



Newsletter 24th January 2018 Week 1 Term 1

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New Shade Sails



Our school is very privileged to have gained a grant from New Hope, and with a contribution from St Monica's P&F Association, the new shade sails have been erected over the holidays.

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to the 2018 School Year! I hope your family had a great holiday break and found time to relax and enjoy one another's company. I welcome new staff members Mrs Lisa Cavanagh (APRE), Mrs Rebecca Thomas (Prep), Mrs Rowena Staude (Year 2) and Miss Ayden –Skye Wolff (Year 3) to our school and trust you will enjoy your time with us. I'm sure the children will benefit greatly from such a wonderful mix of enthusiasm and experience. This year Ms Susan Rodd (School Counsellor) will become part of our staff, she will work out of an office in the Administration building two days per week. On the days she is not at St Monica's she will be visiting other Catholic schools. School Counsellors are now positioned in schools as part of revised Catholic Education procedures.

I excitedly welcome the new Prep students to our school. This week they have been in two separate groups to assist with their settling in but come Monday, they will all attend together. Welcome to: Charlie, Jack C, Gabriel, Heath, Johnny, Nate, Arabella, Sid, Isabella, Braxton, Jack M, Paige, Sharni, Robert, Jhuniar, Tyjaiah, Eunella, Cayden, Claire, and Eva.

This year we have a few changes to routines (to fit with timetabling and staffing needs). They are:

Dismissal Bell will go at: **3:05pm**

The Teacher Librarian will be at school on: **Mondays**.

Students Years 1 to 6 wear their Sports Uniforms on: **Wednesdays and Fridays**.

Class Teachers will take their own sports lessons on: **Wednesdays**

The Newsletter will be published on: **Wednesdays**

SuperLEARNers will be notified in the Wednesday Newsletter

Notice regarding Class Liturgies and Assembly Presentation will be given in the Newsletter (2-3 weeks' notice)

Assemblies will be held on: **Thursdays at 2:20pm**

Teachers will teach a mini – LOTE (Languages Other than English) unit twice per year instead of having Indonesian each week: The Australia Curriculum only requires 50 hours total of LOTE for the entire time students are in Primary school.

The designated day for Physical Education (PE) is Friday although a PE teacher has not been employed. This will be reviewed when all classes have settled into appropriate academic routines.

Mrs Cavanagh (APRE/Middle Leader) will teach a session of Drama and/or Dance to each class each week while teachers have their required planning time away from their class.

Upcoming important dates:

Planning release meetings for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 on Tuesday 30th January (part day)

Planning release meetings for all year levels on Thursday 1st February (part day)

Rugby League Clinic at St Monica's Thursday 1st February & Thursday 8th February

Emu Gully Leadership Day for Year 6 on Friday 2nd February

Catholic Schools' Swimming Carnival - Thursday 8th February and Leaders Induction Mass - Thursday 22nd February 9:00am.

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence - Friday 16th March.

Principal's Page

Partnership:

I know our staff look forward to working in partnership with our parents in 2018. Please remember that we all have a part to play in the education of our young people. Schools are complex places of inclusion and difference which require a lot of give and take so please be open, honest and accepting with your child's class teacher. If you have a problem, please make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher to discuss the matter.

A request: Now that school has returned, please ensure that your children get plenty of sleep (9-11 hours per night), have a good breakfast before school, minimal screen time (IPad, computer & tv time) and plenty of outdoor play.

Thanks for making such a great effort to prepare your children for the New Year. They look great in their uniforms.

Enjoy the Australia Day Holiday on Friday.

Mr Roland Poulton

Principal



APRE Term 1 Week 1 2018



I would like to begin by thanking the entire St Monica's community for the very warm welcome I have received. As a past pupil of St Monica's, I am so excited to return here as a teacher and as part of the leadership team. The students have been quite interested in what the school looked like when I was a student here. I thought I would be brave and share my Year 1 school photo!

I am passionate about Reading and really enjoy sharing my love of books and reading with the students. I will be spending time in each of the classrooms this year assisting with guided reading sessions. I am also teaching each class Drama during Semester 1, another passion of mine.

As in previous years, there will be opportunities for the whole school community to pray together both at school and parish levels. Please find below the whole school mass times for Term 1 – each of these masses will take place in St Monica's Church.

Term 1- Whole School / School Family Mass

Ash Wednesday – February 14 - 9am

Leaders Induction/Welcome Mass – Thursday February 22 (week 5) – 9am

Family Mass – Sunday March 3 (Sat 6pm)

Thursday March 29 (after 9am Mass) Reconciliation

In Term 1, years 2-6 will be preparing a class liturgy. Parents / guardians will be notified of times closer to the dates and all are warmly invited to attend.

Term 1 Class Liturgy of the Word

Week 5 – 23 February – **Year 6**

Week 6 – 2 March – **Year 5**

Week 7 – 9 March – **Year 4**

Week 8 – 16 March – **Year 3**

Week 9 – 23 March – **Year 2**

It has been wonderful to hear the whole school pray the St Monica's School Prayer each morning as part of parade. I have been impressed to see how well the students know this important prayer.

St Monica's School Prayer

St Monica's is our school, let peace dwell here,

Let the rooms be full of contentment, let love abide here.

Love of God, love of all people, love of life itself;

Let us remember, that as many hands make a house,

So many hearts make our school.

Amen.

God Bless

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2018

Fri Jan 26th Australia Day Public Holiday

February 2018

Fri Feb 2nd Emu Gully Leadership Camp

Tue Feb 6th Swimming Lessons

Wed Feb 7th Swimming Lessons

Thur Feb 8th Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival

Fri Feb 9th Inner Downs Swimming Carnival

Tue Feb 13th Swimming Lessons

Wed Feb 14th Ash Wednesday

Thur Feb 15th Swimming Lessons

Mon Feb 19th Year 6 class Liturgy

Thur Jan 22nd Leaders Induction Mass

March 2018

Wed Mar 7th School Photos

Tuckshop

Helpers

Monday 29th January 2018

Kym Owens

Linda Leerentveld

Tanya Weber

Shannon McBride

**Thank you ladies for
volunteering your time!**

Weekend Masses

St Monica's Parish

1st, 4th & 5th Sunday – Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

2nd Sunday – 8.00am

3rd Sunday – 8.00am Celebration of the Word & Communion

Our Lady of the Annunciation, Peranga

2nd Sunday – 10.00am

4th Sunday – 10.00am Celebration of the Word & Communion

Oakey: Saturday 6pm

Peranga: Sunday 10am

Oakey Community Playgroup

St Monica's Primary School

75 Lorrimer St Oakey

Every Thursday 9-11am

(Except School Holidays)

President: Tricia Brownsey 0408 675 945



Important Notices

Tuckshop Helpers

Helpers are needed for the tuckshop, please consider volunteering your time to help out.

If everyone does one day a term it makes life easier for everyone.

Tuckshop is held every Monday, volunteers are required from 9am-2pm.

Please come and see the ladies in the office for more details.

School Uniforms

Pre Loved school uniforms are available through St Monica's P&F Association.

All clothing is in good condition and available in sizes 4—16.

Please contact Chloe McIntosh on 0457 915 137 to arrange a suitable time.

P & F AGM Meeting

Come and join us for our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday the 31st January, 7pm in the Parish meeting room.

All positions will be declared vacant:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

St Monica's P&F Association raises money throughout the school year for the benefit of our students and school community.

Your attendance at the P&F meetings give you, as a parent, a voice in the direction of our school.

"BEARS CHALLENGE" 6 – A – SIDE AFTERNOON

WHERE: Oakey RL Grounds
WHEN: WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2018
TIME: 4pm to 6pm



St Monica's, Oakey SS, Kingsthorpe SS and Gowrie SS will come together to participate in an afternoon of fun, exciting rugby league. The afternoon aims to bring the students from the four schools together for an active afternoon of 6-a-side tackle for both boys & girls.

Prior to the 6-A-Side afternoon, NRL Development staff will conduct a 2-week program in each school to prepare the students.

- Students who attend the 6-A-Side afternoon will receive a free football



Schools can nominate teams for the afternoon in the following divisions:

- Boys Year 5/6 - tackle
- Boys Years 4/5 - tackle
- Girls Years 4/5/6 - tackle

NRL Game Development officers will referee all games and provide a FAQ.

Oakey JRL Club will be in attendance on the day to support and promote their club and conduct a free B.B.Q.

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