 LEARNING PROGRAMS	Systemic Innovations are an official provider of LEGO® Education Learning Programs in the ACT and Southern NSW.			
We are running the following workshops in the upcoming school holidays.				
Program	Age	Date	Time	Location
<b style="color: red;">Cool Control - \$39 In this program, students will construct computer programs to control LEGO® models with motors and sensors. The program will allow the children the opportunity to create systems that can control the behavior of the robots.	8-11 years (please no younger children)	Friday 14 th July	9-12 (drop off from 8:45)	Kippax Uniting Community Centre
To book: https://www.trybooking.com/292293				
<b style="color: red;">Cool Control Expansion - \$39 Students build more complex designs and then use their programming knowledge to write their own program to operate their build. Children must have attended a previous Cool Control program.	10 - 12 years	Friday 14 th July	12:30- 3:30	Kippax Uniting Community Centre
To book: https://www.trybooking.com/292295				
 learning made fun		LEGO and the LEGO logo and MINDSTORMS are trademarks of the LEGO Group. ©2015 The LEGO® Group		
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Passion & Purpose Academy

Canberra's brand new Arts Academy specialising in dance and music. Offering the most affordable dance classes in Canberra. All classes will be held at Melba Copland Secondary College starting in Week1 of Term 3. Beginner Breakdance – 4pm Tuesday, Beginner Hip Hop – 5pm Tuesday, Intermediate/Advanced Hip Hop – 6pm and 7pm Tuesday. For more information call 0416 558 452 or email passionandpurposeinfo@gmail.com