



St Monica's News

Term 4 – Week 7 – 29 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

Last night the St Monica's Community Council finalised the school budget and levies for 2019. A detailed information sheet will be sent home early next week outlining the various increases that will ensure we continue to provide a quality education for the children, excellent facilities and rich and engaging professional learning for the staff.

Staffing changes and appointments continue to be finalised for 2019. Congratulations to Katarina Markovic on achieving a permanent teaching position at St Monica's. This week Ted Dunstan accepted a 12 month exchange to Mt Carmel School, Yass and Sarah Anderson accepted a 12 month exchange to St Michael's Primary, Kaleen. Both Ted and Sarah were keen to move closer to home and used the opportunity of the CE teacher exchange program to gain experience in another school. Both teachers have given much to St Monica's and will be missed in 2019.

Following recent interviews and panel selection we will welcome Hannah Dewey and June Edwards to the staff in 2019. Alissa Pearson will be joining the staff for two days a week to maintain our current Musica and Drama program.

Following a review of our overall student numbers for 2019 we have opted for the following school structure

K x 2 classes, Yr 1 x 2 classes, Year 2 x 3 classes,
Year 3 x 2 classes, Multiage 3&4, Year 4 x 2 classes,
Year 5 x 3 classes & Year 6 x 2 classes

Please advise, as soon as possible, if you are not returning next year. For our records we do require the name of the school your child/ren will transfer to.

We will be lighting up the BBQ prior to carols so families can enjoy the company of others prior to our carols and nativity next Thursday. BBQ items will be available from 5.00pm.

Hope to see you at carols next week.

God bless
Carmel Maguire
Principal

Discover the Heart



**SAFE, RESPONSIBLE
AND RESPECTFUL
LEARNERS**

LEARNING FOCUS

Be Responsible

Questioning

Asking thoughtful questions about your learning helps you understand and improve.



SOCIAL FOCUS

Be Responsible

Report things that
don't make us feel
safe

We all have the right to feel safe all the time. Nothing is so bad that we cannot tell someone about it.



VALUE FOCUS - Thanksgiving



Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of Thanksgiving.
W.T. Purdie

Colossians 3:17

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Our value for the remainder of the year is **Thanksgiving**. At this time of the year it is wonderful to reflect on all the blessings in our lives and be thankful for all we have and how lucky we are. We also think about our challenges and how they have helped us to grow throughout the year. It is the time of year when we reach out to those less fortunate than ourselves- please remember to give generously to our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

*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.

BBQ starts at 5pm



2018 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

You and your loved ones are most welcome to join us at any of the following Christmas events

'SIMBANG GABI' (9 nights of Masses prior to Christmas)

From 15 - 23 December - 8pm
@ St Monica's (Evatt)

24 DECEMBER (Monday / Christmas Eve)

St Michael's (Kaleen) - 6pm
St Monica's (Evatt) - 6pm

25 DECEMBER (Tuesday / Christmas Day)

St Michael's (Kaleen) - 8am
St Monica's (Evatt) - 10am



ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

2 Tyrrell Circuit
Kaleen, ACT



ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Deffell Street
Evatt, ACT

For other Catholic Christmas Mass times in the Canberra Archdiocese, go to www.cg.org.au

Bring Your Own Device – Year 4 – 6 and optional still for Year 3

With technology developing at such a fast rate, it is easy to feel a little overwhelmed and unsure about its possibilities. This information sheet aims to help parents with the transition into the BYODD program at St Monica's.

In 2019, the BYODD program will continue to be implemented in Years 4-6. *Should the purchasing of an iPad place a burden on a family's finances please speak to Carmel Maguire, as soon as possible. We do have a small bank of iPads available for use by families experiencing difficulties in Years 4 to 6.*

Students in Year 3 will have an option to bring their own device if they wish. We will move to the BYODD program for year 3 in the future. Year 3 students will have access to a bank of iPads to be shared throughout the week. *Students in the multi-age will be given the opportunity to access an iPad regularly to complement the class program, should they opt not to bring their own device. Parents will need to discuss this option once the class lists are published.*

Why BYODD?

With the National School STEM Education Strategy (2015) and the development of the Australian National Technologies Curriculum, technology subjects have become a focus in education. Consistent with this research, industry surveys show that STEM literacy is increasingly becoming part of the core capabilities that Australian employers need. In order to carry out authentic learning tasks with technology, it is important students are equipped with the right tools. The school has iPads available to students however the CE has a policy that all IT hardware be replaced every 5 years if we want access to technical support for hardware. This creates a big cost to the school and still does not provide the ideal 1:1 ratio of students to devices. Our school IT budget is also going towards apps for school owned devices, new laptops, Wi-Fi and other technologies like robots and STEM resources. By implementing the BYODD program, students have the tools they need to engage in individualised learning and having access to school work at home. We will also be reporting on Technology outcomes from the Australian Curriculum in our school reports in 2019.

What are the technical requirements of BYODD at St Monica's?

Minimum Specifications if purchasing

We are asking students to bring Apple iPad devices only. If purchasing, we are recommending Education IPAD 9.7 WI-FI 32GB. This is the ideal model however other iPad models will be compatible (*This is the same model that SFX are recommending to their Year 7 students from 2018*). The iPad must have a durable cover, preferably with a keyboard. Earlier iOS will work, but may limit the effectiveness of some



Further information will be sent home regarding Apps next week.

Class Groups 2019

Planning for 2019 is now my key focus with teachers focusing on the formation of class groups next year. When considering class placement, the teachers will consider the following: gender balance; learning styles; learning difficulties; enrichment needs; work habits; social needs; health considerations; emotional needs; behaviour considerations and other relevant issues.

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.** Where appropriate, advice will be sought from the Classroom Support Teacher, School Counsellor, etc during this process. Parents should advise their child's teacher of any issues or friendships concerns.



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.

END OF YEAR DATES

Wednesday 5 December

Thanksgiving Mass at 9.30am

Thursday 6 December

Carols Family Night

Thursday 13 December

*Year 6 End of Year Liturgy Celebration &
Supper at 6.30pm*

Monday 17 December

*Passing of the Light Ceremony at
12.30pm*

Tuesday 18 December

Final Assembly for 2018 at 12.00pm

Thursday 20 December

Year 6 Fun Day

Friday 21 December

Final day for 2018

All concerns should have been brought to Carmel Maguire's attention in writing, by **now**. As Principal, she will make the final decision on all class placements.

Students will be informed of their class placement for 2018 on Wednesday of the last week of school and provided the opportunity to spend some time with their new class teacher.

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

My Time at St Monica's – Reflection By Clara Andino

I remember my first day at school I was crying because I didn't want to go. I didn't have many friends and I didn't know much at all. I luckily had a wonderful kindergarten teacher, Mrs Sydney. She helped me learn how to write my first sentence and taught me how to count up to 100. I always looked up to the year six buddies and always wanted to be one. I was always afraid of the chair fairy in Mrs Sydney class, the fairy would take your chair if you didn't tuck it in.

The next year I had Miss Kenniff she was the one who taught me how to do a round off and how to write neatly. I made so many friends and my best friend was Montana. Swimming was the best in year one, we would have so much fun swimming at the AIS. I had so much fun at the 'Back in Time' dance concert at the end of the year.

In Year 2 I had the wonderful Mrs Duck and Mrs Houghton. I loved the fun excursion to Calthorpes House. I remembered all of the fun activities we did. I loved acting out plays in front of the whole class. That year I made so many friendships.

Year 3 was soooooo much fun! My teacher was the funniest teacher I had ever met. Her name was Miss Dubois. I remember going to Lanyon and I had so much fun pretending to be convicts. I loved getting prizes from the prize box, that was the best. We loved to tell jokes in the class, it was the best. We did Reconciliation that year and I was really scared but it was fine after all. I was so excited when I heard that my teacher used to work at 'Healthy Harold.'

Year 4 was the best class ever, we would trade stationery with each other. I was really excited when I was given my pen license, I told my Mum straight away! I met my best friends in year four, we even made a group name called "Goosebusters". I was so excited for my First Communion .

In Year 5 our class was so close, I was in a multi-age class which means it's a mix of grades. This was the first year we went to camp. Camp was the best and we did fun outside activities, my favourite activity was the assault course where we would do obstacles in mud and work as a team. My team worked really well with each other and we came first out of all teams.

I was really close to the Year Sixes in my class and I've always looked up to them. I was very sad when they graduated.

Now here I am in Year 6, about to graduate. Looking back at all the years and telling myself how lucky I am, lucky to have a good education, lucky to have great friends, family and teachers. I have the most adorable, friendliest buddy ever! I hope that she will grow up to be a great Year Six leader. I've had so many memories in year six going to camp, getting confirmed, doing the play and hanging out with all my friends.

Now I'm scared to leave school, scared to leave my friends and teachers. I have so many memories here that I don't want to lose. I'm leaving to become a better person and to make new friendships.

"Graduation isn't the end it's the beginning" - Orrin Hatch

My Time at St Monica's – Reflection by Anton den Hartog

I have loved Saint Monica's ever since I came here in Year 4. I love everything we do, learn and try. I came all the way from the Netherlands and it's so different. I LOVE IT!

Year 4 (2016) When I first came to St. Monica's in Year 4 it was daunting but really exciting at the same time. My teacher was Mrs Carswell and I came at the same time as one of my best friends: Daniel. On my first day we had a presentation about Aboriginal music. We went to Questacon and learned about liquid nitrogen. I was chosen to be in Mugga house. I also got my buddy called Zac. Something really new was using iPads at school. Year 4 was different but AMAZING!

Year 5 (2017) In Year 5 my teacher was Mr Mac. I really liked him. He wrote all the Year 5/6 homework and it was really fun homework. I made a friend in Year 6 called Joe. I got a part in the play called Super Stan. I was the boogey man. I went to my first carnival –the swimming carnival, the athletics carnival and the cross country carnival. I also went to my first ever camp. I went to the tip to learn about sustainability. It was AMAZING! My buddy was Massimo and then Emmett. In Year 5 I learned the importance of school and how important it is to finish my work.

Year 6 (2018) I did a lot of things in Year 6. I went to camp and went dragon boating on Lake Jindabyne. I met a new friend called Marcus. My teacher is Miss Mahoney who married and became Mrs Foster. We also had Mrs Dykes. She was a really nice teacher but she left. We went to Questacon to learn about natural disasters. I also did Confirmation. It is a Sacrament where we received the

Holy Spirit. I got chosen to be in the tech team and we had to make yearbook pages. I worked on the Confirmation pages. I got a part in the play as King Richard or Dicky. The play was called Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies. In Year 6 I learnt how important it is to check my work and organise my time.

I really look forward to high school and making new friends. I have had a really amazing time here and I will never forget primary school. THANK YOU St. MONICA'S!!!

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Community Council Members

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Evan Thomas for his efforts over the last 6 years on Council. Evan held the position of Treasurer and then Council Chair. I have valued his leadership and advice during this time. Many thanks to Gabrielle Blair for her contribution to Council.

School Veggie Patch



Our garden patch was transformed on the weekend and it looks amazing. There is so much more room to move. Thank you to Caroline Weller for rallying the troops!! The team did a wonderful job. I am sure you would agree.

Call for Garden watering helpers over summer ... and free herbs and vegies!

Our vegetable patch and community herb garden will be re-planted over the next few weeks so the kids can have plenty of fun in coming months and provide tomatoes and zucchinis for the canteen. Families are welcome all year round to collect herbs from the community herb garden to use in their meals at home. It is located near the blacktop collection point. The basil will be available during summer! To ensure we'll have loads of produce to share next term, we need help watering them over the school holidays and through February.

If you are available to help water, please contact Gabrielle Blair via email gabblair703@gmail.com or on 0434 273 355 with the dates you are free. It will take about 30 minutes and any ripe produce on your watering days are yours to take home! - Thanks very much for your support! - St Monicas Garden team (new members most welcome)

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!



AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Next School Prayer – Monday 10 December – led by 2D - 9.10am in Church.

Value Awards for Weeks 7 and 8 will be presented.

Next Assembly – Friday 30 November – 12.45pm - led by Year 6 in the School Hall.

Class Awards for Week 7 and Star Badges will be presented. **Pride Badges will not be presented tomorrow.**



	Value Award Thanksgiving	Class Award Creativity – Visual Arts
KGO	Cooper R	Adelina S
KR	Adeline B	Joshua D
1B	Jake W	Tessa S
1E	Freya S	Aria G
1HV	Aidan H	Coco T
2D	Marley B	Brock S
2MR	Evie K	Joel M
3L	Giuseppe C	Antonia H
3M	Aiden S	Evan L
3/4C	Amber M	Gabby W
4R	Isobel C	Mikayla T
4VB	Sophie S	Sam J
5W	Annie R	Jasper M
5WD Wk 6	Torren F	Sienna H
5WD Wk 7	Dita S	Isabella L
5/6M	Alicia Mc	Montana M
6E	Callie W	Katie F
6F	Lyndelle M	Ryan S

St Monica's Stars – Sophia R (1B) – 1st star, Blake M (2MR) – 2nd star, Emily R (3/4C) – 3rd star, Skyla L (3/4C) – 4th star, Gabriella F (4R) – 3rd star, Sebby D (5W) – 4th star, Imogen H (5W) – 3rd star
Pride Badges – Emily R (3/4C), Gabriella F (4R), Imogen H (5W)

Happy Birthday to the following students



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kindy	Emanuel S, Daniel H, Jesse S
Year 2	Marquez P, Anneliese L
Year 3	Bailey G, Antonia H
Year 6	Claudia G, Cooper B, Jorja J, Jett M

CANTEEN CORNER

Sam Manning – Canteen Manager - 62584687

Roster for Term 4, Week 8

MONDAY 3/12/18	Vacancy
TUESDAY 4/12/18	Evelyn David-Hoole
WEDNESDAY 5/12/18	Angela Herbert
THURSDAY 6/12/18	Daniela Agnello
FRIDAY 7/12/18	Jenny Fulivai, Wilma Hird, June Manning, Wendy Regan



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.

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.