

St Monica's News

Term 3 – Week 5 - 23 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

A gentle reminder that 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 were emailed on August 20 and close on August 31, 2018 using the email addresses supplied by the school via our database. If you have not received 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.

I would like to congratulate Mr Patrick Ellis on his appointment as Principal of St Michael's. It is a very deserving appointment and I know Patrick has much to offer the community. I wish him continued success.

From Monday 3 September, until the end of the term, Mr Michael McFadden will be accessing Long Service Leave. During the 4 weeks Mrs Debbie Wells will be taking the class on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Jodie May will be teaching on the Wednesdays to Fridays. Next week I will be attending a Principals overnight Siloam Retreat in Galong on Tuesday evening and then on Friday the Annual Priest, Principal and REC conference in Canberra. Please direct any issue or concerns to Ms Val Ciuffetelli in my absence.

Thanks you to everyone who has so generously donated to our drought relief appeal. We are still happy to accept donations. We currently have over \$3000 in funds to donate. Well done to the St Monica's Community!

Special Prayers

Sam G (5W) is in hospital having treatment for an infection in his finger. Sam will be in hospital for at least 2 weeks. Please keep him in your prayers.

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.





Five Things Every Global Citizen Can Learn from Pope Francis

Our Pope is very passionate about Catholics being good global citizens! He participated in a conference call “Future you” and here are his top 5 ideas!! The link below is to the whole TED talk by Pope Francis.

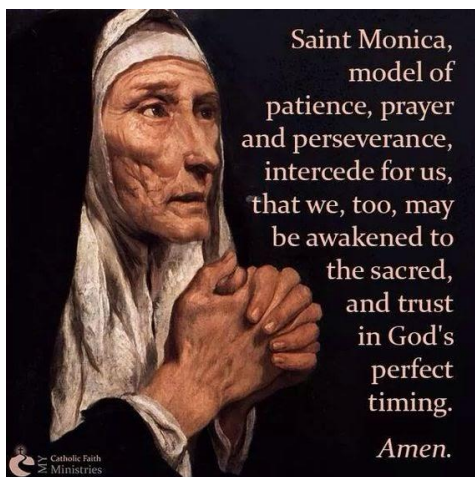
1. The Pope wants Western countries to accept more refugees and do more to deal with the refugee crisis unfolding in so many parts of the world.
2. The Pope wants people in power to use it with humility and tenderness.
3. The more powerful you are the more impact your actions have on others- use your power wisely
4. Hope begins with you! Then more people will be hopeful and join together to make a change.
5. The Pope wants us to just try and be more tender, including to the Earth.

https://www.ted.com/talks/pope_francis_why_the_only_future_worth_building_includes_everyone/transcript?language=en

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

St Monica's Feast Day – Monday 27 August

Prayer – Perseverance – Patience



Saint Monica is St Augustine of Hippo's mother. She was born in 331AD in Tagaste, present day Algeria. When she was young she was married to a Roman pagan called Patricius, they had 3 children together. Saint Monica was very worried about her husband and prayed for him to become Christian, which he eventually did one year before his death. She demonstrated the virtues of prayer, perseverance and patience as she persevered in the face of a difficult family life and continued to be a patient and loving mother to her wayward son Augustine. She prayed her whole life for her family that they might become Christian and find faith in God.

What can we learn from Saint Monica's example? First, don't stop praying for your children and families. Be patient with others and help them to know God's love for us. Persevere when things get difficult and stay focussed on what really matters to you and to God.

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

Confirmation Parent & Child Preparation Evening

Thursday August 23, 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@cq.catholic.edu.au



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.

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

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Bears for School's Programme

This week we were excited to welcome a new member to our school! Our adorable new bear is part of the 'Bears for School's' programme, which hopes to help students learn about the experiences of the First World War in a non-threatening and approachable way.

Corporal Cohen is dressed in an accurate rendition of the uniform worn at the Battle of Lone Pine. Over the next few weeks he will start going round to classrooms to share his story and help get our students thinking about the upcoming centenary of the Armistice.

There is lots on information available on the *Bears for School* Website about how you can get involved and support our school as we come to Remembrance Day later this year.



Children's Book Council of Australia Book Week 2018 –Find Your Treasure

Thank you to all parents /carers for their efforts with the students costumes for the book character parade. There were lots of excited students and many creative costumes. Congratulations everyone.



Book Week Performances

Our celebration of books continues next week with the Meerkat Production Performances Thursday 30 August, 9.15- 4-6 and 10.15 K-3. The Years 4 - 6's performance is based on "The Elephant" by Peter Carnavas which deals with grief and sadness. Meerkat Productions have chosen this book because of what it can teach. The Kindergarten to Year 3 performance is based on the book "Boy" by Phil

Cummings and Shane Devries which is about a boy who cannot hear but is happy. The performance will focus on the themes of communication and perception

Australian Reading Hour Thursday 20 September

On Thursday 14 September from 3.15-4.15 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.

Story Book Swap Day Tomorrow, Friday 24 August Bring a book to swap for another

Veronica Melville
Teacher Librarian

Musica Viva Ensemble



In Music this term we are strengthening our knowledge of Aboriginal Culture and learning songs and dances in the traditional language of the people from Elcho Island. Students are singing the songs in the Djambarrpuyngu language all based on animals that are prominent in this area. We are lucky enough to have the group Dätiwuy Dreaming visit our school where they will share some of their songs and Traditional dances on Monday Week 9. The music lessons prior to this are giving the student background information and exposure to the different language so that the concert visit from the ensemble will be an interactive and more meaningful experience. Students across the school are enjoying the experience of learning about this different culture and how their songs and stories translate in English.

KMR students learning to keep the beat with clapping sticks (*bilma*) to Guya (*fish*) a song about a one eyed fish

Sarah Anderson
Art Teacher

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Community Council News

Council Executive met on 8 August. The Council would like to congratulate our staff on the outcomes to the recent registration process. The report summary highlighted the school achievements and ongoing areas for future development. A focus for future improvement plans.

The Council would like to give a vote of thanks to Mrs Manning for her continued work in the canteen. The canteen was recently assessed by ACT Government against the National Healthy School Canteen Guidelines and was found to demonstrate our commitment to providing healthy food and drink choices.

The Council has approved the investigation for pricing and options for a sunshade over the Year 1 and 2 playground and improving the play space for the kinder playground.

Thank you to our very generous community for your donations towards the drought relief funds. Council was keen to support the drought relief effort and approved the donation of \$500, from our Hall hire, to support the school's fundraising.

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

Father's Day Stall

Show your Dad (or someone special) how much you love him this Father's Day. Find the perfect gift at the Father's Day stall. The stall will be held on Friday 31 August inside the Hub area from 9.30am onwards. Gifts will be priced between \$2-\$10 and there will be one gift per child. If you are able to help on the stall for an hour or two in the morning please contact Michelle Bowman on 0416162543 or just turn up on the morning.

**HAPPY
FATHERS DAY**



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



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



Hockey News

Olivia S (5W) had a wonderful experience representing the ACT School Girls Hockey team at the National Championships in Newcastle last week. The ACT girls had close games with all states with a win over Tasmania and a draw to Victoria.

Belconnen Athletics

Good luck to our squad of student who are competing next Tuesday at the Belconnen Track and Field carnival. Please return your notes.

SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 School Fees

Term 3 School Fees were 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 3 Sep – 9.10am in Church

Value Awards for Weeks 5 and 6 will be presented.

Next Assembly – Friday 24 August led by 3M – 12.45 pm in the School Hall

Class Awards for Week 5 and Star and Pride Badges will be presented.



Happy Birthday to the following students...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kindy	Cooper D, Pasquale A
Year 1	Lily H
Year 2	Jack R, Patrick S
Year 3	Isabella P
Year 4	Riley Mc
Year 5	Joshua R, Corey B
Year 6	Shakira L, Rowan D, Manoli K

	Value Award <i>Citizenship</i>	Class Award Written Presentation of Work
KGO	Lachlan D	Cooper R
KR	Sophie P	Marissa den H
1B	Flynn G	Cooper D
1E	Massimo S	Ater A
1HV	Sierra T	Jacob P
2D	Annalise S	Alex A
2MR	Blake M	Evie K
3L	Zoe O	Isabella P
3M	Aiden S	Michael H
3/4C Wk 4	Geordie T	Tomas G
3/4C Wk 5	Gabby W	Amber M
4R	Isobel C	Lucia Mc
4VB	Alexandra B	Peter M
5W	Sophia M	Tara H
5WD	Dita S	Emma B
5/6M	Annabel L	Coco B
6E	Christian W	Bailey A
6F	Sophie T	Millie W
St Monica's Stars – Adriano M (1E) – 1 st star, Jemima B (1E) – 1 st star, Mitchell R (1E) – 1 st star, Massimo S (1E) – 1 st star, Drew G (2MR) – 1 st star, Jack H (6F) – 4 th star, Lyndelle M (6F) – 5 th star, Melanie R (6F) – 7 th star, Sophie T (6F) – 5 th star		
Pride Badges –		

Miles Franklin Music Festival

Congratulations to Hannah D-H (6F), Mary D-H (4R) and Sarah D-H (2D) who participated in the annual Miles Franklin Music Festival. They performed well scoring 1st prizes for their piano trio, under 12 strings duet and under 12 violin solo and 2nd prizes for the under 10 piano duet and under 10 piano solo. Well done Girls!!

CANTEEN CORNER

Sam Manning – Canteen Manager
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Roster for Term 3, Week 6

MONDAY 27/8/18	Vacancy
TUESDAY 28/8/18	Evelyn D-H
WEDNESDAY 29/8/18	TBA
THURSDAY 30/8/18	TBA
FRIDAY 31/8/18	TBA



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.

Tackling Transitions Together Session

Belconnen Community Service recognises the need to provide parents with resources to support their child's school transition from Primary school to High school. Through an informal information session *Tackling Transitions Together* will provide parents with the resources and tools to confidently support their child and discuss a range of challenging topics.

The event will be held at Belconnen Community Service Theatre, Swanson Street, Belconnen on Wednesday 19 September from 5:30pm – 7:00pm.

Parents will be encouraged to access information on the following areas:

- social and emotional well-being
- mental health and medical support
- body, nutrition and physical health
- discussing drugs and alcohol
- cyberbullying and online safety

To ensure the most appropriate concerns are presented it would be greatly appreciated if a short survey could be completed via <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V7JFM2Q>

Registration for the event can be made via <https://www.trybooking.com/XHJV>

For further information or event details contact Justine.White@bcsact.com.au or call 62640602.