

St Monica's News

Term 2- Week 4 - 24 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 have spent the week showcasing our wonderful school to a Panel of educational professionals as part of the five year re-registration process for schools. Schools are now evaluated against the National School Improvement Tool (NSIT) which comprises of ten domains. The domains assist schools to review and reflect on their efforts to improve the quality of teaching and learning. The areas include

- Catholic Identity and Faith
- An explicit improvement agenda
- Analysis and discussion of data
- A culture that promotes learning
- Targeted use of school resources
- An expert teaching team
- Systematic curriculum delivery
- Differentiated teaching and learning
- Effective pedagogical practices
- School-community partnerships

On Wednesday we received fabulous verbal feedback from the Panel that reflects the amazing professionalism and dedication given by all staff that make St Monica's a wonderful school community. The Panel also noted the wonderful support given by parents and grandparents. In the coming weeks we will receive a detailed report outlining key Commendations, Affirmations and Recommendation, that I will enjoy sharing with the community. Yes, it is business as usual!

Over the next few days our website will take on a new look. I have given the company, responsible for developing webpages for our Catholic schools, the green light to go live. As you can image it will take a week or so to learn how to manage the new site and upload new documents. I value any feedback in the coming weeks. If you are experiencing issue with your Skoolbag App it has been recommended to uninstall and reinstall our app. Parents who have done so are no longer experiencing problems.

Reconciliation Australia promotes and facilitates respect, trust and positive relationships between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year the ACT is the first state or territory to recognise Reconciliation Day with a public holiday on Monday.

God bless and enjoy the long weekend.
Carmel Maguire
Principal

Discover the Way

**SAFE,
RESPONSIBLE AND
RESPECTFUL
LEARNERS**

LEARNING FOCUS

Be Responsible
Strategy

What strategies are you going to use for your learning?



SOCIAL FOCUS

Be Responsible
Report things that don't
make us feel safe

We all have the right to feel safe all the time.
Nothing is so bad that we cannot tell someone about it.



VALUE FOCUS – Acceptance

Our value for weeks 4, 5 and 6 this term is **Acceptance**. 4SB presented a wonderful prayer liturgy in the Church on Tuesday, demonstrating to all of the school how important it is to accept one another for who we are and all the different interests and talents we have.

In the Bible Jesus accepts all kinds of different people and shows us how important it is to be accepting of others and show God's love to all.



Dear Jesus,
Please show me how to spend this day
Sharing your LOVE in every way
Help me to be kind to everyone
To play and laugh and have lots of fun
Shining your light and giving your grace
Sharing your JOY with a smile on my face!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sacrament of Eucharist



Reconciliation

Students who are making their Sacrament of Eucharist are required to make Reconciliation beforehand. Reconciliation is held 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 is only 1 weekend to go before the First Communion date.

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.

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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

**Please join us for the Mary Help of Christians Mass this Friday 24th May at
9.30 am in the Church!**

Grandparents Day Celebration!

Friday 8 June



9.15 am to 10.00am Welcome and Liturgy in the Hall
10.00am -10.30 am Morning Tea for Visitors in the Hall
10.30am - 11.30am Classroom Visits
(Invitations and RSVP have been sent home today)



GRANDPARENTS' DAY PHOTO PRESENTATION

Dear Parents,

If you would like to be included in this year's Grandparents' Day PhotoStory please email me the photos you would like me to use. I can only accept photos that have been emailed to me. (apologies in advance to those without email access). Email digital photos to amanda.stewart@cq.catholic.edu.au. Please email photos before Tuesday 5 June.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Japanese Autumn Festival

Some children from the Japanese Choir performed at the Annual Japanese Autumn Festival at Cook last Sunday. They sang very sweetly and looked colourful in traditional Japanese clothing. In this photo Willem A-C (2D), is holding the book which the Canberra Japan Club gave to our school to thank the children for their singing.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair. As well as putting great books into your children's hands there will be over \$1,000 to spend on resources for the library. Thank you to the parents and grandparents that helped with setting up and serving students and parents.

National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday over a million students participated in National Simultaneous Storytime with children from across Australia and New Zealand. The story was Hickory Dickory Dash written by Tony Wilson. Students had a great time and engaged with the story.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Registration

The Community Council wishes to acknowledge and give a big thank you to all the staff that prepared for our school's registration assessment earlier this week. While registration is necessary for the school to operate we understand that it is no mean feat. To show our appreciation the Council is inviting parents to provide some morning tea to our hard working staff on **Friday 1 June**. Please drop off any donations to the Front Office.

Community Council

The Community Council will be meeting in the next 2 weeks. We are keen to discuss any ideas for the new garden beds in the Kinder play area or any other issues parent are worried about. 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 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 – Monday 4 June – 9.10am in Church

Value Awards for Week 3 will be presented.

Next Assembly – Friday 1 June – 1pm in School Hall

Class Awards for Weeks 4 and 5 and Star and Pride Badges will be presented.



Happy Birthday to the following students...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kindy	Lachlan D, Adelina S
Year 1	Lachlan J
Year 2	Joel M
Year 3	Rohan G
Year 4	Claire H, James Mc
Year 5	Dita S
Year 6	Ben B

	Value Award <i>Acceptance</i>	Class Award <i>Mathematics</i>
KGO	April A-C	Christian M
KR	Adeline B	Lachlan P
1B	Ante P	Jake W
1E	Akol A	Jerome S
1HV	Emmett J	Emma O
2D	Jack R	Violet P
2MR	Jack G	Cameron H
3L	Antonia H	Levi T
3M	Jye L	Lelia W
3/4C	Dylan J	Darcy B
4A	Harry C	Charlize S
4SB	Jack R	Tahlianna B
5W	Angelo F	Imogen H
5WD	Ruby S	Isabella L
5/6M	Yaroslava K	Ryan K
6E	Dante C	Daniel Mc
6F	Marcus D	Byron P

St Monica's Stars – Flynn G (1B) – 1st star, Gus O (1B) – 1st star, Jess A-C (3/4C) – 3rd star, Bowen D (5W) – 1st star, Liam E (5/6M) – 1st star, Matthew Mc (5/6M) – 4th star, Harry P (5/6M) – 3rd star, Chiara W (5/6M) – 3rd star

Pride Badges – Jess A-C (3/4C), Harry P (5/6M), Chiara W (5/6M)

SPORT NEWS

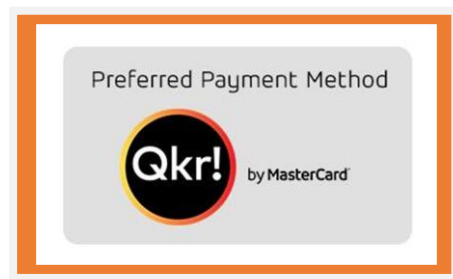
Belconnen AFL Team

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for the Belconnen AFL team – Cooper B (6E), Thomas B (6E), Rowan D (5/6M), Riley H (5W), Nicholas I (6E), Sam Mc (6E) and Riley L (6E).

CANTEEN CORNER

Roster for Term 2, Week 5

	Early 9:15 - 11:45am	Late 11:30 - 2:30pm
MONDAY 28/5/18	Public	Holiday
TUESDAY 29/5/18	June Manning	June Manning
WEDNESDAY 30/5/18	Michelle Gaffey	Michelle Gaffey
THURSDAY 31/5/18	June Manning	June Manning
FRIDAY 1/6/18	Samantha Cox Tracy D'Ambrosio June Manning	Wendy Regan Katrina Ciampa Tracy D'Ambrosio



Sam Manning – Canteen Manager
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