

St Monica's News

Term 1 – Week 6 – 15 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

How quickly the weeks are flying by. Next week the teachers will be available to meet with parents and children to discuss general progress and to consider goals. Planning for our CoGs week has snuck up quickly and was missed when planning the calendar, sincere apologies for the late notice. 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. Due to prior commitments some teachers' schedules will vary. Visit our website or school app to find the link.

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**SCHOOL
INTERVIEWS**



A big thank you to all our families for your generous donation to our Staff Tombola Stall. Our Fete is only a week away and will be a great day with a treat for everyone.

Congratulations to Monika and Sean on the arrival of their daughter Alicia born on Tuesday night. Mum and bub are doing really well.



Thank you for your understanding regarding the lack of canteen facilities today. Our Canteen Manager is currently on Long Service Leave for the week and while we thought we had the canteen covered an unexpected family commitment prevented our replacement from coming in today. We will be back in business tomorrow.

A reminder to families that Term 1 school fees are due by Friday 23 March 2018. Please make every effort to provide full payment by due date. Please disregard this reminder if you are on a direct debit. If you are experiencing difficulty with making payment please contact me, to discuss.

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.**



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 at 9.00am in the school hall**. Please note change of time. 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>.



"Hi, my name is Ava Platts and I am in 4SB. I am taking part in the World's Greatest Shave and will be shaving my head bald along with my partner Jack Howlett from 6E. I am doing this for a few reasons. My Uncle Jason sadly passed away 3 years ago from Leukaemia and I feel that by shaving my head and raising some money I can help sick people just a little bit. Also my mum and Jack's mum shaved their heads 2 years ago and they looked cool. The World's Greatest Shave helps families that have been affected by Leukaemia by giving them a place to stay while they are having their treatment. It also helps with transport to medical appointments and with research to try and stop blood cancer. All money raised will go straight to the charity. Come and watch us next Thursday. Bring a gold coin and we can spray paint your hair or you can buy a cupcake".

"My name is Jack Howlett and I am in Year 6. I am shaving my head for my grandfather who lost all his hair because of Lymphoma. Luckily he survived and I still have him around. It wasn't too hard for him to lose his hair, but maybe it might be hard for other people, including kids. So I am shaving my hair so those people and kids see that someone knows what they are going through.

As well as raising awareness, I want to try and raise money to help those who are sick with blood cancers. Money raised goes to all sorts of things, like research, transport to appointments and accommodation for families who have to travel to get treatment.

So hopefully you can watch us go bald next Thursday. Bring money as my mum and Ava's mum are baking cupcakes to sell at recess and they are pretty good cooks!"

VALUE FOCUS – HONESTY



Although the ultimate purpose for Jesus coming to earth was to take away our sins so we could be closer to God, as he spent time with people, he also taught them how to live and love and access the power of God in their everyday lives. Read the story of Feeding the five Thousand from [John 6:1-](#)

[14](#): your child may already be familiar with this popular story but retell it to them with an emphasis on why Jesus performed miracles like this one. By interacting with people through teaching, miracles, and healing, Jesus opened his heart to others allowing them to open their hearts to him. Jesus wants to be in relationship with us. He wants us to know him and love him as much as he knows and loves us.



Honesty Prayer

Lord, make me honest, please help me to be honest in all that I do and all that I seek in life. Help me to love You and be honest with myself and others. Jesus I trust in You, Amen.

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

Give with All Your Heart This Lent!



**A JUST FUTURE STARTS
WITH EDUCATION**

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!

Ditosa from Mozambique

Ditosa is a young girl from Mozambique who hopes to go to university and become a police officer. Featured in Project Compassion 2013, Ditosa faced a challenging future with food scarcity, little education and few job prospects. Cared for by her grandmother and aunt, after her parents died of AIDS-related illnesses, they also lost their home and livelihoods in severe flooding.

Thanks to the support of Project Compassion, Caritas Australia and Caritas Regional Chokwe (CRC) helped Ditosa's family to build a new house and assisted with transport fees, school materials and fees, to help Ditosa to stay at school.

Ditosa attended the Matuba Children's Centre (set up by Caritas in 2007) which provides vulnerable children, like Ditosa, with lunch, study help, and computer and income-generating skills training. In

2018, Ditosa has graduated from school and is ambitious for the future.

"Without the support of the people from Australia and Caritas I would not have been given this opportunity to continue my schooling." Ditosa dreams of going to university to continue studying and secure an even brighter future.

***I love to learn and want to be a police woman. Education is important in my life but I know that university is expensive, so if I can't go to the police academy I want to learn commercial science so that I can work in a bank."* - Ditosa**

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

A Mama's Prayer for Camp

May you find learning and growth of all kinds.

May you gain independence and feel comfort in your Catholic identity.

May the mosquitoes be guided away from you, and may the raindrops not fall onto your head (too much).

May the food be delicious and the pool the right temperature.

May you seek out new experiences and try new things (vegetables would be nice but very doubtful).

May you avoid the camp crud and may you never lose your socks.

May you take a shower and brush your teeth every day.

May you not leave wet towels or clothes out at night because they will not dry.

May your arrows fly straight, your harness not get tangled, and your tennis ball not whack you on the nose.

May you not fall off the top bunk.

May you not spend your whole canteen account on silly junk.

May you not keep the teachers up at night.

May you not lose your hat and water bottle on the first day.

May you not lose your way in the night to the bathroom.

May you create a life-long friendship.

May you renew old friendships.

May you learn more and more about yourself.

And finally may you return home in one piece with all your belongings.



ACT schools are actively planning to transition to NAPLAN Online testing from 15-25 May 2018 for all Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students.

NAPLAN online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information.

All students participating in NAPLAN Online 2018 are expected to have done a practice/familiarisation test prior to the May NAPLAN tests. ACT schools undertaking NAPLAN Online this year will participate in a practice/familiarisation test from 22 March 2018. The practice test does not assess student performance and has been developed to replace one of the familiarisation activities that schools have traditionally undertaken.

As a parent, you can become familiar with NAPLAN Online tests by visiting the public demonstration site, <http://bit.ly/naplanonline>. The purpose of the site is to familiarise students with the type of items they will see on NAPLAN Online and related functionalities. This level of familiarisation is worthwhile to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the test.

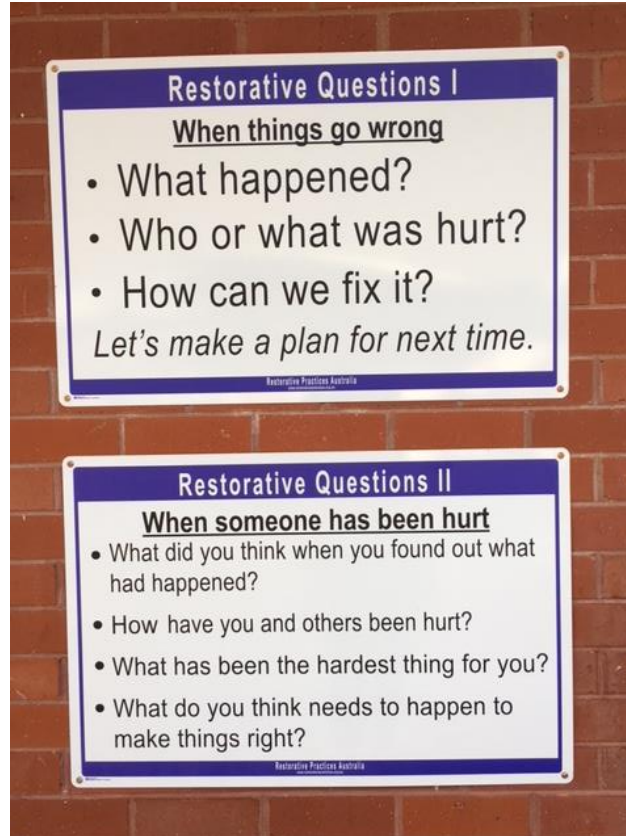
Further information on NAPLAN Online, including the public demonstration site, is available at www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online.

NAP Locked Down Browser Installation

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In order to do this our BYOD iPads need to have the NAP Locked down browser installed from home as there is a need to use the iTunes password. Year 5 will use their own iPads with Year 3 accessing the school iPads. Years 3s may also choose to use their iPads if compatible.

The NAP Locked down browser allows students to securely participate in NAPLAN and NAP Sample tests on the Online National Assessment Platform. The application regulates access to utilities and system functions, prevents application switching and unauthorised device resources being used during an assessment. **Download and installation instruction can be found on our App under alerts.**



Please talk to your children about our restorative questions. We now have several sets displayed, on the external walls around the school, to remind the children of the process to use when resolving an issue.

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! An early forecast has a warm sunny day scheduled and there will be plenty of traditional and new activities to enjoy – its going to be a great day!!

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.

Community Council Opening Meeting

Thursday 6 April

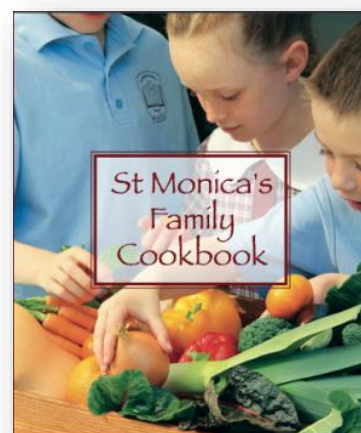
6.30pm St Monica's Library

Everyone welcome to join the discussion and bring ideas

Our direction for the next 5 years

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.



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 **by tomorrow**. Last day of selling tickets under the Black Top is **tomorrow morning**.

White Elephant Drop Off Times

Just a reminder that the last opportunity to drop off items for the 2018 Fete White Elephant Stall will take place this weekend. Drop off times will be from 2:00pm to 4:00pm on both Saturday and Sunday. Please bring along those items that are too good to throw away but that you no longer need or use. Please ensure that your goods are stain-free and in good used condition. No mattresses, children's car seats, broken or unusable items.

We also have a limited ability to collect items for those in the community that are not able to get items to the school due to illness or disability. These collections will be done during school hours early next week. Please text "Fete Collection" to 0408 637232 and one of the fete team will contact you to discuss collection.

Raffle Tickets

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

GENERAL 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.



AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Next School Prayer – Monday 19 March – 9.10am in Church
Value Awards for Weeks 5 & 6 will be presented.

Next Assembly – Friday 16 March – 1pm in School Hall
Class Awards for Week 6 and Star and Pride Badges will be presented.



Happy Birthday to the following students...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kindy	Eden L, Harrison F
Year 1	Cooper D, Ostin D, Ivana P, Tessa S
Year 5	Bowen D
Year 6	Montana M, Apajok A

	Value Award <i>Honesty</i>	Class Award <i>Teacher Choice</i>
KGO	Mia M	Harrison F
KR	Margaret P	Noah P
1B	Toby Mc	Matthew M
1E	Jemima B	Bol K
1HV	Xavier Mc	Saket D
2D	Alex A	Mya L
2MR	Drew G	Blake M
3L	Ethan G	Darius C
3M	Chase M	Bailey G
3/4C	Ava S	Geordie T
4A	Mikayla T	Lexi R
4SB	Pyper M	Micaela M
5W	Nellie B	Kate S
5WD	Joshua R	Marin J
5/6M	TBA	TBA
6E	TBA	TBA
6M	Hannah D-H	Lachlan R

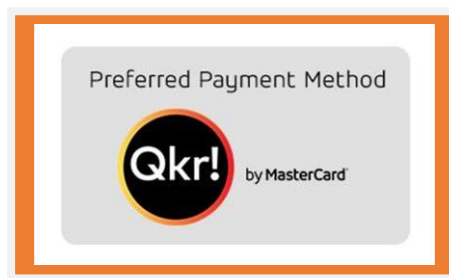
St Monica's Stars – Lachlan B (2D) – 1st star, Violet P (2D) – 2nd star, Ben B (3/4C) – 2nd star, Gabrielle W (3/4C) – 1st star, Lucija P (3/4C) – 4th star, Tom P (5/6M) – 2nd star, Matthew P (5/6M) – 2nd star, Holly V (5/6M) – 1st star

Pride Badges –

CANTEEN CORNER

Roster for Term 1, Week 7

	Early 9:15 - 11:45am	Late 11:30 - 2:30pm
MONDAY 19/3/18	Michelle Gaffey	Michelle Gaffey
TUESDAY 20/3/18	Vacancy	Vacancy
WEDNESDAY 21/3/18	Vacancy	Vacancy
THURSDAY 22/3/18	June Manning	June Manning
FRIDAY 23/3/18	Samantha Cox Tracy D'Ambrosio June Manning	Wendy Regan Tracy D'Ambrosio 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 **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 **all St Monica's 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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Kellie Henning

Phone 0412 552 293

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To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

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|  laptops & tablets |  camps & excursions |
|  uniforms & shoes |  lessons & activities |
|  sports fees & gear |  books & supplies |

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