OUR VISION
GROWING TOGETHER
Believe ~ Discover ~ Achieve

TERM 2 – WEEK 1 – 30 APRIL 2015

VALUE - Kindness

KINDNESS
Our new value commences this week-Kindness. Kindness is showing you care, doing some good to make life better for others. It is being thoughtful about people’s needs. Kindness is showing love and compassion to someone who is sad or needs your help. Kindness is treating yourself and others gently. It is caring about the earth and all living things. “Sometimes it is hard to love people, Lord. Show me how to start with small things. Help me to give a small gift first. Help me to smile at them.” (Bl Mother Teresa)

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS
BEING RESPONSIBLE

Being Responsible
Be on Task at all Times. I make choices about how I learn. I remain on task so I can complete my work. Being on task means completing my work without disturbing others.

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

COLLABORATION

Dear Parents

We are off and running for Term 2. Our new fence has been erected around the basketball courts which will improve the area for sporting ventures planned for lunchtimes over the coming months.

Many thanks to Sandra Forrest for her efforts to ensure everyone returned in their winter uniform. Special thanks also to Michelle Hawke who has been assisting Sandra in the Uniform Shop. Sandra has been very generous with the time she has given to our uniform shop, she is now very keen to hand over the coordination to someone else. If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible.

Uniform Shop purchase can now be made with Qkr!

Sacrament of Eucharist

Please pray for all our students and their families who will make their First Holy Communion on the 2-3 May. Their journey is nearly complete and I know that they are looking forward with great anticipation to receiving Jesus for the first time.


Nepal Earthquake Special Appeal – Gold coin Friday

The situation in Nepal following the earthquake is dire. The landscape of the country is making it extremely challenging to get aid to all those who desperately need food, water or medical assistance. In response to this humanitarian disaster, St Monica’s will hold a gold coin collection tomorrow, Friday May 1. All money collected will be directed to Caritas’ Emergency Relief Fund. $110 could provide three families with water and sanitation kits. Money will be collected at 9:00am. Please be generous in your support of all those in critical need. (This is not a uniform free day).

Baby News

Congratulations to the Hrstic family on the arrival of Elijah, brother to Sienna (2L) born on Monday. We all look forward to meeting the new member of the very excited family.

Kindergarten Parent Reading Workshop

On Tuesday 5 May, between 2.00-3.00pm in the Japanese Room, Mrs Bridgette McCann and Mrs Lynne Sydney will be running an information session on reading for Kinder parents. The workshop will cover practical ideas on reading with your child at home. It will also explain how to help with reading at school and a practical demonstration will be given by a teacher/group of students. Hope you can make it, please note the date in your diary.

Next Coffee Hour with the Principal

Our next Q&A over coffee has been booked in for 3:00pm on Friday 8 May. Hope you can
join me just before you pick up your children.

Mother’s Day Stall
Our lovely Mother’s Day stall will be held next week on Friday 8 May. There will be a wonderful range of fabulous gifts for the children to choose from. Prices will range from $5-$9. Children will be invited to come to the stall in family groups, so they may choose a gorgeous gift for the Mum together. There will be one gift per family – with the possibility of purchasing extra gifts if numbers permit. The Mother’s Day Stall will be held in the Drama Room (demountable buildings) from 9am. Year 6 will be attending first with their siblings as they have an excursion straight after. So kids!! Break open your piggy banks and come along to our annual Mother’s Day Stall and grab a lovely present for your “Super Mum”? If there are any parents/carers or grandparents free to help with the stall for an hour or more, we would very much appreciate your time. Please call Vicki Walsh on 0417 464 195.

Outstanding School Fees
Thank you to all the parents who finalised their school account for Term 1. We now only have $50,000 in outstanding school fees. Please make every effort to ensure your school fees are paid by next Monday as the Term 2 accounts will be prepared early next week.

Lunchtime Games Activities
This term we are implementing additional games and sports at lunch time to further engage and encourage all students to be safe, respectful and responsible learners at St Monica’s and to have fun. We are starting with Years 3-6 and will build this playground program further to the junior grades later in the year.

We will be starting netball, tennis and volleyball on various days throughout the week. This is to compliment the soccer, cricket, handball and other games which already occur on the playground. These additional sports will be played on the Blacptop and will be fully supervised with all equipment supplied. All tennis equipment (racquets, balls and nets) have been kindly supplied by Tennis Australia’s ‘Hot Shots’ program.

We are also looking to start a ‘Games Club’ on a Thursday at lunch time. This will occur in the 5/6ED classroom and be open to students in Years 3-6, who are interested. This will involve students bringing a game from home (board games, cards, Bakugan etc). These items will need to be handed to Mr Ellis at the start of the day and collected at the end of the day as these items are not normally allowed at school and will only be allowed during the session. This does not include any electronic games.

We have received a lot of attention from students interested in these sports and games. We are hoping this will provide some fun and engaging alternatives to what is already on offer.

Life Education Yrs 3 – 6
Next week the Life Education van is coming to St Monica’s. Each class will be led through a selected workshop that supports the Term 2 health unit. The cost of this workshop has been covered by the Curriculum Levy.

Book Fair
We are having a Scholastic Book Fair!
Where? St Monica’s Library
When? 5-8 May 2015
Time? Before school from 8.30am-9am, after school until 4pm
Please contact Mrs Hind if you are able to assist as a cashier.
NB: Students will enter the Lucky Door Raffle during library lessons.

Afternoon Parking
Yesterday I noticed a number of cars parked in the staff driveway. I ask that parents refrain from parking in this area.

Absentee notes
Following a review of the class roll data at the end of Term One I was shocked to note the number of absentee that had to be recorded with A and children who arrived after the morning bell. An A stands for an absence where no formal notification was received. Formal notification includes a response via our App, an email or written note. As the roll is a legal document I cannot stress the importance of providing the school with the required information. Schools have a legal obligation to report when a child does not attend regularly for unexplained reasons.

St Monica’s Public Speaking and Rostrum
This term the children in Years 3 – 6 will be preparing speeches based on the Rostrum Public Speaking rules. Our school finalists will be selected from Years 5 & 6 to represent St Monica’s at the quarter finals held towards the end of May.
This year’s topics are
The ANZACs, Light, Sheep, The best things about my home are …., If I could fix…., Life before TV
Speeches are for 3 minutes with the children working on their speeches for homework. Children who are selected for our school final will present on Wednesday 20 May commencing at 9.30am in the hall.

CASUAL CHILDCARE EDUCATORS FOR OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE CENTRE – We urgently need casual workers
The Catholic Education Office Canberra and Goulburn in partnership with St Monica’s Primary School operate an Outside School Hours Care centre for primary age students on the school premises.

We are looking for child care educators to join our team on a casual basis. Applicants will need to hold a Working with Vulnerable Peoples card. Qualifications in Child Care are desirable.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 15th May, 2015.

Email your CV, covering letter and completed Application for Advertised School Employee position to Rebecca Perry at: smoosh.stmonicas@cg.catholic.edu.au
**NAPLAN 2015 tests timetable**

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Language conventions test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation.
Numeracy test includes number, space, algebra, function and pattern, measurement, chance and data. Calculators are NOT permitted in the numeracy test in Years 3 and 5.

**Fete Convenor 2016**
The future of hosting another amazing fete in 2016 is dependent on finding a Fete Convenor. If this sounds like something you would love to take on please give me a call. Kath is more than happy to share her knowledge, wisdom and expertise of four years.

**Open Community Meeting – keep the day free**
We are planning a General Community Meeting next term for interested parents on **Wednesday 20 May**. Possible agenda items:
- iPads in Schools
- Response to 2014 Parent Survey
- Administration Plans

**Food Policy Committee**
In response to the latest parent survey, which indicated some issues with St Monica’s current food practices, the Community Council is seeking volunteers to form a temporary committee (2–3 meetings only) to update our current policies and practices. Issues include: - food sharing, classroom celebrations and parties, dealing with food allergies, food treats at events and as incentives, fundraising, and options for initiatives such as the Paddock to Plate program and a kitchen garden. To get involved, please contact Lis O’Daly on 0413 320 522 or via the Community Council email address: Council.StMonicas@cg.catholic.edu.au

**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@cg.catholic.edu.au
The email will be checked regularly by Lis O’Daly, Council Executive Secretary. We look forward to hearing from you.

**School Banking**
School banking is every Monday afternoon.

God bless

Carmel Maguire
Principal
We are very happy. Thank you Jesus. (Prayers I Pray ©2004 St Pauls Press) 
Carmel Rheinberger

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

2 & 3 May First Eucharist Mass
5-8 May Book Fair
6 May 12.30pm Prayer – 5E
7 May 10am, 12pm, 2pm Enrolment Tours

Changes to your Dedicated School Services from 18 May 2015
On Monday 18 May 2015, ACTION will be introducing a revised timetable for all normal weekday route services and some dedicated school services. Our current dedicated school services have been reviewed and improvements have been made.
Affected routes include: - Route/s 497

Please refer to the ACTION website for more details.

AWARDS, PRIZES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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M&M Star Medallions – Jasper M (2L), Sibel C (3D)

Special 3 Star Treat
Next Wednesday the second group of children to celebrate receiving 3 stars at the end of last term will enjoy a uniform free day and pizza for lunch with Ms Maguire.

Girls 12 Years and under Cricket Selection Trials (for over age students) – Sun 3 May, the Mint Oval, Deakin 2pm-4pm.

Belconnen Zone After School Trials – Yrs 5 & 6 students to see Mrs Figura for permission forms.

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

Year 1 Ava P, Josephine H
Year 2 Hena L, Caydence L
Year 4 Anabelle H, Ryan L, Amy R
Year 5 Sinead, Alison F
Year 6 Elise H, Cameron H

CANTEEN CORNER

CANTEEN CAPERS 6258 4687 (c) 6259 7240 (h) Samantha Manning:

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. Real McCoy chips are no longer available at the Canteen.

The Roster for Term 2, Week 1

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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
Canteen – Helpers Required
If you are able to help out in the Canteen at lunchtime or any Friday at lunchtime please call Sam – Canteen Manager on 0417291926.

Qkr! Payment App
Preferred Payment Method

High School Enrolment Information

ST FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE

- **Year 6 EXPO Day** - Friday 8 May 2015
  9.30am-2.30pm (students visit school)
- **Year 7 2016 Parent Information Evening**
  Monday 11 May 2015
  Tours 5pm followed by Information Session 6.30pm
- **Open Day** - Friday 15 May 2015
  Tour the College between 9.00am -2.30pm

MERICI COLLEGE

- **Year 6 Student Orientation**
  Tuesday 5 May 2015
- **Year 6 Open Day**
  Wednesday 6 May 2015
  9.30am-7.00pm
- **Year 7 2016 Information Evening**
  Tuesday 12 May 2015  6pm

Bedwetting Programme
Based on *Sydney Children's Hospital* Programme. Suitable for children from 5 years of age.
Margaret O'Donovan, Physiotherapist
Level 2, City Plaza Building
22 City Walk
Canberra City
Enquiries 6248 5066.

For Sale
C108 Yamaha ½ height Ebony Piano with adjustable stool.
Beautifully kept instrument, great for learner or experienced pianist. Please telephone Shayne – 0409 982 446.