

St Monica's News

Term 1 – Week 9 – 5 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

Yesterday we hosted another great school event, our Cross Country Carnival. It was a great day filled with fitness and fun. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered, we really appreciate your time. A big thank you to Bridgette McCann for her coordination with the Year 2 teachers and ensuring the day ran as smoothly as possible. Cross Country Ribbons will be presented next week. Congratulations to Mirri our winning team and Mugga on achieving the Team Spirit award.

Next Wednesday, 11 April, the students of St Michael's and St Monica's will gather together for a combined schools' liturgy and some fun activities learning about our patron saint, Our Lady of Perpetual Help. St Michael's students will travel by bus to St Monica's at 9:30am and return by 1:00pm.

Recently we were given a monetary donation from the Rotary Club of Belconnen to help assist with any families in need, we thank them for their generosity.

We hope to have a final figure by the end of term but in anticipation we will definitely make over \$30 000 for all the efforts from our amazing fete. The Fete team did a fabulous job. It was certainly the place to be on Saturday 24 March and not only was the atmosphere electric, but the buzz flowed throughout the school community for days following. Some excellent feedback has also flowed through on the Facebook page-

" We are new to this wonderful school and I must say I am blown away by the community spirit and level of involvement by so many parents. I was involved with another school for 13 years and have never experienced what I saw and felt yesterday.... we are very proud to be a part of this community and at this beautiful school".

Just a reminder when taking photos at a school event. We have a number of children whose parents have requested that their child not be published on the intranet. If publishing photos on social media, it is essential that you obtain permission from the parents. Thank you for your cooperation.

Carmel Maguire
Principal

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

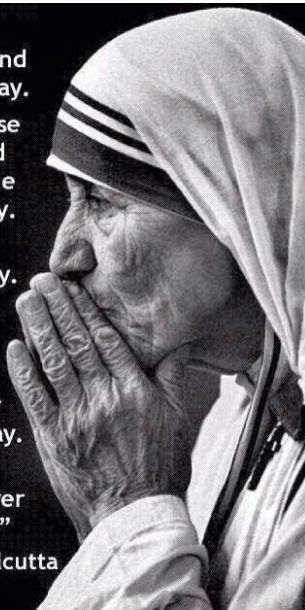
Look after ourselves
and others

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



VALUE FOCUS – Understanding

“People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.”
- Mother Teresa of Calcutta



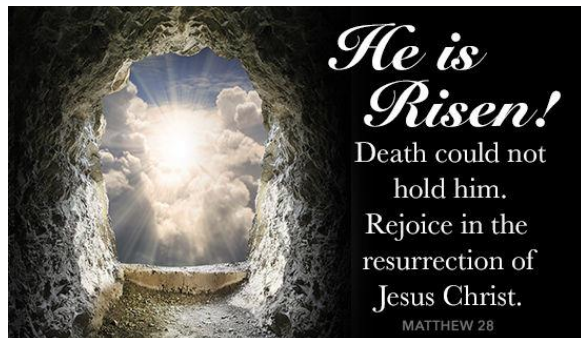
Mother Teresa of Calcutta was one of the most kind and understanding people that ever lived. She cared for the sick and the poor and took the time to really understand them by taking the time to walk in their shoes.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Jesus Has Risen!

1After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. 2There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.



5The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

8So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Mary Magdalene sees the empty tomb and believes. She sees what cannot be literally seen. She suddenly understands the teaching of Scripture and the words of Jesus that he must “rise from the dead”. Every disciple who loves

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

First Holy Communion Commitment Masses!

This Weekend!

St Michael's- Sun 8am & 5.30pm

St Monica's- Sat 6pm Sun-10am



TEACHING AND LEARNING

To help families understand how the various levies charges each term at St Monica's I have provided an overview of the items costed to the various levies.

The following schedule outlines how the various levies will be spent in 2018.

Computer Levy

- Maintenance and purchase of new hardware – Laptops, interactive boards, Preplacement iPads
- Software upgrade, licences & purchase of apps for school iPads including Webpage, parent interview booking program etc
- Internet usage
- Equipment for STEM – OSMO blocks, additional BeeBots etc

Stationery /Craft Levy – issued throughout the year

- Student and class stationery supplies
- Workbooks and exercise books as required by grade
- Art and craft supplies including glue, paint, paper, etc
- Photocopying papers and associated costs for printing

Curriculum Levy

- Gymnastics for K – 4, Tennis for 5 – 6, Orienteering Sessions
- Visiting performers - Musicaviva, Andrew Chinn
- Special activities, - Aboriginal Artist, Restorative Practices, Cybersafety, Life Education K – 2
- Carnivals – Ground hire, Bus etc – Swimming, Cross Country, Athletics
- Online learning programs
 - Reading Eggs K – 4
 - Clickview – Library Resource
 - Dance program
 - Online assessment tools – PAT Reading, Maths, Spelling
- Levy charged by ACT School Sporting Association
- Grade level excursions planned by teachers for 2018 except for Yrs 5 & 6 camp and K to Year 2 Swimming



Thank You St Monica's Primary was the highest earning school in the Belconnen area.

Recently we received our prizes from last year's Woolworths Earn and Learn competition - durable equipment for our new sandpit and Beebots. They are already in use and being enjoyed so a huge thank you to all who collected on St Monica's behalf.

Swimming News

SPORT NEWS

Annabelle F (3L) and Byron P (6M) have made it through to the ACT Swimming Championships School Sports Association after competing in the Belconnen Swimming Squad

Soccer Carnival News

We have registered 5 teams in the Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival which is being held this Sunday. Good luck to all our teams! Thanks you to Mira Lustica for her organisation. I know the children will have a great day and all information and draws has been distributed.

School Sport ACT News

Trials for the 12 and under Primary Belconnen Rugby League to occur on the 5 and 9 April. If people would like to participate they 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

FETE!! - what a fantastic day!! A HUGE thanks to our Fete team (and their families) who have put in many hours, much thought and so much effort - it was such a fun day for all. A BIG thanks to all our stallholders and their volunteers for your time, enthusiasm and effort. An ENORMOUS thanks to our school community who donated, baked, cooked and came out and supported this event - you can see why it's the highlight of our school calendar.

Open Meeting

Community Council held their Open Meeting last night. At the meeting we discussed the role of council, the walkathon and the possibility of some further outdoor landscaping/teaching space. The P&F Profit and Loss Statement for 2017 was also presented. Further information to follow over the coming weeks or please approach the Council Members or email Council

Key areas the Council has the responsibility for either offering advice or providing decisions



Catholic Identity and Character



- Participation in the life of the Parish and the Parish in the life of the school.
- Religious experiences such as prayer, retreats, outreach and sacramental life are given priority.
- Mission Statement and goals are clearly Catholic in nature.
- Catholic Teaching permeates school life.

More to follow next week

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.



GENERAL INFORMATION

SMOOSH

As the holidays are getting closer, so is our SMOOSH Vacation Care Program. Days are filling up fast, so if you still require a booking, please ensure you jump onto QKR to fill out the needed forms or contact Taylor in the SMOOSH office on 6258 1014. These holidays we have many exciting activities planned including excursions to Monkey Mania and a few rounds of glow in the dark Mini Golf! On the days we stay at SMOOSH, the children will be entertained with a SMOOSH Games day, a hip hop dance crew performance and lesson and even a magician! Bookings close on **Wednesday 11 April** or when days are filled, so get in fast!!

School Banking

There will be no school banking in **Week 10**. School banking will start again in Week 1 of Term 2.

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.



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.

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

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Next School Prayer –Anzac Day -
Monday 9 April – 9.10am in Church
 Value Awards for Week s 8 and 9 will be presented.

Next Assembly – Friday 13 April –
1pm in School Hall
 Cross Country Ribbons, Class Awards for Week 10 and Star and Pride Badges will be presented.



	Value Award <i>Understanding</i>	Class Award <i>Reader of the Term</i>
KGO	Cooper R	Adriano A
KR	Sophie P	Jesse S
1B	Brando B	Harley T
1E	Caelan A	Arabella A
1HV	Lachlan J	Joseph J
2D	Amelia H	Annalene L
2MR	Lachlan T	Sophie S
3L	Annabelle F	Sam G
3M	Ashton Mc	Jasper T
3/4C	Darcy B	Tomas G
4A	Alani A	Arabelle S
4SB	Alexandra B	Remy D
5W	Katie R	Bowen D
5WD	TBA	TBA
5/6M	Matthew P	Harry P
6E	Callie W	Fiona M
6M	Millie W	Melanie R
St Monica's Stars –		
Pride Badges –		

Happy Birthday to the following students...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

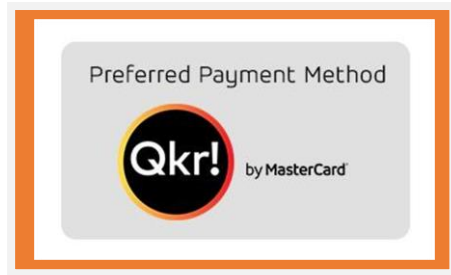
Year 1	Zarah L
Year 2	Willem A-C, Zak D
Year 3	Mia M, Sam G, Zoe O
Year 4	Giselle S, Nathan W,
Year 6	Ronald K



CANTEEN CORNER

Roster for Term 1, Week 10

	Early 9:15 - 11:45am	Late 11:30 - 2:30pm
MONDAY 9/4/18	Vacancy	Vacancy
TUESDAY 10/4/18	June Manning	June Manning
WEDNESDAY 11/4/18	Angela Herbert	Vacancy
THURSDAY 12/4/18	Daniela Agnello	Daniela Agnello
FRIDAY 13/4/18	Jenny Fulivai Wilma Hird June Manning	Katrina Ciampa Tracy D'Ambrosio



Sam Manning – Canteen Manager
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Coles Sports for Schools 2018

The Coles Sports for Schools program has now finished. Please send in any vouchers you 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.



Larissa Dann



PARENT EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING (P.E.T)

Supported by Parentline ACT

Learn respectful communication skills for a peaceful, gentle approach to parenting, without the use of punishment or reward. P.E.T helps children and parents develop resilience, emotional intelligence, confidence and consideration. The course is powerful, proven and practical. Yell less, and enjoy your children more. Build relationships that last a lifetime.

For more information: visit www.parentskills.com.au; read [P.E.T. on a Page](#); and join the [Parent Skills Facebook](#) community. The 24 hour course consists of three-hour sessions, once per week, for eight weeks. Booking is essential. \$390 pp for the course (investment includes a workbook and textbook). **Course begins:** Tuesday 8 May 2018 (minimum number of participants required); **Time:** 6.30 pm to 9.45 pm; **Place:** Weston, ACT. Enjoy P.E.T. with **Larissa Dann**, accredited P.E.T. instructor.

Resource blogs: www.parentskills.com.au/blogs/larissa; **Contact:** info@parentskills.com.au

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.

Remedial Massage • Deep Tissue • Sports



Questacon Smart Skills Initiative

**HOLIDAY
WORKSHOPS**
DO YOU LIKE MAKING
AND BUILDING THINGS?



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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