

St Monica's News

Term 4 – Week 1 – 18 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

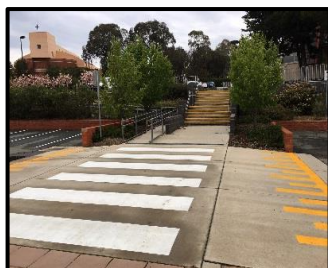
Welcome back to Term 4. It has been a busy start with the organisation for the Catholic Netball Carnival dominating the focus of many. The carnival provides a wonderful opportunity for our community to raise additional funds to develop our outdoor playing environment. Thank you to everyone who has supported the committee to make the day a success; your generous donations of goods, cash or time is very much appreciated. We now pray for a fine day and the rain stays away.

Our final appeal for Saturday is for yummy goodies to sell at our cake stall on Saturday. Items such as cupcakes, biscuits, slices would be appreciated. Items can be dropped off to our School Canteen tomorrow from 8.30am or at the stall on Saturday morning.



This term we welcome back Miss Rheinberger, Mr McFadden, Mrs Duck. They all have wonderful stories to share about their adventures. Mrs Carswell will be back next week.

During the holidays we updated our linemarking at the front of the school. We now have two designated parking spaces for disabled parking, to greatly improve access and convenience for several of our families. I do ask that people not park in the driveway before or after school as we need to keep the area clear for traffic to flow.



Unfortunately due to the weather our pergola is not finished. Hopefully it will be completed early next week.

Looking forward to a great term.

God bless
Carmel Maguire
Principal

Discover the Heart



**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.



Discover the Heart



Our theme for Term 4 is **Discover the Heart**. As part of this theme we will be exploring the values of Forgiveness, Empathy and Thanksgiving. These values encourage us to look into our own hearts and examine what we can do for others. Pope Francis said, “*The heart of Jesus is the ultimate symbol of God’s mercy: but it is not an imaginary symbol, it is a real symbol which represents the centre, the source from which salvation for all humanity gushed forth.*” Let us take the time to appreciate this special gift from God and be thankful, remember all our blessings and find peace in our hearts.

Forgiveness



Children are often asked to forgive: forgive his sibling for taking their toy; forgive Johnny for pulling her hair at recess; forgive Mom for being late. When you ask your child to forgive — to say “okay” when someone has said they are “sorry” — does your child really understand what that means? Did they let go of the issue or are they repeating what you are telling them to say?

It is important for children to understand compassion, loving-kindness, and forgiveness. Teaching your child to forgive is an essential life tool that will make navigating [childhood](#) and adolescence easier. God forgives us our sins and asks us to love each other and forgive each other in our daily lives, we can do this by practising an attitude of forgiveness.

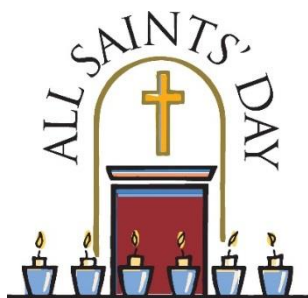
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sacrament of Reconciliation News

Parent Child Night: Thursday 8 November 6.00pm at St Monica’s School Library. Candidates to attend with their Parents.

Retreat Day: Friday 16 November St Monica’s Hall

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 November



All Saints Day Mass will be held on Wednesday 31 October at 9.30am (Week 3)
Families are invited to join us and students can dress up as their favourite Saint!

TEACHING AND LEARNING

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.

Solar Panel Update Report

We are Apajok A (6F) and Georgia M (6F) from the sustainability team and we are here to tell you about the whole solar panel journey so far.

We have been looking through a few quotes telling us information about the system, and have learnt a lot about the process of getting Solar Panels including the different steps that lead up to it and all the different expenses.

On 17 October 2018 Apajok (6F), Georgia (6F) and Fiona M (6E) visited SFX and we spoke to their Business Manager, Mr Brown. We learnt about their system and that 20% of their electricity is run by Solar Power, which has deeply inspired us to work as hard as we can to achieve this goal of getting solar panels for our school as soon as we can.

We feel solar panels would be really great for our school and will help the future and our school. So far we have had a great time helping with this process and understanding what Solar Energy really is.



Lion's Reading Action Program

The Lion's Reading Action Program is a worldwide program instigated by the International President of the Lions' organisation in 2012. Since then, each International President (a different person takes on that position each year) has endorsed this Reading Action Program to endorse a love of reading and improve literacy skills worldwide. The Lions Club Canberra Belconnen has supported the program since 2012 by donating books to many Belconnen school libraries each year.



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Book Fair

We will be holding a Scholastics Book Fair during Week 5. The Book Fair will be in the library and will be open from 8.30am to 9am Tuesday to Friday and Monday to Friday from 3.10pm until 3.45pm. It will be open from 2.30 on Thursdays 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 letter me know. - Veronica Melville



COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Lunchtime Dancecore Sessions

Dancecore lessons for Term 4 start next week at lunchtimes. Lessons for Kindergarten – Year 2 begin on **Monday 22 October** and lessons for Years 3 – Years 6 begin on **Thursday 25 October**.

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.



AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Next School Prayer – Monday 22 October – led by 6F - 9.10am in Church

Value Awards for Week 1 will be presented.

Next Assembly – Friday 26 October – 1pm - led by 3/4C in the School Hall. Maths Certificates will also be handed out

Class Awards for Weeks 1 and 2 and Star and Pride Badges will be presented.



Happy Birthday to the following students

	Value Award <i>Forgiveness</i>	Class Award Thoughtfulness & Manners
KGO	Ivan P	Lucas B
KR	Noah P	Pasquale A
1B	Gus O	Ante P
1E	Nicola B	Caelan A
1HV	Lane D	Emma N
2D	Oliver V	Zachary H
2MR	Faith K	Jessica Mc
3L	Amour A	Lily H
3M	Holly F	Aiden S
3/4C	Maria K	Makenna M
4R	Luke B	Isabella M
4VB	Tulli H	Chloe D
5W	Katie R	Zoe O
5WD	Ruby S	Lillian B
5/6M	Caydence L	Coco B
6E	Anyieth A	Jackson G
6F	Apajok A	Melanie R
St Monica's Stars – Amelia Watson (1E) – 1st star		
Pride Badges –		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kindy	Chloe W
Year 1	Jacob P, Sierra T, Coco T, Amelia W, Hamish C, Nicola B
Year 2	Lillian F
Year 3	Jye L
Year 4	Amber M, Cooper B, Alexandra B
Year 6	Lachlan R

CANTEEN CORNER

Roster for Term 4, Week 2

MONDAY 22/10/18	Vacancy
TUESDAY 23/10/18	Evelyn David-Hoole
WEDNESDAY 24/10/18	Angela Herbert
THURSDAY 25/10/18	Daniela Agnello
FRIDAY 26/10/18	Jenny Fulivai, Wilma Hird, June manning, Wendy Regan, Katrina Ciampa



Sam Manning – Canteen Manager - 62584687



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