



Newsletter 18th July 2018 Week 1 Term 3

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Farewell to Mrs Hore

Thursday the 19th of July is Mrs Geraldine Hore's last day with us. We wish her all the very best for the future and thank her for her years of service to the St Monica's School community as both a Classroom Teacher and Learning Support Teacher. We will certainly miss your willing smile, your conversations and your passion for the children you teach.



Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

(traditional Gaelic blessing)

A Warm Welcome

Mrs Bridget Rillie

Acting Principal



Hobbies – Walking, tennis, spending time with my family, listening to music

Favourite Book – Tracks by Robyn Davidson. An inspirational book about a woman who displays strength, courage, resilience as she embarks on an individual journey through the desert.

Favourite Sporting Team – Queensland Firebirds. I love playing, watching and coaching netball!

Favourite Subject at School – English, particularly writing

Best thing about being a teacher is connecting to children and their families and building great relationships to ensure every child is given the best opportunity to access an excellent education.

Mr Callum Duncan

Year 4 Teacher



Hobbies - Mountain biking

Favourite Book - Dr Seuss Series

Favourite Sporting Team - Melbourne Storm

Favourite Subject at School - Maths

Best thing about being a teacher is the positive experiences I get to have everyday with the students.

Principal's Page

Welcome back to Term 3. I would like to thank you for the wonderful opportunity to be a part of your school for the term ahead. I am extremely happy to have accepted this position in Roly Poulton's absence and look forward to working with you all to continue the work of providing opportunities for academic success for our students while at the same time, helping them come to know and experience Jesus in their lives. I look forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks. Earlier this week, I sent home an introductory letter to each family. Please keep your eye out for it in your child's bag if you are yet to receive it. I wish everyone a great term of continued learning and opportunities to celebrate together as a community and look forward to being part of the St Monica's school community.

Welcome Mr Duncan

A very warm welcome to Mr Callum Duncan to St Monica's. Mr Duncan has been appointed to the position of Year 4 Classroom Teacher, while Mrs Cheryl Anderson will fulfil the role as Learning Support Teacher for the remainder of 2018. Callum is a graduate of the University of Southern Queensland. Mr Duncan comes to our school highly recommended as a beginning teacher with maturity, initiative, enthusiasm, a mastery for the use of computer technology and an ability to form very positive relationships with students to help them achieve their best. Mr Duncan also has a strong interest in health and physical education and is keen to get his students excited about playing sport.

RADII- School Improvement Survey

This year our school will be participating in a School Review and Improvement Survey managed by Research Australia Development and Innovation Institute (RADII). As well as school staff and students from Years 5 and 6, all parents are invited to participate in the survey. The survey provides valuable feedback for the future directions of the school.

On Monday July 30, 2018, RADII will send all parents a personalised invitation to complete the survey online. If both parents' email addresses are on the file at school, the invitation will be sent to both parents. However, the survey will close once the first person has completed it. If you do not have an email address, arrangements can be made for you to complete this at school.

The survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. You can complete the survey from anywhere you have access to the internet.

We encourage you to be very honest in your responses to the surveys. All responses go directly to RADII so they are confidential and anonymous. When the surveys are completed, and responses aggregated by RADII, overall data is sent to us so that we can then share the findings with you. I thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this survey.

Catholic Primary Schools Athletics Carnival

This Friday we have students representing St Monica's at the Catholic Schools carnival. We wish these children a fantastic day of athletics and participation with students from across the Toowoomba Diocese.

P & F Meeting

The next P & F meeting will be held on Monday July 23 at 7.00 pm in the Parish Meeting Room. I look forward to meeting many parents and working with you over the coming ten weeks. See you there!

Kind regards,

Mrs Bridget Rillie

Acting Principal

Catholic Education Week

29 July – 4 August 2018



APRE Report Week 1 Term 3

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope everyone had a restful break. I have enjoyed hearing stories from the children about their holiday adventures. Welcome to our new members of staff, Mrs Bridget Rillie, Acting Principal for Term 3 and Mr Callum Duncan, Year 4 teacher.

Catholic Education Week will be celebrated across Queensland from 29 July – 4 August this year.

This annual event is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

The theme for this year's celebrations is: **Discovering New Horizons**. You may have seen the fence banner out the front of the school.

Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

During Catholic Education Week 2018, Catholic education communities across Queensland are invited to celebrate how they are discovering new horizons.

There are 304 Catholic schools in Queensland that educate around 147,000 students and employ more than 19,000 teachers and staff, and most will celebrate Catholic Education Week in some way.

Our school is planning a number of activities during the week and we hope you are able to join in the celebrations with us.

Listed below is a schedule of activities/events at St Monica's during Catholic Education Week:

Open Morning – Monday 30th July. We invite all parents, grandparents and prospective parents to meet in the Parish Hall at 9:00 am, where the Leadership Team will share information about the school and to listen to a performance by our school choir. Guests will then be invited to visit our classrooms on conducted tours of the school, followed by morning tea in the Parish Hall at 10:40 am.

Students from Ena City, Japan Visit – Tuesday 21st July. 20 students from Ena City in Japan, along with their teachers, will visit our school from 11:30am. Students will perform several songs for us and then will conduct some Japanese Cultural activities with our students in small groups.

Catholic Education Week Breakfast - Wednesday 1st August. We invite all members of our school community to join together for a breakfast to celebrate Catholic Education Week. Breakfast will be served from 7:15am.

Catholic Education Week Whole School Mass – Wednesday 1st August. After breakfast, we invite families to join with our students to attend a whole school Mass in St Monica's Church at 9:00 am. Thank you to Father Mick Carroll for officiating.

Catholic Education Week Netball and Touch Carnivals – Thursday 2nd August. Students from Years 5 and 6 will be travelling to Toowoomba to participate in these carnivals with other Toowoomba Catholic Schools – more information to follow.

Early Years Games Afternoon – Thursday 2nd August. The Prep to Year 3 classes will be participating in an afternoon of fun games to celebrate Catholic Education in Queensland.

Bishop's Inservice Day – Friday 3rd August. All St Monica's Staff will be attending the Bishop's Inservice Day at St Saviours College, Toowoomba along with staff from other Toowoomba Catholic Schools. Please note – this is a **PUPIL FREE DAY!**

Curriculum News

I received over the holidays the certificates for the students who participated in the ICAS Science testing last term. I was very excited to see that of our 16 participants, two received a Credit, three received a Merit and 11 students will receive a Participation Certificate. These will be presented at assembly on Thursday afternoon so that the whole school community can congratulate these 16 students on their efforts.

On Tuesday the 31st July, students who nominated for the ICAS English assessment will be completing their tests.

Don't forget to collect your entry forms for the Science Week competition from the office. Thanks to Mrs Conneely for organising this competition for the school.

God Bless

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE

Teacher Talk

Prep

Welcome back to Term 3. This week we have continued working on our Science Unit that explores the weather. A note was sent home on Monday, explaining an oral your child will be completing in class. The children are expected to present the weather report to their peers on their allocated day. They will work on this at home with you to complete the sheet provided the night before their presentation date. I look forward to listening to our great weather reports in the coming weeks. If you have any questions please come and see me as soon as possible. Have a great week!

Mrs Rebecca Thomas

Year One

Welcome back to another busy term. We hope everyone enjoyed their holiday and had a lovely relaxing time with their family. This term is already shaping up to be an exciting stage in the students learning. Reading and Mathematics groups are well underway to target student learning. Students are learning about adjectives and the long I sound 'igh' during reading and writing activities. The focus for Mathematics lessons include number patterns. Students are investigating and describing the natural and constructed features in the local environment. Homework will start in Week 2.

Mrs Chris Conneely

Year Two

This week in Year Two we have revisited routines and expectations to guide our learning for Term Three. Our spelling focus this week is the variant vowel spelling of <ou> and <ow>. In Science we have investigated where we might find mixtures and who might make mixtures. We looked at a wizard with a cauldron, a scientist with lab equipment and a chef whipping up a tasty treat. Students thought about where we might find mixtures and how we might use them. In Maths we are revising skip counting patterns and completing missing number sequences using 2s, 5s and 10s patterns. We started writing a recount of our holidays focusing on using time order and connectives as well as using "I" statements describing our feelings. During our editing we have focused on including adjectives.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs Rowena Staude

Year Three

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready for a fun filled term!

This week in English, we have started learning about information reports. As a class, we read an information report and compared it to a narrative. We also discussed the purpose and features of different texts types. In Mathematics, we are revising addition and subtraction strategies as well as the starting our unit on money. In Religion, we have been reflecting on all the things Jesus did and why he is called a superhero.

Thank you to all the Year 3's for coming back to school ready to learn, the behaviour in our class this week has been fantastic!

Have a lovely week, God Bless,

Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff

Teacher Talk

Year Four

Welcome to week one of term 3!

This week we have started to identify different types of waste that we produce at home and the ways in which we discard it. I believe that this is helping the students to identify practices for waste management in order to take better care of our environment.

I hope you have a great week,

Mr Callum Duncan

Year Five

I would like to welcome you back for Term 3 and I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. This semester in English, we will be listening to, reading, viewing and interpreting a range of news articles and reports from journals and newspapers, to respond to viewpoints portrayed in media texts. In Science this week, we looked at the behavioural and structural adaptations that help animals survive in their environment, whilst in Maths we investigated income and expenditure, goods and services, budgets and saving plans. In Religion this term, our unit is titled A Community of Believers and this week, we looked at the St Monica's Community.

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

Year Six

Hello from Year Six

Welcome back to all for term 3 which I am sure will be both challenging and exciting.

Our RE unit this term focuses on the Catholic Church in Australia and the tremendous input it has had in the development of this nation over the past two centuries. We have researched the services that the Catholic Church provides in south east Qld and have found an amazing number of organisations which provide support for people in need. We found that these services could be grouped under four headings- Faith, Health, Education and Welfare.

Well done to all students who have completed the Premiers Reading Challenge and returned the Record Form to school. Children have until the 24th of August to complete the challenge. Year 6 is aiming for 100% completion of this task. Thank you to all parents who have continued the regular reading habit.

Regards,

Mr Michael West

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 2018

Fri July 20th	Catholic Athletics Carnival
Sat July 21st	Mass 6.00pm
Sat July 28th	Mass 6.00pm
Tue July 31st	Japanese Students Visit

August 2018

Wed Aug 1st	Catholic Education Breakfast 7.15am
Thurs Aug 2nd	Catholic Netball & Touch Carnivals
Fri August 3rd	Pupil Free Day
Tue August 7th	Inner Downs Athletics Carnival

Tuckshop

Helpers

Monday 23rd July 2018

Linda Leerentveld

Tanya Biltoft

Nicole Langton

**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

SUPERLearners

Term 3 Week 1

Prep:	Jhunion
Year 1:	Ayden
Year 2:	Georgia
Year 3:	Mia
Year 4:	Year 4 Class
Year 5:	Sophie
Year 6:	Rhianna

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

Catholic Athletics Carnival

A number of our athletes will be participating at the Catholic Athletics Carnival this Friday at O'Quinn Street Oval Too-woomba, and these students are required to be at school by 7.40 am. We wish them all the very best!

Inner Downs Athletics Carnival

Students who are competing at the Inner Downs Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 7 August are required to return their completed forms and money by Friday 27 July.

Bishop's In-service Day- Pupil Free Day

Our annual Bishops In-service day (BID) will be held on Friday August 3. This is a **pupil free day** for all our students. On this day staff gather with colleagues from other schools across the Diocese and with Bishop Robert and priests and spend time thinking, listening, talking, celebrating and praying together about important dimensions of our lives as Catholic educational communities.



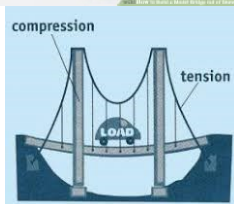
Childminding required

"A parent of the school is looking for a childminder for before and after school care 4 days per week. Must be reliable and have own car"

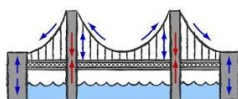
For more details contact the school office.

St Monica's School Science Competition, 2018

As part of the 2018 National Science Week we would like to invite students to participate in the St Monica's Science Competition.



Be Creative



Prizes to be won!
See office for details.



As part of the 2018 National Science Week we would like to invite students to participate in the St Monica's Science Competition.

Your challenge is to draw a 2D plan and create a 3D bridge. Entries can be brought in for display in Week 5 (Science Week). 13/8/2018 to 17/8/2018. Yes, you do it at home! Yes, you can ask Mum or Dad to help you.

Materials

Recycled materials are to be used. (Some new components are expected providing the bulk of the resources are recycled.)

Points are given on use of recycled materials.

Plan

2D plan must be submitted with each entry.

Any bridge design could be used e.g. arch, cable stay, draw bridge, truss or suspension. Be creative!

Points are given on detailed drawing of plan.

Design

Design must look aesthetically pleasing.

Points are given on artistic design of the bridge.

Structure

Structure must be suitable to span a 50cm gap.

Structure must be able to sustain up to 2kg in distributed weight.

Structure must be wide enough to enable 2 toy cars to pass safely on the bridge.

Points are given on thoughtfulness

Reflection

Students will present a short demonstration and explain the design features that give the structure strength and materials used.

Points are given on presentation.

P&F News

Next P&F Meeting Monday 23rd July 7pm.

Please come along and support the school community!

FLEXISCHOOLS

FROM TERM 3 THE SCHOOL TUCKSHOP WILL OPERATE UNDER
FLEXISCHOOLS ONLY!

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDERS ONLINE TO HELP OUR LADIES WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME TO SERVE IN THE TUCKSHOP.

If any Parent/Caregiver would like to bring anything up at the P & F's next meeting please do not hesitate in contacting anyone on the Committee.

President: - Mr Peter Anderson

Vice President: - Mrs Margot Black.

Secretary: - Mrs Rachel Waddell.

Treasurer: - Mrs Thelma Bain.

Committee Member: - Mr. Michael Matthewson, Mr Scott Johnston, Mr. Matt Edwards and Mrs Katie Owens. We are all there to help in any way we can.

Fund Raising ideas for Term 3

Special Lunch

Father's Day Stall

Art work for a Pillow case or tea towel, excellent Christmas Gifts or just a memento of St Monica's School Term 4

St Monica's Spring Race Day.

Christmas Concert and BBQ



School zones

School zones are installed to reduce traffic speed near schools during the times indicated in the school zone sign. School zones are identified by signs which are displayed on both approaches to the school and show the speed limit and the times during which it applies.

School zones are generally permitted on roads adjacent to schools where there is significant school related activity on and beside the road.

School zones do not apply on weekends, public holidays or during school holidays. You should always refer to the sign for hours of operation.

Lower speed limits reduce the risk of death or injury to pedestrians using the roads at these times. Speeds and times depend on the area, so you must always check the sign carefully. School zones at split campus schools generally apply for the duration of school hours.



School crossings

There are two types of school crossings:

1. Single or dual crossings with 'children crossing' flags
2. Zebra or pedestrian activated signal crossings.

Some children's crossings are operated by crossing supervisors employed by the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Children's crossings are temporary and only operate at certain times of the day when the 'children crossing' flags are displayed. Where supervised, a crossing supervisor will step onto the road and display the 'stop' sign.

Motorists must wait until all pedestrians and cyclists have crossed the road and the crossing supervisor has returned to the footpath before driving through the crossing.

If there is a pedestrian or cyclist entering the crossing, all road users must stop before the 'stop' line at a children's crossing and wait for the individual to cross.

Drivers must not begin to accelerate until all pedestrians and cyclists are safely on the footpath on either side of the road.

If a vehicle has stopped to give way to pedestrians or cyclists at a crossing, do not overtake the vehicle while it is stationary.

Test your knowledge of school zones

Which of the following statements is true?

1. The speed limit in school zones does not apply if there are no children around.
2. The speed limit in school zones only applies to children from that school.
3. The speed limit in school zones applies on weekends only.
4. The speed limit in school zones applies on school days.

ANSWER: 4



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