

# St Monica's News

Term 3 – Week 10 - 27 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

Another successful term comes to a close. As we mark twelve months since the courtyard fire I can advise that the builders will be here, bright and early, next Tuesday to start the repairs to the courtyard. Like the many parents who expressed concern, via the annual survey, I am also very frustrated with the response received from the insurance company responsible for looking after all Catholic schools; despite contact calls from Catholic Education and myself. The good news is that the entire structure is to be replaced, not just repaired. I will be monitoring the project closely over the break to ensure the work is completed.

I would like to extend my thanks to Clare McPhillips for her wonderful efforts in KR throughout the term while Carmel Rheinberger took Long Service Leave (LSL). Thank you to Jodie May and Debbie Wells for covering 5/6M while Michael McFadden accessed LSL. We also welcome back Denise Duck following her term of travel and Susan Carswell who has been away on sick leave for the last two weeks.

During the week I received news that Haley Stonham will be remaining in Brisbane due to her husband's contract being extended for an additional two years. Hayley has formally resigned from her position at St Monica's. Following an enjoyable time visiting family Denise Duck has also decided to resign from her position at the end of the year.

Today we farewell the Ellis Family. Evie will be attending her mum's school commencing in term 4. I would like to express my sincere thanks to both Patrick and Veronica for their willingness to get involved in our many community activities and lend a hand. Next term we welcome the Barnes family – Lucas – KGO, Grace – 2MR, Harry – 3/4C.

Our new CatholicCare Counsellors, Melissa Bailey, will commence on the first Friday of Term 4. Any requests sent in during this term will be referred to her as soon as she arrives.

Yesterday Bob Fletcher completed another session of Season for Growth with 11 students from Years 3 to 6. This is a wonderful opportunity we offer as part of our Chaplaincy Program each year.

What an amazing community we are. This year we raised \$7,756.00 from the Walkathon – that's huge. Thanks you so much for rallying behind this activity. We had the perfect day and the children loved having the time to walk the neighbourhood with the friends. Special thanks to Emma Russel, Kirsty Godschalx, Robyn O'Rourke, Sam

## 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

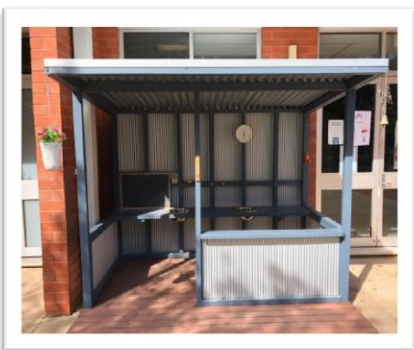
We are considerate of others, their feelings and what is happening for them. We are friendly and helpful.



Mannig for coordinating Lunch and the sausage sizzle, Allison Walsh for counting the takings.

Congratulations to the following class winners who won a movie voucher and popcorn!!

Tasharna S (KGO), Maggie P (KR), Lachlan J (1HV), Toby Mc (1B), Nicholas P (1E), Tyler B (2MR), Logan F (2D), Siena D (3M), Yianni K (3L), Ava S (3/4C), Bethanie G (4R), Tulli H (4VB), Sean B (5W), Dita S (5WD), Claudia G (5/6M), Jett M (6F), Bridget A (6E).



Thank you to Peter Fleming for designing and building our fabulous creative cubby houses, installed in our Kinder play area last weekend. Thank you to Renee for adding the finishing touches. The children are loving their new play spaces. Funds raised from the fete have been directed toward the cost of materials to build the structures.



Wishing everyone a safe and restful break

God bless  
Carmel Maguire  
Principal

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**Teamwork** has been our value focus for the last three weeks and nowhere is teamwork more important than in the family. The family is where we learn how to work with others, how to cooperate and how to build good relationships with others. Family time is so important for developing our Faith too and here is a special prayer for you to pray together with your family. Wishing everyone a happy and restful holiday!

### Family Prayer

God be with our family,  
From the youngest to the oldest,  
Lighting up our relationships,  
Sowing grace into our troubles.

God be with our family,  
Weaving love into our work,  
Our rest, and our play.

Amen.

[www.lords-prayer-words.com](http://www.lords-prayer-words.com)

Congratulations to those students who attended their Reconciliation Commitment Masses over the weekend! It was lovely to see so many families gathering to begin the preparations for this Sacrament. If you were unable to attend last weekend, please go along to any Mass that suits you over the next few weeks and see either Fr Loi or Fr Johnny before Mass and let them know you are there for your child's Commitment Mass. Upcoming dates:

**Mass Times:** St Monica's Church: Saturday 6pm and Sunday 10am, St Michael's Church: Sunday 8am and 5.30pm.

**Parent Child Night:** Thursday 8 November 6.30pm

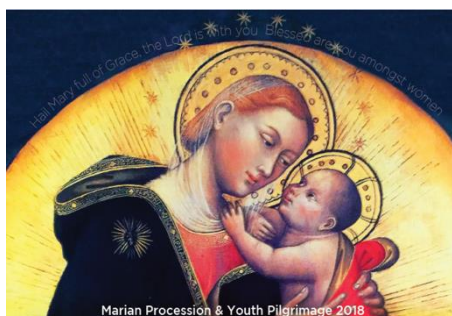
**Retreat Day:** Friday 16 November

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 November

**Please return your child's registration form by then end of Term 3.**



Reconciliation



### 2018 Archdiocesan Marian Procession: Parish Bus Sunday 14 October 2018

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish will be running a bus to this special event at St Clement's Monastery, Galong.

Please book your seat early! You can sign up in either Church foyer or contact Legion of Mary- 0431 060 556 or ElShaddai- 0433 841 886 to book your place! \$15 per person, children under 15 free when travelling with an adult. Itinerary: 7:45 am Board bus @ St Michael's; 8:00am Board Bus @ St Monica's; 10:00 am Arrive at St Clement's; 10:30 Confessions; 11:30am Holy Mass; 12:30 BYO Lunch; 2:00pm Rosary and Procession to Grotto; 4:00pm Board Bus; 5:30pm Arrive Back.

## TEACHING AND LEARNING



### Japanese Performance

Thank you to Jarrod Hoare for entertaining our students with his Japanese comedy performance this week! Rakugo is a type of traditional Japanese comedy theatre that can be literally translated "fallen words." It features a lone storyteller who conveys a long and complex comical story that includes dialogue between multiple characters. The students really enjoyed the drama and comedy and especially their teachers getting involved! Thank you Hodgkin Sensei for organising the performance!

どうもありがとうございました  
Dōmo Arigatōgozaimashita Jarrod Sensei!

### Honour Roll

On Monday of Week 10 more than 30 students from Years 4, 5 and 6 recorded names from the Roll of Honour at the National War Memorial here in Canberra. This was done as part of the AWM's Soundscape project, where children from across the country record the names of Australian soldiers, sailors, nurses and aviators who died in the First World War.

The recordings will be uploaded to the Memorial's cloisters in time for Remembrance Day and will be played in random order along with the other recordings made for the Soundscape Project.

More than 60 000 Australians were killed in the First World War. Next term there will be activities across the school to help children learn about the sacrifices that have been made for them as we prepare to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that ended the fighting a century ago.

Mr Evans and the AWM would like to extend their thanks to the children who took part in this activity, they did an awesome job, and the recordings were very moving to listen to.

## 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.

### We need your help!

St Monica's is responsible for the coordination of this year's Catholic Netball Carnival. We have the potential of raising over and addition \$30 000 for the school. The funds raises will go toward improvement of the school grounds including sunshade, play equipment, creative play spaces etc. Look ou for the volunteer sheet.

### 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"**



## AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

**Next Assembly – Friday 28 September - led by 4R – 12.45pm in the School Hall**

Class Awards for Weeks 9 and 10 and Star and Pride Badges will be presented. Ribbons for Belconnen Track & Field and Chess Certificates will also be presented.



No Value Award Week 10	Class Award – Consistent Effort and Leadership throughout the term
KGO	Mia M
KR	Adeline B
1B	Tessa S
1E	Mitchell R
1HV	Sian S
2D	Annalise S
2MR	Cameron H
3L	Bella P
3M	Jasper T
3/4C	Ava S
4R	Bethanie G
4VB	Giorgia M
5W	Olivia S
5WD	Haylie F
5/6M	Alicia Mc, Matthew Mc
6E	Callie W
6F	Clara A
<b>St Monica's Stars –</b> Ivana P (1B) – 1 <sup>st</sup> star, Ostin D (1HV) – 1 <sup>st</sup> star, Gus O (1HV) – 1 <sup>st</sup> star, Zachary H (2D) – 1 <sup>st</sup> star, Brock S (2D) – 1 <sup>st</sup> star, Patrick S (2D) – 1 <sup>st</sup> star, Xavier T (2D) – 1 <sup>st</sup> star, Ella K (4VB) – 2 <sup>nd</sup> star, Peter M (4VB) – 2 <sup>nd</sup> star, Layla R (4VB) – 2 <sup>nd</sup> star, Chloe D (4VB) – 3 <sup>rd</sup> star, Angelino S (4VB) – 5 <sup>th</sup> star, Manoli K (6F) – 4 <sup>th</sup> star, Ryan S (6F) – 4 <sup>th</sup> star, Jorja J (6F) – 4 <sup>th</sup> star	
<b>Pride Badges –</b>	

**Happy Birthday to the following students and to the students celebrating their birthday throughout the holidays**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
Kindy	Natalia S, Alexis B
Year 1	Joseph J, Flynn G
Year 2	Jack P, Mia D
Year 3	Paddy P, Maria K
Year 4	Lexi R, Angelino S, Charlize S, Ella K, Giorgia M
Year 5	Annie R

## SPORT NEWS

### 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.

### School Sport Australia 12 yrs & Under Track & Field Championships

Congratulations to Layla R (4VB) who has been selected in the ACT Primary Schools School Sport ACT 12 Years and Under Athletics Team to compete in Melbourne at the end of November.

## CANTEEN CORNER

**Sam Manning – Canteen Manager**  
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### Roster for Term 4, Week 1

<b>MONDAY</b> 15/10/18	Vacancy
<b>TUESDAY</b> 16/10/18	Evelyn David-Hoole
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 17/10/18	Vacancy
<b>THURSDAY</b> 18/10/18	June Manning
<b>FRIDAY</b> 19/10/18	Tracy D'Ambrosio, Samantha Cox, June Manning, Wendy Regan



## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### BRICKS 4 KIDS

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](mailto: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](mailto:info@parentskills.com.au)*

### Gregory Academy of Irish Dance

Enrol for Term 4 at any time with the Gregory Team. Classes for pre-schoolers, teens and adults. Tuesday and Thursdays 4pm and Saturdays. Fully equipped dance studio at Aranda. From the 1<sup>st</sup> lesson children will learn to dance like Emma and Wiggles Irish Dancers and the beautiful "Riverdance" style. Children will be trained to dance for public performances and competitions or just for fun. For further enquiries please contact Liz – 0419 225 195, email [lgida52@hotmail.com](mailto:lgida52@hotmail.com) or [gregoryacademy.com](http://gregoryacademy.com). Term 4 Special – commence 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Term 4. 6 lessons for only \$50. [www.gregoryacademyirishdance.com.au](http://www.gregoryacademyirishdance.com.au)