

St Monica's News

Term 2- Week 2 - 10 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

We had an amazing day, with Andrew Chinn, developing our St Monica's song and hope to showcase it in the coming weeks at an assembly. The song captures who we are as a school community.

I have noticed a number of children arriving at school well before 8.25am which is when our playground supervision commences. Should you need to drop off your child early, parents are required to book them into our SMOOSH care program. Enrolment forms are available from the school office. Please also observe the traffic signs in Montagu Place. Parents should not be parking in that areas before of after school

We are currently in our official enrolment period so please encourage friends to consider St Monica's as their choice of school and call to take a tour. While tomorrow is our official day for school tours at 10.00am, 12.00pm and 2.30pm, our Year 6 students are keen to escort new families around the school at other times in the coming weeks. Please collect an enrolment form from the Front Office for Kindergarten students due to start in 2019.



Our Mother's Day raffles will be drawn at our School Assembly tomorrow. Tickets will still be available until morning tea. Our special stall will commence just after the morning bell for the children to purchase items from \$2.00 to \$8.00. This year the stall will be located in the hub.

Baby News - Congratulations to the Johnston family - (Dylan - 3/4C) on the arrival of their baby girl Hannah.

Special Prayers - Please keep the Alston-Campbell family - (Jess - 3/4C, Will - 2D and April - KGO) in your prayers as their great grandmother passed away last week.

Wishing all the mothers and grandmothers a really special day on Sunday and always. May your days be filled with many blessings.

God bless

Carmel Maguire
Principal

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.



VALUE FOCUS – Responsibility



This week we are thinking about our responsibility to care for our world. What actions can you take to make a difference in our world? Can you switch off lights? Take shorter showers? Recycle your waste?

Genesis 2:15 “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it.”

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

We were very lucky to have Andrew Chinn visit our school this week to work with the school community to write our school song. Students in Years 5 & 6 were invited to work with Andrew to write the lyrics and the whole school joined in the afternoon for a concert in the hall. We love our new school song “**Believe, Discover, Achieve**” and can’t wait for the whole school to sing it together!



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

PARISH NEWS

No Parish Masses 15, 16 and 17 May

The annual Clergy Assembly will gather at Galong from Monday 14 May until Thursday 17 May. Therefore, there will be no Masses in the parish on 15, 16 and 17 May.

Youth Mass at St Michael's 13 May

The 5.30pm Mass at St Michael's on Sunday 13 May will be a Youth Mass. Volunteers are being sought to do the readings and to sing in the choir. Please contact Katie Golding on 0425 423 043.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

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 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

School Registration

From the 21 May to the 23 May St Monica's will go through a process of reregistration. This involves representatives for Catholic Education, School leaders from other school and a representative from the ACT Directorate to review our programs and policies. While it is a rigorous process it is a time for the teachers to showcase the learning that is occurring in the classrooms. The panel will provide recommendation for future improvement against the National School Improvement Tool.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

News from the Garden Team

There's been a lot happening in the outdoor spaces around St Monicas! Here's some highlights:

The **oval lawn** has established well and is coping well with the excited use by the students! Our lawn contractors are continuing to give it plenty of care and attention.

Thanks to the efforts of Peter Fleming, over the holidays, we now have extended the available land for the **Kinder play space** and built a number of garden beds into the retaining wall. We will let the space settle over the coming weeks before planting and improving the space. If you have ideas as to what to include in the expanded space, please email the council or drop a message into the Office.



The **garden patch** has been supplying tomatoes, zucchinis and cucumbers to the canteen. The children have enjoyed planting, watering and picking the vegetables. With the change of season, broccoli and snow peas have now been planted with more vegetables to come. Thanks to all the families who helped to water them over summer.

The **community herb garden** is available to all families to pick and take home – the basil, parsley and thyme grew well this season. Coriander will be planted soon to join the mints.

Two new **compost bins** have been installed and the students are now recycling their fruit break scraps to make compost for the gardens.

A **pop up garden of succulents** is thriving near the Japanese room.

The **cherry tree garden** has started to be planted with grass lamandra and society garlic that were gifted to the school. A "dry creek bed" will feature in this garden to deviate water in downpours. The drains have also been cleaned to better manage the water on the school site.

A really big thank you to Caroline Weller for her enthusiasm and coordination of the gardening team.

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

End of May is Hats Off Day for Canberra schools

In Canberra, May is when we start to witness daily UV levels take a nose dive, to what is considered "low" levels (under 3). This generally occurs during the morning and afternoon periods. However by the end of May UV levels drop and remain low (under 3) all day for a few months and so **End of May is Hats Off Day for Canberra schools**. Cancer Council ACT does not generally recommend sun protection behaviour (ie hat wearing and sunscreen application) when UV levels are under 3 due to the low risk of potential UV skin damage.



Enrolments

Daramalan College

Year 7 2019 Orientation Day – Friday 7 December 2018.



Merici College Open Day 2018

Year 11 2019 Information Evening - Thursday 17 May 2018 - 5.00pm-6.30pm

Careers Expo – Thursday 17 May - 2.30pm – 4.30pm

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.

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 14 May – 9.10am in Church

Value Awards for Week 2 will be presented.

Next Assembly – Friday 11 May – 1pm in School Hall

Class Awards for Week 2 and Star and Pride Badges will be presented.



	Value Award <i>Responsibility</i>	Class Award <i>English</i>
KGO	Louis T	Tasharna S
KR	Taylor H	Daniel H
1B	Tessa S	Billy S
1E	Elliott B	Nicholas P
1HV	Sienna R	Jacob P
2D	Christian M	Alaina S
2MR	William Mc	Zak D
3L	Giuseppe C	Jesse F
3M	Anthony M	Jacob M
3/4C	Daniel I	Gabrielle W
4A	Rose O	Nethan W
4SB	Brian H	Angelino S
5W	Alexandra O	Sam G
5WD	Isabella L	Joe O
5/6M	Liam E	Claudia G
6E	Bridget A	Katie F
6F	Jorja J	Blake O
St Monica's Stars – Ethan G (3L) – 2 nd star, Isla B (3/4C) – 2 nd star, Lillian C (6F) – 4 th star, Ryan G (6F) – 2 nd star, Jack H (6F) – 3 rd star, Jorja J (6F) – 3 rd star, Lyndelle M (6F) – 4 th star, Melanie R (6F) – 6 th star, Lily S (6F) – 3 rd star, Sophie T (6F) – 4 th star		
Pride Badges – Jack H (6F), Jorja J (6F), Melanie R (6F), Lily S (6F)		

Happy Birthday to the following students...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kindy	Charlie C
Year 1	Jerome S
Year 2	Marley B
Year 3	Madison R, Bella P
Year 4	Lilli P, Tyler S, Sam J,
Year 6	Phoebe W, Dante C

Musicorp Instrumental News

Star Students: Sophie Tozer (6F), Charlize Schiavello (4A), Corey Bailey (5WD), Mary David-Hoole (4A) and Katie Brasnett (6E). The first three students only started in Term 1 but totally mastered their instruments within a term and got invited into the school band! Katie and Mary are another two of our outstanding brass/wind players in the program.

The group is working on popular songs including the Beauty and the Beast duet, Frere Jacques and Shape of you by Ed Sheeran. If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument, please call Musicorp on 1300858911. I look forward to seeing each and every student continue to thrive in Semester Two. - **Arianne Tan, Musicorp Instrumental Teacher**

SPORT NEWS

Belconnen Rugby League Team

Congratulations to Adonai Y (5/6M) who has been selected to play in the Belconnen Rugby League Team for School Sports ACT.

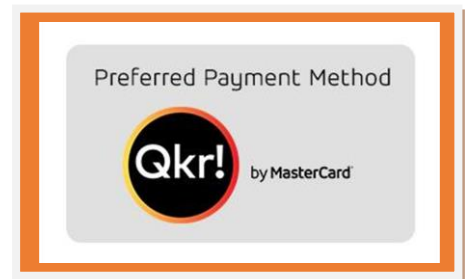
Belconnen Cross Country Carnival

Information relating to the Belconnen carnival is currently being finalised and will be sent out early next week

CANTEEN CORNER

Roster for Term 2, Week 3

	Early 9:15 - 11:45am	Late 11:30 - 2:30pm
MONDAY 14/5/18	Vacancy	Vacancy
TUESDAY 15/5/18	Vacancy	Vacancy
WEDNESDAY 16/5/18	Vacancy	Vacancy
THURSDAY 17/5/18	June Manning	June Manning
FRIDAY 18/5/18	Samantha Cox Tracy D'Ambrosio June Manning	Wendy Regan Tracy D'Ambrosio Katrina Ciampa



Sam Manning – Canteen Manager
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION