VALUE - Peace

Peace

Practicing peacefulness helps to create a calm mind free from worry. When you are peaceful, you respect others and their differences. People around you feel calm and safe. Without peace, no one is safe. People get hurt. Fighting doesn't solve problems and no one ever really wins a war. With peacefulness, any problem can be solved. Peace in the world begins with peace in your hearts.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS
BEING RESPONSIBLE

The rule focus for this week is about Being Responsible. Being responsible means we look after our environment by always putting our rubbish in the bin. In order to keep our school clean and tidy we need to Do the right thing! Put it in the bin!

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

BELONGING

School Disco – Tomorrow Night!!

Tomorrow night is Disco Night. It will be a special Christmas in July Disco. This is our only Disco for 2014 so come along and have some fun!!

Disco times:
5:30 to 6:45pm K-3 or
7:00-8:30pm 3-6
Year 3 may choose to attend either the early or late disco.

Disco Food Price List –
Hot Food - Sausages - $2.50.
Lolly Bags - $1.00, Chomp Bars - $1.00, Chips - 50c
Drinks – Fruit Juice - $1.00, Bottled Water - $1.00.
Ice Creams - $2.00.

Special Japanese Visitors

Next Monday the Principal and Assistant Principal from our sister school in Japan will be visiting St Monica's as part of their preparation for a school visit in 2015. As part of their visit they will be taking photos around the school and of the children to share with the children in Japan.

CANTEEN WEEK

This week we celebrated Canteen Week. The colouring-in competition is due back at school tomorrow. The best judged from each year will win a $5 voucher to spend at the canteen. There will be one entry out of all the entries that will be sent into the ASCA (Australian Schools Canteen Association). The overall winner will go into the draw to win our school canteen $250 to spend and the child winning will receive a $20 iTunes voucher. The design a new healthy option for the canteen menu is also due back at school tomorrow. Children can be creative with the presentation of their submission, eg. poster, drawing etc. There will be one winner selected and they will receive a $10 canteen voucher.

Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn NAIDOC Mass 2014

On Friday 25 July I had the privilege of attending this year’s NAIDOC Mass with four students, Emma J (5E), Alana B (5E), Ronald Ke (2D) and Matthew P (2D).

The theme for NAIDOC this year was Serving Country: Centenary and Beyond where we have remembered and celebrated those Indigenous man and woman who have served for our country. The NAIDOC Mass centred on this theme and it was a very reflective time for those who attended. A smoking ceremony welcomed us into the Church and the Mass finished with 2014 NAIDOC awards.

All St Monica’s students, who attended, represented our school with great leadership and respect.

Patrick Ellis
(Coordinator)

Baby News

Congratulations to Melissa & Phil Carey on the birth of Bonnie. A sister for Ella (Yr 8 John Paul) & Chad (3K).

Welcome to ACU Student

On Monday Rachel Hayes will commence her 6 weeks 4th Year Practicum in 5E. Miss Hayes is very much looking forward to her time at St Monica’s.
Electronic Roll Marking
Commencing on Monday St Monica’s will be introducing an
electronic roll making system. The system will require
teachers to indicate the exact time a child arrives after the
morning bell or when they are collected early. Please ensure
you provide an absentee note to explain all days away so our
records are accurate.

Absentee Notes
It is a legal requirement that the school receive official
notification when a child is absent from school. This official
notification can be sent via our school app, an email or a hand
written note. The information provided should include the date,
reason for absence and person making the notification. Where
no formal notification is received the child is marked as absent
at the end of the term.

Hall Car Park
Unfortunately the weather has slowed the progress on our car
park. Weather permitting, the tar will be laid next week. Thank
you so much for your patience. On the night of the disco
please make use of the staff car park.

Book Week Parade

Friday 15 August
9:15 am in the Hall.
Come to school dressed as your favourite book character. It is
helpful to bring the book your character is from but not
necessary.
One prize per grade is awarded.
What will the teachers be dressed up as this year?
From Mrs Hind and Miss Osten

Tem 3 Fundraiser
Please return all orders and money to the Front
Office by tomorrow 1 August 2014. Payments
can be made by cash or cheque made out to St
Monica’s P&F. It is expected that the orders will
take approximately a fortnight to be delivered
and sent home to families. We are very grateful for your
involvement in helping us fundraise for St Monica’s.

St Monica’s Trivia Night
Save the Date: Friday 5 September 2014. Please contact
Rachael Hind (rachael.hind@cq.catholic.edu.au) if your
business is able to support this major fundraiser for our
school.

Our class supplies have run out!
We urgently require families to provide a box of tissues for
their child’s class for Semester Two. Many thanks

Book Club
Book Club pamphlets are due back tomorrow Friday 1 August.
Please make sure correct money is included with orders.

MS Readathon - 1 to 31 August
It is easy to take part in the 2014 MS Readathon to help Australians
living with Multiple Sclerosis.
1. Register online and nominate St Monica’s Primary School.
2. Read lots of books in August.
3. Fundraise and collect sponsorship or do it all online.
4. Be rewarded for your reading.

Find out more at www.msreadathon.org.au

K-2 Swim and Survive Program
Children from Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will participate in
the Gungahlin Leisure Centre Swimming Program during Term 4.
This valuable program is part of St. Monica’s Physical Education
curriculum and it is highly recommended that all children are
involved. The program is for 8 days during Weeks 5 and 6 of Term
4. A permission note was sent home with children yesterday.

WAKAKIRRI - Our performance date is 20 August
Items still urgently needed – several old grey blankets for props.
Donations appreciated or as a loan for the performance. Contact
Kelly Boyton if you can help out.

WAKAKIRRI TICKETS: Confirmation of Extra Tickets
Thank you to everyone who has responded regarding Wakakirri
tickets. We have received confirmation from the Canberra Theatre
that we can purchase all the extra tickets requested. A payment
request form will be sent home early next week to families who
have requested extra tickets. Tickets will not be distributed until the
week prior to our performance, once we receive them from the
Canberra Theatre. Please note an error was made in the cost
charged – extra tickets will cost $33.00 each.

Visitors and Volunteers
All parents and grandparents wishing to access the school
between 9.00am and 3.10pm MUST go via the Front Office and
sign in.
All parents arriving to volunteer will be required to obtain a
visitors lanyard with a pouch so that their WWVP card can be
clearly displayed.

Like your licence, please carry your card at all times.

Community Council Email Address
Council Email Address – this was established to allow parents to
let us know areas of concern that they feel need addressing. As a
Community Council we can only represent you if we know what is
on your mind and as many of the council and you work, this
address is just another avenue of contact.
Council.StMonicas@cq.catholic.edu.au
The email will be checked regularly by Louise Dykes, Council
Executive Secretary. We look forward to hearing from you.

God Bless
Carmel Maguire
Principal
Peace Prayer Time
15 led us in a most beautiful and reverent prayer yesterday. Its theme was Peace. The children reminded us that peace begins in our hearts. Jesus said “Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God” Mt 5:9

I have located some quotes about peace from some well-known people:
“We are all brothers and sisters. We are all loved by God. We are all called to love one another as He loves us. Even people whose beliefs and lifestyles are fundamentally different from ours, are still our brothers and sisters. We are called to love them as well. As important, we are called to take the next step and build alongside of them a society that is both truly peaceful and truly just”. Pope Francis (World Peace Day Address January 1 2014)

“If you want peace, you don’t talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies.” Desmond Tutu

“God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the Earth.” Pope Benedict XVI

“Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of creative alternatives for responding to conflict - alternatives to passive or aggressive responses, alternatives to violence.” Dorothy Thompson

“While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart”. Francis of Assisi

“Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone’s face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love?” These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will be many fruits, here in this world and the life to come”. Henri Nouwen

Read more at http://www.brainyquote.com
Please continue to pray for peace in our world.

St Alphonus Liguori
Tomorrow is the feast of St Alphonus Liguori- Doctor of the Church and the founder of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer- The Redemptorist Order. The Redemptorist Fathers operate St Clement’s Monastery at Galong.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Yr 3)
Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) will commence in Term 4 for Year 3 students at St Monica’s. All children who are baptised Catholic (Yr3 and above) are eligible to enrol in the program. The children will receive the Sacrament on November 17, 18, 19. If your child is not baptised or baptised in another Christian faith and you wish for them to make their first Reconciliation, you must contact Fr Warren to discuss the matter. Children must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before they can make their First Holy Communion (Year 4).

The Parent Information Night for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on Wednesday 17 September at 7:00pm in St Monica’s Church. Presentation Masses (the children are presented to the parish and commit with their parents to the program) will be held Saturday 20 September 6:00pm and Sunday 21 September 10:00 am at St Monica’s Church.

Further information about the Program will follow in subsequent newsletters. Please keep checking for updates.

AWARDS, PRIZES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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M&M Star Medallions –
Charlize S (KOR), Tomas G (KOR), Chiara W (1D), Paige W (4LD), Paige S (4LD), Lachlan K (4LD)

Happy Birthday to the following children who are celebrating birthdays this week.

Kinder     Isabella C, Brian H
Year 1     Ruby S, Emily S
Year 2     Brooke M, Daniel Mc, Callie W, Katie B
Year 3     Lara Mc, Cooper M
Year 4     Joven M, Imogen R-G, Abbi F
Year 5     Diana B, Alissa J, Annabel W
Year 6     Alyssa M, Tahlia B
A Commonwealth Swimmer in the Making
Ben Mc (4LD) competed at the recent Australian school swimming championship. The competition was tough but Ben performed really well. He was able to swim personal best times for all his events and left with a ranking of 13th for his individual event—the 50m breast stroke. Overall a great week for Ben and all his fellow ACT swimmers.

Congratulations to Nikola J (6WS) who has been selected to compete in the School Sport ACT 2014 Football Team.

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Parenting Ideas – Michael Grose
This year we have taken out a subscription with Parentingideas. Our subscription gives us access to a range of Parent Tip Sheets and the Parentingideas Magazine. Please visit our Website under the Publications tab – Parenting Ideas http://stmonicas.act.edu.au/publications/parentingideas.html for access to material uploaded to date.

Kids and Parents Capoeira Classes
Sunday 6 July – Sunday 7 September, 10am-11am
Elements Fitness & Martial Arts – 10 Moore St Civic
Cost $100 per person for 10 weeks
Classes are designed to cater for students aged 5+
REGISTRATION – Email canberra.capoeira@gmail.com to secure your place. For more info visit www.elementsfitnessact.com.au.

CANTENE CORNER

Flexi Schools online ordering system is available for placing lunch orders. New to Flexi Schools – If your child has a lunch wallet you can select the option on the menu so a paper bag is not required. For Term 3 we are using Term 2 pricelist which is available on the website under Publications - Other School Notes.

The Roster for Term 3, Week 3

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Please Keep In Mind:
* Help needed with the above VACANCIES.
~ Swap your shift if you can’t make your rostered day.
New faces greatly appreciated at any time.
Thank you - Samantha Manning