

St Monica's News

Term 4 – Week 5 – 15 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

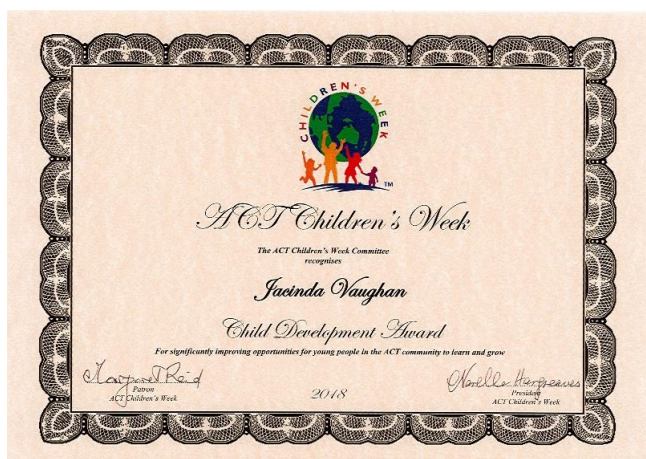
This week we continue to finalise our staffing with the following announcements approved for publication. Congratulation to Clare Battye on her permanent teaching appointment at St Monica's and to Claire Egan-Richards who has accepted a permanent teaching position at Sacred Heart, Pearce from 2019. Both teachers are very deserving of their appointments.

Children's Week Awards 2018

Each year the ACT Children's Week Committee receives nominations for Children's Week Awards to recognise people and organisations in the community who have 'made a difference' for children and young people, or young people who have been an example for others.

On behalf of the ACT Children's Week Committee, I am very pleased to advise that Mrs Jacinda Vaughan was nominated for a 2018 **Children Development Award**, for significantly improving young people's opportunities to learn and grow.

"Jacinda is tireless and passionate when it comes to achieving the best outcomes for children in her care. She goes above and beyond her role as Learning Support Coordinator, to ensure that she meets with parents and other stakeholders to achieve the best outcomes for children who may be struggling academically or socially within our school environment."



Congratulation Jacinda!

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.



Class Groups for 2019

Much care and deliberation occurs when forming our class groups. **Teachers are highly professional and have the main responsibility for placing their current students in the most appropriate class for next year.**

We aim for an equal spread of both positive and challenging characteristics when forming a class group. Every care will be taken to ensure that your child is placed in the best situation to enhance learning and social development. All children are considered for placement in a multi-age class as that is a part of our school structure. We are now keeping a record of all children who are placed in a multi-age class to ensure placement in a multi-age is shared fairly from year to year across all families.

Confidential concerns should be brought to Carmel Maguire's attention in writing, by **Wednesday 21 November**, even if raised in previous years. General concerns should be raised with your child's teacher. As Principal, I will make the final decision on all class placements. Late requests are very difficult to consider once groups are finalised.

God bless
Carmel Maguire
Principal

VALUE FOCUS - Empathy



At this time of year, we are often asked to reach out and give to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. It is important to do this giving with a sense of empathy- really making the effort to understand what others go through in their daily lives. This prayer helps us to be mindful of the need for deep understanding and empathy for others.

Please also keep the children making their Sacrament of Reconciliation next week in your prayers.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Reconciliation Retreat Day- Friday 16 November
All Year 3 students can wear free dress – St Monica's School in the Hall.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 21 November – St Monica's Church 6pm
Thursday 22 November St Michael's Church 6pm

*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/>



TEACHING AND LEARNING

Remembrance Day at St Monica's

This Monday we gathered as a school to mark Remembrance Day, which was particularly important this year as it marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. The service was led by 6E and included many of the symbols we associate with Remembrance Day - the Australian flags, a slouch hat, military medals, poppies and a wreath made from flowers growing around our school. We also had Cpl Cohen, who is dressed in a replica of the uniform worn at the Battle of Lone Pine.

At the service we heard a short extract from a letter written on Armistice Day, 1918. On that day, 100 years ago, Gunner Dowling was writing to his mother about the weather, the letters he had received, and being a guard of prisoners of war when his letter was interrupted with news of the end of the war.



His letter stops mid-sentence to say: "By JOVE!!! Crikey!!! What shall I say? We've just had a breathless bombardier ... rush into the dugout, fall over the bed at the end and shout out some glorious news – can't repeat it, as it's strictly against orders to mention the subject ... but you first note the date! Only hope this is dinkum as he swears it is! What a God sent Christmas box for the world!"

We were also called to reflect what we can do to bring peace into our school and our world, though our actions and what we say. This was a timely reminder from Ms Maguire that we all have a part to play in ensuring that peace is maintained, not just on a global scale, but a local one too.

Lest We Forget.

Creative Arts News - Musica Viva

On Friday we had two performances from Makukuhan who shared their sounds of Indonesian music teaching the children how to count to 10 and the names of their instruments. Their show was very entertaining, filled with humour and amazing songs and dances that told stories from their culture.

Mrs Sarah Anderson



Year 6 2019 Leadership Announcements

We will formally announce, to the school, our leadership groups for 2019 on Monday at 1.00pm in the hall. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Every Chance to Dance

Yesterday the Year 1's, 2MR and Year 5's had a visit from Franco and Georgie from EC2D which is the online dance resource we have been using for the last two years. We impressed them with our dance moves and they lead some dance routines and asked for feedback for their program in the future.



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.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Parent Help Drop Off

A parent is looking for assistance some days after school for her children to be dropped off to MacDowall Street in Evatt for care. If you are able to help out, please call Nwanneka – 0488 937 797.

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.



	Value Award Empathy	Class Award Written Presentation of Work
KGO	Mia M	Tasharna S
KR	Natalia S	Lachlan F
1B	Charlie D	Olivia B
1E	Adriano M	Lily H
1HV	Joseph J	Xavier Mc
2D	Sarah D-H	Mya L
2MR	Drew G	Lillian F
3L	Ethan G	Chontelle L
3M	Lucy O	Anthony M
3/4C	Archie E	Rohan G
4R	Elspeth S	Raphael S
4VB	Aurelia S	Pyper M
5W	Jasper M	Jaidah T
5WD	Isabella S	Haylie F
5/6M	Rowan D	Holly V
6E	Katie F	Atiya W
6F	Anton den H	Hannah D-H
St Monica's Stars – Hamish Mc (KGO) – 1 st star, Aiden Mc (1HV) – 3 rd star		
Pride Badges – Aiden Mc (1HV)		

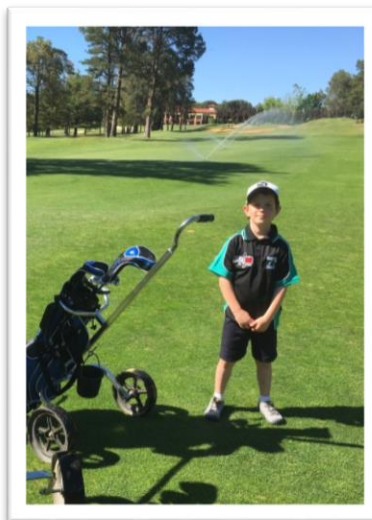
Happy Birthday to the following students



HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
Year 1	Gus O
Year 3	Alex C
Year 4	Laura G
Year 5	Sam G

Golfing News

Yaroslava K (5/6M) and Vsevolod K (2MR) who are part of team Belconnen Black won the Tyro Shield - ACT #1 on Sunday 11 November at the Royal Canberra Golf Club. The Tyro Shield is a 9 hole inter club 2-man Ambrose matchplay event for non-professional players aged approximately 8 -12 years of age. Congratulations Yaroslava and Vsevolod!!



CANTEEN CORNER

Roster for Term 4, Week 5

MONDAY 19/11/18	Vacancy
TUESDAY 20/11/18	Evelyn David-Hoole
WEDNESDAY 21/11/18	Angela Herbert
THURSDAY 22/11/18	Daniela Agnello
FRIDAY 23/11/18	Wilma Hird, Jenny Fulivai, June Manning, Wendy Regan, Katrina Ciampa

Preferred Payment Method



Sam Manning – Canteen Manager – 62584687

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

Catholic Care – The Journey through Adolescence

The Program is called The Resourceful Adolescent Program for Parents (RAP-P). This program is suitable for parents and carers of children attending primary school years 5 & 6 and secondary school students attending years 7-12. The course is offered 3 hours per week for a 3 week period. Dates – Monday 26 November, 3 December, 10 December – Time – 6.00pm-9.00pm. Venue is 57 Hicks Street Red Hill. For registration and enquiries – 1800 068 0698. Fee - \$50.00 includes light supper and course materials. Bookings are essential.