

St Monica's News

Term 3 – Week 3 – 9 August 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



Support for our Famers

With farmers suffering through what many are calling the 'worst drought in living memory', St Monica's would like to show our support by holding a **"Dress as a Farmer Day" on Tuesday 14 August.**



All money raised will be split between 'Buy a Bale' (a campaign run as part of the charity Rural Aid) and 'Hay and Hampers for Hope' (A SchoolAid national campaign promoted by Primary School Principals across Australia).

The children are asked to donate a gold coin on the day. Larger donations can also be made through Qkr! or the front office should families like to contribute more. Look for the donation tab on Qkr! Link to Qkr:

<https://qkr.mastercard.com/store/#/home> (search for STMONICAS)

Buy a Bale – How many bales can we buy?

\$20 buys a small bale of hay and helps transport it to the affected areas or \$100 buys a large bale of hay.

Hay and Hampers for Hope - 10 000 school to donate \$100 per school to raise \$1 000 000.



To kick start off our school donation the St Monica's Council Executive have agreed to allocate \$500, from funds raised by hiring our hall, to supporting our farmers in need.

So children - **wear farm clothes and bring along a gold coin or two** to help our Social Justice Leaders raise money for our struggling farmers. Students will need to wear enclosed shoes on the day.

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.



Changes to School Bus Routes in 2019

Just in case you missed my letter, sent out via our Skoolbag app, there is considerable and understandable concern about the impact of the ACT Government's proposal to alter school bus runs and have students travel on regular buses with the general community. From 2019, it is currently proposed that St Monica's Primary School will not have any school buses at all. Children will only be able to 'access all day' buses on the local bus routes to and from school with the general public. While we do have children who access a public bus to and from school this is not the case for everyone.

As a school, we have concerns about safety and supervision. Whilst I accept that many students do not catch a bus to and from our school, the proposal will have a potential impact on your choice of school for High School. Please check the proposed bus routes for your preferred High School.

Key concerns raised by principals and parents include

Child safety where the general public will be in close contact with school children.

- *Students would no longer be on dedicated school buses with only children and a bus driver with a WWVP card*

Supervision concerns of students between school, home, bus stops and bus interchanges

- *Students will no longer be dropped at the dedicated school bus stop, but at the local bus stop.*
- *Students will have to swap buses at a bus interchanges unsupervised in some catholic schools.*

Overcrowding of buses

Change of bus routes lengthening the school day

The proposed changes to the buses can be found at: <https://canberrabuses.com.au/>

The Catholic Education has made contact with Transport Canberra. The proposal is in the second phase of community consultation. Consultation closes on 12 August 2018. Your feedback can be provided at: <https://www.yoursay.act.gov.au>

Support Staff Day – Monday 13 August 2018

St Monica's will be celebrating the School Support Staff day on Monday 13 August. The Community Council would like to acknowledge the extraordinary contribution that our support staff make to our school. Council members are planning a morning tea for our support staff on Monday 13 August and would welcome any contributions from parents. We hope the school community takes this opportunity to let our support staff know how much we appreciate their time, energy and care! They are an amazing team.

God bless

Carmel Maguire
Principal

VALUE FOCUS – Service

Service Through Prayer

This week we are very much focused on serving those who are afflicted by drought across Australia. The Diocese of Canberra Goulburn are attempting to invoke the Power of Prayer and positive affirmation as we join with other school communities around the state and hopefully the country, where many are seeing the front line and the ongoing effects of these current natural events.

Statistics suggest 98% of the NSW state is drought affected with 15.3% of the state in intense drought and with two thirds of Queensland also affected. These along with many other parts of the country have seen less than average rainfall.

At 10:30am on Tuesday 14 August, St Monica's will stop to join in a simultaneous Prayer Service and rain visualisation with other schools in the Archdiocese to envelop the Power of Prayer and Faith.

**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



Prayer for those affected by drought

God of all creation hear our prayer; bring us rain to renew the ground,
to replenish our dams, to activate seeds,
to bring the possibility of some reward
to those who have worked so hard.
We turn to you in faith and hope.

We pray for our communities across the
Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn,
and all affected by drought in the Great South Land.
We pray for all those who live under the shadow of drought.
We pray for those who work with the land,
for farmers and their families, for those who rely upon the land for their life and relationships.

We pray for contractors, merchants and truck drivers, for rural counsellors and support workers, for all in our rural communities.

May the revitalisation of your Spirit
present in miraculous and truly human ways,
be with all of us as we move forward into the days ahead.

We pray too, for justice; for fair prices for our stock, our wool and our grain.
We pray for governments, banks and corporations – may they be driven by wisdom, generosity, justice and compassion.

We pray for each other,
keep us aware of the needs of those around us;
for those who are struggling,
and those carrying heavy burdens.

Restore those who are far from you
with the knowledge that they are loved and valued.

Give them not just a sense of renewal,
but a sense of hope and purpose for lives
that are finding the journey hard.

Bring us rain to renew us, Lord.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Feast of the Assumption Mass: Wednesday 15 August at 9.30am.

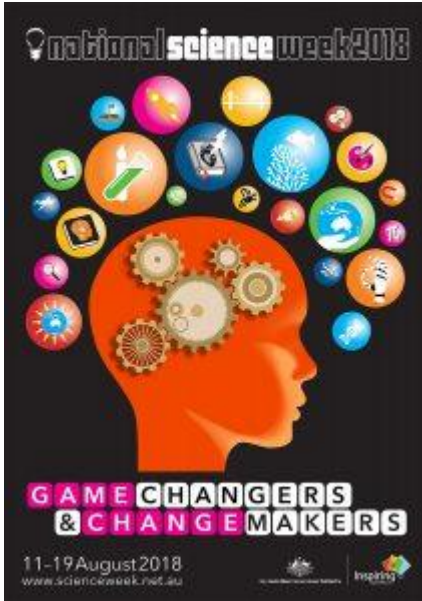
Please come and join the whole school for Mass at St Monica's Church at 9.30am this coming Wednesday.



**St Monica's Feast Day Mass is coming up too!
Monday 27 August at 9.30am.**

TEACHING AND LEARNING

The School Theme of 2018 National Science Week



The school theme of 2018 National Science Week, '**Game Changers and Change Makers**', is focused on the scientists, engineers, technologists, mathematicians, designers and innovators of the past and present. It aims to provide an opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of scientists to the world. It also aims to encourage an interest in science among the general public, and to encourage our students to become fascinated by the world in which we live.

We will mark Science Week at St Monica's next week and our students will be involved in the stories and narratives of scientific discoveries, and the inquiries and activities they will cover, are drawn from historical and current day Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical (STEM) contexts.

The STEM innovations being highlighted in our school encourage questions, inspire conversations, stimulate ideas, encourage experimentation and speculation, as well as offering a glimpse into the discoveries, technological capabilities, hopes and dreams of game changers and change makers of the past and present.

The following STEM Challenges will happen in:

- Kindergarten - Design a Paper Plane
- Year 1 - Design a Bridge
- Year 2 - Design a Boat
- **Year 3 - Design a Shelter**
- Year 4 - Design a Maze
- Year 5 - Design a Tower
- Year 6 - Design a Pompom Catapult



We are looking forward to sharing the inspirational stories and initiatives that will happen at St Monica's throughout National Science Week.

Restorative Practices Circle Time

This week Kindergarten have been participating in Restorative Practices Circle Time. Circles can be used for many purposes in developing emotional literacy and building relationships for learning. Circle Time allows children to develop their skills to LISTEN, SPEAK and UNDERSTAND. Some questions we discussed included:

How can I be a good friend?

What does it look like when I am being kind and considerate?

What can I do if I make a mistake?



Book Week 2018 – Find Your Treasure



There are a number of activities planned to celebrate Book Week.

- There will be storytellers in the library during lunchtimes reading to the students.
- Buddies Class Activities on Tuesday 21 August.
- Dress Up as a Book Character Day on Wednesday 22 August. There will be a parade in the hall at 9.30am. Prizes for the best dressed in each year level. If you are looking for ideas for costumes Spotlight has recently

been announced as costume partner with the Children's Book Council of Australia Book Week in 2018.

- Big Book Swap: Students are invited to bring in a book. The books will be collected and displayed in the library for students to come and select a book to take home and keep on Friday 24 August.
- Meerkat Productions Performance Thursday 30 August.
- Children's Book Council of Australia Book Awards Announcement: on Friday 17 August at 11.30am at the National Library of Australia. The winners of the Book of the Year in a number of categories will be announced with local authors present and performance by local schools. Parents and students are most welcome to attend.



Encyclopaedia Britannica Online

The School has purchased a one-year subscription to Encyclopaedia Britannica Online. We see this as a valuable resource for students who are doing research. It has articles, images and videos for the students to access at different reading levels. When they do a topic search the results have links to websites that have been evaluated by Britannica as appropriate for primary age students reducing the need for students to Google and then have to evaluate the appropriateness of the content. The username and password details will be sent home with students this week so that it can be accessed at home.

Australian Reading Hour Claim the Date

On Thursday 20 September from 3.30pm-4.30pm all St Monica's students together with their parents, carers or guardians are invited to come to the library to spend an hour reading some books together to help us promote the importance of reading.

Solar Power Partition

How can I refuse looking into Solar Energy for St Monica's after receiving a petition, signed by 105 students, and a very persuasive letter. This would be a wonderful opportunity for St Monica's. Watch this space

Dear Ms Maguire,

This is Georgia M and Apajok A Year 6 students in 6F, we are also in the Sustainability team. We and many others think our school should get Solar Panels. In this document we will explain the very important reasons behind why our school should be supporting the idea of keeping our earth sustainable by getting solar panels and the benefits of saving lots of money on electricity bills.

Firstly, our school would be saving \$5 500 each month on electricity bills, which is a lot of money to pay each month. Australian schools can get a solar system and grant of up to \$50,000 under the National Solar School Program, With this site! <https://www.energymatters.com.au/solar-for-schools/>. After buying solar panels and a battery our school won't have to pay any more electricity bills. If our school gets enough solar panels, they will generate enough kW's to power our school and earn money with the excess power that they generate. Also by having a battery when everyone has left the school on sunny days the power is not being used will be transferred to the battery to use on rainy/cloudy days.

Secondly, our school should be supporting a sustainable environment and community. What schools will parents want their children to go to a School that Supports the Environment by having Solar Panels or a school with none? Our School would most likely have more parents wanting their children to come to because they would want their children in a school that is doing something to help the world in one of the best ways we can.

Finally, our petition states that many students, teachers and parents will support having solar panels. We have over 90 signatures showing **you** as the principal how many people would like solar panels for this school. Many people in the play were devastated that the matinee was postponed because of the black out. Many parents, grandparents, relatives and friends came a long way to see the play and found out it was cancelled, how devastating!

In conclusion, we hope we have convinced you and hope we can be able to get solar panels because solar panels will make our school a better place. We'd really like to have solar panels to make a sustainable school community.

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.*

*If you cannot gather a table please
still purchase a ticket and we will find
you a spot.*

*Any enquiries please feel free to
contact Emma Howlett
on 0413 660 585.*

**Have you booked your table for a fun night with
families in the community? It's not too late!**



Community Council Meeting

If you have any concerns/ideas you would like us to consider please email the council: Council.StMonicas@cq.catholic.edu.au. The email will be checked regularly by Evelyn David-Hoole, Community Council Secretary.

GENERAL INFORMATION



Hats Now Back On

School hats are now back on. Please ensure your child has their hat with them each day and that hats are labelled with your child's name and class.



Credit Deposited
\$32.50 for containers counted.

Sunday, August 5, 2018
9:30 PM



Containers Counted
344 containers counted. 3 bag(s) counted at DEP001

Sunday, August 5, 2018
9:51 AM



Labels Printed
3 label(s) printed.

Friday, August 3, 2018
3:37 PM

Congratulations to the Sustainability Team – they have raised \$32.50 for their efforts last week

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 20 August – led by KGO - 9.10am in Church

Value Awards for Weeks 3 and 4 will be presented.

Next Assembly – Friday 10 August led by 5WD - 1pm in School Hall

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



Happy Birthday to the following students...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Year 1	Elliott B, Olivia B, Adriano M
Year 2	Alex A
Year 5	Alexandra O
Year 6	Liam E, Daniel E, Tom P, Jack H

	Value Award Service	Class Award Religion
KGO	April A-C	Alexis B
KR	Charlie C	Maggie P
1B	Cooper A	Sophia R
1E	Adriano M	Akol A
1HV	Aiden Mc	Sienna R
2D	Violet P	Christian M
2MR	Zak D	Jack G
3L	Yianni K	Diego C
3M	Samantha S	Isaac P
3/4C	Anica P	Ben B
4R	Caitlin M	Gabriella F
4VB	Ava P	Brian H
5W	Sean B	Marin J
5WD	Corey B	Maddie N
5/6M	Montana M	Shakira L
6E	Patrick E	Dante C
6F	Sophie H	Lillian C
St Monica's Stars – Caelan A (1E) – 1st star, Conner H (4R) – 3rd star		
Pride Badges – Conner Hassen (4R)		

Brindabella Physie

On Sunday 5 August Ava P (4VB), Caydence L (5/6M), Ruby S (5WD) and Freya S (1E) competed in an Interclub Competition in Sydney for their physical culture club Brindabella. All the girls danced beautifully in a tough competition, with Freya placing 3rd in the 7 years section. All the girls are looking forward to their next competition in two weeks time.



SPORT NEWS

Belconnen Athletics Squad

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to compete at the Belconnen Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 28 August at the AIS.

Cooper B, Patrick E, Katie F, Riley L, Brooke M, Hayley S, Christian W, Atiya W, Callie W, Ryan G, Lachlan R, Sophie T, Phoebe W, Samuel C, Ryan K, Shakira L, Annabel L, Tom P, Brock T, Samuel G, Riley H, Hena L, Katie R, Elyse S, Olivia S, Mya A, Emma B, William C, Isabella S, Dita S, Ruby S, Darcy B, Archie E, Daniel I, Gabriel J, Skyla L, Lucija P, Remy D, Claire H, Brian H, Samuel J, Layla R, Cooper W, Harrison C, Conner H, Isabella M, Alissa H, Jye L, Aiden S, Samantha S, Annabelle F, Zoe O, Jade W and Brock S.

Information and permission notes were all sent home yesterday. Please return permission note back to the office as soon as possible. Thank you - Susan Carswell

Catholic Netball Carnival

Registrations are due for our teams to enter this year's Catholic Netball Carnival. As you know we need parental help as St Monica's is responsible for coordinating this carnival.

WHEN: Saturday 20 October, 2018
WHERE: Tuggeranong Netball Association Courts, Were Street, Calwell
TIME: 8.30 am – 3.30 pm (approx.)
HOST: St Monica's Primary School, Evatt
ENTRY FEE: \$30.00 per player

Entry Fee includes a sausage sandwich, a fruit drink, a piece of fruit and a bag of chips.

For this carnival we ask that all money and permission notes be returned to the school no later than:

Monday 13 August

Please be advised no payments will be accepted after 17 August.

Preferred payment option via QKR.

We need more nominations as we have only received 40 entries so far

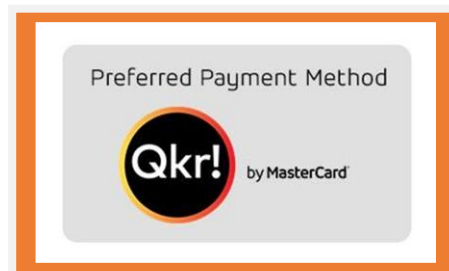
OzTag

Many thanks to Mrs Brown for her organisation regarding our teams for this year's OzTag Gala Day. A great effort – 80 children represented St Monica's today.

CANTEEN CORNER

Roster for Term 3, Week 4

MONDAY 13/8/18	Vacancy
TUESDAY 14/8/18	Evelyn David-Hoole
WEDNESDAY 15/8/18	Angela Herbert
THURSDAY 16/8/18	Daniela Agnello
FRIDAY 17/8/18	Jenny Fulivai, Wilma Hird, June Manning, Wendy Regan, Katrina Ciampa



Sam Manning – Canteen Manager
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Catholic Care – Bringing Up Great Kids

Parents and Carers are invited to Bringing Up Great Kids – a parenting program developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation for Parents and Carers of children aged 2-9 years. The course is offered 3 hours per week for a 3 week period. Dates are Monday 20 and 27 August, Monday 3 September, time 6pm-9pm. Venue – 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill, fee - \$100 (concessions available). Fee includes light supper and course materials. Bookings are essential. Telephone 1800 068 698.

'Resilience- the Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope'

St Francis Xavier College would like to invite the St Monica's Primary School Community to the screening of 'Resilience- the Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope'. The screening of the documentary that looks into current research regarding Mental Health, Wellbeing and Psychology will happen on Tuesday 14 August, 4-6pm in the St Francis Xavier College theatre. Kate Seselja from the Hope Foundation will introduce the film and a Q and A session will conclude the evening. www.thehopeprojectnow.com The Hope Project www.thehopeprojectnow.com <https://youtu.be/We2BqmjHN0k> Resilience Trailer KPJR Films HD.