



Newsletter 18th April 2018 Week 1 Term 2

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Principal's Page

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Welcome to Term2. I trust your children enjoyed their Easter break and that your family had an opportunity to do some 'fun things' together. It was great to see the students' smiling, enthusiastic faces when they returned yesterday morning.

I offer a special welcome to Mrs Nikki O'Kennedy, our new Physical Education (PE) teacher. Nikki will work at Oakey on Wednesday's and I'm sure the children will benefit greatly from her skill and enthusiasm for all things sport! Each class will have a 40 minute lesson with Nikki and as in the past, class teachers will take a weekly sport session.

Tomorrow, the school's Cross Country will be run. The 9, 10, 11 & 12 Year old students will contest the 2 or 3 km cross country circuit across the road in Gordon Park commencing at 9:15am (students come to school as normal). After the older students have their races we will return for morning tea at approximately 10:15am. At Approximately 10:45am, the 5, 6, 7 & 8 year old students will complete their run on the school oval. We should be finished by about 11:30am for an early 'special lunch' (Sausage Sizzle). Parents are most welcome to come along and spectate. We will also be asking some parents to help as marshals, judges and timekeepers. Students are to come to school as normal dressed in their sports uniform. They are encouraged to wear their House colours (Gold—Beersheba, Green – Kokoda and Blue - Fromelles)- ribbons, hair spray, zinc, shirt etc to encourage strong house spirit. Please be reminded that tomorrow is an ordinary day and all students are expected to attend. A dislike of attempting the Cross Country is not an excuse for not attending and parents are not doing their children any favours by acceding to requests to 'have a day off.'

This Friday 20th April, Ms Sharon Collins and some students from St Saviour's College will visit our school 2:30-3:30pm. Ms Collins would like to talk with Year 3 to Year 6 girls about the educational opportunities St Saviour's offers to high school girls. Parents are most welcome to come along and find out more as well. The meeting will take place in the Parish Hall. Afternoon tea will be provided.

Next Tuesday is the Public Holiday for ANZAC Day. As is custom, St Monica's students are encouraged to march as a school and be present at the commemoration ceremony. Students available to march should wear their formal school uniform with hat (Years 1 to 6). Prep students are also welcome to march. Please meet Mr Poulton at the Oakey Railway Station at **9:30am** for a 9:40am march start. Parents are asked to collect your children from a St Monica's staff member after the service at the Cenotaph outside the Cultural Centre at approximately 10:40am.

The next P&F Meeting will be held on Monday 23rd April at 7:00pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Please come along to have your say and to contribute to the parent community of the school.

I have started the enrolments process for 2019. If you have a Prep child for 2019 or know of anyone considering St Monica's for their child's education, please ensure that you contact the school as soon as possible so enrolment application forms can be completed.

Please remember that Monday 7th May is the Labour Day Public Holiday.

NAPLAN Testing for Years 3 & 5 is coming up quickly. The test dates are Tuesday 15 May, Wednesday 16 May and Thursday 17 May. It is important for all Year 3 and 5 students to be at school on those days.

Yours sincerely

Roland Poulton
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2018

Thur April 19th Cross Country
 Mon April 23rd P&F Meeting 7pm
 Wed April 25th Anzac Day

May 2018

Mon May 7th Labour Day Holiday
 Fri May 11th Mother's Day Stall
 Tue May 15 Naplan
 Wed May 16 Naplan
 Thurs May 17 Naplan
 Sat May 26th Family Mass 6pm

Tuckshop Helpers

Monday 23rd April 2018

Kym Owens

Linda Leerentveld

Leanne Matthewson

Carly Bach

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



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School Cross Country

Thursday 19th April

9,10,11 & 12 year olds - Gordon Park - 9.15 am start

5, 6, 7 & 8 year olds - School Oval - approx. 10.45 am start

Helpers are still required to help with the sausage sizzle for the Cross Country on Thursday. If you can help in any way, please contact Thelma or Lyndell in the office.

Next P & F meeting will be held on Monday Night the 23rd April at 7pm.

IMPORTANT NOTICE -AFTERNOON DUTY IN EARLY YEARS AREA

Please note that teacher supervision in the Early Years Area is provided from 3:05pm to 3:25pm each day. As this is a very busy thoroughfare from all points in the school, and difficult to keep a track on all students, we have taken the decision to not allow students to play on the play equipment at this time. All students who use this area to wait for parents (predominately Prep, Year 1 & 2) are to sit on the aluminium seats around the tree until they are collected by parents/responsible adult. Parents are asked to collect your children promptly.

Oakey ANZAC Day Commemoration Ceremony

St Monica's will participate in the community ANZAC Day ceremony on Wednesday 25th April. In previous years we have had a great number of our students participate. I would encourage all families to allow their children to march with our school on the important day. Students are to wear their formal uniform (Prep - Sports Uniform) and meet Mr Poulton in front of the Oakey Railway Station at 9:30am. Parents are asked to collect your children at the conclusion of the ceremony at the Cenotaph outside the Civic Centre. The proceedings take about 1 hour. Kindly complete the attached reply slip so the school has an indication of the number of students attending.

Alternatively, you can send an email indicating who from your family will be attending to oakey@twb.catholic.edu.au

My child/ren _____, _____,
_____ will be attending the Oakey ANZAC Day March
and Ceremony on Wednesday 25th April. I will have my children at the Railway Station by 9:30am
and will collect them at the Cenotaph at the conclusion of the Ceremony.

Signed - Parent/Caregiver

Mobile Contact Number