



Newsletter 14th February 2018 Week 4 Term 1

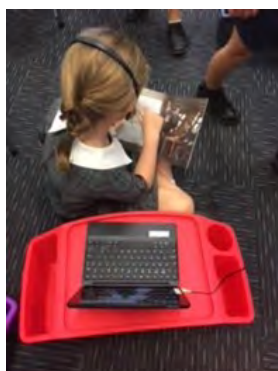
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A Busy Start to the Term in Year Two

Students have been busy settling into routines and are enjoying Reading Rotations. Our lap tables are popular and students are enjoying working on their fluency with the iPads. Students record themselves reading and then listen to their recording with the aim to improve pace, phrasing and expression.

In Maths we have been exploring place value and looking at hundreds, tens and ones.



Principal's Page

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Today we mark the beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday. Lent is a special time of preparation in the Catholic Church. During Lent, the colours used in the Church change from the Green of Ordinary Time to Purple. The 40 days of Lent are a time to prepare, through prayer and sacrifice, for the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Two members of staff have been completing some very special preparation over the past 12 months. Mrs Cheryl Anderson and Mrs Rebecca Booth have been participating in the RCIA program (Rite of Cristian Initiation for Adults) and will be receiving the Sacraments of Initiation on Easter Sunday in St Monica's Church. Mrs Anderson has chosen to make her first Reconciliation in the last week of school, when the children who have received the Sacraments, go to Reconciliation. I ask all members of the St Monica's School Community to join together to pray for Mrs Anderson and Mrs Booth.

Last Thursday, four of our Year 6 leaders; Dominic, Mitchell, Claire and Jessica, travelled to Sacred Heart to attend the Caritas Leadership Forum. The students joined with Year 6 leaders from other schools in the Toowoomba Diocese to learn more about the work of Caritas in the world, and in particular Project Compassion. Did you know that 836 Million people in the world live in extreme poverty? These people live off less than \$1.25 per day – what could you buy with \$1.25?

The students were issued with a challenge around the Project Compassion Theme for 2018 – “For A Just Future.” The challenge was ...

“If you and I want a Just Future for everyone on Earth, who should lead the change?” Should it be Jesus, the government, our parents? What about us?

Dominic, Mitchell, Claire and Jessica have wholeheartedly taken up this challenge and have been working together to lead the Project Compassion in our school. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school at this leadership day, even sacrificing the opportunity to attend the Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival to attend! Stay tuned for upcoming fundraising, awareness raising and solidarity activities during Lent.

On Sunday, five of our students joined with their families and staff members to represent St Monica's at the Mass to launch the Project Compassion Appeal for 2018 at St Patrick's Cathedral. Bishop Robert McGukin commissioned those students in attendance to help lead Project Compassion in their schools. A HUGE thank you to; Gabriel, Isabella, Lilah, Claire and Rachel (and their families) for giving up their Sunday to represent our school.

This Friday – 16th of February – is our Meet the Staff / Parent Information / Welcome BBQ / Disco at 6:15 to 8:30pm. Children will be supervised in the Prep building whilst the parents engage in an information session in the Parish Hall, followed by BBQ and Disco. Thank you to the P&F for organising dinner for us on Friday night.

Tonight from 4-6pm we have three Rugby League Football Teams entered in the Rugby League Gala Day at the Oakey Bears Football Club. Best of luck to our Year 4&5, Senior Boys and Girls Teams. Thank you to Mr West for organising our teams.

Next Thursday at 9am we will have our Leader's Induction and School Opening Mass. The theme of our Mass is “Just Leadership.” At the Mass, our School Captains, House Captains and School Leaders will receive their badges. We warmly welcome all members of our school community to come along to join with us in prayer.

Last year, all teachers in Prep to Year 4 received training in the Diocesan wide Reading Strategy and this year, teachers in Years 5 and 6 (who have not received training) and new teachers will receive their training. Next week this training begins for two of our teaching staff.

I look forward to meeting many new parents at the BBQ on Friday Night.

God Bless

Lisa Cavanagh

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**PLEASE NOTE: SWIMMING LESSONS FOR THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY HAVE BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO
EXTREME HEAT.**

Teacher Talk

Prep

Hello from the Prep Room,

This week we have been learning about the sounds of “p” and “o”. We have been counting numbers to 10 when we sing Dr Knicker Bocker and we have been discussing our families.

Mrs Gina Lawrie for Mrs Rebecca Thomas

Year One

Students in Year 1 have begun reading in groups this week. The focus strategy is 'use youR background knowledge'. They have been learning about the short and long 'a' sound and short 'a' word families. Students are identifying noun groups when they construct a simple sentence. They are participating in hands on activities to develop an understanding of place value with a focus on numbers to 20. A focus will continue on the LEARN behaviours as we look at mindful and unmindful choices.

Mrs Chris Conneely

Year Two

In Science we have been investigating where water comes from, how we use water and what we can do to conserve water. Students will complete a home water use survey for homework this week. In Maths we have been exploring place value and discussed how Zero the Hero holds the tens place when there are no teen numbers. Students have enjoyed listening to the story 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne and sequencing the events in Writing.

Yours in Christ

Mrs Rowena Staude

Year Three

In English we have officially started our planning for our persuasive writing piece “The Best Part of Me.” We are focusing on using adjectives in our writing. In Maths we are practising our addition facts and we are continuing to work with numbers up to 10 000 and place value. The Year 3's have been enjoying playing addition games too!

God Bless and have a great week.

Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff

Teacher Talk

Year Four

In English this term we have been studying the structure of recounts, and have been practising writing them about events that have occurred around the school. The students will then write a recount on an event in their lives of their own choosing.

In Maths we have been investigating multiplication facts. This week we are exploring the six times tables and revising the four times tables. The students have been enjoying signing along to the number facts CD, this is a great way to help memorise number facts.

Year Four will present the class presentation on assembly THIS THURSDAY at 2:20pm, all families are welcome to attend.

God Bless and have a great week.

Mrs Cheryl Anderson

Year Five

In Maths this week, we investigated strategies for addition and subtraction and worked to increase our speed and accuracy when dividing by 2, 5 and 10. In English, we discussed persuasive texts and looked at examples, prior to having to construct our own text. In HaSS, whilst working on our Term 1 unit 'Law and Democracy', we investigated the Federation of Australia and investigated how things were different prior to Federation. In Health, our focus this week is on sportsmanship, whilst in Science, we looked at the position of the Sun, Earth and Moon. The students have a small task to complete in their Science books. The requirements are clearly outlined in their books and the task needs to be completed and returned to school on Monday 19/2 at the latest.

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

Year Six

It has been a scorching few days and the children have been very grateful for their air conditioned classrooms.

This week the students have been polishing up their school captain and house captain speeches and are ready to deliver them on Friday afternoon in the Parish hall. It is pleasing to see that each boy and girl has prepared at least one speech to persuade year 4, 5 and 6 students and the teaching staff to vote for them. Well done to all.

It was rewarding to hear the shrieks of delight as each Science group successfully created a circuit to light up a bulb in Tuesday's Science lesson. Later in the term we will apply this knowledge to design and build a structure with a simple alarm system.

Regards,

Mr Michael West

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2018

Thur Feb 15th	Swimming Lessons
Thur Feb 15th	Year 4 Liturgy
Fri Feb 16th	Welcome Disco
Thur Jan 22nd	Leaders Induction Mass
Fri Feb 23rd	Year 6 Class Liturgy
Mon Feb 26th	Year 5 Class Liturgy

March 2018

Thur Mar 8th	School Photos
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Tuckshop Helpers

**Monday 19th February
2018**

**Kym Owens
Linda Leerentveld
Nicole Langton
Helen Johnson**

**Thank you ladies for
volunteering your time!**

Weekend Masses

St Monica's Parish

**1st, 4th & 5th Sunday – Satur-
day Vigil 6.00pm**

2nd Sunday – 8.00am

**3rd Sunday – 8.00am Cele-
bration of the Word & Com-
munion**

Our Lady of the Annuncia- tion, Peranga

2nd Sunday – 10.00am

**4th Sunday – 10.00am Cele-
bration of the Word & Com-
munion**

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 4

Prep	Paige
Year 1	Ruby
Year 2	Eucella
Year 3	Ella
Year 4	Bonnie
Year 5	Hudson
Year 6	Charlie

SUPERLearners Term 1 Week 3



Important Notices

Illegal Parking

It has been brought to our attention that parents/caregivers are parking illegally in Lorrimer St.

Where there are NO line markings on the road, the road rules state that you must parallel park.

Police have indicated that if this is not adhered to they will be issuing a \$50 fine.

Police have indicated that they will also be issuing fines for parents who do not use the School Crossing, within the 20 metre zone.

**Thank you to the ladies who have volunteered their time to help
in the Tuckshop.**

If you would like to help in the tuckshop, let the office know.

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.

Redgum Book Club:

Red Gum Book Club Booklets have gone home today. Orders and payment are to be made online at www.redgumbookclub.com.au by Monday 26th February.

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





Welcome

Meet the Teacher and Information
Night

Friday

16th February 2018

6.15pm - 8.30pm

Come along and meet your children's
teachers for 2018

6.15pm Parent information session
while students are supervised, followed
by BBQ and disco.

Entry

\$5.00 per Family

Lucky Door Prize to be won

Burgers, sausages and drinks available for purchase and a
bar will be operating.

Craft Club Planning

Looking forward to the 2018 St Monica's Craft Club activities, it is hoped that we will again have the support of both the school staff and parent community and perhaps the involvement of some of the parish community as well. Our helpers will only be required to give up thirty minutes of their time. once a week, to help the fabulous Mrs Young and twenty plus students to create and learn in a positive and nurturing environment.

Mr Poulton has once again thrown his full support behind the project and will generously fund the craft club's activities. Any donations of wool, cardboard, tin cans, plastic containers, old cassettes and cases, old cds, beads or other such items, would be warmly received, not only to keep the costs down but to also encourage the children to use recycled items in a creative manner.

We anticipate high attendance when classes resume in late February 2018, and so encourage the students to get involved each week by writing their names on the list in the Craft Club folder on a Monday morning. The folder will be located near Mr Poulton's room in the office. At present class size is limited to twenty children but this may change if more parent volunteers can be found. Please see the following page for a list of proposed activities for 2018.

Caritas Mass Sunday with the Bishop



Little Athletics

Amy competed in the Little Athletics Regional Championships.

Amy entered 5 events and came away with 2nd in high jump (PB), 2nd in hurdles, 3rd in discus, 3rd in 100m and 4th in 400m.

With these results Amy has qualified to compete in Brisbane at the State Championships in March!

Well Done Amy!

Drop your vouchers into box in the Office.

