



St Monica's News

Term 2- Week 6 - 7 June 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

While a little chilly we had a great Athletics Carnival on Tuesday and finished just as the rain began to fall. A big thank you to Susan Carswell for her wonderful coordination of the carnival. Thank you to all the parents who helped in the canteen and on the field. A great community day of teachers, children, parents and grandparents. Congratulations to our winning team Mirri and to Walga who was awarded the Spirit Shield for Athletics. Ribbons will be awarded at our assembly next week to the overall place winners in School Sport representative events. Names will be published in newsletter next week.

Tomorrow we open our doors to welcome grandparents and those people in a child's life who are very special. Our day will commence with a liturgy in the hall at 9.15am followed by morning tea. Class visits will occur between 10.30am - 11.30am. Sign in sheets for visitors will be available in the classrooms from 10.30am.



Grandparents bestow upon their grandchildren the strength and wisdom that time and experience have given them. Grandchildren bless their grandparents with a youthful vitality and innocence that help them stay young at heart for ever. Together they create a chain of love linking the past with the future. The chain may lengthen, but it will never part... (Author unknown)

Special Prayers

Please keep the Connelly family - William (5WD) in your prayers as his grandfather passed away last week.

God bless
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

Acceptance



We have been focussing on the value of Acceptance over the last few weeks. I would like us all to think about self-acceptance. It is so important to accept who you are and be grateful for all the wonderful gifts God has given you. After all we are made in God's image! When you learn to love and accept yourself you can easily begin to love and accept others!

[Genesis 1:26-27](#)

God created humankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sacrament of First Eucharist

Congratulations to all the children who made their First Eucharist on the weekend. It was wonderful to see so many children and their families there to celebrate this special occasion.



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

Grandparents Day Celebration! - Tomorrow - 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

English Update

This year our English Professional Learning Team is exploring the question:

'How does analysis of student spelling data inform teaching and learning to improve student's results?'

Teachers are meeting to discuss student's spelling results and working out how to cater for each child's individual needs through differentiating the curriculum.

"Differentiation can be defined as a way of teaching in which teachers proactively modify curriculum, teaching methods, resources, learning activities, and student products. The needs of individual students and/or small groups of students are addressed to maximize the learning opportunity for each student in the classroom."

Tomlinson, et al.

Teachers model lessons about spelling using a 'think aloud' process. They teach and promote 'student self-talk' to support learners to flexibly use a repertoire of spelling strategies when thinking about words. Our students learn a variety of strategies to use in their writing.

The Five Key Spelling Strategies

- Sound – focusing on hearing and recording sounds
- Visual – noticing letter patterns in words
- Meaning – thinking about the meaning, structure and origin of words
- Connecting – making connections between words
- Checking – making use of live, print and electronic resources

Recommended spelling apps

1. Squeebles – Spelling Test

(\$4.99 on *iTunes* and \$4.49 on *Android*)



2. Spelling Test by FunExam.com

(FREE on *iTunes* and *Android*)



3. Reading Eggs Spelling



COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Community Council

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



Be a Superhero for Heartkids!

The Social Justice team are raising funds to support Aussie kids with childhood heart disease. Show your support by donating a gold coin and dressing up as your favourite Superhero on Friday 15 June.

Hats Off Period

This week begins "Hats Off" period for ACT Primary Schools as daily UV levels drop off to levels that are considered low (ie under 3) all day, for the months of June and July. Beginning of August is Hats On Again For All Of Us!!



SCHOOL FEES

Term 2 School Fees Due: Friday 15 June

A number of families are in arrears in excess of two terms. Please contact the Finance Officer or Principal to discuss urgently.
Please disregard this notice if your family have a Direct Debit Arrangement in place.

Preferred Payment Method



AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Next School Prayer – Monday 18 June – 9.10am in Church

Value Awards for Weeks 6 and 7 will be presented.

Next Assembly – Friday 15 June – 1pm in School Hall

Class Awards for Weeks 6 and 7 and Star and Pride Badges will be presented.



Happy Birthday to the following students...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Year 1	Akol A
Year 2	Vsevolod K, Cooper N
Year 3	Joshua Mc, Jeremy R
Year 5	Kate S
Year 6	Georgia M

Rostrum Finalists

Today the following students were selected to represent their classes as part of our school Public Speaking competition.

Years 3 and 4 - Emma S (3L), Michael H (3M), Archie E (3/4C), Sarah R (4A), Alexandra B (4SB).

Years 5 and 6 – Emma B (5WD), Sienna H (5WD), Jaidah T (5W), Gabriel H (5W), Shakira L (5/6M), Lachlan M (5/6M), Nick I (6E), Katie B (6E), Lachlan R (6F), Phoebe W (6F).

Nick I (6E) has been selected to represent St Monica's at the Quarter Finals of Rostrum later in the term. Katie B (6E) is our backup speaker.

	Value Award <i>Acceptance</i>	Class Award <i>Teacher Choice</i>
KGO		
KR	Joshua D	Piero C
1B	Princess U	Gus O
1E	Raylah O	Bol K
1HV	Esther L	Isabella H
2D	Lorenzo S	Anneliese L
2MR	Marquez P	Vsevolod K
3L	Emma S	Jade W
3M	Holly F	Ashton Mc
3/4C	Lucija P	Gabe J
4A	Lexi R	Clancy P
4SB	Aurelia S	Mackenzie B
5W	Sebby D	Gabriel H
5WD	Dominic C	Mya A
5/6M	Harry P	Caydence L
6E	Jennifer C	Hayley S
6F	Ryan S	Hannah D-H
St Monica's Stars – Cooper A (1B) – 1 st star, Aiden H (1HV) – 1 st star, Joshua Mc (3L) – 4 th star, Ava S (3/4C) – 3 rd star, Fletcher A (5WD) – 2 nd star		
Pride Badges – Ava S (3/4C, Ryan K (5/6M)		

SPORT NEWS

Rugby Union Brumbies

Patrick E (6E) has been selected for the ACT U12 Rugby Union Brumbies representative side. The team will play in Camden, NSW this weekend (8-11 June) in the NSW Championships. Congratulations Patrick, a wonderful achievement, and we wish you all the best!!

ACT Cross Country

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to compete in the ACT Cross Country next Wednesday 13 June – Emma B (5WD), Samantha S (3M), Olivia S (5W), Aiden S (3M), Ryan G (6F).



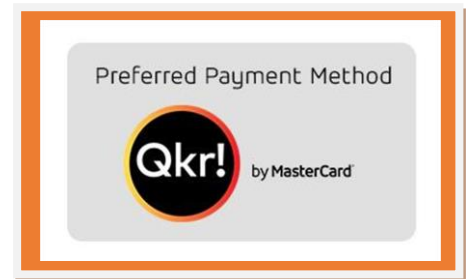
ACT School Sport ABL Belconnen Representative

The St Monica's boys had a great day today. Their team came runners up in the ACT competition held today!

CANTEEN CORNER

Roster for Term 2, Week 7

	Early 9:15 - 11:45am	Late 11:30 - 2:30pm
MONDAY 11/6/18	Public	Holiday
TUESDAY 12/6/18	June Manning	June Manning
WEDNESDAY 13/6/18	Michelle Gaffey	Michelle Gaffey
THURSDAY 14/6/18	June Manning	June Manning
FRIDAY 15/6/18	Samantha Cox Tracy D'Ambrosio June Manning	Wendy Regan Katrina Ciampa Tracy D'Ambrosio



Sam Manning – Canteen Manager
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Bedwetting Programme

Based on Sydney Children's Hospital Programme. Suitable for children from 5 years of age. Margaret O'Donovan, Physiotherapist, 2 Floor, Ethos House, 28 Ainslie Avenue, Canberra City. Enquiries – 62485066.

Plenary Council in 2020

As many of you are aware, the Catholic Church will be holding a Plenary Council in 2020. A Plenary Council is a formal meeting of the bishops and other representatives of all the dioceses and parishes of the Catholic Church in Australia. Its purpose is to discern what God is asking of us in Australia at this present time. While the church should be asking that question continually, a Plenary Council is a particularly graced instrument for seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance. And it has the authority to make church laws on the results of its discernment.

Although in the end it will be the bishops who will vote on any future directions for the church in Australia, they will be making those decisions in the light of a long listening to the Holy Spirit speaking through the voices of any of the faithful who wish to speak around Australia. This makes the Plenary Council 2020 different from the last one in 1937. Everyone has a chance to participate and to express whatever the Spirit is saying to them in their heart.

In Canberra, there will be four listening sessions to allow the lay people of the Church and more importantly, those who are distance or disaffected by the Church to have input into what we think God is calling the church in Australia. Details of these sessions are as follows: **Session 1** – Tuesday 19 June 10am-12pm, Eastlake Football Club, Gungahlin, **Session 2** – Tuesday 19 June 7pm-9pm, Eastlake Football Club, Gungahlin, **Session 3** – Thursday 21 June 10am-12pm, Eastlake Football Club, Kingston, **Session 4** – Thursday 21 June 7pm-9pm, Eastlake Football Club, Kingston.

If you are unable to attend one of these sessions, however would like the opportunity for input you can visit the website and write your own submission - <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>.