



St Monica's News

Term 3– Week 1– 26 July 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

It was a very chilly start to the term with the school taking until midday to warm up on Monday. Hopefully we don't reach -7 degrees too many times in the coming weeks.

At the end of last term, just like the children I received the official report from my performance review. It was very affirming and identified the strengths of my leadership at St Monica's and within the System. As pointed out in the letter, circulated, via the app during the holidays, a Principal's position must be advertised following a period of 10 years at a school. This is in line with Catholic Education policy. The St Monica's Principal position has been advertised and yes, I am able to reapply.

This week the teachers have been busy meeting parents to follow up the Semester One school reports. I have enjoyed speaking to children about their new goals and their directions for the coming term. A special thanks to the teachers for the incredible amount of time and effort given to the preparation of the reports and interviews. If you have not made an appointment, please follow up with your child's teacher.



events occurring around the school. |

Early in the week we launched our St Monica's Facebook page. Our Facebook page will complement the communication of

Welcome back to Mrs Yvette Rosenfeld to 4R for Semester Two. This term Mrs Clare McPhillips will be working in KM and Mr Bob Fletcher will be working in 5WD and 6F.

We have a number of children who have been diagnosed with Chicken Pox and a teacher with Shingles. As Chicken Pox is highly contagious please monitor your child and look out for a sudden onset of fever, runny nose, cough and tiredness and a rash that gradually progresses to blisters.

Congratulations to Amanda and Lynden Verrier on their wedding during the holidays. Wishing them every happiness.



Discover the Spirit

**SAFE,
RESPONSIBLE AND
RESPECTFUL
LEARNERS**

LEARNING FOCUS

Be Respectful

Follow Instructions

We always listen to
our teacher and
follow instructions



SOCIAL FOCUS

Be Responsible

Keep a clean environment

We put our rubbish
in the bins. At our
school we recycle
and we use a
compost bin.



Baby News

Congratulations to Chase M (3M) on the arrival of twin sisters Indiana and Jasmine born on Monday 16 July. Mum and bubs are doing well.



Special Prayers

Please keep the Hennessy family in your prayers – Antonia (3L) as her grandfather and aunt passed away throughout the holidays.

Departing Families

To help us with staffing and the development of our class structure for 2019, we would appreciate knowing if there are any children (apart from Year 6!) who will not be returning to St Monica's next year. If your child/ren will not be returning, please advise via email or a note as soon as possible.

God bless
Carmel Maguire
Principal

VALUE FOCUS – Service

Service

John 12:26

Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.



Serving others is an important part of living a Christian life. We are God's hands here on earth and it is up to us to care for each other. There are so many ways we can serve others, giving to charity, volunteering our time, helping out around the home and offering to help our neighbours. At school, we can serve others by being helpful in the classroom and making sure everyone is included on the playground.

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

Confirmation News

Thank you to all the families from St Michael's and St Monica's who joined us for the information night last night. We had fun making a display item for the children who are attending their commitment Masses this weekend. If you couldn't make it to the information night please come and see Mrs Verrier to collect your information and display item, which is to be brought along at Mass on the weekend. Commitment Masses are at both St Monica's and St Michael's, just choose the Mass time that suits you.

If you haven't selected your Mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation please email Mrs Verrier (amanda.stewart@cq.catholic.edu.au) so that your booking can be finalised.

Key Dates

Commitment Masses – weekend of 28 and 29 July. Parent & Child Night – Thursday 23 August – St Michael's School. Retreat Day – Thursday 6 September – school hours.







Sacrament of Confirmation

Families to nominate their preferred evening – Tuesday 11 September, 6pm at St Michael's or Wednesday 12 September, 6pm at St Monica's.



TEACHING AND LEARNING

The St Monica's Behaviour Management Flowchart

Step 1 	Reminder <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-verbal reminder (eg. tap the visual card, walk over to the student, tap on the desk etc) 	Students may choose to access the 'Calming Sensory Space' in their class during these times. This will assist them with self-regulating their behaviour.
Step 2 	Warning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbal warning is given (use of chill card may be warranted) to refocus. 	
Step 3 	Thinking Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thinking time in class/playground Consequences given (eg finishing work off at recess or lunch, time on silver seat etc) Orange (incident) card to be completed as a record Restorative Practices questions used 	
Step 4 	Time out of class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time in another classroom (use of Hot Spot card) to complete work. Orange (incident) card is completed/added to Class teacher to notify parent/s Class teacher to discuss re-entry into classroom Restorative Practices questions used 	
Step 5 	Time out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time out with Principal or Assistant Principal to complete work and/or reflection sheet at recess or lunch Re-entry into classroom will occur Time out sheet sent home and/or phone call to inform parents Restorative Practices questions used 	
Step 6 	Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting will occur with class teacher, parent/s, Principal and/or Assistant Principal to discuss concerning behaviours Restorative Practices questions used and Restorative circle involving child may be warranted Action plan will be formed to move forward 	

- Time out for students may be immediate if there are safety concerns.
- A **green 'assistance required' card** will be sent to the office if any student refuses to comply with the following steps or there is a safety concern. Teachers are issued with walkie talkies for communication with the front office

• Step 7–In-School Suspension

In-school suspension requires the student to be placed, for a nominated period of time, under supervision by the Principal or a delegated member of the Leadership Team. The duration will be determined by the Principal/Assistant Principal. Students are also removed from their peers at recess and lunch and prohibited from going to the canteen. Parents contacted by Principal/Assistant Principal and may be requested to attend an interview.

• Step 8 – Suspension

The Suspension procedure, as outlined in the CE Policy means that a student is required to leave St Monica's Primary School for a specified period of time and that the student's return is subject to a re-entry meeting. Parents of the suspended student are to be made aware orally and in writing by the Principal and a record will be kept in the student's file and sent to the CE. The duration will be determined by the Principal/Assistant Principal and the CE will be notified.

When a student returns to school following a period of suspension, the school will provide appropriate support and developmental programs, which will enable the student to re-establish his/her reputation in a positive sense and resume normal activities as a full member of the school community. This may take the form of a re-entry interview where the Principal or Assistant Principal set out the expectations of the return to school to both the student and his/her parents. The school staff, the student and the parents all have responsibilities to assist with the child's return to the class.

• **Step 9 – Exclusion**

The policies related to the discipline of students, including but not limited to the suspension, transfer and exclusion of students are based on procedural fairness and are in accordance with the ACT Education Act and CE policy requirements. The exclusion procedure, as outlined by CE will be used if all previous means are unsuccessful.

Several of the programs on offer this term

- Orienteering – Years 5 and 6 (Curriculum Levy)
- OzTag – Kinder to Year 2 (Free Clinic)
- Gymnastics – Kinder and Year 1 (Schools Sporting Grant and Curriculum Levy)
- Music with Mrs Anderson – Kinder to Year 6
- Japanese with Mrs Hodgkin – Kinder to Year 4
- Britannica online – Currently setting up access to support research activities (IT Levy)
- Life Education – Kinder to Year 2 (Curriculum Levy)

Sporting notes distributed and available on SkoolBag

- Registration for the Catholic Netball Carnival. This is the carnival we are responsible for coordinating on the 20 October. Team inquiries to Miss Winne
- Registration forms have been distributed to the 80 children in Years 3 to 6 who returned their expression of interest. Thank you to Mrs Brown for her coordination. Registration and payment must be returned by next week to secure your place in a team.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS



St Monica's Trivia Night

A great night for parents and friends to gather, catch up and socialise. Book your table now. Let's make this a great community gathering

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

School Courtyard

Unfortunately, the insurance company could not organise builders in time to carry out the work required during the holidays. Like you I am extremely disappointed. Due to the nature of the work it can only be carried out over a holiday break.

Head Lice

There have been a number of reported cases of Head Lice throughout the school. We ask that all parents examine their child's hair and if lice are found that you treat your child's hair. There is an exclusion period from school if head lice are found and children can return to school once they have been treated.

Jeans for Genes Day

The Social Justice Team are raising money to support Jeans for Genes Day, Friday 3 August 2018. Jeans for Genes was established to fund revolutionary research that helps diagnose, understand, and find cures or treatments for conditions affecting kids, including genetic diseases, cancer, and epilepsy. 1 in 20 kids are born with a genetic disease or birth defect. Genetic diseases are one of the leading causes of death in kids under four and the main cause of ongoing hospitalisation. Please help us support this cause by donating a gold coin and wearing your jeans on this day.



SMOOSH News

Next Wednesday 1 August, all the children who are enrolled in SMOOSH will be permitted to wear casual clothes to school for the entire day. This is a treat for their efforts last term. Well done to the children!

SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 School Fees

Term 3 School Fees are due on **Friday 17 August**. A number of families are in arrears in excess of two terms. Please contact the Finance Officer or Principal to discuss urgently.

Preferred Payment Method



masterpass

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Next School Prayer – Monday 30 July – led by 4SB - 9.10am in School Hall

Value Awards for Week 1 will be presented.

Next Assembly – Friday 27 July - 1pm in School Hall

Class Awards for Week 1 and Star and Pride Badges will be presented.



	Value Award Service	Class Award Thoughtfulness & Manners
KGO	Ciresa K	Ivan P
KR	Nicholas	Emanuel S
1B	Billy S	Ivana P
1E	Nicholas P	Jemima B
1HV	Saket D	Coco T
2D	Patrick S	Amelia H
2MR	Amelia B	Grace S
3L	Lily H	Antonia H
3M	Lucy O	Jeremy R
3/4C	Archie E	Daniel I
4R	Mary D-H	Rose O
4SB	TBA	TBA
5W	Zoe O	Alexandra O
5WD	Kate S	Joshua R
5/6M	Rowan D	Chiara W
6E	Sibel C	Zara D
6F	Lachlan R	Jett M

St Monica's Stars – Emma N (1HV) – 1st star, Isabella H (1HV) – 1st star, Emmett J (1HV) – 1st star, Princess U (1B) – 1st star, Ante P (1B) – 1st star, Marianna R (1B) – 1st star, Mya A (5WD) – 1st star

Pride Badges –

Happy Birthday to the following students...



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kindy	Iyinoluwa A,
Year 2	Brock S, Sophie B
Year 3	Jesse F, Jasper T, Liam K
Year 4	Layla R, Isabella C
Year 5	Olivia S
Year 6	Byron P, Bailey A, Lillian C

Muay Thai Siam Cup 30 Competition

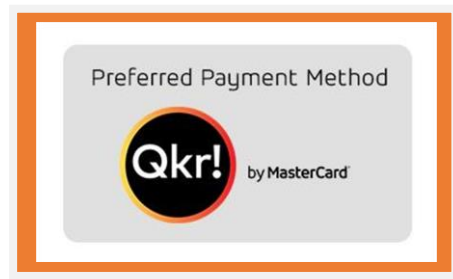
Congratulations to Dita S (5WD) who competed at the Muay Thai Siam Cup 30 Competition in Brisbane last weekend. Dita was the Junior winner of the competition. Well done Dita!!



CANTEEN CORNER

Roster for Term 3, Week 2

MONDAY 30/7/18	Vacancy
TUESDAY 31/7/18	Evelyn David-Hoole
WEDNESDAY 1/8/18	Angela Herbert
THURSDAY 2/8/18	Daniela Agnello
FRIDAY 3/8/18	Wilma Hird, Jenny Fulivai, June Manning, Wendy Regan, Katrina Ciampa



Sam Manning – Canteen Manager
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Developing Musical Skill - Ainslie Arts Centre Canberra – 28 July 2018

Music students, parents and teachers are invited to a special presentation on how to practise music.

Developing Musical Skill - with Michael Griffin

DATE: Saturday, 28 July 2018

TIME: 6.00pm – 7.00pm

VENUE: Ainslie Arts Centre (Elouera St, Braddon)

TICKETS: \$10 per person

BOOKINGS: www.fretvision.com/workshops



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school work and class behaviour can improve

classes continue during school holidays



- Build confidence
- Improve fitness
- Gain self discipline
- Learn self defence

North side classes in:
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Florey
Fraser
Harrison
Kaleen

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