

St Monica's News

Term 3– Week 2 – 2 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

This term we welcomed back the Howarth family who have been on an overseas posting. It is wonderful to be able to accommodate our families and ensure a smooth transition so that the children can reconnect with friends. During the week we also welcomed Mr Angus Tulley, Deputy Director, Catholic Education for a visit to our school and to engage with the children and meet the teachers over lunch.

I feel it is timely to remind parents and cares of several of our school protocols -

Lollies and Birthday Treats - In line with the St Monica's healthy food policy we ask that parents **avoid sending in lolly bags as a classroom birthday treat**. The key reason for this initiative introduced midway through 2015 was that on occasions teachers were distributing up to three bags of lolly bags per child as birthday treats. While the teachers asked the children to take the lollies home, the temptation was often just too much for the younger children to resist. As parents you select what your child brings to school for morning tea and lunch; at school it is our responsibility to care for all children and monitor that they do not share or eat foods that may have an adverse effect.

Uniform - There is an expectation of all parents of children attending Catholic schools that their child wear a uniform. This is viewed as most important at St Monica's. Children not in full uniform should have a written explanation from parents when this occurs. All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name with a permanent marker. This is suggested because markings with other than wash-proof pens wear off and the subsequent loss of clothing is expensive. Boys should be wearing long navy pants as part of their winter uniform and black leather shoes.

Parking - Please park in designated carparks and avoid the staff carpark as it is a thoroughfare for children moving between the school and hall.

School Attendance - Children must be encouraged to attend school daily. It is a legal requirement that all absences from school be explained. If your child is going to be away please notify the school by phone, email or the link on our school App. Teachers are required to raise issues of poor attendance with the Principal. Where an acceptable response is not received the school is obligated to contact the authorities. Every effort is made, by the school staff, to ensure regular attendance is maintained.

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.



It can be very distracting for your child and the class if they arrive late. It is sometimes unavoidable but please make every effort to arrive on time. All children arriving after the bell, collected during the day for an appointment or picked up early must be signed in or out in the school register. The register is found on the counter at the front office.

Leave 10 - 100 Days - Family holidays and travel are no longer considered under the Exemption from School Procedures. Travel outside of the vacation period is counted as an absence for statistical purposes. Application for Extended Leave form (available from Front Office) must be completed when a child/ren will be away travelling with family for 10 or more days.



Find us on
Facebook

Photo Permission - We have launched the St Monica's Facebook page. Our Facebook page will complement the communication of events occurring around the school. I am very conscious that we have a number of families who have requested that their child/ren's photo not be published. As we respect your choice the teachers are currently updating their lists based on permissions provided in 2017 or current enrolment forms. Should you wish to change your preference or confirm your choice please speak to your child's teacher.

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

**Vinnies
changes
lives
everyday.**

Show your support and
give to our annual appeal

The **Society of St Vincent de Paul** is an international voluntary organisation in the Catholic Church, founded in 1833 whose members serve others by giving help and personal service to the poor.

The St Vincent De Paul society really live out the message of SERVICE in our community every day. They help people in need with finding somewhere safe to stay, feeding their families and paying their bills.

Each Parish has their own way of contributing to the St Vincent De Paul society, by have fund raisers and collections throughout the year.

We can help, especially in winter by donating blankets and warm clothes to help those in need.

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

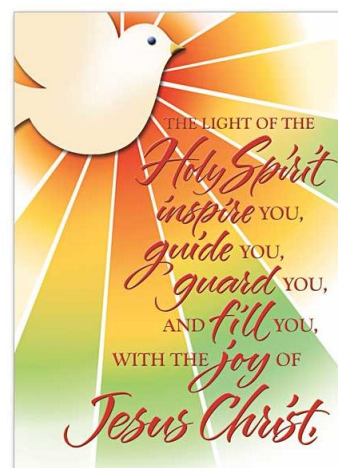
Confirmation News



Congratulations to those students who attended the commitment Masses for confirmation on the weekend. Please remember to pray for these children in our Parish community as they approach this exciting event in their faith journey.

Please make sure you have returned your child's registration form and 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.

If your child hasn't made their display piece for the Church, please come and collect one from Mrs Verrier.



PARISH NEWS

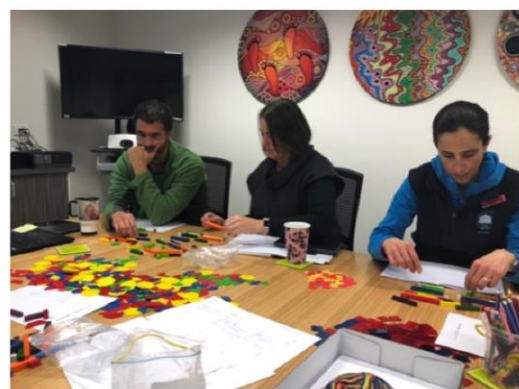
Youth Mass 26 August at St Michael's Church Kaleen

The 5.30pm Mass at St Michael's on Sunday 26 August will be a Youth Mass. Volunteers are being sought to do the readings and the offertory. Please contact Katie Golding on 0425 423 043 if you are able to assist.

Palms Australia Voluntary Position available

Palms Australia places skilled volunteers in remote communities around the world. The aim is to achieve a just, sustainable, interdependent and peaceful world free from poverty. Currently, a Butchery Manager is required in Madang, Papua New Guinea. If you or someone you know can meet this challenge please contact Christine on 02 95605333. For information about volunteering with Palms, go to palms.org.au.

TEACHING AND LEARNING



This week Leonie Anstey, a Maths consultant, worked with the teachers at St Monica's sharing a range of exciting Mathematical learning activities to engage the children with specific learning concepts. Each grade team worked with Leonie and together we shared an afternoon workshop that challenged our mathematical thinking. Over the coming weeks the teachers will share their learning with the children. Leonie has a website that parents may like to visit to view activities to share as a family

www.leonieansteyconsulting.com.au

Touch Typing Program

St Monica's has purchased a subscription to a Touch Typing program called Typing Tournament. We hope that this might be useful to parents who are interested in helping their children learn this skill. Parents and children can access this program from home by searching for "Typing Tournament" in the search engine and finding the website. Most classes in Years 3 and up have been given their log in details which they will need to access the challenges and learning games on the site.



ACT OZTAG GALA DAY

On Thursday 9 August we have 80 students from Years 3-6 competing in the ACT Oztag Gala Day. This competition involves schools from all over Canberra. It will be a fun day for all of the students involved. We would like to thank all of the parents who have volunteered to coach a team on the day. We could not send this amount of children and teams without your help and support. A reminder to all students to be at school by 8:15am as our buses will be leaving at 8:20am. If your child is coming to the carnival in another way please let Mrs Brown know.

Change of Venue

Please note the carnival will now be held at Dickson Playing Fields due to the number of schools and teams who have registered for this day.



MS Readathon

August is the month of the MS readathon. If your child would like to raise money to support families who have a parent with MS you can register and join the St Monica's students who are reading books throughout August at

<https://www.msreadathon.org.au/fundraisers/stmonicasprimary>.

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.*



Community Council Meeting

The Community Council will be meeting on Wednesday 8 August. If you have any concerns/ideas you would like us to consider please email the council: Council.StMonicas@cg.catholic.edu.au. The email will be checked regularly by Evelyn David-Hoole, Community Council Secretary.

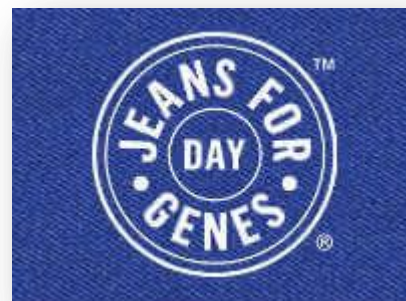
Support Staff Day – Monday 13 August 2018

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. We 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!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Jeans for Genes Day

The Social Justice Team are raising money to support Jeans for Genes Day tomorrow. 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. **Children will wear their school uniform shirt and jumper, their jeans and runners.**



Year 5/6 Movie Night – Friday 3 August – 6.00pm - 8.30pm

Year 5/6 students Movie Night is tomorrow night. The movie is Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle, rated PG. BYO Pillow. Pre-Paid Value Tickets are \$11 per child (or \$6 entry only). Value Ticket includes – Entry, Movie, 2 slices of pizza, soft drink or water, popcorn and mini choc top. Drinks, chips and lollies will be available on the night.





Hats Back On

School hats are starting to come back on this week. All children at St Monica's will be expected to return to this daily practice by **Monday 6 August**. This will give everyone time to find their hat. In Canberra average daily UV levels reach 3 and above for part or most of every day between August and May. When UV levels reach 3 and above Cancer Council recommends a combination of sun protection behaviours to reduce the risk of skin damage. This is in line with being a SunSmart School. Please ensure your hat is labelled with your child's name and class.

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 6 August – led by 5/6M - 9.10am in School Hall

Value Awards for Weeks 1 and 2 will be presented.

Next Assembly – Friday 3 August led by 1E - 1pm in School Hall

Class Awards for Week 2 and Star and Pride Badges will be presented.

	Value Award Service	Class Award English
KGO	Hamish Mc	Chloe W
KR	Lachlan F	Iyinoluwa A
1B	Marianna R	Jett S
1E	Aria G	Elliott B
1HV	Hamish C	Ostin D
2D	Brock S	Luca S
2MR	Mia D	Lachlan T
3L	Sam G	Mia M
3M	Leila W	Anthony M
3/4C	Emily R	Alex C
4R	Charlize S	Sarah R
4VB Wk 1	Cooper W	Sophie S
4VB Wk 2	James Mc	Josephine H
5W	Dion W	Jasper M
5WD	Gabrielle C	Dominic C
5/6M	Liam E	Annabel L
6E	Bridget A	Brooke M
6F	Clara A	Daniel E

St Monica's Stars – Grace S (2MR) – 2nd star, Scarlett B (3M) – 2nd star, Siena D (3M) – 2nd star, Holly F (3M) – 3rd star, Anthony M (3M) – 2nd star, Lucy O (3M) – 3rd star, Anica P (3/4C) – 2nd star, Makenna M (3/4C) – 1st star

Pride Badges – Finn D (3M), Bastijan P (3M), Holly F (3M), Lucy O (3M)

Happy Birthday to the following students...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kindy	Cooper R
Year 1	Princess U, Jake W, Caelan A
Year 2	Zachary H, Sophie C
Year 3	Makenna M
Year 4	Brian H
Year 5	Ruby S
Year 6	Brooke M, Daniel Mc, Callie W, Katie B



CANTEEN CORNER

Roster for Term 3, Week 3

MONDAY 6/8/18	Vacancy
TUESDAY 7/8/18	Evelyn David-Hoole
WEDNESDAY 8/8/18	June Manning
THURSDAY 9/8/18	June Manning
FRIDAY 10/8/18	Tracy D'Ambrosio, Wendy Regan



Sam Manning – Canteen Manager
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