



St Monica's News

Term 4 – Week 3 – 1 November 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

While we are currently still finalising the results from the netball carnival our efforts were not in vain, we look like making over \$20 000. An agreement had been set in place, by participating schools, that general registration fees would be retained by the organising school to assist with covering costs. Due to sponsorship, sales on the day and several local schools purchasing some of our excess stock we have come out in front. A bonus despite the rain.

Unfortunately, progress on our courtyard pergola has been halted, unbelievable! The Catholic Insurer (CCI) and their appointed builder have constructed the wrong structure, with none of the required insulation panels as detailed on the contract documents. The CE are working to have the issue corrected. As CE pay for our insurance policy I am not able to source a new insurance company.

On Tuesday we held our Kindergarten Orientation day with a very excited 44 new Kindergarten children who spent a busy morning completing activities. Thank you to our Kindergarten teachers for their organisation – Miss Rheinberger, Mrs Godschalx and Mrs O'Rourke. Our new Kinders will visit again on Wednesday 21 November 2018 between 9.10am and 11.00am

Thank you to all current Kindergarten families who assisted with morning tea in the hall. Thank you to Mrs Manning and Mrs Flynn for their assistance, our Fete Team, Fundraising Team, Gardening Team, Uniform Team and the SMOOSH Crew for all your help, and to all who presented on the day. The morning was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the many groups that contribute to making St Monica's a wonderful community focused school.

Following a lengthy discussion at the Community Council meeting last night, I have been authorised to further investigation the installation of solar panels as a way of reducing our electricity costs. Council have also supported the landscaping of the area near the school spider playground. Should any parents wish to submit a tender for the work, based on a proposed concept, please contact the school office ASAP. The work must be carried out by a qualified landscaper.

Baby News

Congratulations to the Miletic family (Talijia – 2D) on the arrival of a baby brother Mateo born on 4 October.



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.



Families leaving at end of 2018

This is the time of year when we begin our planning for structuring classes for 2019. If any families will be leaving St Monica's at the end of 2018 please inform us as soon as possible.

Catholic Education Tuition Fees 2019 ACT Systemic Primary Schools

	Per Term	Per Annum
1st Child	\$381	\$1,524
2nd child - 70% discount	\$114	\$ 456
3rd child - 80% discount	\$ 76	\$ 304
4th child - no charge	\$ 0	\$ 0

A 20% discount applies to the first child fee where there is a Sibling in an Archdiocesan Secondary College.

CCSBF Contribution 2019 Per Family

Per Term - \$173 Per Annum - \$692

Over the coming weeks I will be looking very closely at our school budget so that our local fees can be finalised.

God bless
Carmel Maguire
Principal

VALUE FOCUS - Forgiveness

The Bible's Answer to Forgiveness

Forgiveness is the act of pardoning an offender. In the Bible, the Greek word translated "forgiveness" literally means "to let go," as when a person does not demand payment for a debt. Jesus used this comparison when he taught his followers to pray: "Forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is in debt to us." (Luke 11:4) Likewise, in his parable of the unmerciful slave, Jesus equated forgiveness with cancelling a debt.—Matthew 18:23-35.



We forgive others when we let go of resentment and give up any claim to be compensated for the hurt or loss we have suffered. The Bible teaches that unselfish love is the basis for true forgiveness, since love "does not keep account of the injury."—1 Corinthians 13:4, 5.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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



Our Mission fundraiser raised \$431.00 this year. Thank you to everyone who wore their crazy sock to school.

Day for Daniel - Friday 23 November

In week 6 the Social Justice Team will be holding a "Day for Daniel" to focus our attention on child safety. Students are invited to wear an item of red clothing with their uniform and donate a gold coin. You can also visit the website to access the resources available to educate your children. <https://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/>



TEACHING AND LEARNING

Swimming Program – Kindergarten – Year 2

Children from Kinder, Year One and Year Two will participate in the Gungahlin Leisure Centre Swimming Program starting next week. This valuable program is part of St Monica's Physical Education curriculum and forms part of our assessment for Term 4. Swimming dates are Week 4 – Tuesday 6 November to Friday 9 November and Week 5 – Tuesday 13 November to Friday 16 November.

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 – **Monday at lunchtime**, lessons for Years 3 – 6 – **Thursday at lunchtime**.

Book Fair

We will be holding a Scholastics Book Fair during Week 5. The Book Fair will be in the Library and open from 8.30am to 9am Tuesday to Friday mornings and Monday to Friday from 3.10pm until 3.45pm in the afternoons. On Thursday afternoon it will be open from 2.30pm onwards for parents wishing to do some early Christmas shopping. If you are able to help with setting up, packing up, assisting shoppers at the fair or at the checkout please let me know. - Veronica Melville



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.

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.



The School Council Executive approved the follow **SMOOSH fees for 2019**.

BSC Perm \$16.00 BSC Casual \$18.00 ASC Perm \$28.00 ASC Casual \$30.00

VAC \$65 plus excursions

The fee increases are necessary to cover the ongoing cost of salaries and the employment of the required level of skilled staff to ensure our program meets industry standards.

SMOOSH News- Enrolments for 2019

We kindly ask all families to please take the time to complete the forms with due diligence and ensure the required documents are attached to all submissions. This year SMOOSH are asking all our families to fill out a whole new enrolment form to ensure that we have up to date information as there have been some changes to enrolment form requirements.

When submitting your form, please take note that we will be checking the forms on the spot to ensure the following:

1. All areas have been completed correctly
2. CRN- have been provided
3. Required documents are attached (e.g Medical Records, Action Plans ect.)
4. At least 1 emergency contact has been given
5. ICT forms are filled out and attached

6. Immunisation records are attached

Please note:

We will not be accepting any enrolment forms if not completed correctly or relevant documents are not attached. We understand that this may create hardship for our families, but we would like to work with you to ensure that we make this process as easy and smooth as possible. If you have any concerns or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the centre.

In order to enter your enrolment for next year, all fees must be up to date. If you hand in a completed enrolment form and still have overdue fees, your enrolment will not be entered until this is taken care of. Molly or Taylor will contact you if there are any issues with entering enrolments.

When handing in enrolment forms, we ask that these are only handed to Molly, Taylor or Scarlet. Any other staff members will be unable to receive them.

While we can sympathize in these times we also need to ensure that we comply with Education and Care Services National Regulation by ensuring that we work together in keeping your child safe when in our care.

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 23 November – 12.45pm - led by 3/4C in the School Hall.

Class Awards for Weeks 3, 4, 5 and 6 and Star and Pride Badges will be presented.



	Value Award Forgiveness	Class Award Religion
KGO	Abigail N	Adriano A
KR	Iyinoluwa A	Piero C
1B	Zarah L	Cooper A
1E	Lily H	Arabella A
1HV	Saket D	Lachlan J
2D	Will A-C	Alaina S
2MR	Vsevolod K	Sophie B
3L	Levi T	Sam G
3M	Samantha S	Bailey G
3/4C	Tomas G	Alex C
4R	Lexi R	Arabelle S
4VB	Jack R	Ella K
5W	Nellie B	Riley H
5WD	Lillian B	Kate S
5/6M	Sam C	Matthew Mc
6E	Brooke M	Anyieth A
6F	Marcus D	Lachlan R
St Monica's Stars – Lily H (1E) – 1st star, - Gabe J (3/4C) – 2nd star, Maria K (3/4C) – 2nd star, Dita S (5WD) – 4th star		
Pride Badges		

Happy Birthday to the following students



HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
Kindy	Abigail N
Year 1	Emma N, Patrick I
Year 2	Tyler B
Year 4	Cooper W
Year 6	Melanie R

CANTEEN CORNER

Roster for Term 4, Week 4

MONDAY 5/11/18	Vacancy
TUESDAY 6/11/18	Evelyn David-Hoole
WEDNESDAY 7/11/18	Angela Herbert
THURSDAY 8/11/18	Daniela Agnello
FRIDAY 9/11/18	Wilma Hird, Tracy D/Ambrosio, Wendy Regan



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Sam Manning – Canteen Manager – 62584687

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