

St Monica's News

Term 1 – Week 8 – 29 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

Congratulations to our amazing Fete Team on the coordination of an outstanding day that had something for everyone! Great entertainment, prizes, food and perfect weather – what more could we have asked for to bring our community and the locals together. Thank you to our stall coordinators and helpers.



In an effort to bring the St Monica's and St Michael's Parish communities together we will be holding a combined school gathering on Wednesday 11 April. On the Wednesday St Michael's will bus their entire school to St Monica's for a morning of activities commencing with a liturgy at 10.00am. This will be a wonderful opportunity to help the children to understand that our two schools are linked and are part of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, North Belconnen.

Progress to repair our courtyard pergola has been delayed as the existing structure was non-compliant with current codes and standards. Unfortunately, the structure required re-design and further approvals from insurer. The Engineer needed to come to the school and remove temporary eave lining sheets and check the structural framing of the existing structure. We are also looking at taking the opportunity to produce a better standard of facility with the insulated roof sheeting to reduce radiant heat and condensation issues. I know it is very frustrating but we will end up with a far superior roof eventually.

Have a wonderful Easter break and travel safe if venturing out of Canberra to join family.

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.

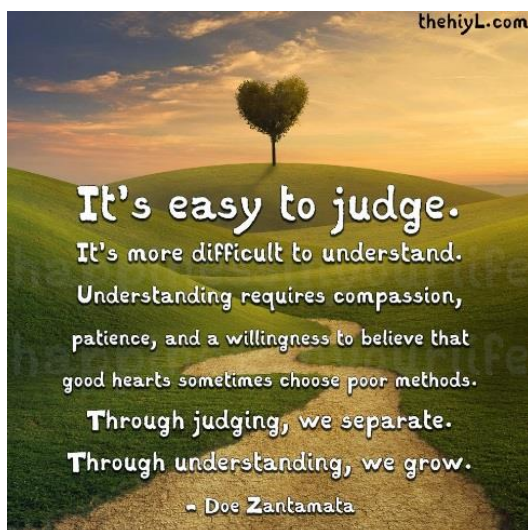
We are fair and we accept responsibility and move forward in a positive way.



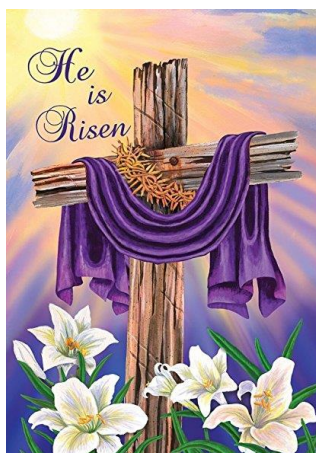
VALUE FOCUS – Understanding



Understanding others is such an important value to teach our children. In trying to understand others they grow as a person and more fully become a part of their communities at home and at school.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



It makes sense that the first word of Jesus from the cross is a word of forgiveness. That's the point of the cross, after all. Jesus is dying so that we might be forgiven for our sins, so that we might be reconciled to God for eternity.

In the mercy of God, we receive his forgiveness even when we do what we know to be wrong. God chooses to wipe away our sins, not because we have some convenient excuse, and not because we have tried hard to make up for them, but because He is a God of amazing grace, with mercies that are new every morning.

As we read the words, "Father, forgive them," may we understand that we too are forgiven through Christ. As John writes in his first letter, "But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness" (1 John 1:9). Because Christ died on the cross for us, we are cleansed from all wickedness, from every last sin. We are united with God the

Father as his beloved children. We are free to approach his throne of grace with our needs and concerns. God "has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west" (Ps 103:13). What great news!

Read more at <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/markdroberts/series/the-seven-last-words-of-christ-reflections-for-holy-week/#ITBqes6GHXuHZwXh.99>

Please join us for our Easter Sunday
Reflection
on Tuesday in the Church



First Holy Communion Parent Information Night
Wednesday 4 April, 6.30pm
St Michael's Church, Kaleen

**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

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 5.30pm Mass	10am Mass

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Year 6 Leadership Afternoon (Tuesday 3rd April)

As part of our Leadership program, Year 6 will be having a special afternoon where they will have the opportunity to strengthen their leadership skills with the other Year 6 students. Our session will include: ice breakers, building leadership qualities, role playing scenarios and a reflection.

Students will spend time in the Church Conference room and the grass area between our school and Miles Franklin. We will also be providing the Year 6 students with a pizza lunch. Students will need to wear their sports uniform on Tuesday.

SRC 2018 Members

Congratulations to the following children who have been selected by their class group to be their Student Representative Council member for 2018

3M – Jeremy R and Holly F

3L – Archie S and Bella P

3/4C – Luke W (Yr 4) and Rohan G (Yr 3)

4A – Caitlin M and Bethanie G

4SB – Giselle S and Giorgia M

5W – Sebby D and Nellie B

5WD – Torren F and Sienna H

5/6M - TBA

Restorative Practices

Meeting the needs of
the students is the
work of the whole
school community.

Restorative Questions

When things go wrong

- What happened?
- Who or what was hurt?
- How can we fix it?



**Restorative practices in schools is about building relationships
for learning and for life.**

SPORT NEWS

Soccer Carnival News

We have registered 5 teams in the Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival which is being held on Sunday 8 April. Information and draws will be sent home with children next week.

Cross Country Carnival

Our Cross Country Carnival will be held at Stromlo Forest Park on Thursday 5 April. Students from Grades 2-6 will leave St Monica's by bus at 9:15am. On arriving at the park, they will complete a walk-through of the course with the first event starting at 10:15am. While a program is included with this letter, please be aware that start times are approximate only. Students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 will leave St Monica's at 11:00am. They will eat their morning tea prior to leaving. Their events will begin around 11:45am.

All students will commence the return journey to school at 1:30pm and should be back at St Monica's by 2:30pm. Sports uniform is to be worn. Children are permitted to wear a shirt the colour of their house team. Permission notes and information have been sent home. **We are still in need of volunteers** for the Carnival. If you are able to assist on the day, please let the Office know.

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

Community Council

Community Council Opening Meeting will be on Thursday 5 April at 6.30pm. Please come along to share your ideas on where St Monica's should be heading over the next 5 years. 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@cgcatholic.edu.au. The email will be checked regularly by Evelyn David-Hoole, Community Council Secretary.

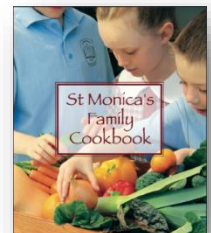
COMMUNITY COUNCIL OPEN MEETING



**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A COMMUNITY COUNCIL OPEN MEETING
THURSDAY 5 APRIL
6.30PM-8.30PM
LIBRARY**

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

Fete Raffle Winners	Fete Basket Raffle Winners	Cookie Decorating Competition
1st Prize – \$2,000 travel voucher – M. Watson 2nd Prize - \$650 accommodation pack at QT Canberra – Sarah O'Connor 3rd Prize - \$500 cash – Michael Roberts 4th Prize - \$450 3 nights accommodation Narooma Palms – Taylor Henning 5th Prize - \$250 cash – Mark H.	Cooking – Cath O'Halloran Better Homes and Garden – Debbie Costanzo Easter –Veronica Melville Easter – Rubin Boredom Buster – Jodi Wrenford Stationery – Carmel Rheinberger Celebrations – Jane Hocking	1st Prize Winners – Kindy – Hamish McDonald Year 1-2 – Mitchell Roccisano Year 3-4 – Tyler Nisbet Year 5-6 – Fiona Magnussen People's Choice – Giorgia Mirenda

A Few Photos From Fete Day



GENERAL INFORMATION

School Banking

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

School Fees

A reminder to families that Term 1 school fees should now have been paid. Please disregard this reminder if you are on a direct debit. If you are experiencing difficulty with making payment, please contact me to discuss.

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 6 April –
1pm in School Hall**
Class Awards for Week 7, 8 and 9 and Star and Pride Badges will be presented.



	Value Award <i>Understanding</i>	Class Award <i>Humanities or Science</i>
KGO	Archie N	Adelina S
KR	Iyinoluwa A	Felix R
1B	Aria F	Jake W
1E	Patrick I	Amelia W
1HV	Coco T	Gus O
2D	Logan F	Lachlan B
2MR	Tyler B	Mitchell B
3L	Paddy P	Archie S
3M	Scarlett B	Evan L
3/4C	Ben B	Gabe J
4A	Luke B	Caitlin M
4SB	Tulli H	Peter M
5W	Elyse S	Sean B
5WD	Torren F	Corey B
5/6M	Annabel L	Alicia Mc
6E	Zara D	Flynn Mc
6M	Apajok A	Blake O
St Monica's Stars – Sienna R (1HV) – 1 st star, Coco T (1HV) – 1 st star, Ronald K (5/6M) – 3 rd star, Montana M (5/6M) – 6 th star, Adonai Y (5/6M) – 1 st star		
Pride Badges – Ronald K (5/6M), Montana M (5/6M)		

Happy Birthday to the following students...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Year 4	Tomas G, Lucia Mc, Bethanie G
Year 6	Anyieth A, Millie W



2018 Alderson Award

Congratulations to Mackenzie B (3/4SB) who received an 2018 Alderson Award (under 12 category) for her amazing effort in this year's WeetBix TRYathalon. Mac shaved 12mins of her 2017 time and pretty much owned it! The aim of the Alderson Award is to celebrate the achievements of people with Down Syndrome within the ACT community.

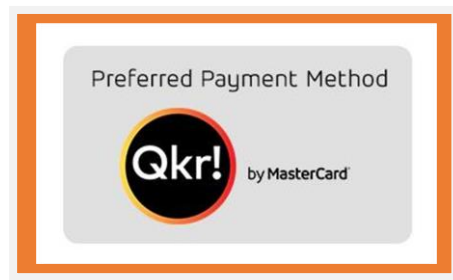
Lit Quiz Teams

Congratulations Mr Evans and our Kids Lit Quiz teams who competed recently. Results to follow in next week's newsletter.

CANTEEN CORNER

Roster for Term 1, Week 9

	Early 9:15 - 11:45am	Late 11:30 - 2:30pm
MONDAY 2/4/18	Easter	Monday
TUESDAY 3/4/18	Vacancy	Vacancy
WEDNESDAY 4/4/18	Vacancy	Vacancy
THURSDAY 5/4/18	Cross	Country Carnival
FRIDAY 6/4/18	Tracy D'Ambrosio Samantha Cox June Manning	Tracy D'Ambrosio Wendy Regan Katrina Ciampa



Sam Manning – Canteen Manager
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION



World's Greatest Shave

Congratulations to Ava and Jack who have raised a total of \$8000 with \$796 being raised by the community of St Monica's

Coles Sports for Schools 2018

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. Many thanks for all the vouchers that have been sent in.

Belconnen United Football Club Pre-season School Holiday Program

Are you looking for a school holiday program to give your kids a great football warm up for the 2018 season? Why not come along to a school holiday program with a highly credentialed team of coaches. We have goalkeeper specific training, we have boys, we have girls, we have the best program and it's open now!! Give the young footballer in your life a boost into the 2018 season!

When: 9am-12pm Monday 16 April – Thursday 19 April (Week 1 of school holidays)

Where: Nicholls Synthetic fields – Kelleway Crescent Nicholls (behind Gold Creek and Holy Spirit Primary Schools)

Cost: \$170 plus optional \$28 for a shirt (shirt orders need to be in by 1pm Friday 30 March). All children receive a ball to keep.

Bookings: To book your place, please go to www.trybooking.com/UNDS or go to www.bufc.com.au for more information.



Play Rugby, Southwell Park, Lyneham, U7s to U18s - Boys / Girls, Registrations online
For more information and to register www.owlsrugbyjuniors.com.au or
Uni-Norths Juniors Rugby Union Club. Any queries please email info@owlsrugbyjuniors.com.au

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/elitemassagesolutions 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



Systemic Innovations are an official provider of LEGO® Education Learning Programs in the ACT and Southern NSW.

We are running the following workshops in the upcoming school holidays.

Program	Age	Date	Time	Location
Cool Control - \$45 In this program, students will construct computer programs to control LEGO® models with motors and sensors. The program will allow the children the opportunity to create systems that can control the behavior of the robots.	7-11 years (please no younger children)	Thursday 26 th April	12 noon – 3pm	Gungahlin College Gozzard St, Gungahlin

To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/VAHK>



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