



St Monica's News

Term 3 – Week 8 – 13 September 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

Last night the School and Parish communities gathered to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Archbishop Christopher Prowse and Fr Loi lead the ceremony. This was a reverent and sacred occasion and the congregation could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit within the church. The students participated wholeheartedly and were commended on their preparation by Archbishop Prowse. Year 6 was full of a quiet celebratory buzz this morning.



There are many people to thank for such an occasion- Parents, sponsors, grandparents and family who travelled near and far, musicians, acolytes, church cleaners, flower and banner arrangers, teachers and catechists, office staff (who field the inquiries). Our celebration could not happen without you and we extend our thanks and appreciation to each and every one of you.

I extend special thanks to Amanda Verrier (REC), Liz Foster, Christopher Evans Meaghan Younger (REC – St Michael's), Shirley Boag (School of Religion) Sr Kate (Pastoral Associate) and Patrick Ellis (Principal, St Michael's) who also walked this journey with the students in their care.

Our Years K-4 Disco is on tomorrow night, Friday 14 September from 6.00pm -7.30pm. If you have not ordered a Value Ticket you are able to pay entry on the night. **Important** - Due to hall capacity and student safety we need to limit the number of adults volunteering. Parents not volunteering will be asked to drop their children off at the glass side doors of the hall and not enter until pick up. The staffroom will be open for anyone wanting to have a coffee and chat should you elect not to go home during the disco.



We continue to experience a high level of teacher sickness and are working hard to keep our programs running as normal as possible. Should you have concerns please let me know.

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 – Teamwork



Remember to be like Jesus and His team of disciples, who worked hard to spread the Good News to the world! Say our Teamwork Prayer each night and remember to be thankful for the wonderful team mates you have here at school by being the best team member you can be in the classroom, on the playground and at home!

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for creating me to be part of a team.
Thank you for giving me team mates in my parents, siblings, teachers and friends. I pray that you help me to work well with others- to do all you have for us to do.
Amen.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Confirmation

Congratulations to all the students who made their Sacrament of Confirmation this week in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish! Archbishop Christopher was delighted with our students and how well prepared they were. We are so proud of these wonderful young people who are now the young leaders in our Church.



Sacrament of Reconciliation preparations will begin in Week 9 with our Information Night for the parents of Year 3 students wishing to begin the Sacramental program. All the preparations will be made jointly, with the School of Religion, St Monica's and St Michael's school forming the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sacramental team. The key dates for the preparation are listed below:

Information Night: Wednesday 19 September- St Michael's Church 6.30pm

Commitment Masses: 22 and 23 September - St Monica's Church: Saturday 6pm and Sunday 10am, St Michael's Church: Sunday 8am and 5.30pm

Parent Child Night: 8 November 6.30pm

Retreat Day: Wednesday 14 November

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 21 and 22 November



SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 School Fees

Term 3 School Fees were due last Friday. 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



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. The email will be checked regularly by Evelyn David-Hoole, Community Council Secretary.

SPONSOR OUR SIZZLE!

If you don't have time to volunteer for the Catholic Schools Netball Carnival on Saturday 20 October, you could "Sponsor Our Sizzle – S.O.S." Funds donated by families will go towards the purchase of sausages, bread and condiments for our BBQ Stall at the carnival.

You may choose an amount for your donation.

Qkr! App: "School Payments - Catholic Netball Carnival"

GENERAL INFORMATION



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

Congratulation to **KGO** who won the ice blocks last week. They brought in the most money during the week towards our Walkathon fundraiser.

Kindergarten Health Checks will take place on Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 September 2018. Nurses will be at St Monica's for 2 days.



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.

On Tuesday 18 September, we will have our

Walkathon Incentive Day,

which will consist of a Uniform Free Day and Games Afternoon.

We have passed our whole school incentive amount of \$1 000.00 for a sports afternoon and \$2 500.00 for the uniform free day.

Well done everybody!

For the uniform free day children must have a wide brim hat and wear enclosed shoes.

The next incentive that we could win is for raising \$5,000.00, there will be a Board Games Afternoon and for \$7,500.00+ we could have a full on whole School Movie with pillows and a treat! So keep up the good work in raising money and there could be more excitement in stall.



AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Next School Prayer – Monday 17 Sep – led by KR - 9.10am in Church

Value Awards for Week 8 will be presented.

Next Assembly – Friday 14 September - led by 6F – 1.00 pm in the School Hall

Class Awards for Week 8 and Star and Pride Badges will be presented.



Happy Birthday to the following students...



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kindy	Lachlan P, Sophie P
Year 1	Evie E
Year 3	Oscar G, Evan L

	Value Award <i>Teamwork</i>	Class Award Humanities or Science
KGO	Tasharna S	Zander R
KR	Piero C	Eden L, Jesse S
1B	Toby Mc	Harley T
1E	Natalie R	Amelia W
1HV	Patrick K	Emmett J
2D	Lachlan B	Jack R
2MR	Luca C	Marquez P
3L	Jesse F	Liam K
3M	Oscar G	Leila W
3/4C	Darcy B	Zane Mc
4R	Isabella C	Lilli P
4VB	Claire H	Angelino S
5W	Tara H	Imogen H
5WD	Isabella L	Mya A
5/6M	Ryan K, Matthew P	Claudia G, Adonai Y
6E	Dante C	Katie F
6F	Lily S	Jack H
St Monica's Stars – Aria G (1E) – 1 st star, Natalie R (1E) – 2 nd star, Zoe O (3L) – 2 nd star, Daniel Mc (6E) – 3 rd star, Marcus D (6F) – 3 rd star, Lily S (6F) – 4 th star, Phoebe W (6F) – 5 th star		
Pride Badges – Daniel Mc (6E), Marcus D (6F)		

SPORT NEWS

St Monica's Chess Tournament

St Monica's is holding our annual chess tournament for all interested chess players tomorrow. 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.

Teeball and Softball Summer Competition

Are there any children interested in playing Teeball and Softball in the upcoming Summer competition? The games are played at Hawker on a Saturday morning in Term 4 and Term 1 of next year. Contact Mr Fletcher for more information.

CANTEEN CORNER

Sam Manning – Canteen Manager
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Roster for Term 3, Week 9

MONDAY 17/9/18	Vacancy
TUESDAY 18/9/18	Evelyn David-Hoole
WEDNESDAY 19/9/18	Vacancy
THURSDAY 20/9/18	June Manning
FRIDAY 21/9/18	Tracy D'Ambrosio, June Manning, Samantha Cox



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.

BRICKS 4 KIDZ

BRICKS 4 KIDZ® is the world's leading provider of STEM-based learning through the use of LEGO® bricks. We deliver holiday workshops that are educational and fun and are designed for all children between the ages of 5-12. We use a wide variety of popular culture themes (such as Minecraft®, Brick City, Star Wars®) to teach children about basic STEM-principles as well as delivering workshops on robotics, coding etc using LEGO® as the basis for learning and play. In addition to running holiday workshops we also engage with schools and deliver in-class enrichment activities with a specific focus on STEM-subjects. Our programs are aligned with the Australian curriculum and our lessons are designed by educators to pique children's' interest in STEM subjects while participating in activities that engage their curiosity and creativity. For more information email act-northside@bricks4kidz.com

Larissa Dann



PARENT EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING (P.E.T)

Supported by Parentline ACT

Tired of yelling? Looking to find a way to get out the door on time, while still liking each other? Learn respectful communication skills for a peaceful, gentle approach to parenting, without the use of punishment or reward. P.E.T helps children and parents develop resilience, emotional intelligence, confidence and consideration. The course is powerful, proven and practical, and will help you put peace back into your parenting.

For more information visit our [Parent Skills website](#); join the [Parent Skills Facebook](#) community; and read [P.E.T. on a Page](#).

*The 24 hour course consists of three-hour sessions, once per week, for eight weeks. Booking is essential.
Investment includes a workbook and textbook.*

Course begins: Thursday 25 October 2018 (minimum number of participants required); **Time:** 6.30 pm to 9.45 pm; **Place:** Weston, ACT.

Enjoy P.E.T. with **Larissa**, accredited P.E. T. instructor. info@parentskills.com.au