



NEWSLETTER

Term 3 – Week 8 Thursday 15 September 2011

VALUE – TOLERANCE

To be tolerant is to accept differences. You don't expect others to think, look, speak or act just like you. Tolerance is being free of prejudice, knowing that all people have feelings, needs, hopes and dreams. To be tolerant also means to accept things you wish were different with flexibility and patience.

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Ms Maguire is home and recuperating well. Please keep her and any parents or children in our community who are unwell, in your prayers.

NAPLAN

Today the students in Years 3 and 5 will receive their NAPLAN results. I remind parents that they provide a snapshot of your child's progress and should be considered with their overall progress. More information will be provided when the staff have had the opportunity to analyse the results.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday night promises to be an exciting night for everyone. If you are interested in attending but have not yet got your tickets-please contact the front office.

STAFF ARRANGEMENTS

Mrs Fiona Pettit has taken long service leave effective from this Monday. Fiona will return on Wednesday November 2. We welcome Mrs Sue Robinson back to St Monica's who is going to teach in 3/4P on Monday and Tuesday and Miss Charissa McDonald who is teaching Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

SCHOOL CONCERT!

Concert! Concert! Concert! This is the word on everyone's lips. The teachers have worked tirelessly with the preparation for the concert, costumes, props and lots of practising. I am astounded with the generosity of the teachers and the many hours after school that they have put in to make this a fantastic experience for you and your children. Have you got your tickets? **Tuesday night is already booked out.** There are still plenty of tickets for the Wednesday performance at 11.40am. There are only a small number available for Thursday night. Just a reminder parents please ensure you drop your children off promptly at **6:30pm** to their classroom. They need to have their dinner at home before they come as it

will be a long night, especially for the younger children. Please ensure they bring a game to play or a book to read, a healthy snack and a water bottle. No electronic games please. Please ensure you collect your child **immediately after the concert** as your child and your class teacher will be exhausted. We look forward to what promises to be a fun and exciting week for all. A note will be sent home on Monday with important last minute messages about the concert performances.

FULL DRESS REHEARSAL

This Friday at 9:30am there will be a full dress rehearsal for the concert. Has your child bought their costume to school in a plastic bag labelled with their name on it? All items of clothing should be labelled.

STUDENT MANAGEMENT AND PASTORAL CARE

The rule focus for this week is about being respectful. From our playground data we have recognised that our rule focus for the next two weeks should be about speaking to each other with an appropriate tone of voice. Please take time to model and discuss this at home.

NEW CLASSROOMS

The new classrooms were officially handed over to the school yesterday. What an exciting time for us! We are extremely grateful to Trent, Troy, Stan, Bob Sly & the staff at the CEO- Peter Clarke and Maureen McGrath who have worked with us closely to ensure that we have new age classrooms that are innovative and technologically savvy. The Year 3 and 4 teachers look forward to moving early in Week 10. The new buildings will be officially opened in November.

LITERACY SHOWCASE

On Tuesday each Catholic school in the ACT region presented their new initiatives with Literacy and the Australian Curriculum. Congratulations to Kelly Boyton who is doing an excellent job leading St Monica's with this. Our display certainly indicated that St Monica's is well and truly up there with the best.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

If you wish to purchase summer uniforms the uniform shop is open on Friday mornings. Sincere thanks to Felicity Magnussen who works tirelessly managing the uniform shop. This is a great service to our families and very much appreciated.

WALKATHON

All the children have been issued with a pledge card for this year's Walkathon. As we did last year we are offering incentives as we reach and bank various targets achieved over the coming weeks.

\$2000 - Crazy Hair Day
 \$5000 – Games and Sports Afternoon
 \$10000 – Footy Fever Day

As an incentive, for every \$5.00 brought into school, a child will receive a ticket in our major raffle draw and individual class draws. Weekly incentives will also be given to the class group that bring in the most funds. Whilst we have had a couple of offers for assistance, it is imperative that we have as many parents assisting on the day as possible. If you are able to assist please complete the tear off slip at the bottom of the permission note and return to school as soon as possible.

URGENT REMINDER – TERM 4 SWIM AND SAFETY PROGRAM – KINDER - YEAR 2

Permission notes and payment were required by last Friday, September 9. We must finalise numbers with the pool prior to the end of term. This is a wonderful opportunity to ensure your child develops the necessary skills for water safety and further develop their swimming skills. If you wish for your child to participate in the program, please ensure you return your child’s note and payment immediately.

CANTEEN

Parents please ensure your child returns their special lunch order by this Friday September 16 or they will miss out.

SMOOSH VACATION PROGRAM

SMOOSH will be operating in the school holidays except for the Monday’s of the long weekends. Any families wishing to take advantage of our SMOOSH holiday program can do so by completing an application available from the front office or SMOOSH office.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

There are no school assemblies for the remainder of the term due to the interruptions with the concert. Awards will be presented on Monday mornings at assembly.

God bless

Marylou Gorham
 Principal (Acting)

RE NEWS

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

The parent information night for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is next Wednesday 21 September. Last week you received a letter from Fr Warrick inviting you to enrol your child in the program. All children in Year 3 participate in the class program as part of their Religious education. Your child must be a baptised Catholic to actually receive the Sacrament. If your child is baptised in another Christian religion eg Anglican, he or she must be received into the Catholic Church before they can receive the Sacrament. If you have any questions about your child’s eligibility please contact Fr Warrick on 62583212.

I have been overwhelmed with offers to lead home groups! Many, many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers; it is your contribution that adds a special dimension to the program.

At present there will be:

- 3 groups on Monday at 7:00pm
- 1 group on Tuesday at 6:30pm
- 1 group on Wednesday at 5:30pm
- 3 groups on Thursday at 6:30pm, 7:00pm, 7:15pm.

Please consider which night or time will suit you best. If the above times or days do not suit your needs- you might like to offer to lead a group at the day and time that you choose. You nominate your group at the Parent Information Evening.

**Parent Information Night:
 WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 7:00pm St Monica’s Church**

Presentation Mass: 24-25 September (all Masses)
 Home Group One: 24-28 October
 Home Group Two: 31Oct- 4 November
 First Reconciliation 22, 23, 24 November 6:00pm-7:30pm

**Carmel Rheinberger
 REC**

PARISH NEWS

**ADULT FAITH EDUCATION
 “THE WAY TO THE FATHER”**

Our Spring Adult Education Programme, over five Thursdays with Fr Warrick, will look at issues concerning the Moral teaching of the Church.

Venue: St Monica’s Church Meeting Room.

Dates: September 15 & 22.

Time: 10.30am – 12 Noon or 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Cost: Gold Coin Donation

Series Overview:

4. Sounds of Love from Mount Sinai (The Commandments today.)
5. Continuation of Session Four.



Dates for the Diary



SEPTEMBER		
16	7pm	Trivia Night
20	7pm	School Concert
21	11.40pm	School Concert
22	7pm	School Concert
30		Term 3 ends

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Year 2	Thomas M, Indya S
Year 3	Tess D
Year 4	Logan S
Year 5	Sabine T
Year 6	Peter T, Savannah L, Aaron M

AWARDS

	VALUES	CLASS AWARDS
	TOLERANCE	SOCIAL SCIENCE/SCIENCE
KJ	Rickson R	Emily C
KR/W	Olivia R	Leo B
KS	Baxter S	Johnny R
1K	Nicolas B	Rachel C
1M	Robert W	Marissa C
1/2D	Rory S	Joven M
2H	Eden L	Grace H
2S/H	Joshua D	Ricky J
3C	Rachael P	Alyssa H
3M	Bronwyn Q	James M
3/4P	James W	Laura C
4F	Harrison W	Nicholas W
4G/R	Mia T	
5D	Zara Mc	Amy King
5L/G	Ivy Mc	
6B	Catlin C	Mackenzie S
6K	Laura F	Javier B
6M	Shreya D	Emily P

POSITIVE PEOPLE AWARDS:

SPORT NEWS

ACTIVE KIDS CHALLENGE

Week 9's theme is "Unplug and Play". Unplug or turn off games, TV, DSi's, Wii's etc and play every day! That's a way we can have active, healthy kids and adults too!

Nicole Mikkonen.

NEWS FROM OUR LIBRARIAN

DOODLE 4 GOOGLE COMPETITION

Year 1-6 students are invited to enter this year's Doodle 4 Google competition. Students use the Google template provided to design their own doodle. This year's theme is 'My Future Australia.' Students need to incorporate this theme into their design, showing what they would like the future of Australia to look like. We are limited to entering only 8 designs from our school. These 8 designs will need to be submitted with titles and supporting statements.

Please hand your entries to Mrs Hind by Friday 16 September.

More information on the competition can be found at: www.google.com.au/doodle4google

Good luck! You never know – your design could be shown on the Google Australia homepage!

Rachael Hind



CANTEEN CAPERS

There is a Special Lunch on Tuesday 20 September. Order forms were sent home yesterday. **Orders MUST be returned by Friday 16 September.**

Help is needed tomorrow Friday 16 September. Any help would be appreciated.

CANTEEN ONLINE ORDERING

Our school canteen is now using Flexischools Online Ordering. Registration is free and easy.

Using any PC, go to www.flexischools.com.au

1. Click **Register Now!** And enter your email.
2. You are emailed a link to the online form. Choose your own Username and password and enter your contact details.
3. for each child click "Add a Student" and follow the prompts to Place an order.

You will be required to top-up your prepaid accounts. Visa or MasterCard

Preferred. The standard order fee is 25 cents per order. If you need help please contact Flexischools on 1300 361 769. Please note we will Continue to offer the existing St Monica's ordering System for those not wanting to go online.

St Monica's canteen Menu can be found on our School Webpage under Community – Canteen.

The Roster for Next Week

MONDAY		
19.09.11	VACANCY	10.50-2.00
TUESDAY		
20.09.11	VACANCY	E
	VACANCY	L
WEDNESDAY		
21.09.11	Simone Nahon	E
	VACANCY	E
	VACANCY	L
THURSDAY		
22.09.11	Melynda Mitchell	E
	VACANCY	E
	Emma Russell	L
	VACANCY	L
FRIDAY		
23.09.11	Louise Downey	E
	VACANCY	E
	VACANCY	E
	Jan Lee	L
	VACANCY	L

E = Early Shift: 9.15 am – 11.45 am

L = Late Shift: 11.30 am – 2.30 pm

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 - 62584687

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE NEWS

Don't forget the **TRIVIA NIGHT** coming up on Friday 16 September. It's not too late to book some seats or a whole table!

Also, we are looking for donations from families or family businesses for the silent auction on the night.

(These can be brought straight to the front office or you can call Fiona on the number below.)

For all Trivia Night info, please call Fiona Platzer on 0409 338 516.

Look forward to seeing you there!

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open on Wednesdays 3:00pm - 3:30pm and Fridays 8:30am - 9:30am. If you can't make it into the clothing pool, please remember that you can simply fill in an order form and we will fill your order, and send the uniform items home with your child.

COMPETITIONS

You can help us acquire valuable resources by shopping at Coles or Woolworths.



Points will automatically appear on the bottom of your shopping dockets all you need to do is save the dockets and send them into school. The school only needs the bottom section of the docket with the number on it. **(Woolies have given us a special collection box found on Mrs Smith's front counter)**. Each week we will upload the Earn & Learn points. To keep track of how many points we have earned parents and kids can check online at woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn to see how well the school is doing. **Points earned so far – 8187.**



COLES has launched their 2011 Sports for Schools program and we are excited to announce that St Monica's will be participating and collecting vouchers for much needed sports equipment. **We have collected 33473 vouchers, thank you.**

A collection box is at the Front Office so please feel free to drop the vouchers in the box or give them to your children to deliver.

MCCAIN SCHOOL VEGGIE PATCHES COMPETITION

Every pack of McCain frozen vegetables and McCain Purely Potato purchased by families will earn our school points towards new equipment for our school garden. Please send in barcodes from these products to Mrs Hind in the library or drop in at the front office.



More information can be found at www.mccainveggiepatches.com

1-2-3 MAGIC - Effective Parenting for 2-12 year olds.

This is a "one-off" parenting course, suitable for parents, grandparents, and people who work with children, held at Kippax Uniting Church one Saturday afternoon each term.

The next one is on Saturday September 17, 2-5pm. Cost \$10 per person, \$15 per couple. For more information, to register, or to offer to help with child-minding, please contact Chris on 6254 0262.

What: "Catch the Rising Stars" - Woden Valley Youth Choir's Annual Concert

Where: The Q, 253 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan

When: 7:30pm, Saturday 24 September 2011 and 2pm Sunday, 25 September 2011

Tickets: \$25 Adults, \$18 Concession/Child; on sale at the door or book online at

<http://www.theq.net.au/pages/eventdetail.asp?id=209>

Phone: The Q Box Office on: 6285 6290

WESTERN DISTRICT JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

Registration for 2011-12 Season

In2Cricket (U8) and Junior Cricket (U9-U18)

10am – 2pm Sunday, 18 September 2011

and Sunday, 25 September 2011

Canberra Southern Cross Club

Jamison Cnr Catchpole and Bowman Streets, Macquarie or download a rego form at

www.westerndistrictjuniorcricketclub.org

email: westsjuniors@bigpond.com

NETBALL CLINICS

Netball clinics will be held on October 11, 12, 13 and 14.

For more information contact Melina Saunders Phone: 62414088. Email: Melina@netballact.com.au

LITTLE ATHLETICS

Yes it's that time of the year again when the weather warms up and winter sport turns into summer sport. At Ginninderra Little Athletics Club our motto is "Family, Fun and Fitness" and it is a great summer activity for boys and girls between the ages of 5 to 17. We are taking registrations on the 17 Sept at McDonalds at Charnwood and the 24 at the Charnwood playing fields on Sports Way (off Lhotsky St), 9:00am to 12:00pm. You can also register on line. Go to www.ginninderra.com/athletics/ for more information. Or if you're not so sure, our 'come and try' days are on the 1 and 8 of October, starting at 9am. See you at the track.