

St Monica's News

Term 1 – Week 10 – 12 April 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

The Holidays

During the holidays, Lord, I have every intention of doing as little as possible. I intend to watch the grass grow, fix up a neglected garden, repair that door handle, read a book, laze around, book in the car for an overdue service, visit some dear friends, stock up on some essentials, do some shopping, reconnect with family members, de-stress, not look at one piece of marking or paperwork (for at least three days), answer the phone when I feel like it, catch a sunset or two, not rush, steady my breathing, slow down, recharge, relax, relate.

Lord, the holidays are long awaited gifts, For the gift of rest and renewal, we give you thanks. Send us your Holy Spirit to use this time wisely. Help us not to overload this time with too many activities. Create peace within us and within our families.

Amen.

Discover the Word

**SAFE,
RESPONSIBLE AND
RESPECTFUL
LEARNERS**

LEARNING FOCUS

Be Responsible
Self-Monitoring

Plan and prepare for your learning. How are you going to succeed and finish?



SOCIAL FOCUS

Be Responsible
Look after ourselves
and others

We keep things small.
We are fair and we accept responsibility and move forward in a positive way.



Yesterday we hosted a beautiful coming together celebration of St Michael's and St Monica's to mark we are now one parish. Thank you to the RECs from both schools, Ms Amanda Stewart and Mrs Meaghan Younger, on their organisation.



Special Prayers

Please keep the Schimizzi family – Adrian (5WD) and Raphael (4A) and the Hanna family – Gabriel (5W) and Anabelle (ex St Monica's student) in your prayers as their grandmother passed away last week.



Please keep the Bogaart family – Emma (5WD) and Lachlan (2D) in your prayers as their grandmother passed away last week.

Staffing News

Congratulations to Liz Mahoney and Jeremy Foster who are to be married on Saturday. On behalf of the community I wish Liz and Jeremy much happiness.

Mrs Kirsty Godschalx will be taking LSL for the first 4 weeks on next term. During this time Mrs Robyn O'Rourke will be taking KGO full-time. Safe travels

Congratulations to Miss Stacey Wellings who attended her graduation ceremony last week.

Congratulations 3M

3M were the highest fundraising group for Project Compassion this term. **The class will have a uniform free day tomorrow.** Thank you to all the children who very generously made donation throughout the term

St Monica's Primary School

Official Enrolment Period

7 May – 25 May 2018

School Tours – Friday 11 May – 10am, 12pm and 2.30pm

Please encourage neighbours and friends with prospective enrolments to attend so they can see first-hand the school in operation.

Enrolment forms for 2018 school year will be available from the Front Office during this period.

St Thomas Aquinas Early Learning Centre

Catholic Regional Preschool for

St John's - Florey

St Matthew's - Page

St Monica's - Evatt

St Thomas Aquinas – Charnwood

2019 Enrolment Information Evening

Monday 7 May 6.30-7.30pm

Open Days

Wednesday 9 May from 12:00pm to 1:45pm

Monday 14 May from 2:15pm to 3:15pm

Friday 25 May from 9:30am to 11:00 am

Please contact your school front office for an ELC enrolment pack or contact the Director at St Thomas Aquinas ELC on 6258 5834.



Have a wonderful break and I look forward to the children returning to school looking smart in their winter uniforms.

Carmel Maguire

Principal

Principals' Review – Message from the Catholic Education

It is the policy of the Catholic Education Office to provide a process for the review of all Principals' performance towards the end of each contract period. Carmel Maguire, Principal of St Monica's Primary School, Evatt will participate in this review process from March to May this year. A review panel has been appointed by Ross Fox, Director Catholic Education, comprising of Mary-Jane Carroll-Fajarda, Performance and Improvement Leader and Dr William (Bill) Maiden, a former school Principal with 23 years' experience working across all sectors.

*Your assistance with the community consultation part of this process would be appreciated by your completion of a short survey by **11 May 2018**. A link will be emailed to families in the coming week to complete the survey. Thank you for being part of this process.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Joint School Celebration

Yesterday we had a wonderful visit from St Michael's school to celebrate our joining together as one parish- Our Lady of Perpetual Help, North Belconnen. The students and staff of both schools were joined by Fr Loi and Sister Kate and members of the community to celebrate a special liturgy. Mr Ellis and Ms Maguire lit a special parish candle to commemorate the special bond we share as two schools within the same parish.

Following a special morning tea, the students from St Michael's joined us in our classrooms, where the students completed activities together and formed new friendships. Each group spent time finding out about Our Lady of Perpetual Help and deepening their understanding of Our Lady and her special role in our Parish.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, North Belconnen

SACRAMENTAL DATES 2018

Please save the following dates-



Sacrament of Eucharist

Saturday 2 June

Sunday 3 June

St Monica's Church & St Michael's Church



Sacrament of Confirmation

Wednesday 12 September



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 21 November

PROJECT COMPASSION FOR A JUST FUTURE

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to Project Compassion this Lent! Your money has made a difference in someone's life and that is an amazing achievement!

Congratulations to 3M for your fantastic effort in raising the most money for Project Compassion- we hope you enjoy your uniform free day!

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Library News

Julie Long OAM presents *'Engaging with children through picture books: a session for educators, parents, and grandparents'*

This interactive session with Julie Long, OAM, for parents, grandparents & educators will show how to 'get inside a book' with children.

Certificate of attendance supplied, if needed. Refreshments included!

Event – Engaging with Children through picture books, **Venue** – ALIA House, 9-11 Napier Close, Deakin, **Session Date and Time** – Wednesday 9 May 2018 – 4.30pm-6.30pm, **Cost** - \$35pp, \$30pp for CBCA members, \$20pp for students/seniors/concession.

Register at ncadmeetings@gmail.com.

Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival

Congratulations to the five teams that competed at the carnival. Boys and girls from years 3-6 combined to form teams Victory, Roar, Glory, Allstars and United. All the teams played with great enthusiasm and did St Monica's proud with their commitment to encouraging their teammates and excellent behaviour. A big thank you to the coaches: Paul. D, Cheryl. P, Alan. K, John. S and Tom. J. Many thanks to Mrs Lustica for coordinating teams, coaches and uniforms. It was a wonderful day for all the children and families involved. We can't wait to play in next years' carnival! - Emma Russell



Cross Country Results

Congratulations to the following students that came in the top placing for their race. Ribbons to be handed out tomorrow

Age & Distance	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Boys 12/13 3km	Ryan G	Nicholas I	Manoli K
Girls 12/13 3km	Phoebe W	Brooke M	Melanie R
Boys 11 3km	Riley L	Harry P	Ryan K
Girls 11 3km	Olivia S	Elise S	Dita S
Boys 10 2km	Sam C	Brock T	Max W
Girls 10 2km	Layla R	Emma B	Coco B
Boys 9 1.5km	Aiden S	Archie E	Finn D
Girls 9 1.5km	Elspeth S	Caitlin M	Lucija P
Boys 8 1km	Sebastijan P	Dallas M	Gabe J
Girls 8 1km	Samantha S	Mya L	Leila W

Students who will be selected for the Belconnen Cross Country will be announced at a later date.

School Sport ACT News – Trials for 12 and Under Years 5 & 6

- Girls Netball - 10 and 17 May,
- Boys Touch - 11 and 18 May,
- Boys and Girls Tennis - 3 May,
- Boys Soccer - 30 May and 7 June,
- Girls Touch – 3 and 7 May.

If students would like to participate parents need to register through the school sport ACT website. Information regarding all the trials for School Sport ACT can be found on the School Sport ACT website <http://www.schoolsportact.asn.au>. To register to participate in trials an account needs to be set up through the School Sport ACT website.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

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.

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.

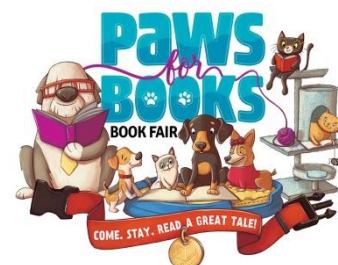


St Monica's Uniform Shop Open Friday morning 13 April for winter uniform items.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Book Fair

We will be holding a Scholastics Book Fair during Week 2. Students this week received a Brochure inviting them to the book fair showing the great titles that students will be able to purchase while supporting the school. A sample of books that students will be able to purchase at the fair is on display in the library. The Book Fair will be in the library and will be open Tuesday to Friday from 8.30am to 9am and 3.15pm to 4pm. It will be open from 2.30pm on Thursdays for parents wishing to do some early Christmas shopping. If you are able to assist with set up or assisting students during the week please contact Veronica Melville in the library.



School Banking

School banking will start again in Week 1 of Term 2.

Daramalan College

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.



St Francis Xavier College 2019 enrolment period will be from Monday 7 May – Friday 25 May 2018. Applications may be submitted during this time directly to the College Reception, or by mail.



The 2019 Enrolment Information Evening - Monday 14 May 2018 with guided tours starting at 5pm, and an information session from 6.30pm - 7.15pm.

Expo Day, Thursday 3 May, all day.

Year 6 students from Belconnen Catholic Primary Schools are invited to experience High School for a day at SFX. Students from St Monica's will go by bus to SFX leaving between 9.30am-9.45am and return at 2.20pm.

Open Day, Friday 18 May, 9.00am – 2.30pm

Open Day is an opportunity for prospective families to visit and take a guided tour of the College. This is a wonderful opportunity to see what happens on a normal school day. There is no need to register to take a tour of the College. Please feel free to come along between 9am – 2.00pm on the day. For more information regarding enrolments please contact Jennifer Madgwick jennifer.madgwick@sfx.act.edu.au or telephone the College on 6258 1055.

St John Paul II College - 2019 enrolment period will be from Monday 7 May – Friday 25 May 2018. Applications can be submitted during this time directly to the College office.



Try High School Day – 6 April 2018

Try High School day on the 6th April 2018 from 9.45am to 12.30pm. Students will have the opportunity to meet some of our JPC students and staff. Become familiar with the layout of our school whilst having some fun and experiencing 'classes' in a high school setting. Please register for this event through trybooking.com: <https://www.trybooking.com/UWLX>

Note: Students from Gungahlin Catholic Primary Schools do not need to register – please speak to your school

Open Evening – Thursday 10 May 2018

For year 7 and prospective new families in other school years.

Tours and Information sessions will run every 1/2 hour starting **from 4.00pm and the last tour will be at 6.00pm.**

Senior Information Evening - Thursday 17 May 2018

Information session for students moving into Year 11 & new Year 12 students for enrolment in 2019

Tours & Information Expo – from 4.00pm in the Hall

Principals Address at 5.30pm

Visit www.jpc.act.edu.au for all enrolment enquiries and the link for booking Try High School Day, St John Paul II College

1021 Gungahlin Drive, NICHOLLS ACT 2913, Tel (02) 61634800.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Next School Prayer – Monday 7 May – 9.10am

Value Awards for Week 1 will be presented.

Next Assembly – Friday 4 May – 1pm in School Hall

Class Awards for Week 1 and Star and Pride Badges will be presented.



No Value Award Week 10	Class Award – Consistent Effort and Leadership throughout the term
KGO	Charlie G
KR	Flynn A
1B	Zarah L
1E	Adriano M
1HV	Sierra T
2D	Talija M
2MR	Dallas M
3L	Chontelle L
3M	Bastijan P
3/4C	Emily R
4A	Rose O
4SB	Laura G
5W	Zoe O
5WD – Value – Wk 9	Lillian B
5WD – Class – Wk 9	Jodie D
5WD	Ruby S
5/6M	Coco B
6E	Nicholas I
6M	Sophie H
St Monica's Stars – Amelia B (2MR) – 1 st star, Lachlan T (2MR) – 1 st star, Amelia H (2D) – 2 nd star, Cody M (2D) – 2 nd star, Sam G (3L) – 1 st star, Chloe D (4SB) – 2 nd star, Sam J (4SB) – 2 nd star, Aurelia S (4SB) – 3 rd star, Max Welsh (4SB) – 2 nd star, Laura G (4SB) – 4 th star	
Pride Badges – Aurelia S (4SB), Laura G (4SB)	

Happy Birthday to the following students and to students celebrating a birthday throughout the holidays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
Kindy	Lachlan F, Charlie G, Joshua D
Year 1	Patrick H, Raylah O
Year 2	Evie K, Mitchell B, Oliver V, Maddison C
Year 3	Anica P, Zane Mc, Ashton Mc, Bastijan P, Paige H
Year 4	Mackenzie B, Peter M
Year 5	Jodie D, Haylie F, Joseph O, Hena L
Year 6	Anthony F, Fiona M



CANTEEN CORNER

Roster for Term 2, Week 1

	Early 9:15 - 11:45am	Late 11:30 - 2:30pm
MONDAY 30/4/18	Vacancy	Vacancy
TUESDAY 1/5/18	Vacancy	Vacancy
WEDNESDAY 2/5/18	Vacancy	Vacancy
THURSDAY 3/5/18	June Manning	June Manning
FRIDAY 4/5/18	Samantha Cox Tracy D'Ambrosio June Manning	Wendy Regan Tracy D'Ambrosio Katrina Ciampa



Preferred Payment Method



Sam Manning – Canteen Manager
62584687

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Coles Sports for Schools 2018

The Coles Sports for Schools program has now finished. Please continue to send in any vouchers you may have collected. Thank you to all the families who have supported this program. We have collected a record number of vouchers which is wonderful. We will be able to select from a huge range of sporting equipment.

Action School Bus Service

Route: 410 - **Commencing:** Term 2, 2018 – 30 April 2018, **Change:** Drops off at Gungahlin Place Platform 4.



The school route map is available on the [Transport Canberra website](#). We

would like to advise passengers that Gungahlin Place will become operational on Saturday 21 April 2018. Gungahlin Place will have bus services travelling through Platforms 3 and 4. Gungahlin Place is located between Hibberson Street and Ernest Cavanagh Street. As a result of the opening, the current temporary bus stops arrangements on Gozzard Street will cease and stops 6003 and 5056 will return to regular services. Parents and students are able to use our [NXTBUS](#) system to view live bus information for selected stops or stations.

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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Questacon Smart Skills Initiative

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

DO YOU LIKE MAKING AND BUILDING THINGS?

Questacon MAKER PROJECT

Sign up to a Questacon Maker Project workshop during these school holidays at The Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre in Deakin.

Choose from a variety of workshops where you can invent, design, create and have fun!

Workshops will be offered on the 17, 18 and 19 April.

Suitable for 10 to 15 year olds only.

For more information visit our website or contact 1800 889 995

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