

St Monica's News

Term 1 – Week 3 – 22 February 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

Prayer of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Mother of Perpetual Help,
you have been blessed and favoured by God,
you became not only the Mother of the Redeemer,
but Mother of the redeemed as well.

We come to you today as your loving children.
Watch over us and take care of us.
As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms,
so take us into your arms.

Be a Mother ready at every moment to help us.
For God who is almighty has done great things for you,
and God's mercy is from age to age on those who love God.

Intercede for us, dear Mother,
in obtaining pardon for our sins,
love for Jesus, final perseverance,
and the grace always to call upon you,
Mother of Perpetual Help.
Pray for us.

Last Sunday we celebrated the amalgamation of the St Monica's and St Michael's Parishes. While the name of the churches and schools will remain, the parish name will change to *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, West Belconnen*. Over time we will see subtle changes to the way the sacrament programs will be run as we work closely together.

Congratulations to our Year 6 leaders who received their badges last Friday. We had a lovely gathering in the church to mark the occasion. The children looked very formal in their new leadership shirts.

Baby News

Congratulations to the Dermody family – Cooper (KGO) on the arrival of Riley born on 22 January.

Carmel Maguire
Principal

Term One Discover the Word

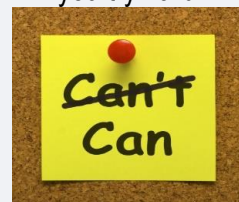
SAFE, RESPONSIBLE AND RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

LEARNING FOCUS

Be Responsible

Self-Concept

Believe in your own ability.
Know that you can do it if
you try hard.



SOCIAL FOCUS

Be Safe

Sun Safety

When we are outside, we
need to wear our hats.



VALUE FOCUS – RESPECT

Respect is a lesson that everyone should learn,
Respect must be given before expecting a return.
Respect is something that's given for free,
Respect is about us and never about me.



Respect is the basis on which relationships are founded,
Respect is the anchor that keeps us well grounded.
Respect builds character and defines who we are,
Respect sets the standard and raises the bar.

Respect is magnanimous and helps to fulfil,
Respect is the partner that sits with good will.
Respect is like honey so sweet it's perceived,
Respect a taste to savour when it is received.
By Don Wilson

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This week we follow the story of Rattanak whose life has been forever changed by the wonderful projects that Caritas provide worldwide!



Rattanak is a skilled young barber, living an independent life in rural Cambodia. But it wasn't always that way. As a child he contracted polio and also became deaf. Like many people who are deaf or hard of hearing, Rattanak faced isolation at home, with a lack of opportunity to escape poverty.



His sister discovered the Deaf Development Program (DDP), run by Caritas Australia partner, Maryknoll Cambodia. It provides sign language, job training and interpreting services to people aged 16 and over who are deaf or hard of hearing and aims to raise awareness about deafness in the hearing community.

So far, it's helped over 430 deaf or hard of hearing people with their education and more than 200 people to find jobs. It has also trained more than 300 people without deafness as sign language interpreters. Rattanak graduated from its education program in 2010, returning the following year to train as a barber. The DDP then helped him to set up his shop in his parent's house in the village.

Having emerged from his isolated world at home, Rattanak is now running a successful business, supporting himself and his wife...and now a baby. ***"We are very proud of him. It can show to other people in other countries that deaf people with a disability can do anything."*** - DDP Co-Director, Sokly



Each classroom has a Caritas giving box and the class who raises the most money gets a uniform free day!
Give with All Your Heart This Lent!

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

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

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Meet and Greet and Workshop

We are very fortunate to have a team of committed and dedicated teachers who are so generous with their time. Thank you to all the parents who were able to take the opportunity to meet their children teacher and attend one of the many informative workshops offered last night.

Swimming Carnival and Water Activity Day

The children all had a wonderful day at the pool or at school. Carnival results to be announced tomorrow. Thank you to Liz Mahoney for coordinating the carnival this year and Helen Houghton for the activities at school.

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.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Cybersafety workshop

Susan McLean delivered an eye opening workshop last week. For those who missed it - there is a copy of her book (may be a little queue already) in the office. Susan has a number of resources available to parents on her website:

<http://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au> and she also suggests resources from the Office of the E-safety

Commissioner: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

Volunteering

Thank you to all those who have already returned forms. We have started processing volunteer responses and passing on details to teachers and organisers. We understand that families are hard pressed for time but please know that your contribution is greatly appreciated. We also welcome younger siblings to come and help too - there are plenty of bub/toddler friendly tasks.

2018 Fete News

The 2018 fete will be held on **Saturday 24 March from 10am - 2pm**. Please take the time to see how you can assist/donate -- there are plenty of opportunities right now before the fete: divide and bag up some bulbs for the plant stall, cook up some jams/preserves for the cake stall, clear out the excess (okay maybe not the excess but unread) books collecting dust or declutter the kids wardrobes. We are also looking for a team of dedicated parents or parents and friends to co-ordinate our White Elephant stall. The White Elephant stall is our biggest stall and last year raised almost a third of the total fete profit so it is essential that we have the continued addition of this highly valuable stall. The White Elephant requires its own small committee to facilitate 2-3 weekends of drops offs at the school hall leading up to the fete, set-up on the day before the fete and facilitate sales and service on fete day. If you are able to help or form a small committee or for further information please contact the fete team by email: stmfete@gmail.com or Alicia Prest, Fete Convenor on 0437 693 818 or Sarah O'Connor, Stall Co-ordinator on 0422 782 596. Finally, a reminder that all volunteers do require a Working with Vulnerable People card which can be applied for online via the Access Canberra website. Please consider how you can help with our fete (Week 7). Our fete is the highlight of our community calendar and helps raise funds for the school. If you have an hour to spare, please consider helping out at one of the many stalls – the stallholders will appreciate as much help as they can get. You can keep tabs on fete happenings via facebook - 'St Monica's Primary School Fete'.

Book Stall

If you have any books you would like to donate, our wonderful Fete Bookstall Co-ordinator Andrea Bolitho is collecting books for the 2018 fete. Please contact Andrea directly on 0407 397 233 to arrange drop off or collection, or alternatively you are welcome to drop books to Andrea's home at 10 Edmunds Place, Spence.

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@cg.catholic.edu.au. The email will be checked regularly by Evelyn David-Hoole, Community Council Secretary.

GENERAL INFORMATION

School Photos - Monday 26 February 2018

All children to wear their full Summer Uniform. Envelopes with money are due back to school **tomorrow**.

Family Photos – As a fundraising opportunity, families can request a group photo with siblings to be taken on photo day. This is completely separate from individual student photos. The cost is \$15 per photo. Please enclose this money in a separate envelope marked **Family Photo with your family name clearly displayed**. Alternatively, payment may be made using our Qkr! App. If using Qkr just send in a note to confirm your request and method of payment.

Kinder Medical Checks

The Kindergarten Health questionnaire has been sent home today to all Kindergarten parents. All questionnaires are to be returned to the school in the envelope provided by **Wednesday 7 March 2018**. Information has been sent home to both parents who have a shared care responsibility. The medical checks are to occur at St Monica's during **Term 3**.

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.

School Fees

Families who have not settled their 2017 accounts are required to do so immediately. Should this be an issue please contact the Principal to discuss payment options. Representatives from the Catholic Education will be conducting an audit of our fee payments in the next three weeks. The 2018 accounts will be emailed out tomorrow. **Please ensure your email account details are up to date.**

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 in March (more details to follow). However, until then, 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>

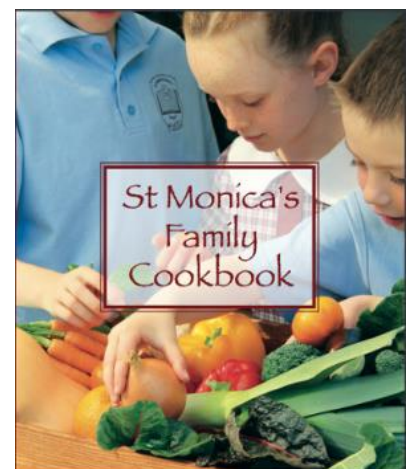


St Monica's Family Cookbook

Did you miss out on a St Monica's Family Cookbook at Christmas? Not to worry, they are still available! 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.

Fete Value Tickets

Value Ticket order form has been sent home with eldest child today. You may order via Qkr or complete form and return to Front Office. Tickets will be sent home next week once payment is received.



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AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

**Next School Prayer – Monday
19 February – 9.10am - Church**
Value Awards for Week 1 & 2 will be presented.

**Next Sport Assembly –
Swimming Ribbons – Friday 2
March – 1pm in School Hall**
Class Awards for Weeks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be presented.



	Value Award <i>Respect</i>	Class Award <i>Religion</i>
KGO	Abigail N	Zander R
KR	Lachlan P	Emanuel S
1B	Sarah R	Marianna R
1E	Patrick H	Isabelle J
1HV	Sienna R	Esther L
2D	Sophie C	Lorenzo S
2MR	Faith K	Lillian F
3L	Amour A	Lily H
3M	Alissa H	Xavier M
3/4C	Keir F	Isla B
4A	Elspeth S	Gabriella F
4SB	Tahlianna B	Aurelia S
5W	Annie R	Jaidah T
5WD	Dita S	Fletcher A
5/6M	Coco B	Ronald K
6E	Katie B	Patrick E
6M	Daniel E	Clara A
St Monica's Stars –		
Pride Badges –		

Happy Birthday to the following students...



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

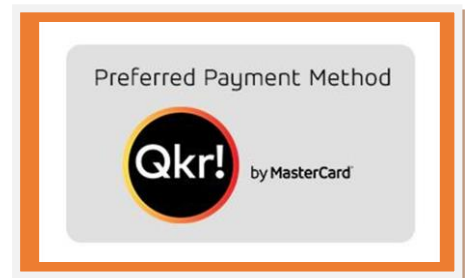
Year 1	Lane D, Aria G
Year 2	Sophie S, Jack G, William Mc, Emilia H
Year 3	Lucy O
Year 4	Lachlan B, Remy D
Year 6	Sam Mc, Marcus D

CANTEEN CORNER

Roster for Term 1, Week 4

	Early 9:15 – 11:45am	Late 11:30 – 2:30pm
MONDAY 26/2/18	Vacancy	Vacancy
TUESDAY 27/2/18	Evelyn David-Hoole	Evelyn David-Hoole
WEDNESDAY 28/2/18	Angela Herbert	June Manning
THURSDAY 1/3/18	Daniela Agnello	Daniela Agnello
FRIDAY 2/3/18	Jenny Fulivai Wilma Hird	Wendy Regan Katrina Ciampa

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 15 June 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.

Rhee Tae Kwon Do – Evatt

Rhee Tae Kwon Do is an effective affordable martial art for all ages to learn how to manage confrontation, bullying and assault situations. All students of Rhee Tae Kwon Do improve personal confidence, fitness, discipline, self-control, co-ordination and respect. Classes held at **ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**, Monday and Wednesday nights. All new beginners receive 2 **FREE TRIAL LESSONS**. Telephone Instructor Jade on 0420 336 638 for all enquiries.

Bedwetting Programme

Based on Sydney Children's Hospital Programme. Suitable for children from 5 years of age. Margaret O'Donovan Physiotherapist, 2nd Floor, Ethos House, 28 Ainslie Avenue, Canberra City, ACT. For all enquiries please telephone 62485066.

Mighty Janes Bootcamp

Mighty Janes Bootcamp is a social and inclusive ladies only fitness group based at St Monica's Primary School. Just because it is ladies only does not mean we don't work hard, but the training does not take over your life, it is for real women with real lives, families and jobs. Beginners right through to experienced athletes are welcome. If you are interested in checking out Mighty Janes your first session is free. Please email admin@purewill.com.au for more info. There are currently only 4 spaces available. Staff and Parents of St Monica's get a 5% discount on going membership fees. Mighty Janes train at St Monica's Primary School on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6-6.45am.

