



St Monica's News

Term 1 – Week 5 – 8 March 2018

At St Monica's we are a vibrant Catholic community that works collaboratively to empower its members to be inclusive learners, custodians and citizen

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

School Theme



And Jesus said to them,
"Follow me, and I will send you out to
fish for people"
And immediately they left their nets and
followed him. Mark 1:17-18

Dear Parents



In 2016 St Monica's commenced a three-year journey to implement the Restorative Practices framework to help students learn from their mistakes and reconcile and resolve problems with others. This week our training consultants, Liz and Vic O'Callaghan spent three wonderful days working with the staff, children and parents to deepen our understanding and refine the processes used across the school. The Restorative Practices framework has been designed to assist all in the community to use a common language when dealing with things when they go wrong. One of the main aims of Restorative Practices is to help all come to a clearer understanding of wrong doing. While it is common to see issues around inappropriate behaviour as a problem, Restorative Practices asks that we view such behaviour as an **opportunity for learning**. It is ironic, but if we think about it, our best learning occurs following those times we have made mistakes. Consider asking your children the following question. "If we were to live in our family for ten years and during this time, we never had a conflict or a fight. What would we have learned?"



Tuesday 13 March is Tombola day. For our new families Tombola day is when the children are asked to bring in a bottle (plastic only) of goodies for prizes of a number game coordinated by the school staff. The goodies included – containers of lollies, hair accessories, pencils, stationery, bubble bath – the options are endless, For bringing in a jar the children can wear **casual cloths** but they must wear their joggers and a hat.

Stranger Danger

Stranger Danger is an issue all families should discuss with their children regularly. This is particularly important for children who walk or ride to and from school. I am sure you have heard the recent police alerts involving children being approached by a stranger in a white car. We take such incidences very seriously and will continue to support and advise children of protective behaviours and remaining safe, through class discussion. Please remind your child/ren to walk straight home in a group with friends and identify safe people or places they may pass on their journey.

The following links might prove helpful:

<http://www.mychildsafety.net/stranger-danger.html>

Carmel Maguire
Principal

Discover the Word

**SAFE,
RESPONSIBLE AND
RESPECTFUL
LEARNERS**

LEARNING FOCUS

**Be Respectful
Use our Manners**

**We say please and
thank you, apologise
when things go wrong
and wait our turn.**



SOCIAL FOCUS

**Be Safe
Play Safe Games**

**We play safely on the
playground. This
means we are
considerate of others
and play by the rules.**



VALUE FOCUS – HONESTY



Honesty is a direct reflection of your inner character. Your actions are a reflection on your faith, and reflecting the truth in your actions is a part of being a good witness. Learning how to be more honest will also help you keep a clear conscious. Character plays a big role in where you go in your life. When you are faithful and honest, it shows.

Luke 16:10 - "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." [\(NIV\)](#)

SACRAMENTAL DATES 2018

Please save the following dates- further information (re times and meetings will be published early in the school year).



Sacrament of Eucharist

Saturday 2 June

Sunday 3 June

St Monica's Church



Sacrament of Confirmation

Wednesday 12 September



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 21 November

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Give with All Your Heart This Lent!



This week's story from Project Compassion reminds us how we can really make a difference in the lives of others! Don't forget to bring in your money for your class Project Compassion box!

Evangeline from Australia

Evangeline is strengthening Aboriginal culture, while making a living for herself and creating opportunities for her community. Featured in Project Compassion 2016, Evangeline was employed by the Caritas Australia supported Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation and quickly rose to the role of Senior Artsworker.

Her work at Djilpin Arts has supported the organisation's growth from a multi-media project to a multi-level contemporary arts and culture centre. An example of excellence in Indigenous tourism, it's now a key employer for young people in the remote Northern Territory community of Beswick (Wugularr).

This year, in 2018, Evangeline is busy guiding tourists, coordinating cultural activities and helping community members to practise and market their arts, such as weaving and jewellery-making.

"Now we have a new gallery up. And we have our new kitchens, we look after these and we now maintain this to make sure it's running okay and in good condition. We're also trying to open up another tour for tourists to go around the waterfall, we're just planning that now."

Evangeline's career has flourished and she has become an inspirational youth leader.



PARISH NEWS

Lent & Holy Week Ceremonies

	St Michael's Kaleen	St Monica's Evatt
Stations of the Cross (every Friday during Lent)	7pm	7pm
Holy Thursday 29 March	7.30pm	7.30pm
Good Friday 30 March	10am Stations of the Cross 3pm Adoration of the Cross	10am Stations of the Cross 3pm Adoration of the Cross
Holy Saturday 31 March	10am-12pm Reconciliation 7.30pm Easter Vigil	10am-12pm Reconciliation 7.30pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday 1 April	8am Mass No 5.30pm Mass	10am Mass

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Conversations on Goals (CoGs)

Our CoGs sessions will commence in Week 7. For our new families this is a meeting involving parent/s, student & teacher/s to set learning goals. Due to prior commitments some teachers' schedules will vary. Once again, we have opted for an online booking system to enable parents to coordinate appointments when there is more than one teacher to meet. More details to follow.



THE EASY WAY TO BOOK
SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

Touch Typing Program

This year we will be trialling a touch typing program the children will be able to access from home. Mr Christopher Evans is coordinating the rollout over the next few weeks.



School Camp

Next week our Year 5 & 6 children and eight teachers will be heading to Cooba, an Outdoor Recreational Camp, for three days to engage in a wide range of team building and leadership activities. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful team of committed staff able to attend.

Restorative Practices Tips

Restorative Practices TIPS & TARGETS

Restorative Practices
a framework for building,
repairing and maintaining
healthy relationships
for
learning and for life.

1

TIP OF THE WEEK

Be fair with children and adults.
Use Fair Process:
Listen
Speak
Understand

TARGET OF THE WEEK

Try using **FAIR PROCESS**
in all your interactions.

www.restorativepractices.org.au

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2

TIP OF THE WEEK

When things go wrong and wrong
doing has had an impact.
Ask questions that work:
• What happened?
• Who has been hurt?
• What needs to happen to
make things right?

TARGET OF THE WEEK

Try asking '**WHAT HAPPENED?**
rather than asking 'Why?'

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

2018 Fete - Not long to go now!!

The 2018 Fete will be held on Saturday 24 March from 10am - 2pm. As we near Fete day you will start to see plenty of activity around the school and the Skoolbag app go into over drive - please join in the fun - you won't regret it. A big thanks to the many who have already been beavering away –it's going to be a great day!

iPads and kids

We are excited to see some of the awesome IT work the kids have been doing and also seeing the curriculum come alive - have a look at the Australian curriculum for years 3&4 and 5&6 - they need to be able to code!

http://docs.acara.edu.au/resources/Information_for_parents_years_3_-_4.pdf and http://docs.acara.edu.au/resources/Information_for_parents_years_5_-_6.pdf

While we are grateful that we have the skilled teachers happy to do the learning on our behalf we are aware that the joys of personal iPads bring their own set of issues. The Community Council have found a great article on healthy screen time and quality media choices for 6-11 years, on the Australian Raising Children site (http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/screen_time_6-11_years.html/context/1106). The article talks about the benefits and pitfalls of screen time for kids and also provides some strategies on how to manage screen time. For those interested - google/search online 'family contracts for technology use' - these are a great start to conversation around parent expectations of technology use (including mobile phones for older siblings).

Community Council

As a Community Council we can only represent you if we know what your concerns are. Please email the council with any issues/ideas: Council.StMonicas@cq.catholic.edu.au . The email will be checked regularly by Evelyn David-Hoole, Community Council Secretary.

FETE NEWS

Book Stall

Children are encouraged to bring in pre-loved books to be sold at the book stall at Fete. The class who collects the most books each week receives a prize. There is a trolley at end of main corridor for books to be left.

Fete Value Tickets

Please place orders via Qkr or return order forms to Front Office no later than **Friday 16 March**. Last day of selling tickets under the Black Top is **Friday 16 March**.

White Elephant Drop Off Times

Drop off times for donations to White Elephant Stall are –**Sat 10 and Sun 11 March – 2pm-4pm and Sat 17 and Sun 18 March – 2pm-4pm**.

Raffle Tickets

Please return all tickets (sold or unsold) to the Front Office by **tomorrow**. If you require additional books to sell they are available at Front Office.

Fete Flyer Competition – Year 5 and 6

Thank you to all the students who submitted entries for the Fete Flyer Competition. The judges had a hard time deciding on the winners. The winners will be announced and presented with their prizes at Assembly tomorrow.

Community Council Email Address

The first meeting of the community council will be tonight. As a Community Council we can only represent you if we know what your concerns are. Please email the council with any issues/ideas: Council.StMonicas@cq.catholic.edu.au . The email will be checked regularly by Evelyn David-Hoole, Community Council Secretary.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Uniform Expectations

No jewellery should be worn to school and only plain studs and watches are acceptable. No bracelets, bangles, sparkly earrings, nail polish, make up, etc is allowed.

Contact Details - Urgent

The school must be provided with updated phone details to ensure staff can contact parents in an emergency. This can be done via our school app, via email or telephone the office.

World's Greatest Shave

2018 is the 20th Anniversary of The World's Greatest Shave, which is a pretty impressive milestone. What is even more inspiring is that 2 students from St Monica's are taking part in this year's event. Ava P (4SB) and Jack H (6M) – otherwise known as "The GorJase Kids" - are following their mumma's footsteps and are shaving their hair off to raise money and awareness of the horrible blood cancers that have not only touched their families, but many Canberran and Australian families. The GorJase Kids will be holding the shave at school on **Thursday 22 March between 10.30am-11am**. If you would like to donate to their cause, or just give them a message of support, you can head to their Team Fundraising Page and send them the



love. <http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/gorjasekids>.

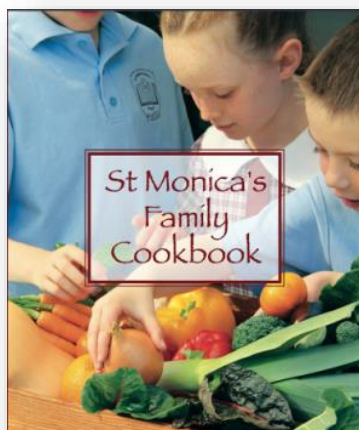
Kosciuszko Challenge 2018 – The Nerdy Backpackers are go!

On 17 March, Joseph O (5W), Laura G (4SB) and Sam G (3L) will be climbing Australia's highest mountain, Mount Kosciuszko, with their families to raise money for people with rare cancers. The climb is organised by Rare Cancers Australia (RCA), who provide support to the 52,000 Australians diagnosed with a rare or less common cancer each year. This event has personal significance for Joe, Laura and Sam as they lost their aunt to a rare form of lung cancer last year. They are looking forward to the challenge and are training hard(ish). If you would like to support them, you can make a donation at the following link: www.kosichallenge.com.au/my-fundraising/331/the-nerdy-backpackers. Any donations would be very gratefully received.



St Monica's Family Cookbook

Our wonderful school cookbook, packed with enticing recipes from the school community, as well as lovely images and illustrations of our school in action, can be purchased via the Qkr app (look under Fundraisers) or directly from the Front Office. This is a beautiful memento of your child's school and its 40-year history, and makes a fabulous gift for friends and family. Price: \$30 for a single book, or \$25 for two or more. All funds received go directly into supporting our school.



AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Next School Prayer – Monday 19 March – 9.10am in Church

Value Awards for Week 5 & 6 will be presented. Earn & Learn Prizes will be presented to St Monica's at Assembly.

Next Assembly – Friday 9 March – 1pm in School Hall

Class Awards for Week 5 will be presented.



	Value Award <i>Honesty</i>	Class Award <i>Written Presentation of Work</i>
KGO	Cooper D	Alexis B
KR	Natalia S	Taylor H
1B	Gus O	Sophia R
1E	Freya S	Aria G
1HV	Aiden Mc	Emma O
2D	Eamon F	Mason N
2MR	Jack P	Jessica Mc
3L	Elijah L	Liam K
3M	Oscar G	Jeremy R
3/4C	Alex C	Lucija P
4A	Mary D-H	Harry C
4SB	Chloe D	Claire H
5W	Sam G	Hena L
5WD	Jodie D	Madeline N
5/6M	Rowan D	Claudia G
6E	Fiona M	Sibel C
6M	Byron P	Manoli K

St Monica's Stars – Esther L (1HV) – 1st star, Toby Mc (1B) – 1st star, Joshua Mc (3L) – 3rd star, Antonia H (3L) – 3rd star, Dale S (3L) – 1st star, Cooper W (4SB) – 3rd star, Kate S (5WD) – 3rd star

Pride Badges – Joshua Mc (3L), Antonia H (3L), Cooper W (4SB), Kate S (5WD),

Happy Birthday to the following students...



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Year 2	Cody M, Faith K
Year 3	Jacob M,
Year 4	Lucija P
Year 5	Emma B, Ryan K, Dion W

CANTEEN CORNER

Roster for Term 1, Week 6

	Early 9:15 - 11:45am	Late 11:30 - 2:30pm
MONDAY 12/3/18	Public	Holiday
TUESDAY 13/3/18	Evelyn David-Hoole	Evelyn David-Hoole
WEDNESDAY 14/3/18	Angela Hose	Vacancy
THURSDAY 15/3/18	Daniela Agnello	Daniela Agnello
FRIDAY 16/3/18	Jenny Fulivai Wilma Hird June Manning	Katrina Ciampa Tracy D'Ambrosio



Preferred Payment Method



Samantha Manning - Canteen Manager - 6258 4687

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Coles Sports for Schools 2018

A big thank you to all the families who have sent in Coles Vouchers. Please continue to collect and send in your vouchers. The Coles Sports for Schools program runs until **3 April 2018**. For every \$10 spent at Coles you will receive one Sports for Schools voucher. There will be lots of exciting sports gear for our school to choose from.



Speech Pathology

CatholicCare's Speech Pathology service provides flexible, high quality, evidence based and person centred support to children of all ages in the following areas: Speech sounds, Language (expressing themselves and understanding others), Literacy (reading and spelling), Voice, Fluency, Pragmatics and social skills, Using alternative and augmentative communication systems, Eating, drinking and swallowing. CatholicCare's Speech Pathology services are NDIS registered. The service is also offered for a fee.

Please contact us on 6162 6100 for more information and enquiries or visit www.catholiccare.cg.org.au.

Magpies Junior Football Club

Come and try AFL with the Magpies. Registrations now open, boys and girls all age groups welcome. Season starts 5 May 2018. We are a supportive club who develop kids and help them every step of the way. Be a part of our club. For all enquiries email rego@magpiesjuniors.com or visit website www.magpiesjuniors.com.



Gregory Acadamey of Irish Dance

Canberra's First Northside Irish Dance School. Learn to dance at the Gregory Academy of Irish Dance.

Irish dance classes are taught by our fully qualified and experienced teachers in **Belconnen, Gungahlin** and **Civic**.

We have classes available for all ages, from toddlers to adults and all skill levels, from novice to championship.

Little G's - a perfect introduction to Irish dancing for your 3+ year old boy or girl with a focus on learning, growing and developing in a fun, nurturing, social and exciting environment! **Enrolments taken any time with your first lesson for free!** Please contact Liz T.C.R.G & A.D.C.R.G (registered with Irish Dancing Commission Dublin) on 0419 225 195 or gregoryacademy@outlook.com.

Belconnen Children's Choir

Young Music Society presents **BELCONNEN CHILDREN'S CHOIR** for primary aged children held on Tuesdays during school terms, Weeks 2 – 9. Time - 4:15 - 5:15pm Music Room, UC Secondary College Lake Ginninderra, Emu Bank, Belconnen. Sign up now or just turn up! Telephone 6258 0200 for more enquiries or visit www.youngmusicsociety.org.au. Conductor: Veronica Moore.

BRICKS 4 KIDZ

BRICKS 4 KIDZ® is the world's leading provider of STEM-based learning through the use of LEGO® bricks. Our AWESOME school holiday workshops are both educational ***and*** fun, and designed for all children between the ages of 5-12. With a wide variety of workshop themes ranging from Minecraft®, Harry Potter® and Brick City, to our own amazing Remote Control course where children will design, build and control their own creations, we have something for everyone! These holidays our workshops will be held in Belconnen at Lake Ginninderra Sea Scouts Hall (just down from Westfield and right on the Lake at Beissel St), with other locations at Turner and Garran. To make a booking telephone 0422 083 883, or email ACT-Northside@Bricks4Kidz.com.

Elite Massage Solutions

Special Offer for St Monica's Kindy parents (yes that includes hubbies!) 10% off your FIRST massage with me - Elite Massage Solutions until the end of March 2018! Just mention St Monicas when booking. Appointments are available on Wednesdays-Friday's from 10am to 2.30pm at 23 Petrie Plaza Canberra City. To book online simply visit www.facebook.com/elite massagesolutions and click Book Now. (Please note online bookings are available for Wednesdays only). For other days including Saturday appointments please call Kellie on 0412552293. Rates are \$90 for 1 hr, \$70 for 45 mins and \$50 for 30 mins.

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High School Information

Daramalan College

Open Evening Tours – Tuesday 27 March – 5pm-6.30pm, Optional Year 7, 2019 **Information sessions** – Tuesday 27 March – 4.45pm and 7pm.

Try Dara for a Day – Thursday 12 April. This is the date St Monica's students will be attending.

Year 7 2019 Orientation Day – Friday 7 December 2018.



Merici College Open Day 2018

Year 7 2019 Information Session - Wednesday 9 May 2018 - 2.00pm-4.00pm and 5.30pm-7.30pm

Year 11 2019 Information Evening - Thursday 17 May 2018 - 5.00pm-6.30pm

Careers Expo – Thursday 17 May - 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Be a Merici Girl for a Day - Wednesday 2 May or Friday 4 May - Experience a typical day at Merici College

Additional School Tour and Principal's Address - Saturday 5 May – 9.30am

Visit www.merici.college for all enrolment enquiries and online registrations for Be a Merici Girl for a Day and School Tours.

