



St Monica's News

Term 4 – Week 6 – 22 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

It is hard to believe we are now in the second half of the term. This week I attended Siloam held at Galong with other Principals. This is an overnight retreat for Principals which occurs three times a year. It is our opportunity to connect as Catholic leaders and have time away from the school setting to reflect on the influence and impact we have on our school communities.

You may recall at the start of the year we indicated three specific areas we were focusing on for 2018. Firstly, improving our ability to analysis and interpret the data we collect on student's achievement to inform our teaching practice. Secondly, ensuring that resourcing within the school is targeted and student centred and lastly, that we are systematic in our delivery of curriculum

I am pleased to inform you that we have made gains in these three areas. We have worked hard to track student achievement and to focus on individual needs. We will continue with this next year, allowing more time for staff to analyse student achievement as a staff group, ensuring all students are being supported and challenged. With our internal areas refurbished we are now focusing on our outdoors spaces. This year we have focused on our plans with work to occur in 2019 with the additional of solar panels. We have also changed our approach to the additional support that classes and students receive to ensure it is used more effectively. Lastly, all staff have work to develop a better understanding of the Australian Curriculum particularly in Mathematic, Spelling and connecting content through Inquiry.

As we approach the end of the year the Canteen has limited stock available as we begin to wind down. There are some items on our menu that will not be available. **Final day for lunch orders from Canteen is Friday 14 December.** The Canteen is closed for lunch orders during **Week 10**. Window sales at recess and lunch will only be available.

A serious reminder that the school staff car park **IS NOT** a drop off point for children in the mornings. Over the last few weeks there has been an increase in the number of children being dropped off in this car park. Please use Blacktop, Chomley St, Montagu Place or underpass as drop off points.

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

Please give generously with a sense of empathy to our St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal this year. There are many families who find this time of year a struggle and it gives us so much joy as a school community to share with others who are less fortunate.

Each year our local St Vincent de Paul Conference puts together over fifty hampers for local families and individuals who are in need of assistance at this time. The Conference always asks for donations of non-perishable foods as they try to provide a Christmas dinner from the items in the hamper. We have a very specific list of requirements so we are asking each year groups to bring certain items. **If possible, please add these items to your shopping list.** Our appeal was launched on Monday. Each classroom has a basket for the items provided

School Staff – tinned hams

Kinder- tinned salmon, Christmas Bon Bons

Yr 1- Xmas puddings, minced pies and fruit tarts,

Yr 2 - long life custard, packets of jelly crystals

Yr 3- sweet and savoury biscuits, packets of muesli bars/fruit bars

Yr 4 - tinned vegetables and fruit eg, tinned potatoes, tinned carrots, tinned peas, tinned corn, tinned beetroot, tinned pineapple, tinned fruits, tinned fruit salad

Yr 5 - packets of pasta, packets of chips/pretzels/popcorn/plain and coloured

Yr 6 - boxes/packets of chocolates (without nuts)/ bottle of drink/cordial



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Congratulations to all the children who made their First Reconciliation this week at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish! I was so proud of how reverent the students were during the prayer service.

Thank you to the teachers for their efforts preparing the children

*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!

All pre-orders from the Canteen need to be done through Qkr by 9am Tuesday 4 December.

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

Bookfair

Thank you to everyone who supported the library by purchasing books from the book Fair. A special thank you to Kaye and Marie for their assistance with serving people and setting up.

Congratulations to our prize winners - Lucky door : Miss Rheinberger, Aiden, Giuseppe and Tulli, Scavenger Hunt: Isabella, Nicholas, Lachlan and Tulli .

Library Borrowing

The end of year is fast approaching and the time to gather all library resource ready for end of year procedures. There will be no borrowing after Friday 6 December and all books will need to be returned by Monday 10 December. If there are any library books that have been at home for a while it would be greatly appreciated if you could return them in the next couple of weeks. If you have any questions please contact me - Veronica Melville

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Community Council News

As we near the end of the year and are increasingly weary. The Community council just wanted to give a shout- out and thank you to some of our tireless volunteers!! First off to the ladies who keep our kids looking smick!!

We are fortunate to have Heather Brazel, Gemma Hansen and Keir Lawless to run our uniform shop, which provides the school community with the facility to purchase school uniforms locally and at a cheaper rate than the retail uniform shops. Additional to the shop opening times, uniforms can be ordered via Qkr with free home delivery via your child (that's free postage!!). We are thankful for this service and the profits which come back to our school. The job these ladies undertake is no mean feat with shop sales in the last financial year alone exceeding \$32,000.

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS SALE! - The St Monica's 40th Birthday Family Cookbook - now just \$20!

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 or via QKR. Cost of book is now \$20 only! What a great gift for family and friends!

School Banking

Please note – Next Tuesday's banking is the last week for placing orders for rewards to be received this year. Orders for rewards placed after 30 November will not be sent out until Term 1 next year.



AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Next School Prayer – Monday 26 November – led by 5W - 9.10am in Church.

Value Awards for Week 6 will be presented.

Next Assembly – Friday 23 November – 12.45pm - led by 3L 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 Teacher Choice
KGO	Chloe W	Lachlan D, Ciresa K
KR	Eden L	Adeline B
1B	Cooper D	Toby Mc
1E	Elliott B	Jerome S
1HV	Emma O	Joshua S
2D	Alaina S	Eamon F
2MR	Cameron H	Luca C
3L	Annabelle F	Zoe O
3M	Michael H	Scarlett B
3/4C	Emily R	Harry B
4R	Alani A	Gabriella F
4VB	Sam J	Mackenzie B
5W	Olivia S	Elyse S
5WD	TBA	TBA
5/6M	Annabel L	Yaroslava K
6E	Katie B	Nicholas I
6F	Lillian C	Sophie H

St Monica's Stars – Jett S (1B) – 1st star, Olivia B (1B) – 1st star, Patrick H (1E) – 1st star, Emma T (3/4C) – 4th star, Amber M (3/4C) – 4th star, Annabelle F (3L) – 4th star, Ethan G (3L) – 3rd star, Clara A (6F) – 6th star, Anton den H (6F) – 3rd star, Daniel E (6F) – 3rd star, Ryan G (6F) – 4th star, Sophie H (6F) – 6th star, Blake O (6F) – 4th star, Byron P (6F) – 6th star, Lachlan R (6F) – 4th star, Paul S (6F) – 6th star

Pride Badges – Ethan G (3L), Chloe D (4VB), Anton den H (6F), Daniel E (6F), Sophie H (6F), Paul S (6F), Clara A (6F), Byron P (6F)

Happy Birthday to the following students



HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
Year 3	Siena D, Emily R, Finn D
Year 5	Matthew Mc, Harry P
Year 6	Holly V

CANTEEN CORNER

Sam Manning – Canteen Manager - 62584687

Roster for Term 4, Week 6

MONDAY 26/11/18	Vacancy
TUESDAY 27/11/18	Evelyn David-Hoole
WEDNESDAY 28/11/18	Vacancy
THURSDAY 29/11/18	June Manning
FRIDAY 30/11/18	June Manning, Wendy Regan



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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.