

St Monica's News

Term 4 – Week 4 – 8 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

This is a busy time of year when many parents ask about staff for 2019. We are currently interviewing as various staff accept appointments in other schools. It is with sadness that we will be farewelling

- Bridgette McCann who has accepted a full time position at St Michael's Kaleen
- Amanda Verrier who is taking up a coordinator's position at Merici College
- Denise Duck who has chosen to retire
- Stacey Wellings has accepted a 12-month contract at Holy Spirit, Nicholls
- Taylor Evans is moving north to be closer with family.

I can confirm the following appointments at St Monica's

- Luke Donnelly (St Joseph's O'Connor) – Assistant Principal
- Ryan Matchett (St Gregory's, Queanbeyan) – Coordinator
- Liz Foster – Permanent – Coordinator
- Jacinda Vaughan – Permanent - Classroom Support Teacher

We held our last Netball meeting on Monday evening and the committee are delighted to report that we raised \$22 000 from the carnival. What a fabulous result considering we only managed to operate for half the day. A huge thank you to the amazing crew!

Sunday, 11 November 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). One hundred years ago, the guns of the Western Front fell silent after four years of continuous warfare. In the four years of the war more than 330,000 Australians had served overseas, and more than 60,000 of them had died. The social effects of these losses cast a long shadow over the post-war decades. Each year on this day Australians observe one minute's silence at 11am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. St Monica's will mark Remembrance Day with a ceremony, led by 6E which will be held in the School Hall on Monday 12 November at 10.30am.

Please remember to speak to your children about stranger danger. We had an issue while the Year 5 children who were walking to tennis and during their session over the last 2 weeks; a gentleman was hanging around the tennis courts. While we contacted the police no further action has been reported. Additional staff will be accompanying the children tomorrow and the Tennis Centre has also been notified to advise if they see the gentleman in the vicinity again.

God bless
Carmel Maguire
Principal

Discover the Heart



**SAFE, RESPONSIBLE
AND RESPECTFUL
LEARNERS**

LEARNING FOCUS

Be Responsible
Self-Concept

Believe in your own
ability. Know that you
can do it if you try
hard.



SOCIAL FOCUS

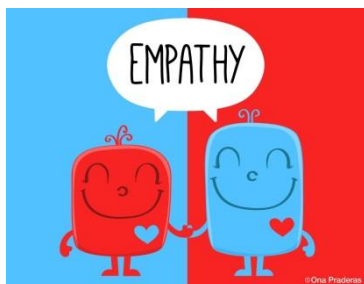
Be Safe

Play safe games

We play safely on the
playground. This
means we are
considerate of others
and play by the rules.



VALUE FOCUS - Empathy



Empathy is our focus value for the next three weeks. It ties in well with our theme *Discover the Heart*, because when we empathise with others we develop our own ability to be emotionally aware. Empathy is more than just feeling sorry for someone, it is really listening to them with your heart and trying to walk a mile in their shoes. Jesus was the epitome of empathy, He came to earth to walk in human shoes and share our human experience.

Jervis writes,

"What is remarkable about God's Son is that he empathizes not only with humanity but also with God in the world. That is, it is not simply that Jesus is Son of God who empathizes with human experience. He is that. But he is also Son of God who empathizes with God's experience of

seeking to be heard by human beings."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Reconciliation Parent Child Evening
6pm Thursday 8 November
St Monica's School- In the Year 3/4 Hub

*Christmas Carols
&
Family Picnic*



Save the Date

Thursday 6 December 6pm
St Monica's Oval

Students from Kinder to Year 2 will be performing a Nativity play and the Choir and Year 3-6 students will join in with some Carols.

Bring a picnic or purchase something tasty from the BBQ!

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/>



Sounds Write – Spelling Approach at St Monica's

Sounds-Write is a quality first phonics programme. Its purpose is to provide classroom professionals with a comprehensive system with which to teach reading, spelling and writing. The training is high quality and all staff use consistent methods to teach phonics, reading and spelling effectively. Skills are taught explicitly and pupils demonstrate confidence and success from the outset.

Last week we had James Lyra an expert teacher on the phonics spelling program Sounds Write visit and model lessons for our teachers and students, to guide and enhance the implementation of this spelling approach at St Monica's.

The teachers felt affirmed that they were doing a great job in implementing this approach across K-4. Our students enjoyed activities to support the learning of blending and segmenting sounds in words. Our older students were challenged to spell some more complex words with multiple syllables.

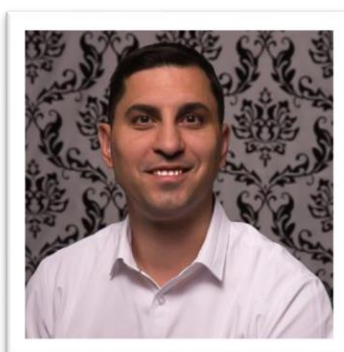
Please have a look at the link below to watch a video clip on Sounds Write and find out about this approach that we have begun using. We are pleased to see that our data shows improvement in spelling words and the attainment of new skills.



Bridgette McCann English Coordinator

Have a look at this link: <https://www.sounds-write.co.uk/page-96-video.aspx>

James Lyra



Musica Viva Performance

This term in Music we have been learning about the group Makukuhan and listening to their Indonesian instruments. Tomorrow the whole school will attend a performance to learn more about their culture and experience their sounds and instruments. The name Makukuhan comes from a Javanese legend, which explains the origin of rice. They play music using various traditional instruments from different regions of Indonesia including Java and Bali. The group consists of three musicians of Indonesian background who now live in Australia.

The music of Makukuhan reflects the experience of its members in Australia and Indonesia and also the rich culture of its Indonesian roots. Their repertoire features music for percussion instruments, embracing a variety of styles.



Swimming Program – Kindergarten – Year 2

Children from Kinder, Year One and Year Two are participating in the Gungahlin Leisure Centre Swimming Program that started this 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.

Book Fair

We will be holding a Scholastics Book Fair next week. 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@cgcatholic.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 following **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 etc)
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 sympathise 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 19 November – led by 4VB - 9.10am in Church

Value Awards for Weeks 4 and 5 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.



Happy Birthday to the following students

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
Kindy	Zander R
Year 3	Diego C
Year 5	Katie R, Will C, Jasper M
Year 6	Sophie H

	Value Award Empathy	Class Award Mathematics
KGO	Archie N	Giorgio P
KR	Taylor H	Daniel H
1B	Brando B	Jett S
1E	Natalie R	Elliott B
1HV	Hamish C	Ostin D
2D	Sophie C	Mason N
2MR	Jack P	Mitchell B
3L	Maddie R	Joshua Mc
3M	Jye L	Jacob M
3/4C	Ben B	Daniel I
4R	Conner H	Clancy P
4VB	Alexandra B	Josephine H
5W	Imogen H	Gabriel H
5WD	Gabrielle C	Maddie N
5/6M	Coco B	Sam C
6E	Bailey A	Thomas B
6F	Millie W	Paul S
St Monica's Stars – Nicola B (1E) – 2 nd star, Daniel I (3/4C) – 1 st star, Archie E (3/4C) – 3 rd star, Lexi R (4R) – 3 rd star, Joshua Mc (3L) – 5 th star, Lachlan B (4VB) – 2 nd star, Tulli H (4VB) – 3 rd star Pride Badges – Archie E (3/4C), Lexi R (4R), Chloe D (4VB), Tulli H (4VB)		

Music News - AMEB Piano Exam Results

Congratulations to the following students who did very well in their recent piano exams - Hannah D-H (6F) - Grade 4 – Credit, Mary D-H (4R) - First Grade – Credit, Joseph O (5WD) - Preliminary – Credit, Sarah D-H (2D) - P-Plate Piano. Well done all. A fantastic effort!!

CANTEEN CORNER

Roster for Term 4, Week 5

MONDAY 12/11/18	Vacancy
TUESDAY 13/11/18	Evelyn David-Hoole
WEDNESDAY 14/11/18	Vacancy
THURSDAY 15/11/18	June Manning
FRIDAY 16/11/18	Vacancy, June Manning, Wendy Regan, Katrina Ciampa



Sam Manning – Canteen Manager – 62584687

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Youth Ministry in Belconnen

We have a new **Junior Youth Group** at St Vincent's and St Matthew's Parish for primary school aged students in Years 3-6. We meet on the 3rd Saturday afternoon of the month prior to evening Mass at 4.45pm at St Vincent's Church, Aranda. It is a group to make friends and learn more about faith in a fun and safe environment. Our first meet up will be on 17 November. Contact Sarah.Larkin@cq.org.au.

Also the **Agape Youth Group**, for young people at school in Years 7-12 meet after the 6pm Mass at St John's Kippax on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. This group is a way for young people to learn about the church and deepen their faith together. Contact Jake.Wenger@sfx.act.edu.au or 0431797644.

Journey in Faith is a young adults' group for 18-30 year old's who are interested in growing their faith and forming friendships with other like-minded people. We meet at St Monica's, Evatt on Saturday 1 December. Contact Katie at Kaitlyn.Golding@sfx.act.edu.au.

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 ljida52@hotmail.com or gregoryacademy.com. 6 lessons for only \$50. www.gregoryacademyirishdance.com.au.

Family Photo Day – St John the Apostle Primary School Florey

[St John the Apostle Primary School](#) in Florey is running a family photo day at the school on both Sat 17 Nov and Sun 18 Nov with [Laura Jean photography](#) and **anyone is welcome to come**. For only \$20 (and 30 minutes of your time) you can get a professional photo shoot and A4 family photo print. This is the best value family portrait on the market today and great to have as a gift for the grandparents.

To book your place simply go to our website at www.sjapsfundraising.online and select family photo booking from the menu or click [here](#).

You'll still be able to use your QKR app to pay, just select **St John the Apostle Primary School** from the **nearby locations**, then **Add profile** (enter your details and select Guest for year and Guest for class), scroll down to *Community Council Events* and select which day you have booked. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please email belinda.duke@hotmail.com.au