

St Monica's News

Term 2– Week 9 – 28 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

On Wednesday we celebrated our new Parish feast day, Our lady of Perpetual Help, with a beautiful school Mass. It was wonderful to see our school choir led the singing at Mass, thanks to Sarah Anderson and Helen Houghton.

This week we continue to experience a number of teachers accessing sick leave. We are hoping that Amanda Stewart will be back on Monday. Thank you to Melinda Brown for stepping in and cover the extra days in 4SB during the week. Unfortunately, with staff away we have had to modify our classroom support programs in the last two weeks.

We wish Helen Houghton and Katarina Markovic safe travels. Both teachers are accessing leave early to travel overseas to visit family.

A big thank you to Louise Dykes who coordinated the U12 Boy and Girls ACT Football Carnival yesterday. St Monica's was originally responsible for the coordination of the carnival. Despite not currently working in the school Louise very kindly continued with the organisation.

Over the last few weeks the teachers and a number of parent have raised concerns about the lack of manners, level of disrespect and physical aggression shown by children around the school. Behaviours can only be changed if there is a strong partnership between home and school and consistency is maintained. I appeal to parents to support the school as we endeavour to create an environment where everyone feels safe and respected.

St Monica's staff have agreed that a school wide statement, which sets our expectations in a simple form should be the basis of our words and actions. These three expectations will also form the basis of all rules that are formed and reinforced throughout the year. These rules have a social and/or learning focus. **These rules will help us achieve our aims and support our agreed values: Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible learners.** Additional information will be provided in newsletters next term. Please refer to our full school policy, *Student Welfare and Anti Bullying Agreed Practice*, that is available on our website <https://www.stmonicas.act.edu.au/policies-guidelines>.

God bless
Carmel Maguire
Principal

Discover the Way

**SAFE,
RESPONSIBLE AND
RESPECTFUL
LEARNERS**

LEARNING FOCUS

Be Responsible

Organisation

You need to be organised to stay on task. Do you have everything you need to learn at your best?



SOCIAL FOCUS

Be Safe

Play safe games

We play safely on the playground. This means we are considerate of others and play by the rules.



VALUE FOCUS – Patience

A Prayer for Patience

God, teach me to be patient,
Teach me to go slow.
Teach me how to wait on you
When my way I do not know.

Teach me sweet forbearance
When things do not go right,
So I remain unruffled
When others grow uptight.

Teach me how to quiet my
racing, rising heart,
So I might hear the answer
You are trying to impart.

Teach me let go, dear God and pray undisturbed until
My heart is filled with inner peace and
I learn to know your will Amen.

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Parish, North Belconnen**

SACRAMENTAL DATES 2018

Please save the following
dates-



Sacrament of Confirmation
Wednesday 12 September



**Sacrament of
Reconciliation**
Wednesday 21 November

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Prayers for NAIDOC Week

Our Languages Matter

Loving God, who listens to us with a heart full of love, we ask you to listen to our prayers.

That we may use words that give hope and healing: Lord, hear us.

That we may use words that bring peace and forgiveness: Lord, hear us.

That we may use our words to encourage and praise others: Lord, hear us.

That the words we use show that we respect and value others: Lord, hear us.

That the words we use are inspired by the words of Jesus: Lord, hear us.

That our indigenous brothers and sisters may continue to value and respect their languages and culture so that they may live on for future generations: Lord hear us.

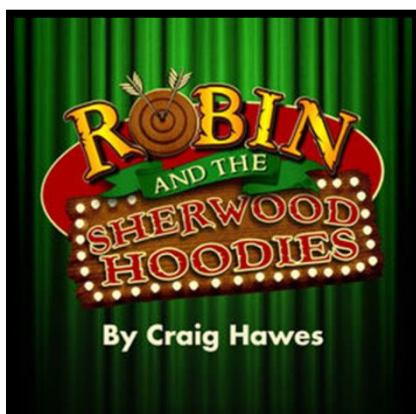
Loving God, with hope and faith we ask you to accept the prayers we make to you. Amen.



NAIDOC Week

Next week we celebrate and acknowledge NAIDOC Week at St Monica's. On Monday, students will attend a liturgy in the hall led by 5WD. Throughout the week the children will participate in experiences focusing on Aboriginal culture. We encourage you to talk further with your children about the week and its importance.

TEACHING AND LEARNING



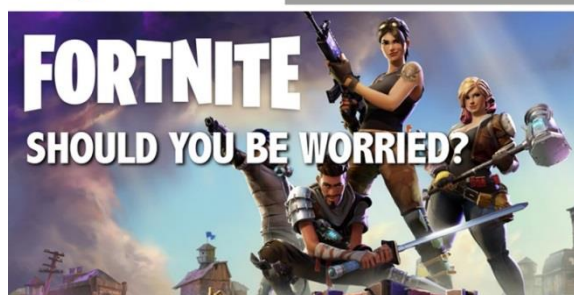
Year 5 and 6 Presents!

Wednesday 4 July (Week 10)

Whole School Performance – Midday 12:00pm, Main show at 6:00pm in School Hall, Tickets \$10 Adult, \$5 Primary School Age Student. No cost for children preschool age or younger (but please book a seat for them).

Ticket Sales available via TryBooking

<https://www.trybooking.com/394274>



Cyber Alert - Fortnite

Most parents of adolescent children would be aware of the online game, 'Fortnite'. For many young people, the addictive nature of this game is having adverse effects on children's behaviour and affecting their mental health. With over 125 million registered players worldwide, this game encourages players to battle each other to death using a variety of weaponry.

With an age rating of 13+, this game raises many cybersafety concerns. Unfortunately, it allows unmoderated chat between players, leaving children exposed to be contactable by 'randomers' online. This function alone makes it unsuitable for primary aged children.

In light of last week's announcement from the World Health Organisation now recognising "gaming disorder" as a mental health issue, this special report will help parents gain a greater insight into Fortnite and the concerns surrounding it. Parents are encouraged to reassess their gaming allowances and better manage technology usage at home.

If you have any concerns about your child, please contact the school counsellor for further information.

St Monica's Learning and Social Focus Areas for our School Rules



Student Management & Pastoral Care



	Being Safe	Being Respectful	Being Responsible
LEARNING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask permission to leave classrooms Sit on chairs safely Use equipment appropriately Walk safely and move quietly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow instructions Celebrate difference Help each other with learning Take turns Be polite and well mannered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan and prepare Think positive Use different strategies Be organised and stay on task Ask thoughtful questions Believe in your own ability Stay focused
SOCIAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play safe games and be fair Stay in bounds Hands And Feet to Self Be SunSmart Use toilets appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be Considerate of others Look after equipment Actively listen to others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look after ourselves and others Keep a clean environment Be on time for bells Report things that don't make you feel safe

First Aid for Kids

This week and next the children will take part in a special program, offered by Red Cross, that provided the children with basic first aid. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to experience.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Reports will be issued next Wednesday with Parent /Teacher interviews to be held in Term 3 Week 1. Once again we will be using an online booking system for the interviews. Instructions will be placed on our school app with a link placed on our school website under Links - Parents. Our Event Code this year is **cacvrb**. The interview booking site will open next week and remain open throughout the school holidays. The teachers will ensure they have additional times to accommodate families where a child spends time living between two homes.

KR and 4A Interviews will be held next week – the booking link and times, for these two class groups, can currently be found on the opening page of our Webpage. *Reports for KR and 4A will be sent home on Tuesday.*

Interviews for 3M will be held in Term 3 Week 2

Reports

Reports will be issued on Wednesday in Week 10 except for 3L which will be issued the first day of next term once Mrs Lustica returns.

Please note –The grades are awarded based on the particular knowledge and skills that have been demonstrated and/or achieved over the last two terms. The grades relate directly to the expectations of the particular Achievement Standards from the Australian Curriculum that has been covered during the semester. Currently we are required to use two formats; one for Kindergarten and the other for Years 1 – 6. The following outlines the rating scale that will appear on your child's report

Kindergarten Achievement Scale

Competent	Displays thorough knowledge, understanding and application of the content, processes and skills in this area.
Developing	Is beginning to display knowledge, understanding and application of the content, processes and skills in this area
Experiencing Difficulty	Is yet to display knowledge, understanding and application of the content, processes and skills in this area

Year 1 – Year 6 Achievement Scale

A	The student has extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. <u>In addition</u> , the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations .
B	The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills . <u>In addition</u> , the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills in most situations .
C	The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills .
D	The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.
E	The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

The educational consultant James Nottingham draws attention to the problem of labelling children, as we are required to do so on do on our reports - even when those labels seem positive. He describes the impact of labels - good and bad - on student expectations and how this affects learning. He then offers us alternatives - to focus on student progress (rather than rank order) and to use labels to describe actions rather than people. Please take the time to watch this TED Talk - *Labels limit learning: James Nottingham at TEDxNorrkopingED* as it is thought provoking <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=viHasIVc9cc&t=349s>



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

SMOOSH Vacation Care

A warm reminder to all our families that starting Monday 2/07/2018, that there will be a fee for the late submissions, applied to our Vacation Care bookings.

If you wish to book your children in to our vacation care program and to prevent being charged a late fee. Please ensure you get your vacation care enrolments forms submitted to us by C.O.B Friday (29/06/2018).

If you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact the centre on (02) 6258 1014

Families Taking Leave for 10 Days or More

Where children are accompanying family members for an extended holiday, for 10 or more school days, parents are now required to complete an **Application for Extended Leave –Travel** form. This is available on our school app or it can be collected from the office. Thank you for your assistance.

Illegal Parking at and around Schools

Everyone has a responsibility to adhere to traffic regulations, especially in school zones where unsafe driving and parking can put children at risk. The ACT Government is actively monitoring school zones to ensure legal and safe parking around schools. Examples of illegal parking are: **double parking (\$153 fine)**, **parking in a no parking zone (\$114 fine)**, **parking on a footpath or nature strip (\$114 fine)**, **stopping over a children's crossing (\$383 fine)**.



SCHOOL FEES

Term 2 School Fees Overdue

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



masterpass

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Chess News - ACT Open Primary School Chess Championships

Well done to the following students who represented St Monica's at the 2018 ACT Open Primary School Chess Championships - Belconnen Zone yesterday: Isabella H (1HV), Michael H (3M), Patrick E (6E), Annalene L (2D) , Angelino S (4SB), Thomas B (6E), Rohan G (3/4C), Sarah D-H (2D), Charlize S (4A), Nicholas I (6E), Mary D-H (4A) and Hannah D-H (6F).

A thank you to Noel Chan for helping to supervise our students. Well done to our students for playing well and representing our school proudly! Congratulations to our St Monica's team who qualified to enter the ACT Open Primary Championship finals in term 3, where the winner will represent the ACT in the Australian Open Primary School Chess Championships. Our four highest ranked players from yesterday's tournament will represent St Monica's at the event: Hannah D-H, Mary D-H, Nicholas I and Charlize S. Thank you also to Evelyn David-Hoole for the coordination of this opportunity for our children

Rostrum Quarter Finals

Well done to Nick Itter, our St Monica's finalist who competed on Tuesday night.

Next School Prayer – Monday 2 July – led by 5WD - 9.10am in School Hall

Value Awards for Weeks 8 and 9 will be presented.

Next Assembly – Friday 29 June – led by KR - 1pm in School Hall

Class Awards for Week 9 and Star and Pride Badges will be presented.



Happy Birthday to the following students...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
Year 1	Freya S, Emmett J
Year 2	Annalene L, Cameron H
Year 3	Dale S, Annabelle F
Year 4	Skyla L
Year 5	Nellie B
Year 6	Adonai Y, Ryan S, Flynn Mc

	Value Award <i>Patience</i>	Class Award Reader of the Term
KGO	Alexis B	April A-C
KR	Daniel H	Marissa den H
1B	Ivana P	Sarah R
1E	Laura R	Patrick H
1HV	Sierra T	Sienna R
2D	Mya L	Sarah D-H
2MR	Joel M	Faith K
3L	Archie S	Joshua Mc
3M	Michael H	Alissa H
3/4C	Rohan G	Ava S
4A	Lilli P	Lexi R
4SB	Laura G	Ava P
5W	Olivia S	Katie R
5WD	Joe O	Adrian S
5/6M	Rowan D	Alicia Mc
6E	Bailey A	Seraphim M
6F	Manoli K	Apajok A
St Monica's Stars – Freya S (1E) – 1 st star, Nicola B (1E) – 1 st star, Laura R (1E) – 1 st star, William Mc (2MR) – 2 nd star, Dominic C (5WD) – 5 th star, Sienna H (5WD) – 6 th star, Coco B (5/6M) – 5 th star, Alicia Mc (5/6M) – 4 th star		
Pride Badges – Sienna H (5WD) – 2 nd badge		

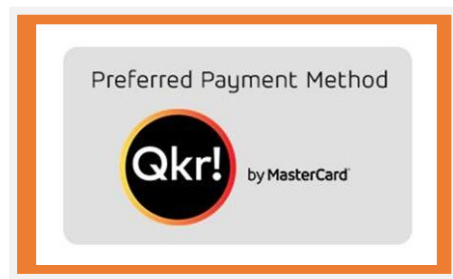
Ms Maguire's next Special Lunch and Casual Dress Day for those children who have been awarded a Pride Badge will be held on Wednesday 4 July.

The following children will be sharing in Special Day Lunch with Ms Maguire next Wednesday 4 July – Jack H (6F), Jorja J (6F), Melanie R (6F), Lily S (6F), Lachlan R (6F), Harry P (5/6M), Chiara W (5/6M), Ryan K (5/6M), Sienna H (5WD), Jess A-C (3/4C), Ava S (3/4C), Archie S (3L), Annabelle F (3L).

CANTEEN CORNER

Roster for Term 2, Week 10

	Early 9:15 - 11:45am	Late 11:30 - 2:30pm
MONDAY 2/7/18	Vacancy	Vacancy
TUESDAY 3/7/18	Evelyn David-Hoole	Evelyn David-Hoole
WEDNESDAY 4/7/18	Angela Herbert	Vacancy
THURSDAY 5/7/18	Daniela Agnello	Daniela Agnello
FRIDAY 6/7/18	Wilma Hird Jenny Fulivai	Wendy Regan Katrina Ciampa



Sam Manning – Canteen Manager
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

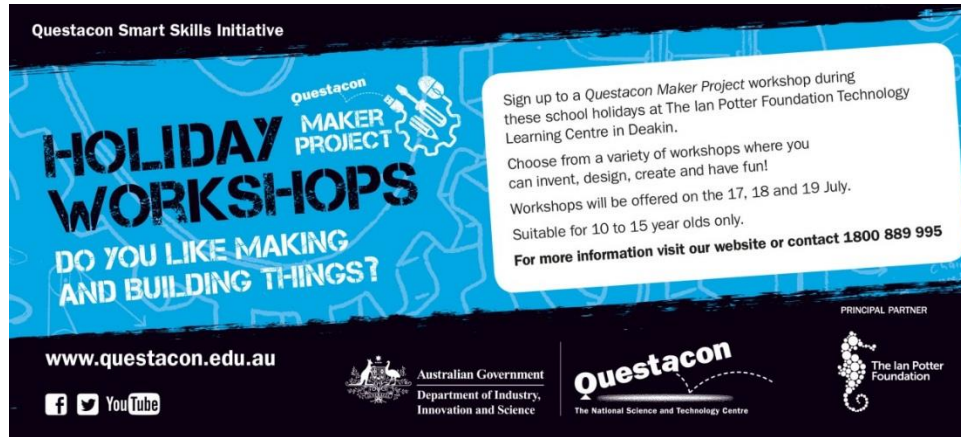
School Holiday Tennis Camps by Tennis Canberra

- Where: Old Parliament House Tennis Club
- When: July 9th - 11th (Week 1) & July 16th - 18th (Week 2)
- Options: Morning, Half-Day & Full-Day
- Sign up: www.tenniscanberra.com.au/holiday-program

Winter & Autumn Tennis Coaching Season

- Book a Free Trial: www.tenniscanberra.com.au/try-tennis
- Free Racquet & Players Shirt when signing up for the season
- Session Start Times: 4pm or 5pm (Weekday) & Saturday Mornings
- Choice of 8 ACT Tennis Clubs
- School Pick Up Options For Selected Schools
- Canberra's Best Coaches

For more information visit www.tenniscanberra.com.au/junior-tennis, email play@tenniscanberra.com.au or call 0416 186 121.



Questacon Smart Skills Initiative

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

DO YOU LIKE MAKING AND BUILDING THINGS?

Sign up to a Questacon Maker Project workshop during these school holidays at The Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre in Deakin.

Choose from a variety of workshops where you can invent, design, create and have fun!

Workshops will be offered on the 17, 18 and 19 July.

Suitable for 10 to 15 year olds only.

For more information visit our website or contact 1800 889 995

www.questacon.edu.au

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Gungahlin Leisure Centre

Gungahlin Leisure Centre is running swimming lesson intensives over the 2 weeks of the school holidays. Please telephone 62411132 for more information.

Larissa Dann



PARENT EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING (P.E.T)

Supported by Parentline ACT

Learn respectful communication skills for a peaceful, gentle approach to parenting, without the use of punishment or reward. P.E.T helps children and parents develop resilience, emotional intelligence, confidence and consideration. The course is powerful, proven and practical. Yell less, enjoy your children more, and build relationships that last a lifetime.

For more information: visit www.parentskills.com.au; join the [Parent Skills Facebook](#) community; and read [P.E.T. on a Page](#).

The 24 hour course consists of three-hour sessions, once per week, for eight weeks. Booking is essential.

Investment includes a workbook and textbook.

Course begins: Wednesday, 1st August 2018 (minimum number of participants required); **Time:** 6.30 pm to 9.45 pm; **Place:** Weston, ACT.

Enjoy P.E.T. with **Larissa**, accredited P.E.T. instructor.

Resource blogs: www.parentskills.com.au/blogs/larissa; **Contact:** info@parentskills.com.au

Young Music Society presents 

Winter Music School July 16 - 20

A holiday program of musical fun, games and learning for primary-aged children at Macquarie Primary School, ACT

9:00am - 3:30pm daily
drop off from 8:30am
(after school care available for an additional fee)
Cost \$375 per child plus \$30 annual YMS membership

Application information
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