



St Monica's News

Term 3 – Week 7 – 6 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



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TO: ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, EVATT SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Dear Colleagues and Friends

RE: APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL, ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, EVATT

I am pleased to announce that following a Principal Performance Review and panel selection process, Ms Carmel Maguire has been appointed as Principal of St Monica's Primary School, Evatt from the start of the 2019 school year.

Carmel has been in leadership roles within the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn since 1983, when she became Religious Education Co-ordinator at St Anthony's Primary in Wanniasa. Carmel's leadership experience also includes: Primary Co-ordinator, St John Vianney's Primary School, Waramanga (1985 – 1988 and Acting July - August 1989); Religious Education Co-ordinator at St Benedict's Primary School, Narrabundah (1993 – 1995); Acting Principal, St Mary's Primary School, Crookwell (1998) and Principal (1999 – 2000); Principal at St Thomas More's Primary School, Campbell (2001 – 2008). Carmel has been Principal at St Monica's Primary School, Evatt since 2009.

Carmel holds the tertiary qualifications of Bachelor of Education – Primary (Australian Catholic University, Signadou Campus, ACT); Masters of Education (Special Education) (University of Sydney) and a Graduate Diploma in Religious Education (Australian Catholic University, Signadou Campus, ACT).

I congratulate Carmel on her appointment and wish her every continued success as she undertakes this role.

Yours sincerely

Ross Fox
DIRECTOR

3 September 2018

I am very much looking forward to working with the community and leading our wonderful school into the future.

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.





Teamwork is the value which will take us to the end of the Term 3. It is so important to be part of a team! You might belong to a sporting team or work with people in your class or school as a team. Being a team member involves lots of skills: cooperation, good manners, acceptance and flexibility. Jesus worked hard with His team of disciples to spread the message of the Gospel across the world. We are part of Jesus' team too and it's our job to work together to spread His message by working well with others and showing God's love to all the people in our community.

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for making
me 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



Plenary Council 2020

This week 3 of our Year 6 students represented the school at the Plenary Council session for young people from our Archdiocese. Fiona, Claudia and Anthony joined other students from Years 5-10 in giving their opinions to the important question "What is God asking of us in the Catholic Church in Australia at this time?" Here is their reflection....

On the 4 September, we went to the Plenary Council for the structure of the future and present of the Church. We were honoured to go to this event, spoke with the Archbishop about our thoughts on the Church. This gathering was focused on youth members of the Church, we were able to create artworks, write poems, sing, and more. Once the activities we had done were over there was time for a Q & A with Archbishop Christopher, we all thought that it was good to hear the responses and questions. This gathering revolved around one big question 'What do you think God is trying to do in Australia now'. Archbishop Christopher explained that God is singing a song and if we were to join in what song would He be singing. We enjoyed our day and learnt a lot, it was a fabulous experience. By: Anthony, Claudia, and Fiona Year Six Students 2018

The students were first invited to make a creative response to the question in poetry, dance, song, or visual art and then participated in a sharing session with Archbishop Christopher where they gave their ideas and feedback on their own experiences. I was so proud to hear their ideas and to know that our Church is in good hands with these young people in the future!



The song of joy, sounding loud
With many people among the crowd.
Inspiring everywhere, all joining in,
Puts joy in everyone and even more within.
By Anthony Faraj

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



Please keen our confirmation
candidates and their families
in your prayers.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the
hearts of your faithful and
kindle in them the fire of
your love. Send forth
your Spirit and they shall be
created. And You shall
renew the face of the earth.



Reconciliation



One Wednesday some of our students who are making the Sacrament of Confirmation were able to make their Reconciliation with Fr Loi after Mass. If your child has not been to Reconciliation, it is important that they do so before next Wednesday's Confirmation Ceremony with the Archbishop. **Fr Loi is available at St Michael's this Sunday from 4.30pm to 5.15pm** prior to Mass and we encourage you to take your child at this time. Alternatively, please make time to attend Reconciliation in your own Parish this weekend. - **Amanda Verrier (Religious Education Coordinator)**

TEACHING AND LEARNING

St Monica's in Action

It was lovely to see the family members who were able to drop into the classrooms to see our school in action. As this is a wonderful way for parents to see the learning occurring in the classrooms we hope to make this a regular occurrence.

Kinder Literacy Morning

I heard that there was much excitement in the Kinder rooms last Friday. We had lots of dads, grandfathers and special adults join the Kinder children to engage in a fun literacy activity. Thank you for dropping in.

Australian Reading Hour Thursday 20 September

On Thursday 20 September from 3.15pm - 4.15pm 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.

Swim Safety Program

Our Term 4 Swim Safety Program for Kinder to Year 2 is currently being finalised. Payment and permission notes are required by 21 September. This is a valuable program and part of the St Monica's Physical Education curriculum.

Tennis

Once again Years 5 & 6 will undertake a 6 week tennis program in Term 4 at the Melba courts. The cost is covered by the Curriculum Levy.

Questacon Visits St Monica's

On Monday the Year 1 children were treated to an incursion on **Sound** presented by Questacon. The children loved the experience. The cost to host this activity was covered by the Curriculum levy.



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"

Father's Day Stall Thank You

Thank you to Michelle Bowman for coordinating the Father's Day Stall. Thank you to all the wonderful helpers who assisted on the day. The children were very excited purchasing their gifts!

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



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

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

Congratulation to 1HV who won the ice blocks last week. They brought in the most money during the week towards our Walkathon fundraiser.

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.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Next School Prayer – Monday 10 Sep – led by 1E - 9.10am in School Hall

Value Awards for Weeks 5, 6 and 7 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.



	Value Award <i>Teamwork</i>	Class Award <i>Creativity – Visual Arts</i>
KGO	Adelina S	Archie N
KR	Lachlan P	Felix R
1B	Sarah R	Olivia B
1E	Arabella A	Natalie R
1HV	Isabella H	Esther L
2D	Annalene L	Marley B
2MR	Anna V	William Mc
3L	Dale S	Austin C
3M	Evan L	Bailey G
3/4C	Dylan J	Luke W
4R	Xara G	Mikayla T
4VB	Sam J	Tahlianna B
5W	Elyse S	Angelo F
5WD	Dominic C	Adrian S
5/6M	Tom P	Yaroslava K
6E	Atiya W	Thomas B
6F	Melanie R	Anthony F

St Monica's Stars – Cooper B (4R) – 4th star, Isobel C (4R) – 2nd star, Sarah r (4R) – 3rd Star Apajok A (6F) – 5th star, Lillian C (6F) – 5th star, Anthony F (6F) – 4th star, Jett M (6F) – 3rd star, Millie W (6F) – 5th star

Pride Badges – Jett M (6F) Sarah R (4R)

Happy Birthday to the following students...



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kindy	Ciresa K, Louis T
Year 2	Indiana H, Drew G
Year 3	Ainsleigh M, Archie S
Year 4	Harry C, Pyper M
Year 6	Hannah D-H, Clara A

SPORT NEWS

Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the squad of 50 students who represented St Monica's at the Belconnen Region Athletics Carnival. A big thank you to the teachers who helped supervise and officiate on the day. The following children have been selected to compete at the ACT Athletics Carnival at Woden on Tuesday 18 September - Emma B- 800m, Annabelle F- 70m, Layla R – 100m & 200m, Brock S – 70m, Christian W - Shot put and Callie W – Discus. Information Notes and Consent forms were sent home with these students yesterday. - **Susan Carswell**

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.

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 8

MONDAY 10/9/18	Vacancy
TUESDAY 11/9/18	Evelyn David-Hoole
WEDNESDAY 12/9/18	Angela Herbert
THURSDAY 13/9/18	Daniela Agnello
FRIDAY 14/9/18	Vacancy, June Manning, Katrina Ciampa Wendy Regan



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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