

St Monica's News

Term 2– Week 1 – 3 May 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

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone made the most of the beautiful holiday weather we experienced over the break.

Please share with friends in the local area that we are now accepting enrolments for 2019. It is hard to believe it is that time of year again. Please look out for our letterbox flier that is being delivered to home in our catchment area.



Open Day

School Tours by
Year 6 Students

Friday 11 May

10 – 11.00am
12 – 1.00pm
&
2.30 – 3.00pm

Principal available for
questions

Appointments not required

Discover the Way

**SAFE,
RESPONSIBLE AND
RESPECTFUL
LEARNERS**

LEARNING FOCUS

Be Safe

Use equipment
appropriately

We look after the equipment in our class. Ours, others and school belongings are treated with respect and care. We use IT correctly.



SOCIAL FOCUS

Be Safe

Hands and Feet to Self
We keep our hands and feet to ourselves at all times.



This week the teachers have worked alongside Leonie Anstey, a Mathematics consultant from Victoria. Leonie comes with a wealth of experience and has provided the teachers valuable demonstrates and ideas to engage children in mathematical activities.



Mother's Day Raffle

Over the next few days the Year 6 children will be selling tickets in our Mother's Day raffle at morning tea and lunchtimes, to be draw on Friday 11 May. We have 10 fabulous prizes to be won. Tickets are also available in the front office, should parents wish to purchase additional tickets.

God bless

Carmel Maguire
Principal

VALUE FOCUS – Responsibility



There are many ways you can be responsible in your life. Practicing self-control and being aware of the impact you have on those around you is one way to be a responsible member of the school community and classroom. Making good choices and being responsible for those choices, even when they are not the best shows real maturity and provides an opportunity to grow. All anyone can ask of you is that you keep trying your best!



"Dear Lord, use my eyes to *see* new friends.

Open my ears to *hear* my teacher.

Open my mind to *learn* new things.

Let my heart *remember* YOU are near
when I'm afraid.

Help me to *love* others like you do.

I want to *shine* your light so bright in my school."
Amen.

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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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Andrew Chinn Concert

On Thursday 10 May, Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to share his songs with our children. He will be working with our school community to create a school song for St Monica's. Parents and school community members are invited to contribute by completing a reflection sheet which asks for their ideas about our school. Please return these to the school office or email to Amanda Stewart no later than Wednesday 9 May.

Andrew's songs, such as "These Hands", "Rainbow" and "An African Blessing" are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada. Parents and parishioners are warmly invited to be a part of the celebration of faith and fun. There is no charge for adults. The concert will take place in St Monica's School Hall, at 2pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

First Eucharist



Congratulations to all those students in our school and Parish community who are making their preparations for their First Eucharist. Family groups have begun this week and will continue in week 2. The students are enjoying their preparations which will culminate in the First Eucharist Masses at St Michael's and St Monica's in 2 and 3 June.

NAPLAN Online

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN tests are just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance. The National Assessment Program is the measure through which governments, education authorities and schools can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

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

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May. The 2018 NAPLAN tests will be held on **Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th and Friday 18th May**. Please check the following timetable, which outlines the times at which the tests will be conducted. If you have a child in Year 3 or 5 please ensure that appointments are organised outside testing times. For more information about NAPLAN you can go to www.nap.edu.au.

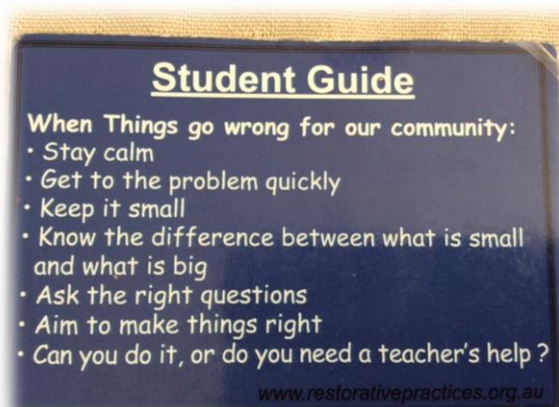
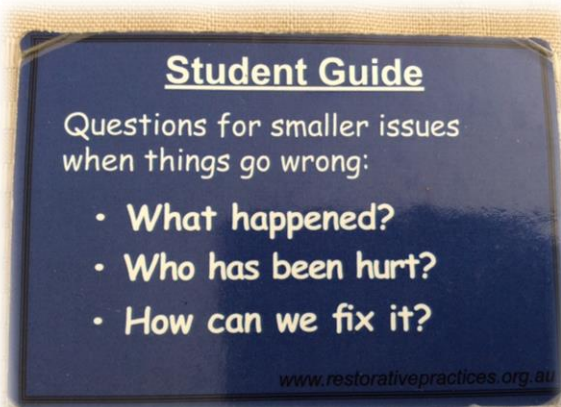
The results of these tests will provide useful information for us as teachers and you as parents. In particular, they will help inform teachers in their ongoing efforts to address the literacy and numeracy needs of their students.

Please note: NAPLAN will be completed on the online platform.

NAPLAN 2018 Timetable				
	Tuesday 15 May	Wednesday 16 May	Thursday 17 May	Friday 18 May
Year 3	9.30 Writing Year 3 will conduct Writing on paper	9.30 Reading	9.30 Language Conventions	9.30 Numeracy
Year 5	9.30 Writing	9.30 Reading	9.30 Language Conventions	9.30 Numeracy

Restorative Practices *Seek first to understand*

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



COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

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



Academic Programs

- School is responding to the needs of Government and Educational Authorities.
- School provides for students at all levels of learning.
- Pastoral Care programs are implemented.
- Technology is integrated across the curriculum.
- The Principal is supported in their academic vision.

Physical Resources

- Strategic Plan is developed for the provision of resources.
- The facilities are maintained and developed to a high standard.
- Facilities are maximised to their fullest potential.
- New facilities are developed in consultation with CEO and addresses greatest need.

Leadership

- The Principal, Priest and Board/Council work cohesively for the ongoing viability of the school.
- An active School Governance structure works with the Principal to maintain an active and viable school.
- School follows all system policies and guidelines.
- The Principal displays strong Catholic leadership.
- A school Management Plan is developed and monitored annually.

More to follow next week

Please email the council with any issues/ideas: Council.StMonicas@cg.catholic.edu.au . The email will be checked regularly by Evelyn David-Hoole, Community Council Secretary.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Book Fair

We will be holding a Scholastics Book Fair next week. Students have 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. If you are able to assist with set up or assisting students during the week please contact Veronica Melville in the library.



Extra Curriculum Activity

COMING TO ST MONICA'S IN TERM 2 FOR A TRIAL - PLAY - THE DANCE AGENCY'S DANCECORE PROGRAM

Dancecore is Canberra's only mobile dance service providing creative, fun and energetic dance programs, teachers and classes to Canberra school students. Instructors are from Canberras leading dance studio - PLAY The Dance Agency.

We are pleased to be offering this program on Wednesday Lunchtimes to students in Years 3-6 who are interested in taking up a dance class at school. It will be a "Street Funk" style open to boys and girls and will have a performance opportunity at the end of the term for students to show off what they have learnt. Flier were sent home on Monday with instructions on how to register. Class limited to 30. Don't miss out if you are interested as classes will start next week for a 5 week program.

Enrolments

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.

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.



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 – Monday 7 May
– 9.10am in Church**

Value Awards for Week 1 will be presented.

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

Class Awards for Week 1 and Stars will be presented.



	Value Award <i>Responsibility</i>	Class Award <i>Thoughtfulness and Manners</i>
KGO	Kobe B	Abigail N
KR	Flynn A	Felix R
1B	Jett S	Flynn G
1E	Patrick H	Natalie R
1HV	Sian S	Hamish C
2D	Luca S	Oliver V
2MR	Lillian F	Mia D
3L	Diego C	Dale S
3M	Finn D	Michael H
3/4C	Amber M	Anica P
4A	Caitlin M	Bethanie G
4SB	James Mc	Layla R
5W	Marin J	Dion W
5WD	Sienna H	Lily B
5/6M	Sam C	Annabel L
6E	Thomas B	Atiya W
6M	Lillian C	Paul S
St Monica's Stars – Jacob P (1HV) – 1 st star, Keir F (3/4C) – 1 st star, Sean B (5W) – 2 nd star, Rowan D (5/6M) – 4 th star, Ryan K (5/6M) – 4 th star		
Pride Badges –		

Happy Birthday to the following students...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

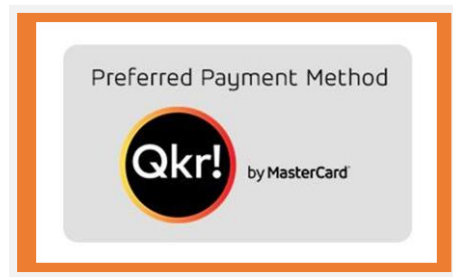
Year 1	Sienna R
Year 2	Logan F
Year 3	Scarlett B, Austin C, Emma S, Jade W
Year 4	Ava P, Josephine H, Tyler N, Clancy P
Year 5	Caydence L, Angelo F, Sophia M, Alicia Mc,
Year 6	Jennifer C



CANTEEN CORNER

Roster for Term 2, Week 2

	Early 9:15 - 11:45am	Late 11:30 - 2:30pm
MONDAY 7/5/18	Vacancy	Vacancy
TUESDAY 8/5/18	Evelyn David-Hoole	Evelyn David-Hoole
WEDNESDAY 9/5/18	Angela Herbert	June Manning
THURSDAY 10/5/18	Daniela Agnello	Daniela Agnello
FRIDAY 11/5/18	Jenny Fulivai Wilma Hird June Manning	Wendy Regan Katrina Ciampa June Manning



Sam Manning – Canteen Manager
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Map Mates

Winter Map Mates registrations is now open. After the success of the Summer series this fantastic team based competition, for children 7-13 years old, is on again! A free Map Mates Welcome event will be held on 19 May and is open to any child interested in orienteering. Map Mates is perfect for beginners with our Map Mates coaches teaching new orienteering skills each week. Map Mates is a team competition designed to teach map reading, build teamwork, enhance fitness, showcase Canberra's beautiful parks and reserves, all while focusing on having fun! The Map Mates competition starts on 26 May and runs for four weeks, in conjunction with the ACT Saturday Series, and concludes with a presentation BBQ on 30 Jun. For more information and to register go to the [Map Mates](http://act.orienteering.asn.au/juniors/blue-sparks/map-mates/) page on Orienteering ACT's website: <http://act.orienteering.asn.au/juniors/blue-sparks/map-mates/>

