

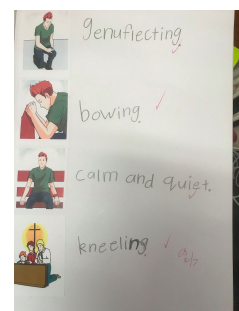
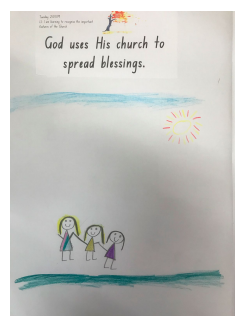


St MONICA'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWSLETTER Term 3 2019

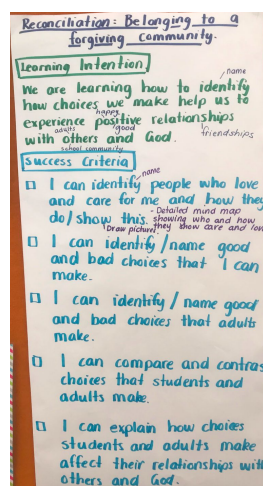
*At St Monica's Everyone is
welcome and everyone
belongs*

Current Religious Education topics in class:

Early Stage One will be learning about the Church all term. They are looking at the building and what is inside and what it means to be part of the congregation of the Church as a people who come together to pray. They are looking at what we do as Catholics in the Church when we pray.

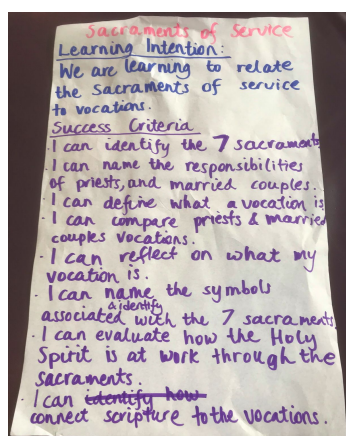
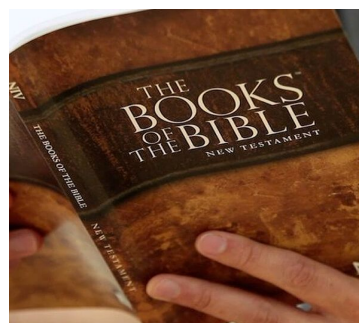


Stage One are looking at the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. What it means to forgive others. They have created prayers of thanks but they have also included prayers asking for forgiveness.



Topic for Stage 2: **The Bible**.

Students are looking at the Old and New Testaments. They are working out the connections between the Old and New Testaments and how some stories are told by Jesus, some are about Jesus and some are the prophecies about Jesus. Stage 3 will look at the different books within the Bible.



The current unit for Stage 3 is **Sacraments of Service**. The students have been investigating about the vocations of priests and married couples. Students will also reflect on what their vocation is. This is another opportunity for the children to consolidate their ideas on what their mission is and what their values are as a person of faith.

First Communion reminders

REHEARSAL DAY (17th August): We have arranged for the children who attend St Monica's school to have their reconciliation during school hours that week. The rest of the children need to do their Reconciliation (Confession) on rehearsal day in preparation for the First Holy Communion Mass. Rehearsal will commence sharply at 2.30 pm followed by Reconciliation. If you are able to come early, you are welcome to come in by 2.00pm and attend Reconciliation. Your attendance at Rehearsal and Reconciliation will be marked.

PHOTOGRAPHY : \$20.00 per family and will include the following photos.

Candidate Only, Family Group, Child Receiving the Sacrament, Group Photo at the Altar steps, Group photo with cake outside.

No private photography during the Mass. Family and friends attending need to be made aware of this please.

First Holy Communion MASS (24th August): Please come to the Parish Centre so that your child can receive their Robe and Sash by 10.00am (or earlier) as Mass will commence promptly at 10.30 am.

For those who are opting for the photography package you need to arrive an hour early (depending on how many families want the photos) as the photographer needs to take all family and child photos before Mass. All photos will either be given on a USB or emailed as per previous years when they are ready. I will collect the order for photos and money at the 6th Lesson.

DRESS CODE : Smart for boys (No Shorts/ t shirts/Skinnyies). Appropriately dressed for girls.

No Sandals or thongs except the girls sandal/open shoes.

The Ladies from the Sunday morning tea group will arrange some refreshments, tea & coffee for everyone after the Mass.
Thank you Shanika

UPCOMING MASSES AND LITURGIES-parents are warmly welcome to attend all:

Thursday 8th August-	Feast of St Mary MacKillop 9.15 Mass, Whole school in the Church
Thursday 15th August-	Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady -9.15 Stage 2 and 3 in the Church
Monday 19th August-	Farewell Liturgy for Mary Jo Mason at school in Stage 3- approx 10.15
Monday 26th August-	St Monica's Day Liturgy at school in Stage 3- 10.15 am
Friday 30th August-	Fathers Day Mass 9.15 Mass, Whole school in the Church

Last term we celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart with a liturgy. Fr Ephraim had previously told the teachers that in the past the only day of the year where priests were given a treat

was on the feast of the Sacred Heart. So, as a celebration, for the children we had donut dunking set up as a surprise. They had a great time trying to eat their donut off the strings before they caught and ate the rest of the donut.



FORMATION FOR PARENTS TO CONSIDER



Two staff members from our school, Catherine Shaw and Ann-Maree Bamford were fortunate enough to attend a Edward Sri talk when he was last visiting Australia. He is a renowned Theologian from America that the Diocese of Parramatta brings to Australia each year for staff formation. Below is a link to:

A Short video that unpacks being made in the image and likeness of God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8t6Qptwzjlc>

Social Justice Team Visit to Saint Vincent De Paul

We would like to thank all the parents, students and teachers for donating a lovely amount of supplies for our recent warm clothing appeal. Robin, the manager of the hub was very thankful and appreciative of our school donations. When we were talking to Robin she was saying that they struggle to collect mens toiletries and they are always in demand. Next term our team has decided that we will focus on collecting men's toiletries for St Vincent de Paul. Did you know that more men than women suffer from homelessness?

DID YOU ALSO KNOW: Australian men are more likely than Australian women to get sick from serious health problems. Their mortality rate is also much higher. On average 1 in 8 men will experience depression and one in 5 men will experience anxiety at some stage of their lives.

SOCIAL OUTREACH FOR TERM 4

WEEK 1 = Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

WEEK 2 = Shaving Cream / Shampoo

WEEK 3 = Deodorant

WEEK 4 = Soap or Body Wash

Thanks for helping!



St Monica Pray for Us

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