

St Monica's News

Term 4 – Week 2 – 25 October 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



An enormous thank you to the St Monica's Community who assisted with the Catholic Schools Netball Carnival. It has taken 10 months of planning and preparation, hours and hours of work and the result was amazing! We had a perfect start to the day but unfortunately, we just could not control the weather. We managed to get half way through the carnival, which has enabled us to determine winners of the divisions from Years 4 to 6. We have received so many messages from other schools about how well organised the carnival was and how much all children from around the Archdiocese enjoyed themselves.

Special thanks to the committee, extraordinarily led by Amanda Winne, for your precision planning; to the staff and parents for an incredible amount of work, especially on Saturday; to the many parents who organised food and beverages, assisted on stalls, managed a team or helped with set up or pack up; the many sponsors, and finally to our players who played so well and displayed team work and fair play. An effort our entire community should be very proud of!

In Australia we will be celebrating World Teachers' Day on Friday 26 October 2018. It's a time when the community is encouraged to toast the skills and commitment of teachers everywhere. Held annually since 1994, World Teachers' Day commemorates the anniversary of the adoption of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers. This Recommendation sets benchmarks regarding the rights and responsibilities of teachers and standards for their initial preparation and further education, recruitment, employment, and teaching and learning conditions. Please take a moment to celebrate your child's teacher by letting them know how special they are and to thank them for all they are doing for your child/ren.

God bless
Carmel Maguire
Principal



Discover the Heart



**SAFE, RESPONSIBLE
AND RESPECTFUL
LEARNERS**

LEARNING FOCUS

Be Responsible We are on time

We are on time for bells.

This means we stop playing and get organised so everyone is ready for learning at the same time.



SOCIAL FOCUS

Be Respectful Take Turns

We take turns and allow others to speak and share their ideas.



VALUE FOCUS - Forgiveness



Forgiveness continues to be our value this week. Try praying for the gift of forgiveness, the sooner we forgive and let go, the better we feel. We should forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

Prayer - The Power of Forgiveness

Father, bless me with the wonderful power of forgiveness, give me the grace to unconditionally forgive those who have done me wrong.

Give me the strength to let go of all ill-will, the strength to forgive myself of my own failings and sins, knowing that you have already forgiven me.

Free me of all anger, bitterness, hate, unforgiveness.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

All Saints Mass & Crazy Sock Day

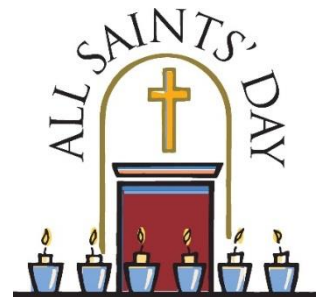
Gold Coin Donation for Mission Month
Wednesday Week 3



Wear your colourful socks with your uniform!

All Saints Day Mass will be held on Wednesday 31 October 9.30am and families are invited to join us. We are combining this Mass with our Mission Month Appeal- Crazy Sock Day!

Please wear some colourful socks and bring a gold coin donation to support Catholic Mission's Appeal supporting education in Myanmar.



Parent Child Night: 8 November
6.00pm: St Monica's School Library -
Candidates to attend with their Parent

Retreat Day: Friday 16 November
St Monica's Hall

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 21 & 22
November



The students from the Social Justice Group attended today's Mission Mass to celebrate all the good work that we do in our schools for Catholic Missions.



TEACHING AND LEARNING



Australian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads (APSMO)



This year a group of Year 3 and 4 students were selected by their teachers to participate in a series of challenging Mathematical competitions run by the APSMO for students in Australia and New Zealand.

The selected students participated in weekly sessions to learn valuable problem solving skills. They then applied these strategies and techniques to a series of competitions throughout Term 2 and 3.

All of the students are to be commended for their efforts and improvement throughout the program.

Certificates and awards will be presented to the following students at Friday's Assembly.

Top 10%

Max W, Darcy B, Josephine H

Top 20%

Laura G, Claire H

Participation

Mary D-H, Angelino S, Ben B, Amber M, Caitlin M, Aurelia S, Tyler S, Madeline H, Luke W, Emma T, Micaela M, Arabelle S, Tahlianna B, Annabelle F, Leila W, Yianni K, Jeremy R, Sam G, Aiden S, Paige H, Jesse F, Bastijan P, Isabella P, Rohan G.

Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study

St Monica's has been asked to take part in the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS). On 7 November 2018 4R will participate in the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS). TIMSS is an important educational research project investigating student achievement in Mathematics and Science. More than 60 countries, including Australia, are participating in this study. TIMSS is an important activity to keep us, as parents and citizens, informed about how our students in Australia are performing in comparison to their peers in other countries and to compare programs of study and teaching practices. We will be able to obtain current national and international information, which, will help improve the teaching and learning of Mathematics and Science in our country.

Selected students in 4R will do an assessment in mathematics and science and complete a questionnaire about their experiences at home and school. There is no need for students to study specifically for the assessment, as it will not affect individual students' grades or progress in school. All data will be kept strictly confidential and no individual student or school will be identified in published data or reports.

Swimming Programs

Children from Kinder, Year One and Year Two will participate in the Gungahlin Leisure Centre Swimming Program during Term 4. This valuable program is part of St Monica's Physical Education curriculum and forms part of our assessment for Term 4. **It is highly recommended that all children are involved.** The program is for 8 days during Weeks 4 and 5 of Term 4. The program includes an assessment of swimming skills and water safety.

On the swimming lesson days KGO and KR depart school at 12pm and arrive back at school 1.30pm. 1B, 1E and 1HV depart school at 12.30pm and arrive back at school at 2pm. 2D and 2MR depart school at 1pm and arrive back at school at 2.30pm.

Lunchtime Dancecore Sessions

Dancecore lessons for Kindergarten – Year 2 are being held on **Mondays**. Lessons for Years 3 – Years 6 are being held on **Thursdays**. The change is due to swimming lessons happening in Weeks 4 and 5 and the availability of a teacher.

Book Fair

We will be holding a Scholastics Book Fair during Week 5. The Book Fair will be in the library and will open from 8.30am to 9am Tuesday to Friday and Monday to Friday from 3.10pm until 3.45pm. It will be open from 2.30pm on Thursday for parents wishing to do some early Christmas shopping.

If you are able to help with setting up or packing up the book fair or assist shoppers at the fair or at the checkout, please let me know. - Veronica Melville



COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

World Teacher's Day

There is a Chinese proverb that says, "If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people."

Here at St Monica's we are fortunate to have many great and caring teachers who go above and beyond to assist our kids in their learning. On the occasion of World Teachers Day tomorrow we would like to say a big THANK YOU to our teachers. Your influence and encouragement is forever woven into our children's future. Your teaching has shaped our children's attitude towards learning, sense of wonder and character. You have filled them with wonder, curiosity and sparked in them a light that helps shape them. Thank you for coming in to work with a smile, and making our children feel supported, feel safe and feel important. For all this, and so much more to all our teachers – thank you for who you are, what you do, and all you give!!!

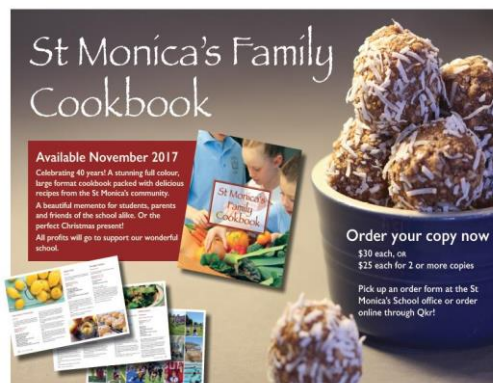
Community Council Open meeting

The Community council welcomes you all to an open meeting next week at 6:30pm at the school. Please come along to let us know your concerns, thoughts and ideas. If you can't make it please drop us an email with any of your concerns - : Council.StMonicas@cq.catholic.edu.au

A Great Christmas Gift – The St Monica's 40th Birthday Family Cookbook

With Christmas fast approaching why not purchase one of our St Monica's Family Cookbooks filled with delicious recipes. Cookbooks are available from the Front Office. Cost of book is \$30, \$25 for 2 or more books.

Some great recipes from families in our school that have been tried and tested and enjoyed many times over.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Sport Day School Photos

Sport Day School Photos will be taken on Monday 29 October in the School Hall. Children are required to wear their sports uniform. Photos will be taken from 9.15am onwards.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Next School Prayer – Monday 5 November – led by 5WD - 9.10am in Church

Value Awards for Weeks 2 and 3 will be presented.

Next Assembly – Friday 26 October – 1pm - led by 3/4C in the School Hall.

Class Awards for Weeks 1 and 2 and Star and Pride Badges will be presented. Maths Certificates and Netball Medals for the Year 5 Black Team will also be presented.



Happy Birthday to the following students



	Value Award <i>Forgiveness</i>	Class Award English
KGO	Christian M	Charlie G, Louis T
KR	Maggie P	Sophie P
1B	Aria F	Marianna R
1E	Raylah O	Amelia W
1HV	Jacob P	Gus O
2D	Christian I	Lorenzo S
2MR	Maddison C	Grace B
3L	Paddy P	Archie S
3M	Siena D	Chase M
3/4C	Emma T	Keir F
4R	Cooper B	Riley Mc
4VB	Remy D	Layla R
5W	Sam G	Sean B
5WD	Kate S	Corey B
5/6M	Liam E	Annabel L
6E	Bridget A	Sam Mc
6F	Lachlan R	Daniel E
St Monica's Stars – Elliott B (1E) – 1 st star, Indiana H (2MR) – 1 st star, Mia D (2MR) – 3 rd star, Maddie R (3L) – 2 nd star, Chontelle L (3L) – 2 nd star		
Pride Badges – Mia D (2MR)		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Year 2	Lorenzo S
Year 3	Giuseppe C
Year 4	Luke B
Year 5	Torren F, Isabella S

CANTEEN CORNER

Roster for Term 4, Week 3

MONDAY 29/10/18	Vacancy
TUESDAY 30/10/18	Evelyn David-Hoole
WEDNESDAY 31/10/118	Vacancy
THURSDAY 1/11/18	Daniela Agnello
FRIDAY 2/11/18	Tracy D'Ambrosio, Katrina Ciampa, Vacancy



Sam Manning – Canteen Manager – 62584687

Special Lunch – Wednesday 24 October

Special thanks to Pete Bridges and Brett Welsh for the wonderful job they did in cooking for our Sausage Sizzle lunch. Also thanks to June Manning, Franca Field, Angela Herbert, Renee Fleming and Haylie (5WD) for your help in the Canteen.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Gregory Academy of Irish Dance

Enrol now 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 1st 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 or gregoryacademy.com. 6 lessons for only \$50. www.gregoryacademyirishdance.com.au