



St Monica's News

Term 1 – Week 4 – 1 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

We have been truly blessed to have had Wendy Rix, contemporary Indigenous visual artist, at St Monica's as our artist in residence for the past 3 weeks. Every child and teacher in our school has had the awesome experience of working with Wendy as she has told us her story through music, conversations, colours, feelings and nature.

Wendy has so skilfully produced rich and colourful artworks depicting our story that brilliantly celebrates who we are as a school community. She leaves us with the cross below and representation of our school vision - *BELIEVE, DISCOVER* and *ACHIEVE*. Our Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students have produced a combined artwork and the Year 3 to 6 students had the opportunity of creating their own art pieces. We are so thankful for the positive and beautiful way that Wendy has shared her Aboriginal heritage with us all so that we can appreciate and celebrate it too.



Swimming Carnival and Water Fun Day Thank You

Congratulations to all of the students who participated so enthusiastically during our Swimming Carnival. We were very fortunate to have had magnificent weather, matched only by the outstanding behaviour displayed by each and every child. Thank you Liz Mahoney, the Year 5/6 teachers, Helen Houghton and the Year 1 teachers for their organisation. A huge thanks must go out to all of the parent helpers who assisted on the day. Without your ongoing support these days would not be possible. Ribbons and the winning House will be announced at Assembly on Friday at 12:45pm.

Term One 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.**



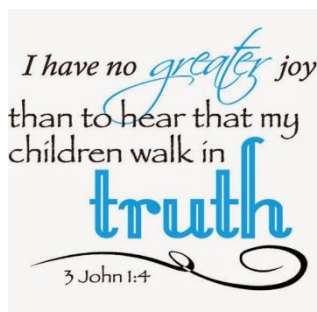
Staff Farewell

Tomorrow we farewell Mrs Richards who goes on Maternity Leave. We wish Monika and Sean all the best and look forward to the safe arrival of their baby. She will be greatly missed. We thank Monika for the many contributions she has made to make St Monica's a thriving learning community.

Blessings to you and your family

Val Ciuffetelli
Assistant Principal

VALUE FOCUS – HONESTY



Honesty

There are ways to put up barriers to many things in life, ways to cut corners and have no one be the wiser, but honesty simply is not one of them. The truth only has one story. You either are honest, both with yourself and with others, or you aren't. You can be dishonest with others and get away with it, both with blatant lying and with misrepresenting yourself, but even if no one realises you are being dishonest, you yourself know. It can be easy for some to fool

others, but we never truly fool ourselves, at least not in the long term.

Christ said that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. If Christ is Truth, then it follows that [lying](#) is moving away from Christ. Being honest is about following in God's footsteps, for He cannot lie.



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

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!

Bayan from Jordan



Bayan is a 12-year-old Syrian girl, living with her family in Jordan, a keen student, who has her sights set on a career as an ophthalmologist. She struggled to overcome the trauma of growing up in a conflict zone, facing the prospect of missing out on schooling. Now, Bayan is an academic high-achiever, flourishing in a stable school environment.

Bayan grew up in Syria's capital, Damascus. The Syrian conflict turned their lives upside down and they were forced to flee. As their time in Jordan extended, Caritas Australia and our partners, Caritas Jordan and Catholic Relief Services stepped in to provide vital academic and psychosocial support. Bayan started attending one of Jordan's Caritas Schools which operates on Saturdays, providing tuition to disadvantaged students.

"I would not be able to read and write. I would feel lost, as if I knew nothing about the world. School has the power to lift us up, so we can reach our goals and learn quickly." - Bayan

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 Special Invitation Restorative Practice Workshop Tuesday 6 March commencing at 6.30pm St Monica's Library

Who should attend

Kinder Parents, new families to the school and
those parents who have missed the session in previous years

Education in schools is largely about relationships, which can often develop into conflicts which require resolution, forgiveness and healing. Restorative Practices Framework helps students learn from their mistakes and reconcile and resolve problems with others.

The Restorative Practices Framework is used at St Monica's. We acknowledge the importance of the home and school connection regarding any approach to behaviour management. The Restorative Practices Framework provides a consistent approach for all involved to ensure we are building, maintaining and restoring positive relationships throughout the school.

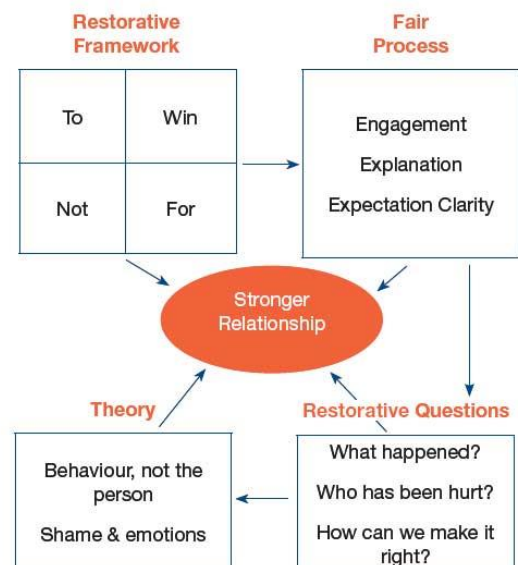
To help families understand our approach we have arranged for our trainers to deliver a one hour workshop to explain the process. Please RSVP to Office by Monday 5 March.

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.



Linking Practice, Theory & Values



COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

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.

Community Council

The Community Council met for the first time last week. The following office bearers were elected: Chair - Evan Thomas, Vice Chair - Kath Moir, Treasurer - Craig Simpson, Secretary - Evelyn David-Hoole. The council are also thankful to Pilar Davidson for volunteering to take on the role as P&F Treasurer. 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

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.

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 3 and Sun 4 March – 2pm-4pm, 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 **Friday 9 March**. If you require additional books to sell they are available at Front Office.

Fete Flyer Competition – Year 5 and 6

Closing date for flyers to be returned has been extended until **Monday 5 March**. There is a wonderful prize awaiting for the Competition winner!

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

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**.

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 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>

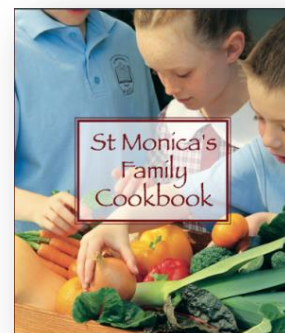
Kosciuszko Challenge 2018 – The Nerdy Backpackers are go!

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

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.



AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Next School Prayer – Monday 5 March – 9.10am in Church
Value Awards for Weeks 3 & 4 will be presented.

Next Sport Assembly – Friday 2 March – 12.45pm in School Hall
Swimming Ribbons and Class Awards for Weeks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will also be presented.



	Value Award <i>Honesty</i>	Class Award <i>Mathematics</i>
KGO	Ivan P	Lachlan D
KR	Felix R	Lachlan F
1B	Olivia B	Cooper A
1E	Elliott B	Adriano M
1HV	Evie E	Aidan H
2D	Sarah D-H	Emilia H
2MR	Cooper N	Grace S
3L	Austin C	Yianni K
3M	Bailey G	Ainsleigh M
3/4C	Skyla L	Archie E
4A	Bethanie G	Tyler S
4SB	Cooper W	Max W
5W	Riley H	Elyse S
5WD	Haylie F	Dominic C
5/6M	Adonai Y	Matthew Mc
6E	Sam B	Seraphim M
6M	Lyndelle M	Jack H
St Monica's Stars –		
Pride Badges –		

Happy Birthday to the following students...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
Kindy	Kobe B
Year 4	Ava S, Sophie S, Darcy B
Year 5	Fletcher A, Sam C, Riley H
Year 6	Matthew P

Swimming Carnival Results

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
200m Individual Medley	Harrison P	Byron P	Zara D
100m Open Freestyle – Boys	Harrison P	Byron P	Riley H
100m Open Freestyle – Girls	Brooke M	Zara D	Olivia S
8 Yrs 50m Freestyle – Boys	Zak D	Marley B	Vsevolod K
8 Yrs 50m Freestyle – Girls	Paige H	Lucy O	Jessica Mc
9 Yrs 50m Freestyle – Boys	Archie E	Jye L	Rohan G
9 Yrs 50m Freestyle – Girls	Annabelle F	Antonia H	Isabella P
10 Yrs 50m Freestyle – Boys	Brian H	Ben B	Marin J
10 Yrs 50m Freestyle – Girls	Micaela M	Claire H	Bethanie G
11 Yrs 50m Freestyle – Boys	Harrison P	Riley L	Riley H
11 Yrs 50m Freestyle – Girls	Zara D	Sophia M	Olivia S
12 Yrs 50m Freestyle – Boys	Byron P	Patrick E	Adonai Y
12 Yrs 50m Freestyle – Girls	Phoebe W	Brooke M	Sophie T
100m Open Backstroke – Boys	Byron P	Harrison P	Rohan G
100m Open Backstroke – Girls	Zara D	Olivia S	Isabella P
8 Yrs 50m Backstroke – Boys	Drew G	Zak D	Cameron H
8 Yrs 50m Backstroke – Girls	Paige H	Lucy O	Jessica Mc
9 Yrs 50m Backstroke – Boys	Archie E	Rohan G	Patrick P
9 Yrs 50m Backstroke – Girls	Ava S	Antonia H	Isabella P
10 Yrs 50m Backstroke – Boys	Brock T	Sam J	N/A
10 Yrs 50m Backstroke – Girls	Claire H	Sarah R	Micaela M
11 Yrs 50m Backstroke – Boys	Harrison P	Samuel G	Riley H
11 Yrs 50m Backstroke – Girls	Olivia S	Zara D	Sophia M
12 Yrs 50m Backstroke – Boys	Byron P	Manoli K	Jack H
12 Yrs 50m Backstroke – Girls	Brooke M	Fiona M	Callie W
100m Open Breaststroke -Boys	Byron P	Harrison P	Riley H
100m Open Breaststroke – Girls	Zara D	Isabella P	Olivia S
8 Yrs 50m Breaststroke – Boys	Zak D	Vsevolod K	
8 Yrs 50m Breaststroke – Girls	Lucy O		
9 Yrs 50m Breaststroke – Boys	Rohan G	Diego C	Jye L
9 Yrs 50m Breaststroke – Girls	Isabella P	Annabelle F	Antonia H
10 Yrs 50m Breaststroke – Boys	Brian H	Ben B	Sam J
10 Yrs 50m Breaststroke – Girls	Coco B	Claire H	Tulli H
11 Yrs 50m Breaststroke – Boys	Harrison P	Riley H	Lachlan M
11 Yrs 50m Breaststroke – Girls	Alexandra O	Zara D	Annie R
12 Yrs 50m Breaststroke – Boys	Byron P	Patrick E	Jack H
12 Yrs 50m Breaststroke – Girls	Sophie T	Brooke M	Fiona M
100m Mixed Butterfly	Harrison P -	only swimmer	
8 Yrs 50m Mixed Butterfly – Girls	Paige H		
9 Yrs 50m Mixed Butterfly – Boys	Rohan G	Darius C	
9 Yrs 50m Butterfly - Girls	Annabelle F	Isabella P	
10 Yrs 50m Butterfly – Girls	Madeline H	Ava P	
11 Yrs 50m Butterfly – Boys	Harrison P	Matthew P	Lachlan M
11 Yrs 50m Butterfly – Girls	Zara D	Alicia Mc	Sophia M
12 Yrs 50m Butterfly - Boys	Byron P		
12 Yrs 50m Butterfly – Girls	Georgia M	Fiona M	

Links for Soccer Carnival

<http://www.holyspirit.act.edu.au/cgcs-soccer-carnival-2018/> and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/catholicschoolssoccercarnival/>

Oztag – Coffs Harbour

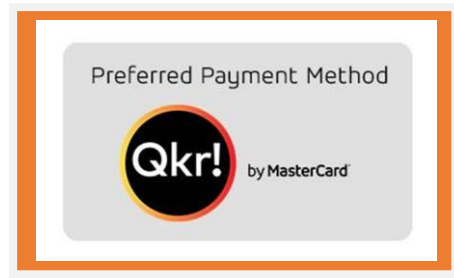
Annie R (5W), Olivia S (5W), Montana M (5/6M), Pyper M (4SB), Emily R (3/4C) and Jade W (3L) competed in Oz Tag at Coffs Harbour.

Olivia, Annie, Montana and Pyper made it to quarter finals. Emily and Jade won 1 game and Annie and Olivia won 3 games, tied 1 and lost 3 games.

CANTEEN CORNER

Roster for Term 1, Week 5

	Early 9:15 - 11:45am	Late 11:30 - 2:30pm
MONDAY 5/3/18	Vacancy	Vacancy
TUESDAY 6/3/18	Margaret Hay	Margaret Hay
WEDNESDAY 7/3/18	June Manning	June Manning
THURSDAY 8/3/18	June Manning	June Manning
FRIDAY 9/3/18	Samantha Cox Tracy D'Ambrosio	Wendy Regan June Manning



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.

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

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**Play Junior
Rugby League
with the
Mighty Sharks
in 2018**



**COME ALONG TO OUR CLUB INFORMATION DAY
AT THE MELBA DISTRICT PLAYING FIELDS
SATURDAY 3RD MARCH 11AM-2PM**

Like us on Facebook to find out more
facebook.com/belconnenunitedsharks

**HOOKIN2
HOCKEY**



Registrations are now open!

Hookin2Hockey is designed for boys and girls aged 10 and under.

When: Saturday mornings, 9-10am
(from May to September)

Where: Gold Creek Primary School
(Kelleway Avenue Nicholls)

Price: \$85

(price includes a hockey stick,
shin pads and hockey ball)

For more information, contact Jason at
hookin2hockey@centralhockey.org

