

# 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

### Families Leaving

On Friday we farewelled the Sebastian family – Jerome (1E). We wish them all the best. Along with our Year 6 students we will be farewelling the follow families – McDonald family – Hamish (KGO) and Xavier (1HV), Inacio family – Christian (2D), Turnbull family – Harley (1B), Levi (3L) and Harley (5/6M), Flannery family – Lillian (2MR), Mitchell family – Blake (2MR) and Micaela (4VB), Darius C (3L), Chontelle L (3L), Whitfield family – Luke W (3/4C) and Atkins family – Mya (5WD).

### Passing of the Light

On Monday 11 December at 12.30pm the Year 6 students will pass on the light of responsibility to the Year 5 students. The ceremony will occur in the church. Parents are welcome to attend.

### Year 6 Fun Day

On Thursday 20 December, the Year 6 children will enjoy a "Fun Day". They will spend the morning at Hoyts Belconnen watching a movie starting at 9.30am. They will leave Hoyts at 12.15pm and walk to AMF Bowling where they will have 2 games of bowling. Bus will bring the children back to school at 2.15pm, arriving at school 2.30pm.

### Candy Canes

While the custom of giving Candy Canes with Christmas Cards is a lovely gesture the giving and sharing of lollies at school is not permitted.



### Staffing News

I am delighted to advise that Kathy Moir will be joining the staff in 2019.

## Final Assembly and Teacher Farewells Tuesday 18 December commencing at 12.00

Staff Leaving

Denise Duck – Retiring

Haley Stonham, Shayne Starkey and Taylor Evans – Resigned to move interstate

Val Ciuffetelli – Returning to her role as Assistant Principal at St Clare of Assisi

Sarah Anderson & Ted Dunstan – Accepted a 12 month exchange

Bridgette McCann, Claire Egan-Richards, Sonja Vocisano, Stacey Wellings & Clare

McPhillips – All have accepted permanent or temporary positions in local schools

Robyn O'Rourke & Cerryanne Kelly – Maternity Leave

## 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 reports were issued on Tuesday. Where a child lives between two homes we have arranged for a second report to be provided. In some situations, we post the second report unless advised differently.

Next Wednesday between 9am and 10am the children will have the opportunity to meet their new teachers. I have been able to arrange for most of our new staff to be available on the day.

On Thursday evening the Year 6 children and their families came together to mark the end of their schooling at St Monica's. It was a beautiful occasion centred on prayer, reflection, friendship and celebration. Sincere thanks to Liz Foster for her leadership in coordinating the ceremony and to Val Ciuffetelli and the Year 5 parents, led by Fiona Steinberg, for the organisation of the supper. It was a very enjoyable evening.

God bless  
Carmel Maguire  
Principal

The Canteen will be closed for lunch orders in Week 10.  
There will only be window sales at recess and lunchtime for Week 10.  
No School Banking in Week 10.

## VALUE FOCUS - Thanksgiving

### Thanks Giving

In this season of Advent we prepare for the coming of Jesus as a small and vulnerable baby. His birth is a time for us to reflect on all our blessings and to be truly thankful for our loving God who sent His son to be with us on Earth. Remember to pause and be thankful at this special time of year and be open to God's love for us.

#### A Christmas Prayer

Lord, we pause  
amidst the busyness and excitement of  
Christmas to thank You for coming low as  
a baby in a Bethlehem manger to rescue  
us from sin and offer us salvation.  
Your gift to us is greater than any present  
wrapped and placed under a tree.  
We thank You and worship You and  
commit to seeking You first  
this day,  
this season,  
this year.  
In Jesus' name, Amen

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Last day for  
Donations  
Monday Week  
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### 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](http://www.cg.org.au)

### END OF YEAR DATES

**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*

## TEACHING AND LEARNING

### School Structure 2018

Our school structure for 2018 will be as follows

|                    |                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Kinder x 2 classes | Year 1 x 2 classes | Year 2 x 3 classes |
| Year 3 x 2 classes | Multi-age 3/4      | Year 4 x 2 classes |
| Year 5 x 3 classes |                    | Year 6 x 2 classes |

### What apps will my child need for school? Updated list for BYODD

The school will no longer provide apps for BYODD devices in 2018. Parents will need to download school required apps at home. This will mean the app is licenced to the child and not the school. The list below outlines the current apps that we use regularly at school. Please note this list will change as more apps are added throughout the year. Students are permitted to use apps outside of this list if they assist with completing educational tasks. We try to use only free apps however several apps have changed from being free to paid – see below

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| <b>Literacy</b><br>Dictionary.com<br>ePlatform by Wheelers<br><br>SnapType (Yrs 3 & 4 only)<br>Reading Eggs (Yrs 3 & 4 only)                                                                                                           | <b>Numeracy</b><br>Calculator<br>Geoboard<br>Unfold (Paid \$0.99)<br><br>Prodigy (Yrs 5 & 6 only)               | <b>Collaboration</b><br>Baiboard<br>Google Classroom<br>Google Docs<br>Google Slides | <b>Information Organisers</b><br>RWT Timeline<br>Popplet Lite<br>Inkflow<br>Cardflow<br><br>BaiBoard (Yrs 3 & 4 only)     |
| <b>Creativity</b><br>Aurasma<br>Comic Maker<br>Qrafter<br>Book Creator (Paid \$7.99)<br>Tellagami<br>Stop Motion Studio<br>iMotion<br>Pic Collage for Kids<br>Telestory<br>iMovie<br>Videorama<br>Green Screen by Do Ink (Paid \$4.49) | <b>Coding</b><br>Tynker<br>Scratch Jr<br>Hopscotch<br>mBlockly for mBot<br>Makeblock<br>Cargobot<br>Lightbot Jr | <b>Japanese</b><br>Japanese-hiragana<br>Match AIUEO<br>Zukan                         | <b>Other</b><br>Cybersafe<br>bCyberwise Monster Family<br>Smiling Mind<br><br>NAP Lockdown Browser<br>(Year 3 and 5 only) |

### Year 6 2018 Students – App News

This is a message to parents and carers of Year 6 students 2018. If your child has been making use of apps that are managed by the school (that are downloaded through the 'School Apps' app) on their iPad then you need to be aware that once your leaves St Monica's the apps (specifically paid apps such as Book Creator) are likely to uninstall. You will be able to purchase them in the apps store if your child would like access to them again. Be aware that if there is any work your child may like to save on the apps, it would be wise to make a backup of the files so that they are not lost.

### Library Books

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

### Summer Reading

The St Monica's Library is closed for the summer holidays. Libraries ACT has a wide collection of books for primary age children. Membership is free and there are branches nearby at Belconnen, Gungahlin and Kippax. Libraries ACT is also part of the "Summer Reading Club" that has a theme this summer of "Curious Creatures". There are activities including "meet the author and illustrator" blogs with authors, competitions and quizzes and reviews by children across Australia. Information can be found at <https://www.library.act.gov.au/>. There are lots of opportunities to engage with reading and literature over the summer so start reading.

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

### Thank You

Thank you to all the lovely helpers who have helped out over the course of this year in the Canteen – Tracy D'Ambrosio, Wendy Regan, Wilma Hird, Jenny Fulivai, Samantha Cox, Daniela Agnello, Angela Herbert. Special thanks to the helpers who assist on Special Lunch Days and a special thanks to June Manning who gives a lot of her time to the Canteen.

If you have any concerns/ideas you would like us to consider please email the Council: [Council.StMonicas@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Council.StMonicas@cg.catholic.edu.au). The email will be checked regularly by Evelyn David-Hoole, Community 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!



### 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](mailto: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)

## AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

All awards still to be presented will be issued at our final assembly on Tuesday



Happy Birthday to the following students



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

|        |                             |
|--------|-----------------------------|
| Kindy  | Mia M                       |
| Year 2 | Talija M                    |
| Year 3 | Elijah L, Isaac P, Xavier M |
| Year 4 | Geordie T, Tulli H          |
| Year 5 | Isabella L, Lachlan M       |

### Pride Badge Lunch with Ms Maguire

The following students will be sharing a Pride Badge lunch with Ms Maguire on Monday 17 December at 1.30pm. Children are able to wear casual clothes on the day. Children having lunch are – Jett M (6F), Sarah R (4R), Daniel Mc (6E), Marcus D (6F), Annie R (5W), Chloe D (4VB), Archie E (3/4C), Lexi R (4R), Tulli H (4VB), Aiden Mc (1HV), Gabriella F (4R), Emily R (3/4C), Imogen H (5W), Isobel C (4R), Micaela M (4VB), Remy D (4VB), Josephine H (4VB), Ethan G (3L), Anton den H (6F), Daniel E (6F), Sophie H (6F), Paul S (6F), Clara A (6F), Byron P (6F), Brooke M (6E), Hannah D-H (6F), Lyndelle M (6F), Georgia M (6F), William Mc (2MR), Alexandra B (4VB) and Olivia S (5W).

(Year 6 children to bring their school uniform for the candle ceremony)

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| KGO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Zander R                    | Christian M                       |
| KR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Emanuel S                   | Natalia S                         |
| 1B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Ivana P                     | Harley T                          |
| 1E                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Isabelle J                  | Laura R                           |
| 1HV                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Isabella H                  | Sian S                            |
| 2D                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Zavier T                    | Cody M                            |
| 2MR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Tyler B                     | Blake M                           |
| 3L                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Dale S                      | Isabella P                        |
| 3M                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Ashton Mc                   | Michael H                         |
| 3/4C                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Gabe J                      | Geordie T                         |
| 4R                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Isabella C                  | Zoe K                             |
| 4VB                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Ava P                       | Claire H                          |
| 5W                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Hena L                      | Sam G                             |
| 5WD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Fletcher A                  | Dominic C                         |
| 5/6M                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Domenic S                   | Claudia G                         |
| 6E                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Atiya W                     | Katie B                           |
| 6F                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Ryan G                      | Lily S                            |
| <b>St Monica's Stars</b> – Ater A (1E) – 1 <sup>st</sup> star, Logan F (2D) – 2 <sup>nd</sup> star, William Mc (2MR) – 3 <sup>rd</sup> star, Rose O (4R) – 4 <sup>th</sup> star, Alexandra B (4VB) – 3 <sup>rd</sup> star, Brian H (4VB) – 2 <sup>nd</sup> star, Alexandra O (5W) – 1 <sup>st</sup> star, Nellie B (5W) – 5 <sup>th</sup> star, Olivia S (5W) – 4 <sup>th</sup> star, Brooke M (6E) – 3 <sup>rd</sup> star, Hannah D-H (6F) – 6 <sup>th</sup> star, Jack H (6F) – 5 <sup>th</sup> star, Lyndelle M (6F) – 6 <sup>th</sup> star, Georgia M (6F) – 6 <sup>th</sup> star, Melanie R (6F) – 8 <sup>th</sup> star |                             |                                   |
| <b>Pride Badges</b> – William Mc (2MR), Olivia S (5W), Brooke M (6E), Hannah D-H (6F), Lyndelle M (6F), Georgia M (6F)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                             |                                   |

### Special School Awards to be presented at the final assembly

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Citizenship – Rotary Club                                                  | Announced on the day                                                                                           |
| Pastoral Care & Christian Values                                           | Announced on the day                                                                                           |
| Academic Awards – Senator Zed Seselja                                      | Announced on the day                                                                                           |
| <b>National Representatives - Please advise if anyone has been omitted</b> |                                                                                                                |
| Rugby Union                                                                | Patrick E (6E)                                                                                                 |
| Athletics – Sprinting 100m                                                 | Layla R (4VB), Gabriel H (5W)                                                                                  |
| Oz Tag                                                                     | Pyper M (4VB), Emily R (3/4C), Montana M (5/6M), Jade W (3L), Annie R (5W), Olivia S (5W), Will C (5WD)        |
| Hockey                                                                     | Olivia S (5W)                                                                                                  |
| Calisthenics                                                               | Sophie H (6F), Arabelle S (4R), Isabella M (4R), Annabelle F (3L), Bella P (3L)                                |
| Calisthenics – National Representative                                     | Sophie H (6F)                                                                                                  |
| Dance – Hip Hop                                                            | Mya L (2D), Hena L (5W), Jesse F (3L), Sienna H (5WD), Imogen H (5W), Olivia S (5W), Annie R (5W), Zara D (6E) |
| Kickboxing                                                                 | Dita S (5WD)                                                                                                   |
| Basketball                                                                 | Hena L (5W)                                                                                                    |

### CANTEEN CORNER

Special Lunch Orders to be ordered via Qkr and cut off for orders is 9am Monday 17 December.

The Canteen needs helpers for the Special Lunch Order Day so if you have some time and can help out on the day please let Sam know.

The Canteen is closed for lunch orders during Week 10. Window sales at recess and lunch will only be available.



Sam Manning – Canteen Manager - 62584687

### COMMUNITY INFORMATION

#### New Bus Network Announcement - For School Term 2 - 2019

Transport Canberra is pleased to advise all school principals and school administration teams that the Minister for Transport, Meegan Fitzharris, has announced the new Transport Canberra bus network will begin in April 2019 - ready for Term 2 of the 2019 school year.

This network change will occur on Saturday 27 April 2019, with new school services starting on the first day of Term 2, Monday 29 April 2019.

New timetables will be released and published in early March 2019. This will allow schools, parents and school children to prepare themselves for the network change and plan their journeys with certainty. It will also avoid confusion which may be caused with multiple timetables being in the public domain ahead of the start of the school year.

The timetable for all dedicated school bus services will ensure these services arrive in time for the beginning of the school day, consistent with longstanding policy. In addition, a new online journey planner will be launched ahead of Term 2 2019. It will have up-to-date network timetable information loaded onto it in early-March 2019.

From Term 2 2019, Transport Canberra will also provide one-month free travel for every journey on the new network when a passenger uses a MyWay card. The current bus network will continue in Term 1 of 2019.

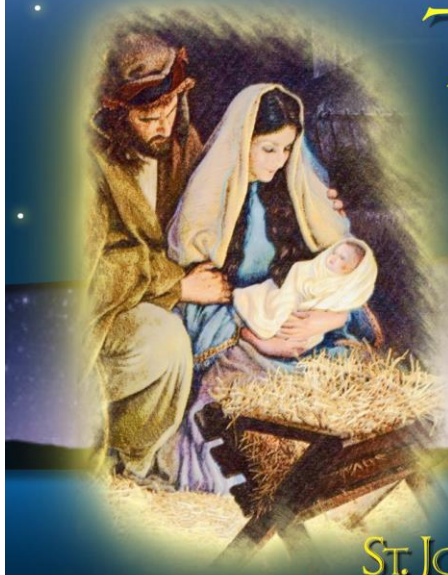
Route maps for the entire new network, including maps and services for every school and at suburb level are available online at [www.transport.act.gov.au/getting-around/new-network](http://www.transport.act.gov.au/getting-around/new-network).

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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