

# St Monica's News

Term 3 – Week 6 – 30 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

It is hard to believe we are at the end of Week 6. On Monday we came together to celebrate St Monica's day with Mass. This provided a wonderful opportunity to remind the children of three very special qualities of St Monica's life – prayer, perseverance and patience.

### What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family in need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it ... Dad

### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY FOR SUNDAY

Next week is SABBATH week. This is a week we set aside so that families can do activities together in place of the traditional homework. Please set one afternoon aside to visit the park, take a walk or enjoy a board game as a family.

**On Wednesday 5 September St Monica's will be** showcasing some of the wonderful learning that has been occurring in our classrooms. Our rooms will be open to parents between 9 - 10am to drop in and see learning in action. Come and join in prayer, reading books, Maths and STEM challenges. Hope you can join us.

God bless

Carmel Maguire  
Principal

## Discover the Spirit

**SAFE,  
RESPONSIBLE  
AND  
RESPECTFUL  
LEARNERS**

### LEARNING FOCUS

#### BE RESPECTFUL

##### Celebrate Differences

We celebrate the uniqueness of everyone and recognise everyone is special and everyone is different



#### SOCIAL FOCUS

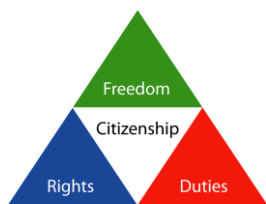
#### BE RESPECTFUL

##### Be Considerate of Others

We are considerate of others, their feelings and what is happening for them. We are friendly and helpful.



## VALUE FOCUS – Citizenship



God of yesterday, today and tomorrow You created a world of beauty and plenty for us all to share,  
You gave us responsibility for this earth, Rich in life and variety.

Create in us a desire to act in solidarity, sacrificing some of our freedom and self-interest for the sake of the common good.

Enlighten and strengthen us so that we may challenge the social and economic systems that create and sustain poverty.

Show us the paths that lead to mutual assistance among peoples, to a deepening of human knowledge, to an enlargement of heart, and to a more human way of living within society.

May we carry forward the work of Christ under the lead of the befriending Spirit.

*Inspired by Paul VI. Populorum Progressio, 1967*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

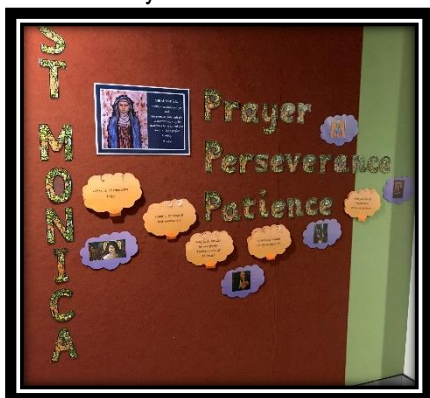
### St Monica: Prayer, Perseverance and Patience

St Monica showed three very important qualities that helped her throughout her life.

**Prayer** - St Monica prayed constantly throughout her life. She always believed that her prayers would be answered. St Monica knew the power of prayer.

**Perseverance** - St Monica never gave up, she persisted at a task until it was completed, no matter what challenges she was faced with.

**Patience** - she was a patient and loving mother and wife and continued to pray patiently for her family.



Visit our display in the hall and learn about St Monica. You can even add a prayer to our Prayer wall!

### Plenary Council 2020

On Tuesday 4 September three of our students will be participating in the Plenary Council 2020 at St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, Manuka. This is an opportunity for Student Leaders to share in creating a vision for the Catholic Church in Australia moving into the future. Our students will participate with other students from the diocese from both primary and secondary schools to contribute to answering the question: *What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?* Congratulations to Fiona, Claudia and Anthony in Year 6 for representing our school.

### 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



### Literacy and Numeracy Take Top priority at St Monica's

Literacy and Numeracy Week is an annual event celebrating the importance of literacy and numeracy to future learning, life participation and work opportunities. Getting involved in Literacy and Numeracy is a great way for parents, schools and the community to help kids develop their literacy and numeracy skills.

Parents and carers can have a big impact on their children's education. By providing learning opportunities and support at home you can help encourage literacy and numeracy learning from an early age right through to high school. Taking part in Literacy and Numeracy activities is another great opportunity to show your interest and share the love of learning with your child. Next week students will be involved in many interesting Literacy and Numeracy activities. Some special events occurring are:

**Writing Celebrations:** Buddy classes will join together to share the wonderful writing that students have created.

**Maths Investigations:** Students will be involved in real life problem based investigations.

### Celebrations of Books

Teachers have been reading to their class some of the 2018 shortlisted books as voted on by the Children's Book Council. Our K-2 students enjoyed a performance today based on the book 'Boy'. Our 3-6 students enjoyed their performance based on the book 'The Elephant'

### Home & School Linked Activities



You might like to encourage your child to participate in the following activities that they can complete at home. Don't forget to take a photograph of what you did to share with your class!

**Activity:** Map your neighbourhood & sidewalk chalk

You might like to go on a walk with you family and then draw your suburb. Whilst out walking, take a piece of chalk and write some spelling words inside a hopscotch game.

### 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.

### NAPLAN Results

I am sure you have read reports about the delay of the NAPLAN results. This is due to the additional scrutiny of NAPLAN data as some States elected to test online while others continued to use a pen and paper approach. We will advise parents as soon as we hear when the NAPLAN reports will arrive.

### Restorative Practices

Restorative Practices have been developed with one specific goal in mind; to support and facilitate the building of healthy relationships.

These questions form a basis for our interaction, especially when things go wrong in relationships. Try the Restorative Questions next time you are confronted with an issue where someone has caused harm to another. Note what happens.

St Monica's staff see Restorative Practices as assisting us to enact our core values in the school. Our shared vision will assist us to repair harm and build healthier relationships and as a result help our children to be more resilient and better connected to significant others.

### Restorative Questions I When things go wrong

- What happened?
- Who or what was hurt?
- How can we fix it?

*Let's make a plan for next time.*



Read more at <https://www.restorativepractices.org.au>

### **E Waste – by Sophie T (6F)**

In an era where nearly every household in Australia owns at least one mobile or electronic device, it gets very easy to overlook how much e-waste we generate. In fact, we change our gadgets as often as we buy new clothes.

So what is e-waste? E waste is discarded, or throw out electronics. It can be CD players, computers or laptops, printers, televisions, mobile phones, pretty much any electronic device. On average a family of five in Australia produces 140 kilos of e-waste every year. The most commonly thrown out things from families include mobile phones (most that still work), unused refrigerators, hundreds and hundreds of cables, the list goes on and on.

So where can e-waste be recycled? There are currently 27 places in Canberra and New South Wales where e-waste can be recycled. So why recycle e-waste? Recycling e-waste will reduce landfill, protect the air and waterways and reduce greenhouse gas. 85% of e-waste that is sent to either landfill or shipped overseas to countries such as China, India and Pakistan is burned. This releases her full gasses into the air, which can sometimes be fatal if a young child inhales too much. One of the main reasons that China's air is so polluted is not only because there are many places that produce gasses, but because there is so much e-waste burning.

E-waste is on the landfill blacklist. Any e-waste that is not shipped or burned is sent straight to landfill, where it is able to avoid decomposition forever. Any glass that might be in the device takes 1-2 years to decompose, and any plastics may take up to 1 million years to break down, but most parts in electronic devices just don't break down at all. This means that if we stop landfill soon, in around two-million years, there will be a whole lot of e-waste in the ground.

There are some places around the world that are trying to fix the problem of e-waste. Some places are taking e-waste from side walks, which is legal in Victoria, and seeing if it is able to be fixed. If it is able to be fixed, they fix it then send it back to the owners house. If they want it, they can keep it. If not it is sold at a market or an Op Shop. If not it is taken a part, and all the precious metal is removed, then the rest is broken apart and used to make something else. One place in Victoria, called The Bower, is a café with a workshop at the back. People can take broken things such as computers, blenders and baby toys, as well as household items such as furniture, and the people who work there will teach you how to fix it. If it is unable to be fixed, it is broken apart, similar to many other places around the world, and made into something new.



So in conclusion, e-waste is a big problem, not only in Australia, but all around the world. In fact, we generate so much as you can probably see, e-waste is one of the fastest growing problems in the world today.

### **Andrew Chinn Recording**

During the July school holidays Jennifer C (6E) and Charlize S (4R) from went to the Blue Mountains to help the Catholic singer Andrew Chinn record his new album called "Rise Up".

"On the second Wednesday of the holidays we went to a place called Springwood in the Blue Mountains. Although the traffic on the way was very slow we made it there on time and had a blast. The Sydney Butterfly Choir consisted of about 23-30 girls and all were from the north-east region of Australia. The girls were from different grades and because it was kids and teenagers the only time we were not giggling, joking or playing around was when we were actually singing. There were around 8 songs and there was even one that the parents had to join in with. It was fun to see which of them were actually singing too!

Some of our favourite songs include *Palm Island Blessing*, *Be God's Love* and *Ancient Legacy*. All too soon the signing part was over. We did a quick photo shoot with Andrew and the we all said goodbye and departed. The traffic on the way back was much better, and all in all it was a fantastic day and one of the best experiences of our lives". **By Jennifer and Charlize**

## **COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS**

### **Community Council News**

If you have any concerns/ideas you would like us to consider please email the Council: [Council.StMonicas@cq.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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 tomorrow morning 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

**HAPPY  
FATHERS DAY**

hour or two in the morning please contact Michelle Bowman on 0416162543 or just turn up on the morning.

### Trivia Night

I think it is safe to say the 2018 Trivia Night was a resounding success! A new format rattled a few of the regulars when there were no bribes being taken by our hosts for clues or answers. However, the teams soon settled in and we crowned "Fix My Sheet" as the 2018 St Monica's Trivia champs! The perpetual Brains Trust Trophy has been duly engraved. An honourable mention to the Kindy Representative Team "And the Winner Is" placing a credible second and "No Eyed Deers" who took home the Wooden Spoon. There was some fierce competition in the paper plane and coin slide competition and people were happy with their bargains from the silent auction.



In the end the winner was definitely trivia and it was lovely to see so many people stay after the trivia finished and make the most of the opportunity to catch up. A lovely community night was had and I would like to thank my partner in crime Leah Platts for all her help in organising the evening.

Despite not being the focus of the night we still managed to raise \$2,500 for the school which could not have been done without the help of our sponsors! So be sure to head to the school's Facebook page to see who those wonderful businesses are!



### St Monica's Primary School

Friday – 14 September 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.

## SCHOOL FEES

### Term 3 School Fees

Term 3 School Fees are due by tomorrow – **Friday 31 August**. A number of families are in arrears in excess of two terms. Please contact the Finance Officer or Principal to discuss urgently.

Please disregard this notice if your family have a Direct Debit Arrangement in place.

Preferred Payment Method



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## 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 7**

**September - led by KGO – 1.00 pm in the School Hall**

Class Awards for Weeks 6 and 7 and Star and Pride Badges will be presented.



Happy Birthday to the following students...

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kindy	Felix R
Year 2	Lachlan T
Year 4	Chloe D

	Value Award <i>Citizenship</i>	Class Award Teacher Choice
KGO	Cooper D	Abigail N
KR	Nikolas H	Flynn A
1B	Jake W	Matthew M
1E	Amelia W	Caelan A
1HV	Joseph J	Lane D
2D	Patrick S	Eamon F
2MR	Indiana H	Nathan M
3L	Liam K	Giuseppe C
3M	Holly F	Paige H
3/4C	Jess A-C	Skyla L
4R	Harry C	Maddie H
4VB	Max W	Laura G, Micaela M
5W	Sebby D	Hena L
5WD	Mya A	Dita S
5/6M	Chiara W	Liam E
6E	Nicholas I	Anyieth A
6F	Paul S	Ryan S
<b>St Monica's Stars</b> – Raylah O (1E) – 1 <sup>st</sup> star, Jerome S(1E) – 1 <sup>st</sup> star, Sam C (5/6M)) – 4 <sup>th</sup> star		
<b>Pride Badges</b> – Arabelle S (4R)		

## SPORT NEWS

### OZTAG BATTLE OF NORTH VS SOUTH

Well done to the Year 3 and 4 Girls who competed in the Oztag Battle of North vs South Day last Thursday. It was a pleasure accompanying this group of girls to the carnival. Their attitude towards every aspect of the day was positive. They played enthusiastically and had all shown a great improvement in their skills and their ability to work together as a team. With four wins and only 2 losses the girls walked away as runners up in the Year 3/4 Girls Division. A huge triumph! A big thank you to the Coach Mick O'Connor for taking the time to encourage, support and guide the girls on the day. Thank you to Mrs Brown for her coordination



### Chess News

#### **ACT Primary School Chess Finals**

Well done to Hannah D-H (6F), Mary D-H (4R), Charlize S (4R) and Sarah D-H (2D) who represented St Monica's at the 2018 ACT Open Primary School Chess Finals. These students were our top scoring players at the Belconnen Zone qualifying tournament in June. While St Monica's didn't make it to the Australian School Teams Chess finals, it was great to see them compete against the best primary school chess teams in ACT. Well done girls.

#### **St Monica's Chess Tournament**

St Monica's is holding our annual chess tournament for all interested chess players on Friday 14 September. The Junior Division will consist of Years 1-3 and Senior Division will be Years 4-6. The tournament will consist of a number of games with students playing each round - no students will be 'eliminated' during the day. Entry is free and entry forms can be found on the Skoolbag App.

## CANTEEN CORNER

**Sam Manning – Canteen Manager**  
**62584687**

Preferred Payment Method



## Roster for Term 3, Week 6

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>3/9/18</b>	Vacancy
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>4/9/18</b>	Evelyn David-Hoole
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>5/9/18</b>	Vacancy
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>6/9/18</b>	June Manning
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>7/9/18</b>	Samantha Cox, Tracy D'Ambrosio, June Manning, Wendy Regan



## 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](mailto:Justine.White@bcsact.com.au) or call 62640602.