



# St Monica's News

Term 2 – Week 3 – 11 May 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

You would have seen and read many things lately regarding the cuts to funding that will occur by the Federal Government over the next 10 years. I was contacted by the Department of Education on behalf of Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, Minister for Education and Training late last week. I have also received correspondence by his office regarding the changes in funding and how that will impact on Catholic Education and particularly St Monica's Primary School. To quote directly from the letter I have received...



***'Based on current modelling and your latest enrolment figures as reported to the Commonwealth Department of Education and Training, St Monica's Primary School is estimated to see an increase of \$3,300 funding from 2017 to 2018. We estimate an average annual per student decrease of 0.8 per cent over the ten years that will result in a total decrease from 2017 to 2027 of \$915,100'.***

Regardless of your political views, this is a serious concern which I had voiced when contacted by the Minister's office. This will impact significantly on our school community.

I attended the Public Meeting on Monday night along with some of our teachers and many, many other teachers, students and parents from all over Canberra. This concern was discussed in detail with the panel of politicians who attended including members of the Opposition. Noted was the Minister of Education's absence. We were encouraged to contact our local members, the Minister of Education directly and to speak out about these cuts and attend any further meetings that will occur. Together, we can make a difference and ensure that all schools are funded fairly and that all families can have choice and can afford to send their child/ren to Catholic schools like St Monica's. I thank our school community for your continued support.

We had an amazing Open Day last Friday. Many new families came through our school and were very impressed with St Monica's, what they saw happening in classrooms and what we have to offer. A big thank you to the Year 6 leaders who led these tours and showcased our school perfectly. Thank you also to Mrs Flynn who has been coordinating our new enrolment intakes.

Please keep the O'Daly and Green families in your prayers as a family member of theirs passed away late last week.

Enjoy the week ahead.

**Patrick Ellis**  
Acting Principal

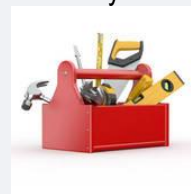
**TERM 2 FOCUS AREA**  
*BELIEVE IN YOUR  
FAMILY*

**SAFE, RESPONSIBLE  
AND RESPECTFUL  
LEARNERS**

**LEARNING FOCUS**

**Be Responsible**  
Organisation

You need to be organised to stay on task. Do you have everything you need to learn at your best?



**SOCIAL FOCUS**  
**Be Safe**

Hands and Feet to Self  
We keep our hands and feet to ourselves at all times.



## VALUE FOCUS - PERSEVERANCE

### Some Final thought on Perseverance

It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer - **Albert Einstein**

Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan Press On! has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race - **Calvin Coolidge**

Making your mark on the world is hard. If it were easy, everybody would do it. But it's not. It takes patience, it takes commitment, and it comes with plenty of failure along the way. The real test is not whether you avoid this failure, because you won't. It's whether you let it harden or shame you into inaction, or whether you learn from it; whether you choose to persevere - **Barack Obama**

It's  
okay  
to  
not know,  
but it's  
not okay  
to  
not try.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Thank you to those who made it to the Parent Information Evening last night. Commitment Masses are to be held this weekend. Materials will be sent home today.



### Sacrament of Eucharist

Just a reminder that the cost of the program is \$30 and may be paid via Qkr, cash or credit card through St Monica's School. Parents, please ensure that you nominate a Mass date for First Communion during your home group Sessions.

### Mary- Month of May

Here is a traditional and well-loved prayer to Our Lady. **Hail, Holy Queen**

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy,  
hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.  
To you we cry, the children of Eve;  
to you we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping in this land of exile.  
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,  
your eyes of mercy toward us;  
lead us home at last  
and show us the blessed fruit of your womb,  
Jesus:  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.



### Claim the Date Grandparents Day

St Monica's Grandparents / Special Friends Day will be held on Friday 9 June.



## SACRAMENTS – 2017

### SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST:

#### First Communion Home Groups:

Home Groups 1 – May 1-5

Home Groups 2 – 1 May 5-19

First Holy Communion: Saturday 17

June Sunday 18 June



### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

#### Confirmation Commitment Masses:

Saturday 13 May 6:00pm, Sunday 14

May 10:00am

Parent and Child Night: Thursday 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



### Working Bee

The next garden working bee will be held on Sunday 21 May from 1pm. We will be doing some planting, mulching and tidying up before winter sets in. Feel free to join us - it will be a good opportunity for the kids to get their hands dirty! Please bring shovels, rakes, hand trowels and secateurs if you have them. Hope to see you there!

### Cookbook

Do you have a special recipe that your family loves? To celebrate St Monica's 40th anniversary we are developing a cookbook of favourite family recipes. More information will be available soon; in the meantime we'd love you to start thinking about some tasty treats to share.

### Social Justice News – Term 2

This term, St Monica's Social Justice Team have decided to raise awareness about the importance of helping those in need, especially during Autumn and Winter. It is getting colder! But we are very lucky to have a warm house, clothes and blankets to fight off the cold. Some people in our community are not as fortunate as us. We can do something about it!

In Weeks 3 and 4 St Monica's Social Justice Team are running a 'Winter Woolies Appeal'. We are calling everyone at St Monica's to action! We ask that the following new or near new items be brought in during Weeks 3 and 4

- Blankets
- Beanies
- Scarves
- Socks
- Jackets
- Anything else that you might need to keep warm!



To say thank you, we will have a 'Wear your winter woollies to school day' on Thursday 18 May. The Social Justice Team will also be making some yummy hot chocolate to go with our Winter Woolies Day. The hot chocolate will cost 50 cents and all money raised will go to St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal as well.

Thank you in advance!

Mrs Stonham and the Social Justice Team!



### Canberra Raiders Schools Day Out 2017

On Sunday 28 May at 4pm we have been invited to participate in the Canberra Raiders Schools Day Out. This is an opportunity for the school community to come together and attend a Canberra Raiders game (Round 12 – Canberra Raiders vs Sydney Roosters). The schools with the highest ticket sales will be rewarded. Ticket pricing (General Admission) will be \$15 per person (normally \$25 for an adult) and be purchased through Ticketek as normal. The promotional code for our school that you enter upon purchase is **SOPSSDO17**. A flyer has also been pushed out on the app.

### Mother's Day Stall

Mother's Day stall will be held tomorrow (Friday 12 May) from 9.15am onwards in the Courtyard. Prices for gifts for Mum range from \$1 to \$8. There will be many beautiful gifts available to buy for your fabulous Mum!! Children will attend in family groups, they may purchase individually or as a family. If you are able to volunteer an hour or so please turn up in the Courtyard after school drop off. Thank you to Michelle Bowman for coordinating this and to her many helpers behind the scene.

### Design A Brick Project – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Information and order forms have been sent home and are on our Skoolbag app. Order forms will also be available from the note stand in the hallway. **Orders and payment are due by the end of Term 2.** Payment options will be set up via Qkr! and order forms will need to be returned to the school office which will then be passed onto Emma Howlett who is our Fundraising Coordinator for the P&F. We are aiming for all pavers to be ordered, delivered and laid by August, in time for St Monica's Feast Day celebrations.

### 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@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Council.StMonicas@cg.catholic.edu.au) The email will be checked regularly by Evelyn David-Hoole, Council Executive Secretary.

## AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### Next School Assembly – Tomorrow - Friday 12 May at 1pm

Class, Star Awards and Pride Badges for Week 1, 2 and 3 will be presented along with Cross Country ribbons.

### Next School Prayer – Wednesday 31 May at 2.30pm led by 3M

Value Awards for Week 3,4,5 to be presented



	Value Award – Perseverance	Class Award – Religion
KR	Joseph J	Brando B
KMR	Jemima B	Toby Mc
KRG	Mitchell R	Aria G
1VH	Tyler B	Zavier T
1S	Jack G	Sarah D-H
2L	Jesse F	Bastijan P
2S	Gabe J	Paolo C
2D	Darius C	Thomas R
3M	Brian H	Remy D
3W	Tomas G	Mikayla T
3/4R	Madeline H	Madeline N
4B	Kate S	Connor L
4C	William C	Sophia M
5D	Daniel Mc	Hannah D-H
5E	Adonai Y	Bailey A
5/6M	Byron P	Clara A
6M	Charlie B	Victoria M
6S	Kai G	Natalia M
<b>St Monica's Stars</b> – Bella P (2L) – 2 <sup>nd</sup> star, Charlie S (3/4R), Arabelle S (3/4R) – 2 <sup>nd</sup> star		
<b>Pride Badges –</b>		

### Happy Birthday to the following students

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kindy	Jerome S
Year 2	Madison R, Bella P
Year 3	Sam J
Year 5	Phoebe W, Dante C



### ENROLMENT PERIOD IS NOW OPEN FOR 2018.

*Don't forget to pick up your enrolment packs for younger siblings looking*

**Next Pride Badge Pizza Lunch with the Principal  
Thursday 18 May**

## SPORT NEWS

### Save the Date

Our next school carnival is the School Athletics Carnival, which will be held on Thursday 1 June at Charnwood Ovals.



### Belconnen Cross Country

Congratulations to Archie E, Jye L, Zac C, Aiden S, Lucija P, Chloe P, Remy D, Ava S, Sam C, Brock T, Harry C, Max W, Layla R, Emma B, Mya A, Imogen H, Riley L, Harry P, Ryan K, Riley H, Elyse S, Olivia S, Dita S, Annie R, Ryan C, Ryan G, Cooper B, Lachlan R, Phoebe W, Lyndelle M, Katie H, Tamika S, Chad C, Josh C, Lachlan G, Bailey R, Amy R, Olivia R, Anjeli RG, Carys M, Finn D, Elspeth S, James Mc, Hena L, Sam Mc, Lily S, Manoli K, Charlotte J, Jett A, Ellen C for making it through to the next level of Cross Country which will be held on Tuesday 30 May. Notes went home this week. Any issues, please see Ms Stewart.

### Belconnen AFL

Congratulations to Cooper B (5E), Thomas B (5E), Rowan D (5E), Lachlan G (5/6M), Riley H (4C) and Sam Mc (5E) who have been selected for the Belconnen AFL team.

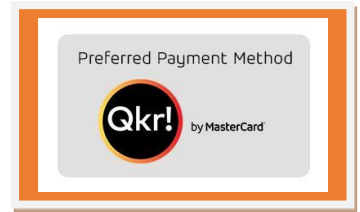
### Canberra Calisthenics

Congratulations to Annabelle F (2D) and Sophie H (5E) who have been selected to represent Canberra at Nationals for Calisthenics. On 10 June there will be a Showcase at the Canberra Theatre. This is the same performance that they are presenting at Nationals in Sydney in July. Tickets for the Showcase at the Canberra Theatre are on sale now - \$22 per ticket (plus \$4.95 transaction fee per booking). The start time for Showcase is 2.30pm, Saturday 10 June. Showcase features the sub-junior, junior and senior teams, as well as solo representatives.

## CANTEEN CORNER

### Roster for Term 2, Week 4

	Early 9:15 - 11:45am	Late 11:30 - 2:30pm
<b>MONDAY</b> 15/5/17	Michelle Gaffey	Michelle Gaffey
<b>TUESDAY</b> 16/5/17	Evelyn David-Hoole	Evelyn David-Hoole
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 17/5/17	Katrina Ciampa	Katrina Ciampa
<b>THURSDAY</b> 18/5/17	June Manning Anne Carew	June Manning Anne Carew
<b>FRIDAY</b> 19/5/17	Jenny Fulivai Wilma Hird	Wendy Regan Jackie Newman



Samantha Manning - Canteen Manager - 6258 4687

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

# CJC秋祭り2017

## Canberra Japan Club Autumn Festival

**2017年5月21日(日)午後1時半から4時まで**  
21 May 2017 (Sunday), 1:30 - 4:00pm

**クック コミュニティホールにて開催!**  
Cook Community Hall  
41 Templeton St. Cook ACT 2614

**今年も盛りだくさんのプログラムを用意しています!**  
Programme includes:

- キャンベラで日本語を学ぶ子供たちによる学芸会  
Performances by students learning Japanese at local schools
- 水風船、輪投げ、箸作り体験教室、折り紙、書道など  
Japanese children's games, chopstick making, Origami, Calligraphy etc.
- 軽食・飲み物など  
Food and Drinks

CJC, CJC幼稚園, CJC日本語学校が屋台を出店します。  
Food stalls from CJC, CJC Preschool and CJC Community Language School

フジバーカーリーなど各種出店予定  
Delicious Japanese foods are on sale from various stalls

昔懐かしい瓶入りラムネもあります。  
Traditional Japanese lemonade (Lamune) is on sale

可能な方は浴衣、着物でお越しください  
Come wearing your favourite kimono.

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