



Newsletter 28th March 2018 Week 10 Term 1

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Principal's Page

Dear Parents / Caregivers

What an exciting moment in history was celebrated in Oakey today! St Monica's joined with Oakey State School and Biddeston State School as the Commonwealth Games Baton Relay processed into the Hall. The students were involved in a variety of activities including watching a video on the making of the Baton, learning a Commonwealth Games dance and for the older students, taking part in some relays on the oval. Past St Monica's student Adelayde McKellar, received the Baton on behalf of the Oakey community as it made its way to Toowoomba. Our very own Mrs Bruggemann (Year 5 Teacher) will be a Baton carrier in Toowoomba later this afternoon. I'm sure that today will be a day for our students to remember long into the future.

Our students continue to prepare for the school Cross Country Carnival which will be held on Thursday 19th April (first week back after the holidays). I encourage our students to continue with their running training over the holidays in readiness for our races.

On the first Friday back after the holidays (20th April) Ms Sharon Collins and some students from St Saviour's College, Toowoomba will visit our school from 2:30 to 3:30pm. Girls in Years 3 to 6 and their parents are invited to attend a brief information session and afternoon tea to find out a little about education at St Saviours. Parents, please take advantage of this opportunity to find out what St Saviours has to offer.

By now, most Parent/Teacher Interviews will have been held. I trust that you have found the sessions helpful. I thank the teachers for their hard work in preparing for and conducting these sessions so parents are kept up-to-date on how their children are progressing at school.

Please remember that Flexischools is now online ready for the beginning of Term 2 for tuckshop ordering. Please register with Flexischools so you can order and pay for your child's tuckshop. As a safety measure, we will still accept cash orders for the first tuckshop of the Term (Tuesday 17th April).

In closing, I wish all of our school families a wonderful Easter holiday break and if you are travelling, please stay safe. The children have learnt a lot about the Easter story lately and have participated in the prayer of Holy Week. You are invited to come along tomorrow afternoon at 2:00pm to watch the children present some of the scenes of Holy Week. Please note this assembly starts at 2:00pm (earlier than usual) and replaces our regular assembly.

I look forward to seeing our students back ready to start Term 2 on Tuesday 17th April 2018.

Yours sincerely

Roland Poulton
Principal

APRE Report Week 10

As I reflect on my first term back at St Monica's, I am overwhelmed with the welcome I have received. It has been wonderful to reconnect with parents (and staff) I went to school with. The students have also welcomed me and have been engaged in our weekly Drama lessons. I have also really enjoyed the opportunity to go into each class in the school to assist during reading groups. Thank you to everyone in the St Monica's community for making me feel so welcome here.

Holy Week is a time of differing emotions. From the jubilant entry in to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, to the betrayal of Jesus by Judas after the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, to the pain and suffering of a death on the cross on Good Friday. Our week ends with the glorious miracle that is the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. The belief in the Resurrection is the cornerstone of the Catholic Faith – we are a Resurrection People. Everyone is welcome to come along to our presentation of Holy Week at 2 PM tomorrow in the Parish Hall.

We wish Mrs Cheryl Anderson and Mrs Rebecca Booth all the best as they continue to prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church this Easter Sunday. I ask you to keep them in your prayers and invite you all to come along to Easter Sunday Mass at St Monica's Church at 8 AM. Other Mass times over the Holy Week and Easter period are included later in the newsletter.

Thank you to all our families for your support of our Caritas, Project Compassion appeal this year. Your generosity is certainly appreciated. I will have the final tally of monies raised early next term. There are many chickens on the wall outside my office!

I would like to wish everyone a happy, safe and Holy Easter break.

God Bless

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE



Teacher Talk

Prep

Welcome to the last week of Term 1. We have some very tired children this week and as a result we have decided not to send home homework this week. However please still take the time to read to your child this week and over the holidays as it is important they continue to develop their reading skills. This week we have been celebrating Easter in the classroom and learning the Easter Story from the Bible. We look forward to participating in some activities today about the Commonwealth games and going to the state school to see the Baton. Tomorrow afternoon everyone is welcome to the Easter Assembly as the Prep children act out Jesus praying in the garden. We look forward to seeing you back next term, enjoy a relaxing and safe holiday.

Enjoy your week,

Mrs Rebecca Thomas

Year One

It is hard to believe that this is the last week of Term 1. Students have continued lessons in Mathematics and English this week. We have also worked on special Easter activities.

All home readers have been changed to allow students homework to continue over the holidays. Please ensure homework is returned for updating on the first day of Term 2.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe, holy and happy Easter.

Mrs Chris Conneely

Year Two

In Maths we have worked on addition and subtraction with two and three digit numbers without regrouping. This week we have explored the <wo> sound for /wa/ spelling and brainstormed a list of words which feature this spelling. In Religion we read about the events leading up to the arrest and trial of Jesus and his resurrection. Students sequenced the events of Holy Week and created a cross featuring the events. May you and your family have a blessed Holy Week and enjoy the Easter break.

Yours in Christ

Mrs Rowena Staude

Year Three

Thank you all for a wonderful start to the year! It has been fantastic getting to know all the Year 3's, their families and school community. Well done Year 3's, I am so proud of your great efforts this term. I wish you all a blessed Easter and relaxing holiday.

See you in Term 2.

Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff

Teacher Talk

Year Four

We've reached the end of Term One already, hasn't it flown? The students in Year Four have been busy improving their reading and comprehension skills in literacy. They've been exploring number concepts in Maths. In HaSS, they have explored the life of Indigenous Australians before white settlement and, have begun investigating the life of Indigenous peoples after white settlement. In Science we have investigated 'Beneath our feet', looking at soil and erosion. In Religion we have explored The Bible and various Bible stories.

It has been a busy term, full of learning and fun. I'd like to wish all our families a very happy and safe Easter break.

God Bless and I'll see you all next term.

Mrs Cheryl Anderson

Year Five

Well, it is hard to believe we have reached the end of Term 1! This week we have finalised a number of assessments and enjoyed the festivities of the Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay and Holy Week. Thank you to the parents who have taken the time to meet with me for Parent/Teacher interviews: it was a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and the way in which they have settled into Year 5. You are very welcome to join us tomorrow afternoon when the children present their part of the Easter story.

Thank you for your support this term. I would like to wish you and your family all the very best for an enjoyable and safe holiday and a Happy Easter.

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

Year Six

Hello from Year Six

This week the students have engaged in a series of revision exercises and extension activities to consolidate concepts already learned and to stimulate logical thinking. They have found that a table is a useful tool to help organise given information when attempting to solve word problems. Our Science projects are progressing with some innovative ideas being used to create our alarm systems.

Finally, may I wish you and your families a happy and holy Easter season and I look forward to continuing working with your children next term.

Regards,

Mr Michael West

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2018

Thur Mar 29th Last day of Term 1

Fri Mar 30th Good Friday

April 2018

Sun April 1st Easter Sunday

Tue April 17th Start of Term 2

Thur April 19th Cross Country

Tuckshop

Helpers

Tuesday 17th April 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



SUPERLearners Term 1 Week 9



Important Notices

School Cross Country

Thursday 19th April

9,10,11 & 12 year olds - Gordon Park - 9am start

5, 6, 7 & 8 year olds - School Oval - approx. 11am start

Easter Holiday Break

School will close for the Easter school holidays on Thursday 29th March at 3:05pm. Students return to school on Tuesday 17th April. (Monday 16th April is an extra student holiday due to the Commonwealth Games).

Instrumental Music Lessons

FLUTE, CLARINET, SAXOPHONE OR PIANO!!

Give the gift of music to your child! Instrumental music lessons are available during school time. If your child is in grade 4 or above they can learn any of the wind instruments. Hire of these is available for \$50 per term. Grade 2 is the starting point for piano. Lessons are given in small groups of 2 or 3. Accounts are sent each term with each half hour lesson being \$18. Please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and return to the school office as soon as possible. Email Chris at yougotbuckleys4@bigpond.com.au for more info.

Flexischools

Tuckshop Ordering Registration.

Flexischools pamphlet being sent home with the children today with instructions on how to register your Flexischools account.

Get on board with the new system, it is designed to make our busy lives much simpler!

P&F News

Today, Wednesday, we drew our Easter Raffle. We had over 30 prizes to give.

Again the response from Parents/Caregivers of our school are amazing. Their generosity is what makes our small school a great one.

Thanks again for everyone's donations and the purchasing of tickets, we raised approximately \$500.00

Tonight our Parents/Caregivers are welcome to our P&F Association Meeting at 7.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

Come along and have your say on the running of the P&F Association and its importance to our school community.



Some of our St Monica's P&F committee members and school mums supporting and enjoying the Biddeston State Schools Annual Garden Party on Saturday night.





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Flight Club

School Holiday Program

3 to 13 April 2018

(week days only)

Explore how the animal kingdom has perfected the art of flying, soaring, parachuting and gliding to survive within diverse habitats.

In these interactive workshops, you will get up close and personal with museum specimens, examine the unique features and adaptations that enable flight, and use the wonders of nature to inspire your very own balloon creation.

Flight Club

- Join the exciting hands-on flight activity that includes creating a creature to attach to a helium balloon and blowing the balloon creature through a course using a balloon pump.
- You will also receive a Da Vinci Machines Souvenir Activity Book so you can follow the interactive trail and make your very own flying machine.

When: Tuesday 3 April until Friday 13 April 2018
(week days only)

Time: Activities run between 9.30am and 3pm
Live shows at 10am, 11.30am and 1pm

Designed for ages 3-12 | \$10 per child* Includes Da Vinci Machines Souvenir Activity Book, entry to one live show and flight activities.

*Admission charges do apply to accompanying adults from outside the Toowoomba Regional Council area.

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Phone (07) 4659 4900
Book tickets at cobbandco.qm.qld.gov.au



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NRL FOOTBALL

Liam had a wonderful opportunity to play for the Oakey Bears U9's team at half time in the first ever NRL game (Titans V Dragons) held in Toowoomba on Sunday. They played against brothers in front of 7,200 people and won their game.



Oakey Show



CUPCAKE DAY





St Monica's Parish, Oakey
Holy Week and Easter
Ceremonies 2018

Palm Sunday - 24th March; Saturday at 6 P.M at Oakey and 10am Peranga.

Second Rite of Reconciliation -
Tuesday 27th March at 7pm
Individual Confession at 6pm to 7pm.

Holy Thursday - 29th March at 7pm.

Good Friday Liturgy -
30th March at 3pm.

Easter Sunday Mass - 1st April at 8am at
Oakey and Peranga at 10am.

OAKEY LIBRARY

Hi all

We are really excited to let you all know that the library is welcoming the **Oakey Art Group** to be a part of one of our school holiday programs! The program **Me, Myselfie and I** is a Gallery o Modern Art Travelling Tour.

The Oakey Art Group members will be assisting and enriching the experience of our young people.

Please could you promote this activity and encourage all to come along and experience some creativity!

Me, My Selfie and I On Tour

Me, Myselfie and I invites young visitors to explore representation of the self and consider different ways of creating their own portraits. This free program extends the idea of self-portraiture beyond documenting our physical appearance to create a richer understanding of how we can express aspects of our emotions, personality, memories and experiences.

Date: Friday 13th April

Time: 10-12 pm

What to wear: old clothing

For more details please see:

<https://www.gagoma.qld.gov.au/whats-on/kids/me,-myselfie-and-i>

The library will also be hosting **Brian Falkner Author** - who will be present the **StorySports Tournament!**

Date: Tuesday 10th April

Time: 10.30-11.30

For more details please see:

<http://www.brianfalkner.com/>

Thank you all and we look forward to welcoming our young people into the library during the holidays for some creative fun!

Best regards,

Linda Sexton

Oakey Library

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