



Newsletter 1st August 2018 Week 3 Term 3

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Prep Music Lessons Term 3 Week 2

This Term in Prep the students are having fun learning to keep the beat in music and also use their singing voice, instead of those loud yelling voices they sometimes prefer!

Mrs Fredline has been helping them learn with fun games and activities. The students always come back to class full of enthusiasm and excitement!



Principal's Page

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Happy Catholic Education Week to all our school community. This is a time to celebrate the wonderful students, teachers and families in our school community. St Monica's has much to celebrate. In my short time here, I have quickly gained insight into what make this school great. Firstly, the parent and family involvement. From the School Board, P & F Committee, tuckshop workers, parent involvement in the school day and the positive presence of families before and after school, it is evident that parents have a strong interest in the education of their children at St Monica's. Secondly, the positive work being undertaken with teaching and learning. It is evident in each classroom, that staff are using 'evidence based' teaching practices, to meet the needs of the students. And finally, the positive culture of the school. It has been so fantastic to join a school community where the school staff interact with all those they work with in such a positive way. What a wonderful community!

Family Breakfast

This morning we came together as a school, to share breakfast for Catholic Education Week. The very cold morning didn't deter families or staff! Thank you to those who joined us this morning- and thank you to the staff for starting their day before the sun came up, to provide this meal for our families.



"Many hands make light work!"

Parent Survey

Thank you to the families who have taken the time to complete the Parent Satisfaction Survey you would have received via email. The survey closes this Sunday August 5th, so there is still time to fill it in.

Touch and Netball Carnival

Tomorrow our Year 5 and 6 students head to Toowoomba to participate in the Catholic Education Netball and Touch Carnivals. Catholic school from Toowoomba and surrounding schools compete in a friendly competition. This is a fun and active day for our students and another way to connect with others during this week. We wish them all luck!

Blessings,

Mrs Bridget Rillie

Acting Principal



Catholic Education Week

29 July – 4 August 2018

APRE Report – Week 3 Term 3

What an exciting week Catholic Education Week is. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate all that makes our school so special.

The readings at Mass this past weekend were some of my favourites. I have always loved the story of the feeding of the 5 000. As a child, I remember wondering how Jesus was able to feed so many people with only five loaves and two fish, provided by one small boy. Reflecting on this Gospel as an adult I am struck with the thought that this is a story about sharing what we have. How many times have we made do and shared what we had with others? My mother was always one who could do the 'loaves and fishes' and make a meal 'stretch' so that any surprise guests for a meal received an ample share. By her example my siblings and I learnt the lesson of generosity. Everyone was (and still is) welcome at my parents table.

As we gathered this morning to share a meal together, I am again struck by the generosity of the members of our community. From arriving at school early to prepare the meal, assisting with organisation, washing up, clearing tables, serving tea and coffee, our breakfast this morning was an opportunity for us to be generous, to make others feel welcomed and to celebrate. Thank you to everyone who took part in a wonderful morning.

I ask for your continued prayers for our students who are currently preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please see the notice below from the Parish Sacramental Team regarding presentation of candidates at Mass this weekend.

Thank you to everyone who has made Catholic Education Week at St Monica's a success (we still have events to go as well!!!). Good luck to Mrs Chris Conneely who is a finalist in the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Excellence in Education Awards – Expert Primary Teacher Category. We wish you all the best at the awards ceremony on Thursday evening.

God Bless

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE

This **Saturday Evening at 6pm Mass (04/08/2018)**, the Candidates for Reconciliation will be presented to the congregation of St Monica's Parish. Candidates are asked to bring their prayer cards and photograph of themselves (if they have not already provided one) for display in the church. Parishioners of St Monica's Parish will be asked to pray for our candidates as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. We look forward to all of our candidates being presented this Saturday evening.

Regards

The St Monica's Parish Sacramental Team

Teacher Talk

Prep

This week in Prep we look forward to celebrating Catholic Education Week in a variety of different ways. The students are also busy exploring the book "Tough Boris" by Mem Fox. Last week we looked at breaking the book up into the beginning, middle and end of the story. This week we have created our own pirate art to write about. In maths we are continuing to learn about addition plus one and plus zero. The students are beginning to understand the concept and are practicing every day in their maths madness booklet.

Mrs Rebecca Thomas

Year One

This term, our class is identifying features of constructed and natural objects and observing change that occur in the environment. During reading groups we have been identifying the who, where and what as we locate nouns in stories. Spelling this week includes the 'ow' sound. Patterning practice has continued in Mathematics groups. Students are beginning to identify the rule and work out missing numbers in skip counting sequences.

Mrs Chris Conneely

Year Two

This week in Year Two we have investigated the spelling of the /ee/ sound which has three different spellings: <ee>, <ea> and <ey>. In Maths we are beginning to investigate fractions and are exploring halves, quarters and eighths. In Grammar we are learning about conjunctions and choosing the most appropriate joining word to complete sentences.

This week we celebrate Catholic Education Week and we have met students from Ena in Japan who performed songs for us and joined us in our classrooms, we celebrated Mass and shared in a whole school breakfast.

Please keep an eye out for excursion notes in the coming days. We have an excursion next Thursday to the Cobb & Co Museum, followed by a visit to the Oakey Library for Book Week activities and finally an excursion to the Empire Theatre to watch *Josephine Wants to Dance* performed by the Monkey Baa Company. Notes and payment can be returned to the front office.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs Rowena Staude

Year Three

Welcome to week 3 term 3 in Year 3! Wow, time flies when you're having fun.

This week we have been working on implementing our understanding of long and short vowels to help us spell unfamiliar words. We are continuing with our Mathematics unit focusing on money. In HaSS we are learning all about our neighbouring countries and how life in those countries differs from ours.

The year 3's really enjoyed having the Japanese students visit us yesterday, we learned some cool dance moves, learned how to count to 10 in Japanese and made origami sumo wrestlers.

A reminder that homework is due every day and that library borrowing is now on a Wednesday.

God Bless,

Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff

Teacher Talk

Year Four

Welcome to Catholic Education Week. We have a busy week celebrating Catholic Education and have been enjoying the activities that have been on offer. We also have 7 students attempting the ICAS English test, so we wish you good luck. In class we have been continuing our *persuasive texts* unit of work. This has included deconstructing different persuasive text forms, in order to analyse the ways in which they persuade the reader.

I hope you have a great week,

Mr Callum Duncan

Year Five

We thoroughly enjoyed having the Japanese students visit our classroom. This was a wonderful opportunity to engage in some of their cultural activities, as well as introduce them to learning activities we do in our classroom. This week in Maths, we have continued to work on mapping, including locating grid references, direction using cardinal points and using scale to calculate distances. In Religion, we created an artwork to represent St Monica's community. In English we have commenced working on our newspaper article. The Year 5s are very excited about the opportunity to participate in the Catholic Touch and Netball Carnivals tomorrow and we wish them all the best for a successful day.

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

Year Six

Hello from Year Six

As a class we have made inroads into our novel study this term. The book we are studying is titled "Eragon" by Christopher Paolini who wrote this story at the tender age of fifteen which is quite an accomplishment for someone so young. The story is a fantasy which details the adventures of a dragon rider, Eragon, in his quest against the evil King Galbatorix. With a cast of elves, dwarves, dragons and all types of magical and mystical characters the story rarely has a dull moment. Our study involves character mapping, timelines, chapter summaries, map reading, completing senses charts, plot profiling and even creating a scaled dragon's egg. All students appear to be well engaged in the learning process.

Regards,

Mr Michael West



UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2018

Thurs August 2nd	Catholic Netball & Touch Carnivals
Fri August 3rd	Staff Bishop's In-service Day
Fri August 3rd	Pupil Free Day
Tue August 7th	Inner Downs Athletics Carnival
Tue August 7th	Year 2/3 Excursion
Tue August 14th	ICAS Maths
Thurs August 16th	Prep-2 Excursion
Mon August 20th	Book Week
Thurs August 23rd	Boys & Blokes Night
Wed August 29th	Reconciliation 6pm
Thurs August 30th	Prep 2019 Information Evening

September 2018

Fri Sept 1st	Father's Day Stall
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Tuckshop

Helpers

Monday 6th August 2018

Linda Leerentveld

Patricia Hausler

Sharee Brown

**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 3 Week 3

Prep:	Arabella
Year 1:	Alex E
Year 2:	Louchi
Year 3:	Chloe
Year 4:	Isabel
Year 5:	Irene
Year 6:	Sonja

SUPERlearners Term 3 Week 2



Important Notices

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.

Catholic Netball and Touch Carnivals

Students will need to be at school at 7.45am tomorrow for a 8.00am departure to ensure we arrive on time for the carnival. The students will arrive back at school by 3.00pm to finish their day.

Inner Downs Athletics

Students will need to be at school at 7.45am for an 8.00am departure, the bus will arrive back at school in time for the afternoon bell.





**10.30am
SUNDAY
26 AUGUST 2018**
SACRED HEART
CHURCH
CNR TOR AND
NORTH STREETS,
TOOWOOMBA

The children are encouraged to pray the Rosary for their intentions and, if they wish, to write them on a piece of paper provided and place it in the petition box beside the statue of Our Lady. The Group will pray for all the intentions in the petition box. Between meetings the petition box will be at one of the Catholic schools in the Diocese so the school children can add their petitions also.



Bring your children and grandchildren and all their friends to pray the Rosary. (they don't have to be Catholic). Rosary beads and booklets provided.

Watch the official Children's Rosary Song on YouTube.

For all school aged children on the 4th Sunday of each month
23 Sept; 28 Oct; 25 Nov; 23 Dec.

Contact: Theresa 0434 528 904; Ellen 0412 435 030

STUDENT PROTECTION CONTACTS

Every school has student protection contacts that act as a point of call for reporting, advice or information. These people are provided with training each year.

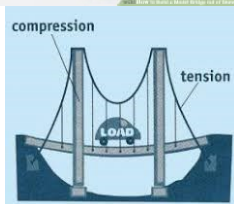
At St Monica's, the student protection contacts are:

Kaylene Bruggemann
Rowena Staude
Susan Rodd

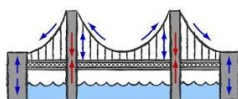
The school principal is also able to provide assistance for any students or members of the school community. For term 3, this is Mrs Bridget Rillie. You will notice posters around the school making everyone aware of who the contacts are.

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.



BOOK WEEK 18 – 24 August 2018

The 2018 Book of the Year Awards are chosen at the start of Book Week.

The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Book of the Year Awards aim to:

- promote quality literature for young Australians;
 - support and encourage a wide range of Australian writers and illustrators of children's books and;
- celebrate contributions to Australian children's literature

We are happy to have on display in the Library the 'Shortlisted Books' in each of the following categories. Please come in for a visit.

The Book of the Year: Younger Readers

Entries in this category may be fiction, drama or poetry for readers Ages 8-12 years.

The Book of the Year: Early Childhood

Entries in this category may be fiction, drama or poetry for children who are at pre-reading or early stages of reading. Ages 0-7 years

The Picture Book of the Year

Entries in this category should be outstanding books of the Picture Book genre in which the author and illustrator achieve artistic and literary unity or, in wordless picture books, where the story, theme or concept is unified through illustrations. Ages 0-18 years

Eve Pownall Award

Entries in this category should be books which have the prime intention of documenting factual material with consideration given to imaginative presentation, interpretation and variation of style. Ages 0-18 years

Crichton Award for New Illustrators

The Crichton Award aims to recognise and encourage new talent in the field of Australian children's book illustration. Ages 0-18 years.

As part of our celebration of Book Week a Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Parish Meeting Room from Monday 20th to Friday the 24th of August.

Opening times: 8.00 – 8.45am and 3.05 – 3.30 pm.

On the morning of the Friday we will be holding our Annual Dress Up Parade, where students get to come dressed as their favourite Book Character. Winners from each class receive a Book Voucher to be used at the Book Fair.

The New Acland Mine Community Reference Group and the University of Southern Queensland's Institute for Resilient Regions are collaborating with the local community to deliver a major community development project.

Local residents and community groups are invited to participate in the following workshops, designed to develop ideas and suggestions for how best the project can serve your local area.

The major community development project may address things like community infrastructure, local skills for local industries, indigenous community and economic development, community health, environmental health or support for local business and entrepreneurship.

We look forward to seeing you there for light refreshments and workshop activities.

For more information please contact Bec Meacham, New Acland Community Liaison on 0418 534 575 or 07 4691 3445.

Monday 13 th August	Goombungee Public Hall	5.30pm
Tuesday 14 th August	Oakey RSL	5.30pm
Monday 20 th August	MacLagan Public Hall	5.30pm
Tuesday 21 st August	Kulpi Public Hall	10am



**Oakey Bears Touch
JUNIOR'S INFO DAY**

We are looking for any Expression of Interest in nominating JUNIOR touch teams to participate in the Toowoomba Summer Touch Competition.


Come join us for an information session on
SUNDAY 5th AUGUST 2018
at
Oakey Football Grounds
Trevor Mickelborough Oval, KENT STREET, OAKEY
from
12.30pm - 2.30pm

girls - U16's
girls - U14's
girls - U12's
girls - U10's
girls - U8's


boys - U16's
boys - U14's
boys - U12's
boys - U10's
boys - U8's

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Oakey Bears Touch logo and Gilbert's logo are also present.



Oakey Scout Group
Stanley St



Oakey Scout Group

Get Started Vouchers
available from July 25th
for eligible applicants

www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/getstarted

Your \$150 voucher can be used to help pay for club membership and/or participation fees.

Jacque Barnes
0417 797 644
oakeyscouts@hotmail.com

**Come and try
Scouting in August**

Scouts
Age 10.5 – 14 yrs
Mon 20th 6-8pm

Cub Scouts
Age 7-10 yrs
Tues 21st 5.30-7pm

Adults needed

- Leaders
- Group Leader
- Committee members
- Adult Helpers

Oakey Scout Den
Stanley St, Oakey
Monday 3rd August 7pm

Please Contact
Leader in Charge:
Jacque Barnes 0417 797 644
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