

St Monica's News

Term 3 – Week 4 – 16 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

What an amazing week we have had at St Monica's. Monday was very special for all the members of our Support Staff – Steph Flynn, Allison Walsh, Esme Byrnes, Kelly Levi, Sharon Friend, Lauren Murphy, Sonja Vocisano, Scarlet Day, Sam Manning and Pete Hales. They are a wonderful support to the teachers, children and families and play a vital role within our community. We would not survive without their talents and valuable contribution to our community. Many thanks to families who dropped off items for morning tea, they were very much appreciated by all the staff.



Our fund raising efforts for our farmers have raised over \$2,600 with donations still coming in. This is tremendous as I continue to hear heart-wrenching stories from our families who have relatives living in the drought affected areas. Thank you very much to those who cooked for the cake stall or those families who elected to make a financial contribution. Whatever your involvement it contributed to the success of the day. Our young group of Social Justice Leaders did a great job coordinating the selling of the goodies provided. The children are very much aware of the needs of our farmers.

It is that time of the year when the annual satisfaction survey of parents, students and staff is conducted on behalf of all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn. The surveys are designed to gather feedback from parents, staff and students about a school and will be used to inform future school improvement plans. Responses are confidential and individuals can not be identified. The collated school responses are provided to each Principal to compare data collected from the previous year, to review areas of strength and identify aspects for future growth and development.

The surveys will be launched via email on August 20 and close on August 31, 2018 using the email addresses supplied by the school via our database. If you do not receive an email, with a link to the survey on 20 August, please contact the school office via office.stmonicas@cg.catholic.edu.au and a link to the survey will be emailed to you.

God bless

Carmel Maguire
Principal

Discover the Spirit

**SAFE,
RESPONSIBLE
AND
RESPECTFUL
LEARNERS**

LEARNING FOCUS

BE RESPECTFUL

Help each other with
learning

We help our classmates.
We can ask and answer
questions, give them
advice and we respect
learning time.



SOCIAL FOCUS

BE RESPECTFUL

We listen

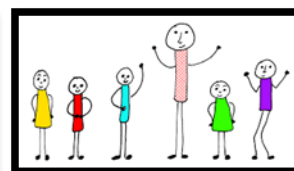
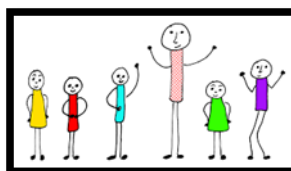
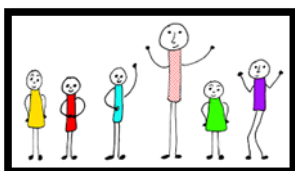
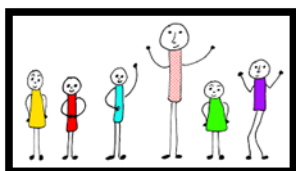
We actively listen when
others are speaking. This
means we don't talk, we
look at them and remain
still.



VALUE FOCUS – Citizenship



Citizenship is the state of belonging to a country or a nation. In another sense it also means belonging to a community. This sense of belonging is so important for us to be able to make meaning of our lives. Citizenship comes with both rights and responsibilities, we are citizens within our country and within our school too! This means that we need to respect the rights of others in the school community and be responsible for our behaviour. A good citizen participates in the life of the community and supports others to do so too. Just like Australia, our St Monica's community has a diverse range of people with many different gifts and abilities. We should all be using those gifts and abilities to contribute to society and be good citizens who are role models for others.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Feast of the Assumption 15th August



Yesterday we went to Mass to celebrate the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady. According to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". Although defined as an article of faith by Pope Pius XII just over half a century ago, the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven has been accepted from back to the earliest of Christian times. The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. While the bodies of both Jesus and Mary are now in heaven, there is a difference between the Assumption and the Resurrection. Where

Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven by his own power, Mary's body was taken up to heaven by the power of her Son. For this reason, we use different words to describe each event. One is the Ascension of Christ and the other, the Assumption of Mary.

PRAYER TO MARY

Holy Mary, on this day, we honour your life as the chosen Mother of Jesus. We remember your dedication to God and the joy and heartache you had in your life as you followed God's plan for you. We pray for the love you had for God, the hope you had in Jesus, and the joy you found in your heart. Pray for us as we grow in love, hope and joy. AMEN

Confirmation Parent & Child Preparation Evening

Thursday August 23rd, 6.30pm

St Michael's School Library

Tyrrell Circuit, Kaleen.

This evening is part of the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Students and their parents will participate in several activities, allowing them to journey together in Faith. Please let Mrs Verrier know if you are unable to attend.

Amanda.Verrier@cg.catholic.edu.au



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, North Belconnen

SACRAMENTAL DATES 2018

Please save the following dates-



Sacrament of Confirmation

Tuesday 11 September
St Michael's Church

Wednesday 12 September
St Monica's Church



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 21 November



Remember our upcoming Retreat day!

Thursday 6 September- school hours.

Students from St Monica's will receive a permission note for this excursion next week.

St Monica's Feast Day Mass
For the children will be held on
Monday 27th August at
10.00am



TEACHING AND LEARNING

On Wednesday we had Simone Maciel facilitate professional learning for our teachers in the implementation of Apple technologies in the K-6 curriculum to enhance and augment the learning experiences of our students. Simone worked with us on Green Screen technology. Through the magic of video effects and technology, we superimposed subjects onto virtual backgrounds, placed them over animated digital backdrops and transported them to unbelievable destinations. We shrunk a full-grown person so they could stand on a tabletop, used visual effects to make them fly through the sky like a superhero or simply simulated our own TV weather report. To do this right, you're going to need a lot of green. The green we used comes in the form of a green screen. The secret to pulling your subject out of the real world and placing him or her into a digital domain is chromakey, and that means going green. All our Year 5 students participated in an afternoon with Simone and using the Green Screen by Do Ink app they created simple by amazing Green Screen animations.



Restorative Practices at St Monica's

Kindergarten are beginning to understand that in Circle Time they all have the opportunity to speak. It is a time to share experiences of learning and life and a way to get to know each other better. Across the school through Restorative Practices we are developing a greater understanding of each other and issues that can occur and how we can resolve them.

LISTEN SPEAK UNDERSTAND



Book Week 2018 –Find Your Treasure

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

- Storytellers in the library during lunchtimes.
- Buddy Class Activities on Tuesday 21 August.
- Dress Up as a book character.
- 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 11.30 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.



Dress Up as a book character day on **Wednesday 22 of August**. There will be a parade in the hall at 9.15. Prizes for the best dress 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

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.

Have you booked your table for a fun night with families in the community?

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.*

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

Farmer's Day: Dress Up & Bake Stall

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

All money raised was split between 'Buy a Bale (a campaign run as part of Riral Aid) and 'Hay and Hampers for Hope' (A SchoolAid national campaign across Australia). Children were asked to bring in a gold coin donation on the day and dress up as a farmer, larger donations were made through Qkr! Or at the front office.

There was also a bake stall and the social justice team sold cupcakes and other baked goods. Every grade had a chance to buy baked goods just before recess and at lunch for \$0.50 and many were sold. There was also a simultaneous prayer time to pray for the farmers just before recess.

Farmer's day was a huge success, we raised \$2603 from the day and other larger donations were made through Qkr. Thank you parents and children for donating money for the struggling farmers.

By Clara A & Hanna D-H – Social Justice Leaders

CONGRATULATION TO THE SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM.



A REAL COUNTRY STYLE CAKE STALL



DISCO



St Monica's Primary School

Friday – September 14th 2018

6.00 pm – 7.30pm

Kindergarten - Year 4 (only)

Pre-Paid Value Ticket \$7.00 includes:
entry, sausage (gf) sizzle, chips, drink
(water or fruit juice) + 1 x Glow Stick

Pre-Paid Glow Sticks can be purchased
\$2.00 x 3

Entry (only) on the night \$4.00

Available for purchase on the night:

Sausage (gf) sizzle - \$2.50, Ice Cream Cup -
\$2.00, Drinks - \$1.00,

Lollies & Chips \$1.20 – 0.50c

Glow Sticks – 1 for \$1.00 or 3 for \$2.00

WALK-A-THON



The St Monica's staff are organising our Neighbourhood Walkathon on **Friday 21 September**. Parents, carers and grandparents are invited to join the teachers and students on a walk around Evatt and Melba. Let your class teacher know if you are planning to walk with them. Students will leave the school grounds at 11:30am, following morning tea, to walk a loop around the pathways of our local suburbs. The walk will lead the students back to school for a BBQ lunch.

The Neighbourhood Walkathon is an annual fundraising venture for our school and we ask students to obtain sponsorship for their walk. Due to our community also coordinating the Catholic Netball Carnival in October, as a fundraising activity, our emphasis for this year's walkathon is on the walk with a reduced target of \$7 500. (This is approximately half of what we generally make from the Walkathon) If every child collected \$20 we would raise \$8 400.

Permission notes and Pledge card have been sent home

SPORT NEWS

ACT Oztag Gala Day

Eighty students from St Monica's participated in the Oztag Gala Day last Thursday at Dickson Playing Fields. The weather was great and the kids had a fantastic time at the carnival. There was lots of tagging, stepping, spinning, passing and try scoring. All of our 8 teams did exceptionally well. Both of our Year 3/4 Girls teams made it to the Finals and one of the teams went on to play in the Grand Final! A huge congratulations to the girls on that successful team. The day couldn't have gone ahead without our amazing parents who offered their time to coach a team on the day. A huge thank you to Mick O'Connor, Gemma Hansen, Johnno Mc Phillips, Matt Brown, Mark Reid, Andrew Connolly and also Mr Fletcher for stepping in to help the Year 5/6 Boys team.



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 – led by 1B - 1pm in School Hall

Class Awards for Week 4 and Star and Pride Badges will be presented.



Birthday to the following students...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Year 1	Olivia B, Adriano M, Aidan H, Xavier Mc
Year 2	Nathan M, Amelia H, Christian I
Year 3	Amour A, Levi T
Year 4	Micaela M, Isla B
Year 5	Alexandra O, Sean B, Adrian S
Year 6	Seraphim M, Christian W

	Value Award <i>Citizenship</i>	Class Award Mathematics
KGO	Kobe B	Hamish Mc
KR	Taylor H	Daniel H
1B	Zarah L	Ante P
1E	Isabelle J	Patrick I
1HV	Gus O	Lachlan J
2D	Cody M	Christian I
2MR	Dallas M	Tyler B
3L	Chontelle L	Elijah L
3M	Ainsleigh M	Aiden S
3/4C	TBA	TBA
4R	Alani A	Tyler S
4VB	Tahlianna B	Max W
5W	Jaidah t	Angelo F
5WD	William C	Joseph O
5/6M	Coco B	Domenic S
6E	Jackson G	Samuel Mc
6F	Jack H	Ryan G
St Monica's Stars – Dallas M (2MR) – 1 st star, Evie K (2MR) – 1 st star, Sophie Carey (2D) – Arabelle S (4R)		
Pride Badges – TBA		

CANTEEN CORNER

Sam Manning – Canteen Manager
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Roster for Term 3, Week 5

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



Preferred Payment Method



by MasterCard

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.