



Newsletter 31st January 2018 Week 2 Term 1

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Prep's first week at St. Monica's!

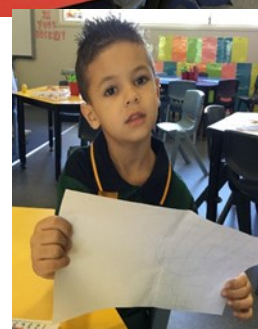


Making new friends and meeting new teachers....

Learning new Routines and school rules....

***Playing with Lego, trains, dinosaurs, playdough
and puzzles.***

***Painting, writing on white boards and using our
new books!***



Principal's Page

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to Week 2, I hope your children are settling into the routines of school like. From my perspective, I have been impressed by the way in which the children are engaging in classroom activities and following school expectations. There is a lovely atmosphere in the school and I thank to staff for engendering this sense of calm but purposeful activity in the school.

Tonight, the P&F will meet for the first time this year. You play a vital role in the fabric of our school. Whilst a lot is sometimes focused on money, the P&F's role is far wider than that. You play a very important role in the development of the school community, particularly amongst other parents. Please remember that having a student enrolled at St Monica's affords automatic membership of the P&F. The P&F is not a private club, it is about parents, staff and others working together to make our school the best it can possibly be. Please be at the meeting, 7:00pm tonight in the Parish Meeting Room.

Subject to the date being ratified at tonight's P&F Meeting we are proposing to have a combined "Parent Information, meet the teacher and Family BBQ / Disco" on Friday 9th February commencing at 6:15pm. During the short information session given by staff to parents in the hall, the children will be supervised elsewhere in the school. We hope to start the BBQ/Disco around 7:00pm concluding around 8:30pm. The reason for this is to allow for the maximum number of parents to attend the information session and also to capitalise on one night out! (I appreciate that this date may impact on some families involved in the Inner downs Swimming at Pittsworth but finding dates that don't clash is a perennial problem.) More information will come home after tonight's P&F meeting.

For the next 2 weeks years 1 to 6 will have 4 swimming lessons at the Oakey Pool. A separate note regarding this will come home today.

I urge all families to install the 'Skoolbag App' on your phones so the school can get important information out to you in an efficient and timely manner. If you search 'Skoolbag App' you will find out how to download the free app.

On Tuesday we had a Fire Drill and in the near future we will have a Lock Down Drill. We undertake these drills once a term so should your child come home talking anxiously about the sirens and what they had to do, please reassure them it is for their safety and that there is nothing to worry about.

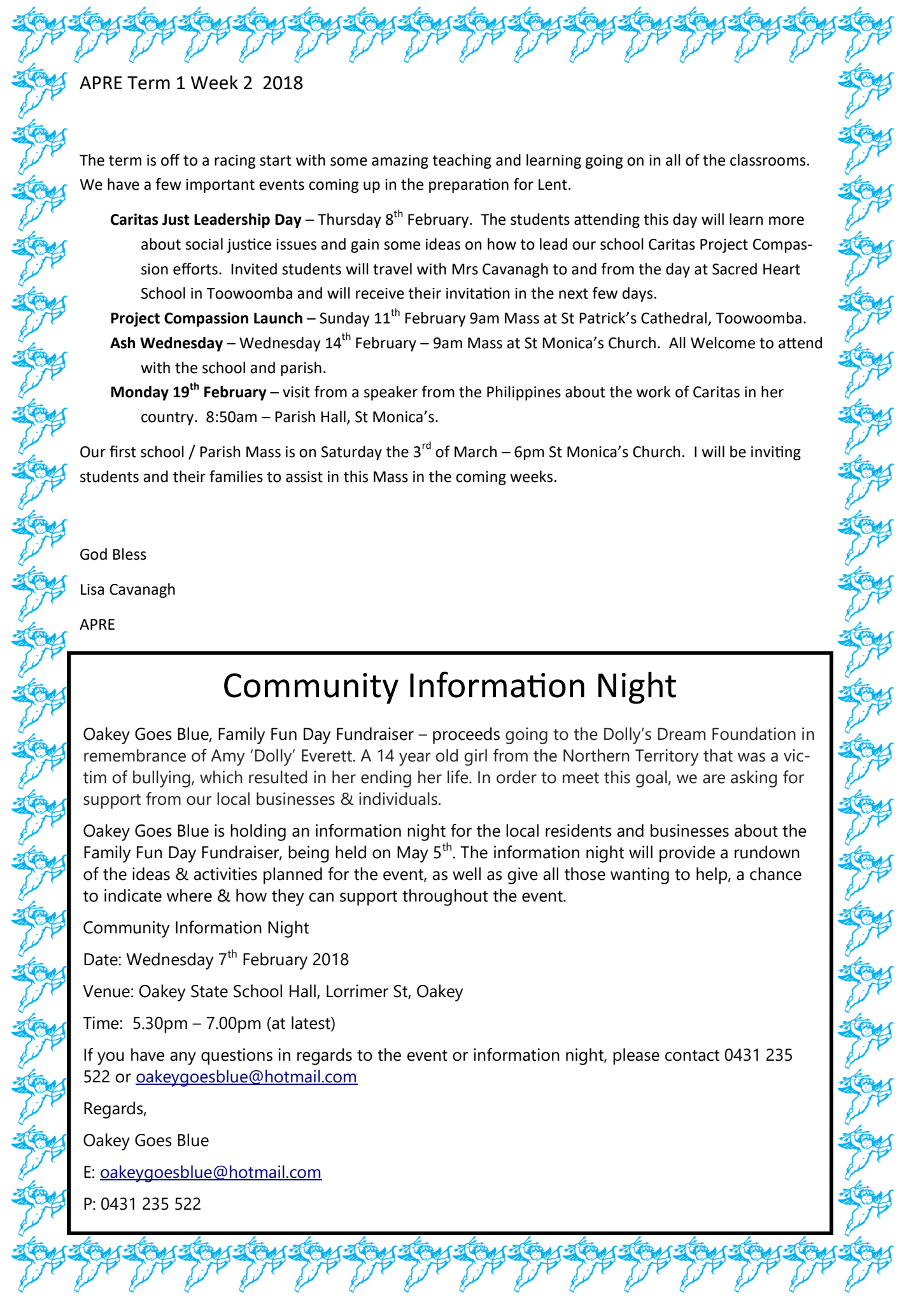
On Thursday there will be a Rugby League Clinic at school leading up to a community Rugby League Gala Day in coming weeks. I'm sure the kids will love the activities.

Just a reminder that Assemblies are held at 2:20pm on Thursdays in the Parish Hall. Parents are always welcome and tomorrow's assembly will see the first SuperLEARNer awards presented for the year.

Looking forward to catching up with you all around the school.

Mr Roland Poulton

Principal



APRE Term 1 Week 2 2018

The term is off to a racing start with some amazing teaching and learning going on in all of the classrooms. We have a few important events coming up in the preparation for Lent.

Caritas Just Leadership Day – Thursday 8th February. The students attending this day will learn more about social justice issues and gain some ideas on how to lead our school Caritas Project Compassion efforts. Invited students will travel with Mrs Cavanagh to and from the day at Sacred Heart School in Toowoomba and will receive their invitation in the next few days.

Project Compassion Launch – Sunday 11th February 9am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba.

Ash Wednesday – Wednesday 14th February – 9am Mass at St Monica's Church. All Welcome to attend with the school and parish.

Monday 19th February – visit from a speaker from the Philippines about the work of Caritas in her country. 8:50am – Parish Hall, St Monica's.

Our first school / Parish Mass is on Saturday the 3rd of March – 6pm St Monica's Church. I will be inviting students and their families to assist in this Mass in the coming weeks.

God Bless

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE

Community Information Night

Oakey Goes Blue, Family Fun Day Fundraiser – proceeds going to the Dolly's Dream Foundation in remembrance of Amy 'Dolly' Everett. A 14 year old girl from the Northern Territory that was a victim of bullying, which resulted in her ending her life. In order to meet this goal, we are asking for support from our local businesses & individuals.

Oakey Goes Blue is holding an information night for the local residents and businesses about the Family Fun Day Fundraiser, being held on May 5th. The information night will provide a rundown of the ideas & activities planned for the event, as well as give all those wanting to help, a chance to indicate where & how they can support throughout the event.

Community Information Night

Date: Wednesday 7th February 2018

Venue: Oakey State School Hall, Lorrimer St, Oakey

Time: 5.30pm – 7.00pm (at latest)

If you have any questions in regards to the event or information night, please contact 0431 235 522 or oakeygoesblue@hotmail.com

Regards,

Oakey Goes Blue

E: oakeygoesblue@hotmail.com

P: 0431 235 522

Teacher Talk

Prep

This week in Prep we have been busy learning to write our name using correct letter formation. We have already seen an improvement in most children's ability to write their name which is very rewarding. Homework will be sent home this Friday and will be focusing on your child writing their name using correct letter formation. This week we have also been learning about the letters A and T and the numbers 0 and 1. Please remember to help your child find their coloured minion group of a morning. These activities have been specifically designed to assist with your child's fine and gross motor skills and are an important part of our learning at Prep.

Mrs Rebecca Thomas

Year One

Wow! What a great start to the year we have had. Students are beginning to develop routines and the children are settling in nicely! During the upcoming week students will continue to develop expected classroom behaviours that promote learning. Students are practising using a mouse and skills required for independent work. These are necessary skills needed for group rotations that will begin in the next few weeks. Homework will begin in week 3. Please check your child's diary on Monday Week 3 for a peek of what happening for the week.

Mrs Chris Conneely

Year Two

Year Two are off to a great start! In maths we are revising two digit numbers and practicing skip counting by twos and fives forwards and backwards. Students located numbers on a number line and investigated one less, one more, ten less and ten more of a given number. In writing we are exploring recounts and sequencing events in time order. Students revised magic 'e' and brainstormed words that end in silent 'b' in spelling. Reading rotations are underway and we have placed our names in alphabetical order. For some names we had to look at the second or third letter to decide which was the correct order.

Yours in Christ

Mrs Rowena Staude

Year Three

Welcome to the second week of Year 3!

I would like to start off by saying a massive thank you to the St Monica's School community for the warm welcome I have received. I feel very privileged to be working in such a friendly environment with such a beautiful, well-mannered class. The Year 3 students continue to impress me with their positive attitude towards learning. We spent our first week at school focusing on practicing our routines and expected behaviours, specifically the St Monica's LEARN behaviours and school rules. We went over our focus learning areas for each of our subjects and completed some fun Writing, Religion and Maths activities.

This week we have started with our homework tasks and daily spelling and handwriting activities. We are continuing with our Guided Reading Groups, Maths Place Value Unit, Religion Unit and will begin our Living Things Science Unit. Well done on a brilliant start of the school Year to the Year 3's! I look forward to the year ahead.

Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff

Teacher Talk

Year Four

Welcome back for a new school year. I am impressed on how quickly and easily the students have settled and adapted to the classroom routines.

Homework has been sent home, it is an expectation that they will attempt a homework task each night for me to check the next day. If your child is unable to complete homework I ask that you write a quick explanation as to why in your child's diary. It is important to get your child into the habit of completing homework tasks to prepare them for High School.

Year 4 are borrowing every Thursday, please ensure your child has their library bag every Thursday morning. They will be borrowing the books they need for homework reading.

Have a great week and God Bless.

Mrs Cheryl Anderson

Year Five

Welcome to Year 5! It was wonderful to see everyone return from holidays last week! I am most impressed with the way the students have settled into their new classroom environment, along with the work ethic and behaviour they have demonstrated to date.

Last week we revised and practised our routines, completed preliminary assessment and discussed the St Monica's LEARN behaviours. We considered the way each student contributes to developing a safe and supportive learning environment and investigated what a great classroom looks like, sounds like and feels like. In keeping with our sports themed room, we discussed sporting values and the fact that these are the same values we need to be successful in the classroom and in life in general. We particularly focused on teamwork, resilience, perseverance and the willingness to have a go. These qualities will be an ongoing focus throughout the year.

The students are working well on their homework tasks. Each night they are required to write out spelling and times tables, read aloud for 10 minutes and complete part of their homework activities. This week we commenced our Guided Reading Group lessons and introduced our Science unit – Earth's Place in Space and Religion Unit focussing on the Holy Spirit.

I am very much looking forward to working in partnership with you in the year ahead.

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

Year Six

The Year 6 children have commenced the term at a rate of knots with many educational activities keeping them busy. We have begun a reading strategy that incorporates reading rotations of groups who are of similar ability. These groups receive explicit, teacher directed instruction and follow up lessons as well as the opportunity to work independently on set reading tasks. If you wish to know more about the reading strategy please feel free to drop in before or after school or make an appointment to see me.

In our R.E. unit we have begun to examine "Just Leadership" as part of our preparation for the election of school leaders. This unit's focus is around social justice issues and how we should respond to them as followers of Christ.

Our visit to Emu Gully on Friday is another learning experience where the children will participate in activities designed to enable them to demonstrate their leadership qualities. Ideally this will help each child to identify their own strengths as well as those of their peers.

Homework has begun in earnest this week with all tasks set at the beginning of the week, but it is expected that some be completed each night. Homework will be checked daily but corrected on

Friday. I estimate that written work and oral reading should take 45 minutes each night. If you have any concerns about homework please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Regards,

Mr Michael West

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
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Tuckshop Helpers

Monday 5th February 2018

Kym Owens

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

SUPERLearners Term 1 Week 2

Prep	Jack M
Year 1	Ayden
Year 2	Ruby
Year 3	Henry
Year 4	Nicholas
Year 5	Norma
Year 6	Alli-G

St Monica's
SuperLEARNer
Congratulations



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.

Don't forget to download the Skoolbag App for all the updated school information.





OAKEY SOCCER CLUB

SIGN ON

**All Ages
Welcome
4—Seniors**

WHEN: Feb 3 9am - 1pm

WHERE: IGA CARPARK

WHEN: Feb 18th 9am - 1pm

WHERE: Oakey Soccer Clubhouse
Federal St, Oakey

Or Contact
Ray Cooper 0431 316 098



Get Started Vouchers Approved

**All skill levels
will play**



Craft Club Helpers.

This year we are keen to continue with Craft Club activities held in our lunch time period. We are looking for any parents, grandparents, anyone who has the time to help the students to learn a new skill or to create something. If you have time to share between 1 and 2pm on a Thursday or Friday and would like to participate, please complete the form below and return to the office in the next week.

No particular crafting experience (or skill) is required, although a sense of enthusiasm and a sense of humour is handy, and you may find you have a new fan club by helping to put a smile on a few little faces. If you have further questions, please speak to our office staff or contact Kathleen Young.

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Craft Club Helpers.

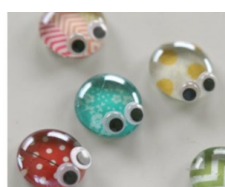
I am able to assist with the Craft Club Program between 1 and 2pm on a Thursday and Friday.

My preferred day : Thursday Friday

My skills include _____

Name _____

Contact _____



"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 FAO.

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

Lennie Currie – 0436 662 047 - lcurrie@nrl.com.au

PLAYNRL.COM





**The Southwest Qld Emus
9's Indigenous Rugby League Challenge**

Saturday 24 March 2018

Brothers Rugby League Grounds

175 Hursley Rd, Toowoomba QLD 4350

Kick off 8.00am Saturday

Round Robin Format

Boys U12, 14, 16 (Years 2002 to 2007)

Girls U14, 16, 18 (Years 2000 to 2005)

Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander & Non Indigenous Teams Welcomed

(14 Players Per Team must have 5 Identified Indigenous Players)

Limited to 6 teams per age group

\$100 per Team Nomination

Team Nominations Close Friday 2nd March 2018

All players must be registered with the QRL. Identified Indigenous players must be endorsed by the Southwest Qld Emus Committee of being a descendant from the region or currently playing in the Central Division Competitions (Toowoomba, Roma, Border and Western Leagues)

Contact Southwest Qld Emus via email southwestqldemus@gmail.com to receive your information Pack.



St Monica's School Oakey



Tuckshop Menu 2018

Important Information: TUCKSHOP OPEN MONDAYS

(If Public Holiday on Monday then the Tuckshop will operate on the Tuesday)

- Please supply separate brown paper bags for each Tuckshop order - 1 bag for Morning Tea and 1 bag for Lunch for each student
- Please ensure each order has the Student's name, class, order and total written on the brown paper bag.
- Please place the tuckshop money securely in a sealed envelope inside the brown paper bag.

Prep to Year 4: Must place Morning Tea and Lunch Orders

Year 5 to Year 6: Purchase Morning Tea directly from the Tuckshop

Year 5 to Year 6: MUST Place order for Lunch with the Tuckshop before school commences on Tuckshop Day

Morning Tea

Mini Party Pies	\$1.50
Mini Party Sausage Rolls	\$1.50
Mini Pizza Muffin	\$1.50
Cup Cakes	\$1.50
Chocolate Iced Donuts	\$3.00

Lunch

Chicken Nugget	\$0.50
Potato Gems (10 per bag)	\$1.00
Hash Brown	\$1.00
Garlic Bread	\$1.50
Mini Party Pie	\$1.50
Mini Sausage Roll	\$1.50
Crumbed Chicken Tender (Plain)	\$1.50
Crumbed Chicken Tender (Sweet Chilli)	\$1.50
Chicken Munchies (10 per bag)	\$2.20
Sausage Roll	\$2.00
Ham & Pineapple Pizza	\$2.50
Meat Lovers Pizza	\$2.50
Hot Dog Plain or with sauce	\$2.50
Tomato/BBQ (cheese optional)	\$2.50
Beef Pie	\$3.00
Chicken Burger	\$3.20
Toasted Sandwich Ham & Cheese (tomato optional)	\$3.00
Toasted Sandwich Chicken & Cheese (tomato optional)	\$3.00
Lasagne	\$3.50
Chicken Tender Wrap (lavish bread)	\$3.50
Plain/Sweet Chilli with lettuce & Mayo	\$3.50
Chicken and Salad Wrap/Bowl	\$3.50

Drinks

Water	\$1.50
Small Juice 200mls - Orange/Mango	\$1.70
- Orange, Passionfruit	
Flavoured Milk (Chocolate/Strawberry)	\$2.20
Glee (Sparkling Fruit Drink)	\$2.00

Ice Blocks

Mini Sonny Boy	\$1.00
Mini Calipo	\$1.00
Paddle Pop (Milk Flavoured)	\$1.50
Shaky Shake (Chocolate Cup)	\$2.00
Cyclone	\$2.00

*Thank you for supporting St Monica's
School Tuckshop.
All profits go towards much needed
resources for our students.*