

St Monica's News

Term 2- Week 3 - 17 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

Early next week St Monica's will go through a process of reregistration. This involves representatives for Catholic Education, School leaders from other schools and a representative from the ACT Directorate reviewing 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 spend time visiting classrooms and speaking with the children about their learning. The Panel will provide recommendation for future improvement against the National School Improvement Tool.

SkoolBag is in the process of upgrading our school's mobile app to give you greater control over the notifications you receive and the content which is shown to you. This process is managed by the school and you do not need to upgrade your app. However, when we instigate the upgrade over the weekend, you will notice some changes. Users will be prompted to register with a username and password. This will enable users to save their Group Subscription settings across devices. You will be sent an email address to verify your account. These details will be saved to allow for quick access in the future. Your account details allow you to log into the SkoolBag app on different devices and see the same groups and subscription settings. After logging in, you will be prompted to subscribe to groups. You'll see registration screens after we upgrade. Please read the document sent out via our app for more information.

Now the fete is over we turn our focus to the coordination of the ACT Catholic Netball Carnival on Saturday 20 October 2018. Each year a school is given the opportunity to host the carnival as a major fund raising opportunity. The more hands that help the more we can raise. It is not an event just for families with children involved in the netball, it is a whole school effort.

Following several discussions with Council Executive and the St Monica's staff we have elected not to nominate teams, for this year, to go to Boorowa for the annual netball and touch carnival. While I realise this will be very disappointing, this carnival is the Friday following the ACT Catholic Netball Carnival. We need to consider the wellbeing of our staff who will have been heavily involved in the Catholic Netball Carnival, and the demand on parents who will have given time to the preparation. The Catholic Netball carnival must be given priority.

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.





Congratulations to our Mother's Day raffle winners - Aria F (1B), Evie E (1HV), Jack R (2D), Lorenzo S (2D), Nathan M (2MR), Lillian F (2MR), Scarlett B (3M), Gabe J (3/4C), Alani A (4A), Conner H (4A), Giselle S (4SB), Sophie S (4SB).

God bless

Carmel Maguire
Principal

VALUE FOCUS – Responsibility

Jesus showed us how to be responsible for each other by being servants to one another. Looking after our family, friends, those in the community and the environment, is just part of the way Jesus wants us to live our lives. We are Jesus hands and feet here on earth and we are responsible for making a difference every day!

John 13:14 "If I then,
your Lord and Teacher,
have washed your
feet, you also ought to
wash one another's
feet."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sacrament of Eucharist

Reconciliation

Students who are making their Sacrament of Eucharist are required to attend Reconciliation beforehand. Reconciliation is held on Saturdays 4.30-5.15pm at St Monica's Church and Sunday 4.30 – 5.15pm at St Michael's Church. Please make time to do this soon as there are only 2 weekends to go before the First Communion date.

Eucharist Preparations

Congratulations to all our students who are continuing on their preparation journey for their Sacrament of Eucharist. I would especially like to thank the parents who gave their time to facilitate the home groups which allowed our students to learn more about the sacrament in a relaxed home environment.

Student Retreat Day

The students participating in the Eucharist program will attend a special retreat day on **Wednesday 30 May**. All students in Year 4 will attend and we will be joined by children from other grades and the Parish School of Religion who are making their First Eucharist. The students will start the day by attending Mass and then participate in a variety of activities to help them prepare for the sacrament.

Students are permitted to wear plain clothes and we will provide a pizza lunch for them. A note confirming the details will be sent home next week.



Booking your Mass Time: If you have not yet booked a time for your child's First Eucharist please send an email to Ms Stewart. The Mass times are Saturday 2 June St Monica's 6pm, Sunday 3 June St Monica's 10am, St Michael's 8am and 5.30pm.
amanda.stewart@cg.catholic.edu.au

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



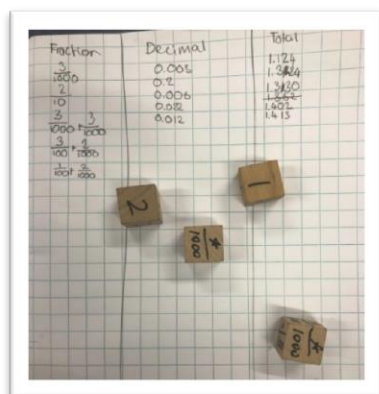
Mathematics

Last week St Monica's had the pleasure of hosting Leonie Anstey, a specialist in the field of Mathematics. She had the opportunity to do a maths learning walk of the school, work in classrooms and with teachers and present a staff meeting. Leonie worked with staff to assist in the future programming of Mathematics, help improve teaching practice and provide opportunities for student engagement through the use of manipulatives.

One of the activities the staff and students enjoyed learning about and participating in was the Decimat Game. Through this game the students in year 5/6 were able to understand the place value of tenths, hundredths and thousandths through visual representation. They were able to record and compare the decimals and fractions that they rolled. Some students even took the game a step further by adding and multiplying fractions.

The staff were inspired by Leonie's visit and are excited about her return in Term Three.

Here are some photos of students playing the Decimat game.



Restorative Practices Circle Time

At St Monica's we use Circle Time for a variety of purposes in developing emotional literacy and relationships for learning. Some of the circles we are using across the school include:

Morning Prayer Circle - to gather, pray and set the tone for the day.

Learning Circle - an opportunity for children to share their work and understandings.

Restorative Circle - may be a whole class circle focussing on a particular concern or a circle to repair harm following an incident.

Formal Restorative Circle - requires a formal script and are to be used only when appropriate, when all who have been affected agree to the process and have been prepared.



Read more at <https://www.restorativepractices.org.au>

NAPLAN Online – almost over for another year

Thank you to Ms Ciuffetelli, Mr Evans and the Years 3 and 5 teachers for their preparation for this week. A catch up session will occur next week.

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

NAPLAN 2018 Timetable				
	Tuesday 15 May	Wednesday 16 May	Thursday 17 May	Friday 18 May
Year 3	9.30 Writing	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

Japanese Choir

The Japanese Choir will be singing at the Japanese Annual Autumn Festival this Sunday 20 May. The Festival is at the Cook Community Hall, 41 Templeton Street Cook from 1.30pm – 4.00pm. This a very special way for the children to demonstrate some of their learning in Japanese. The festival is open to all – no entry fee - and is a great opportunity to join in some activities and see performances including one by the children who attend the Japanese Saturday School. There will be stalls where you can buy delicious Japanese Food and other items. A wonderful way to enjoy a Sunday afternoon with the family.

Writing – KGO

In KGO we have created a Published Writing Folder to store all our wonderful writing. We have typed three pieces of writing already this term! We are looking forward to sharing these special folders with our families later in the year. What clever students we are in KGO!



COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

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

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 are 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.**



Enrolments

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.

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 – Tuesday 22 May in the Church – 4SB - Note Change of Day

Value Awards for Week 3 will be presented.

Next Assembly – Friday 18 May – 1pm in School Hall – 1HV

Class Awards for Week 3 and Star and Pride Badges will be presented.



	Value Award <i>Responsibility</i>	Class Award <i>Religion</i>
KGO	Hamish Mc	Ivan P
KR	Nikolas H	Jesse S
1B	Sophia R	Zarah L
1E	Mitchell R	Nicola B
1HV	Ostin D	Evie E
2D	Zachary H	Brock S
2MR	Grace S	Blake M
3L	Isabella P	Annabelle F
3M	Lauren F	Samantha S
3/4C	Zane Mc	Skyla L
4A	Arabelle S	Mary D-H
4SB	Tyler N	Giselle S
5W	Gabriel H	Sophia M
5WD	Fletcher A	Sienna H
5/6M	Annabel L	Domenic S
6E	Daniel Mc	Katie B
6F	Anthony F	Sophie T
St Monica's Stars – Tessa S (1B) – 1 st star, Jake W (1B) – 1 st star, Xavier Mc (1HV) – 2 nd star, Mason N (2D) – 1 st star, Talija M (2D) – 1 st star		
Pride Badges –		

Happy Birthday to the following students...



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Year 1	Billy S
Year 4	Ben B
Year 5	Sebby D

SPORT NEWS

Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 5 June at Charnwood Oval, Lhotsky Street Charnwood between 9.30am-2.15pm. Children will be transported to and from Charnwood Oval by bus. Years K – 6 will be participating in the Carnival. Note and permission form have been sent home today.

Belconnen Cross Country Carnival Finalists

Congratulations to the following students. Notes for Belconnen Cross Country Carnival have been sent home today.

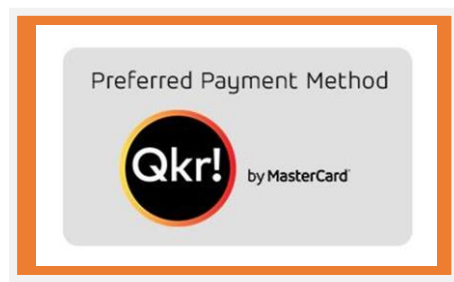
2018 Belconnen Cross Country Finalists

Age Group	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place
Girls 8 Yrs	Samantha S	Mya L	Leila W	Sophie C	Lillian F
Boys 8 Yrs	Bastijan P	Dallas M	Gabe J	Daniel I	Eamon F
Girls 9 Yrs	Elsbeth S	Caitlin M	Lucija P	Isabella P	Jade W
Boys 9 Yrs	Aiden S	Archie E	Finn D	Archer S	Darcy B
Girls 10 Yrs	Layla R	Emma B	Coco B	Micaela M	Hena L
Boys 10 Yrs	Sam C	Brock T	Max W	Ben B	James M
Girls 11 Yrs	Olivia S	Elyse S	Dita S	Zara D	Nellie B
Boys 11 Yrs	Riley L	Harry P	Ryan K	Riley H	Gabe H
Girls 12/13 Yrs	Phoebe W	Brooke M	Melanie R	Claudia G	
Boys 12/13 Yrs	Ryan G	Nick I	Manoli K	Lachlan R	Domenic S

CANTEEN CORNER

Roster for Term 2, Week 4

	Early 9:15 - 11:45am	Late 11:30 - 2:30pm
MONDAY 21/5/18	Vacancy	Vacancy
TUESDAY 22/5/18	Vacancy	Vacancy
WEDNESDAY 23/5/18	Angela Herbert	June Manning
THURSDAY 24/5/18	Daniela Agnello	Daniela Agnello
FRIDAY 25/5/18	Jenny Fulivai Wilma Hird	Wendy Regan Katrina Ciampa



Sam Manning – Canteen Manager
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