



St Monica's News

Term 4 – Week 8 – 6 December 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

Apologies for the late newsletter. Last week proved to be very busy with a highlight being the beautiful evening of carols on the oval. Congratulations to our Kinder to Year 2 team with the help of Sarah Anderson and Amanda Verrier who all coordinated the special occasion. Special thanks to Sam Manning and helpers for a fabulous BBQ.



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.



School Prayer and Values Awards have been moved to Tuesday morning (11 December) in the church.

Mr Duncan has advised his parents via SeeSaw

Parent Teacher Interviews – Bookings Now Open!

Wednesday 12 December: 3.30-5.00pm

KGO – Thursday 13 December: 3.30-5.00pm

3L – Thursday 13 December: 3.30-5.00pm

1HV – Monday 17 December: 3.30-5.00pm

Limited appointments available

Book an appointment online: www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Or via our school website: <https://www.stmonicas.act.edu.au/parents>

(under **Links – Parents**)

Event Code: 7tjxe

School reports will be issued on Tuesday 11 December. Enclosed in the report is an overview of what has been assessed when grade levels were allocated.

Where parents have not spoken to the class teacher recently and you have a concern, the teachers have set aside some time in Week 9 to meet with parents. In the past we have not had many parents take up this opportunity. Should the allocated times all be filled please email your child's teacher or the office to advise you would like to make an

appointment. The teachers can also monitor the requests and open up additional times. Please check again on Monday afternoon.

Planning for 2019 is now my key focus. Please note that 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.

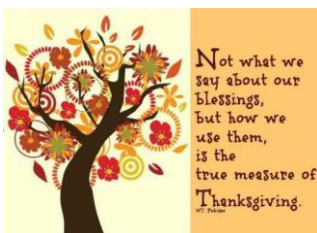
As the days disappear we have lots of event occurring around the school. We will have a Music Assembly on Friday 14 December. The children who attend Dancecore sessions will be presenting to the school on Thursday 13 December at 1.00pm in the school hall.

Congratulations to Ms Veronica Melville who, following a panel selection, has been appointment as Teacher Librarian at St Monica's. Now that the appointment is permanent Veronica will be able to shape our library program to reflect the changes occurring in the delivery of library sessions, to reflect the need for research skills and knowledge on how to seek out information using a variety of sources – books and online.

God bless
Carmel Maguire
Principal

VALUE FOCUS - Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving



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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



**A CHRISTMAS WITHOUT JOY
IS NO CHRISTMAS AT ALL**

END OF YEAR DATES

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

Thank you to all the people who have donated to our St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal in the spirit of thanksgiving. Donations can be brought in until Friday week 9- so please give generously!



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

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Library Books

All Library Books and Home Readers need to be returned to the Library by Monday 10 December 2018. There will be no more borrowing for 2018 as we prepare the Library for 2019.



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.

Congratulations to Alicia Prest, Fiona Steinberg and John Alston-Campbell who have been nominated to the **St Monica's Community Council**. I look forward to welcoming to our Council and working with them in the new year.

Fundraising @ St Monicas!

Here are St Monica's we have a group of dedicate parents who organise events and also in the process raise money for our school. The Community council has agreed to use these funds for some landscaping work on the west side of the school which will provide plenty of interesting spaces for the kids to explore and learn. We hope this work will occur towards the end of Term 1 2019.

Our fundraising team is led by Emma Howlett and includes Michelle Bowman (mother's day and father's day stall and mangoes), Angela Turnbull (Disco), Emma Shea and Lisa Simpson (Year 5&6 movie night) and Leah Platts and Emma Howlett (Triva night).

Also a big thank you to our extraordinary Fete team: Alicia Prest, Clare McPhillips, Keir Lawless, Kelly Gurn, Melissa Wrenford, Sarah O'Connor, Kaye Solari and Sue French. Thanks ladies for your enthusiasm, endless energy and immaculate planning. This year's fete raised \$30,980 for our school community. Thanks also to our treasurer Leanne Jonganeel and our stall holders (Emma Howlett, Esther Bogaart, Mel Brown, Andrea Bolitho, Jo Clark, Evelyn David-Hoole, Gemma Hansen, Leah Platts, Erin Cain, Louise and Paul Dykes, Caroline and Damien Weller, Vicki Walsh, Onur Cajina, Kathy Moir, David Jongeneel, Fiona Steinberg, Michelle Bowman, Wendy Regan, Cheryl Pole, Natalie Jasprizza, Renee Fleming, Brett Welsh, Jo Stephens, Dani Gale and Jasmin French.) without whom we could not have put on such a great day. Notwithstanding the long days, planning and sometimes manic rush our fete volunteers do have a great time and we're sure they would encourage as many people as possible to get involved next year!

Evelyn David-Hoole (Council Secretary)

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 – Tuesday 11 December – led by 2D - 9.10am in Church.

Value Awards for Weeks 7 and 8 will be presented.

Next Assembly – Friday 7 December – 1.00pm - led by 4VB in the School Hall.

Class Awards for Week 8 and Star and Pride badges will be presented.



Happy Birthday to the following students



	Value Award Thanksgiving	Class Award Humanities or Science
KGO	Alexis B	April A-C
KR	Marissa den H	Charlie C
1B	Flynn G	Princess U
1E	Aria G	Freya S
1HV	Sienna R	Emmett J
2D	Jack R	Violet P
2MR	Sophie B	Dallas M
3L	Darius C	Jade W
3M	Oscar G	Finn D
3/4C	Zane Mc	Anica P
4R	Harry C	Tyler S
4VB	Giorgia M	Angelino S
5W	Angelo F	Sophia M
5WD	Adrian S	Joshua R
5/6M	Matthew Mc	Ronald K
6E	Thomas B	Callie W
6F	Jorja J	Byron P

St Monica's Stars – Amour A (3L) – 2nd star, Jade W (3L) – 1st star, Isobel C (4R) – 3rd star, Zoe K (4R) – 2nd star, Isabella M (4R) – 2nd star, Mikayla T (4R) – 2nd star, Harry C (4R) – 2nd star, Lucia Mc (4R) – 2nd star, Caitlin M (4R) – 2nd star, Luke B (4R) – 4th star, Bethanie G (4R) – 1st star, Lilli P (4R) – 2nd star, Pyper M (4VB) – 4th star, Micaela M (4VB) – 3rd star, Ava P (4VB) – 2nd star, Remy D (4VB) – 3rd star, Giselle S (4VB) – 2nd star, Josephine H (4VB) – 3rd star, Claudia G (5/6M) – 4th star, Yaroslava K (5/6M) – 5th star, Domenic S (5/6M) – 4th star, Holly V-M (5/6M) – 2nd star

Pride Badges – Isobel C (4R), Micaela M (4VB), Remy D (4VB), Josephine H (4VB)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kindy	Adriano A
Year 1	Harley T
Year 2	Luca S
Year 3	Chase M
Year 5	Sienna H
Year 6	Anton den H

CANTEEN CORNER

Sam Manning – Canteen Manager - 62584687

Roster for Term 4, Week 9

MONDAY 10/12/18	Vacancy
TUESDAY 11/12/18	Evelyn David-Hoole
WEDNESDAY 12/12/18	Vacancy
THURSDAY 13/12/18	June Manning
FRIDAY 14/12/18	Tracy D'Ambrosio, 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.

The Parish of St. Joseph presents:

The Live Nativity

Tuesday 18 December, 8:30pm
(Carols from 8pm)

Live camels and other animals!

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH GROUNDS O'CONNOR

All welcome

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