



Newsletter 21st February 2018 Week 5 Term 1

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In Year 3 we LOVE using the new 'whisper phones' when reading. We have been using them to work on using expression when we read. The whisper phones have been a great addition to our daily reading groups and stamina reading in the afternoons. The Year 3's are working on building their reading stamina, reading for enjoyment and developing a love for reading.



Using the whisper phones is fun because I can actually hear myself!- Abby



I sound cool!
- Jett



Principal's Page

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Thank you to families and staff who attended the Meet the Staff/BBQ and Disco last Friday evening. The numbers were a bit down on normal but perhaps that was to do with the storms that were hanging around late in the afternoon. At the information session, teachers provided a brochure on important details that parents should know. If you were not able to attend on Friday, please contact your child's class teacher for a copy of the information brochure. Many thanks to members of the parent body who looked after the bbq arrangements, it is much appreciated. I appreciate the efforts staff put into make the evening a great opportunity for our community to gather together. Well done everyone!

When you ask your child, **"How was school today, do you get the answer, all right or ok?"** Why not consider asking a few of these questions to generate some discussion:

What was the best thing that happened to you today?

Tell me something that made you laugh today?

How did you help someone today?

Where were you the happiest today?

If I spoke to your teacher on the phone this evening what would he/she say about you?

Tell me about one thing you learned today?

What do you think you should do more of to learn at school?

What did you play during break time?

Who is the happiest person in your class? Why do you think so?

If you were given the job as teacher tomorrow, what would you do?

Congratulations to our Year 6 students for entering into the Leadership development program Mr West has introduced them to including the day at Emu Gully. Last week the students prepared and delivered leadership speeches and nominated to leadership positions. Both staff and students from Years 4, 5 & 6 participated in voting culminating in the following specific leadership positions being decided:

School Captains: Claire Matthewson & Mitchell Lancaster

Beersheba House Captains: Lilly-May Abell & Dominic Black

Fromelles House Captains: Jessica Mailman & Sean Owens

Kokoda House Captains: Franchezka Rabaca & Charlie McCormack

Student Leaders: Alli-Georgia Bennett, Broc Brickwood, Rachel Byers, Rhianna Hazard, Zackory Leerentveld, Giliann Pamalaran, Sonya Schulz, Jennifer Wilson, Luke Young

Our leaders will be invested into their positions of responsibility during tomorrow's School Mass at 9:00am in the Church. I invite all members of the school community to join us for this important occasion.

I have been asked about the cancelled swimming date (due to the extreme weather last week). It is unlikely that it will be re-scheduled due to the tightness of the school calendar and the non-availability of a swimming teacher.

The next P&F meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th February at 7:00pm (my apologies for the change of date, I have a Parish Council meeting tonight).

It has been great to see some rain. I hope our farmers have benefited.

Yours

Mr Roland Poulton

Principal

APRE

Last Wednesday we celebrated our first whole school Mass together with members of the parish for Ash Wednesday. As the season of Lent progresses, we will have more opportunities to pray and celebrate together.

Lent is a time of preparation and reflection in the lead up to Easter. Rather than give something up for Lent, I have a challenge for all members of our St Monica's community – do something more. Some suggestions include:

- Make time for a meal around the table with no TV
- Read a book together as a family
- Phone an old friend you haven't heard from in a while
- Visit someone you suspect is dealing with hardship at this time
- Ask for forgiveness for a wrong / grant forgiveness to someone who has wronged you
- Pray together as a family

This Thursday (22nd February) our Year 6 students will be inducted as Leaders of our school. All members of our school community are invited to attend the Mass at 9am on Thursday at St Monica's Church.

Saturday the 3rd of March at 6pm is our first School Parish Mass for the year. All classes are invited to attend with their families. If your family will be in attendance and your children would like to participate in the Mass in some way, please complete the form in the newsletter and return to the office by Friday the 23rd of February. Students assisting in the Mass will have a practice at school with Mrs Cavanagh next week.

Project Compassion News

This week we were very lucky to have been visited by Psyche Mae from the Philippines. She was the 'face' of Project Compassion in 2008 when she was a young girl living on a garbage dump in the Philippines. Today, Psyche Mae has completed her education and works as a social worker in her community, helping those in need. This was made possible through the generous support of Caritas Australia. As this year is the Year of Youth, Caritas is revisiting some of the young people they have assisted over the years to share their stories with us.



Dominic, Mitchell, Claire and Jessica have been working with me to plan some exciting and thought-provoking activities during Lent to help us, not only raise money for Caritas, but to gain an understanding and awareness of the lives of others. This Friday, the students will be asking others to carry a bucket of water around the oval to help us experience in a small way what some children have to do every day when collecting clean water for their families. Because we are Stewards of Creation, the water will be used to water our gardens afterwards.

We are encouraging students to make a donation to Project Compassion – no matter how small. Did you know that \$5 is enough to purchase a chicken in Mozambique? Each time a class raises \$5, they will have a 'chicken' added to the wall outside the office with the class name on it. The 'chickens' will be announced on Assembly each week. I look forward to seeing how many 'chickens' the children of St Monica's School donates.

I look forward to seeing many families at our Mass on Saturday 3rd March at 6pm.

God Bless

Lisa Cavanagh



Teacher Talk

Prep

This week in Prep we have been discovering all about our families as we continue our History Unit. We have loved looking at the family photos the students have brought in and hearing all the stories the students have shared about your family. A reminder to those people who have not brought in their photo to please do so as soon as possible. In English we continue our reading groups and learning about the letters 'u' and 'g' as we explore the 'ug' word family and read the Pig the Pug story books. In Maths we are learning about the number 4 and looking at the concept of more or less.

Enjoy your week,

Mrs Rebecca Thomas

Year One

Students in Year 1 are using picture clues and background knowledge to identify who or what is involved in stories, during reading groups this week. We are looking for information and clues 'right there' in the text to enhance our understanding of stories. Students are practising writing of anticlockwise letters with a focus on the letter 'd'. They have been using interesting words to 'rev' up their writing during sentence construction. During Mathematics we have participated in hands on activities for rainbow facts and place value of numbers to 100. In Science lessons, students have learned about how they perceive the world through their 5 senses.

Mrs Chris Conneely

Year Two

In Science we are investigating whether water soaks in or runs off different surfaces. In Maths we have continued to work with place value and are comparing numbers that are more or less using the language of greater than and less than. In Writing we have looked at time connectives that help us sequence events in a story and we are busy preparing our entries for the Oakey Show in March.

Please remember that Wednesday is library borrowing day and home readers and library books need to be returned.

Yours in Christ

Mrs Rowena Staude

Year Three

This week in Year 3 we have been continuing with addition and subtraction facts. We have been using our understanding of addition and subtraction to complete place value number boards. In English, we have been learning about the purpose of an introduction in writing.

Yesterday we were privileged to have Psyche May from the Philippines, come to speak to us and tell us her life story and how Project Compassion helped change her life. Our class was shocked to hear how she had grown up living near a rubbish dump and had to walk two hours to and from school every day. The students reflected on how fortunate we are to have our homes, families, running water and food. They are excited to play their part in helping out for Project Compassion and are coming with lots of fun, creative ideas to raise money to buy chickens!

Have a wonderful week & God Bless

Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff

Teacher Talk

Year Four

This week we are completing some mid-term assessment. In Mathematics the students will demonstrate their understanding of concepts learnt so far this year. In English the students will be writing a recount about an event of their own choosing. They will be required to edit their work and attempt to correct any spelling errors, and to ensure that their written work makes sense.

During Lent the school is collecting money to support Caritas, I have given year 4 students the challenge to bring at least 20 cents a day to school to help support our fundraising efforts.

God Bless and have a great week.

Mrs Cheryl Anderson

Year Five

This week in Maths, we have been adding and subtracting fractions and displaying data using dot plots. In English, we have been learning to use apostrophes to indicate possession, whilst in Science, the students were very creative when constructing their own models of the Sun, Earth and Moon. In HaSS, we investigated Democracy and in Health, our focus this week is in on tolerance.

Thank you to the parents who met with me at our Parent Information Session last Friday night. If you were not present on this occasion, a note has been sent home which outlines the focus for the term. Please complete your email details on this form and return it to school at your earliest convenience. We will be presenting a small item on Assembly this week (22/2) and our Class Liturgy will be held next Friday, 2 March. You are very welcome to join us on both of these occasions.

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

Year Six

This week in year 6, we have been working on our Oakey Show entries, these include handwriting, our Andy Warhol popart and our oil pastel volcano art. All of these have been great fun for everyone in our classroom. We have also been practising for our Leadership Induction Mass our class liturgy, is on Friday at 2.30pm. All parents are invited to these two events.

Regards,

Jessica and Mitchell

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2018

Thur Feb 22nd	Leaders Induction Mass 9am
Thur Feb 22nd	Assembly Year 3 Presentation 2.20pm
Fri Feb 23rd	Year 6 Class Liturgy

March 2018

Thur March 1st	Assembly Year 2 Presentation
Fri Mar 2nd	Year 5 Class Liturgy
Sat March 3rd	Family Mass 6.00pm
Thur Mar 8th	School Photos
Fri Mar 16th	Day of Action & Bullying Breakfast 7.15am
Sun Mar 25th	Palm Sunday
Thur Mar 29th	Last day of Term 1
Fri Mar 30th	Good Friday

Tuckshop Helpers

Monday 26th Feb 2018

Kym Owens

Linda Leerentveld

Leeanne Weedon

**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 5

Prep	Gabriel
Year 1	Brielle
Year 2	Jhulia
Year 3	Chloe
Year 4	Joshua
Year 5	Irene
Year 6	Broc

SUPERLearners Term 1 Week 4



Important Notices

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.

Craft Club Call Out.

Craft Club will be starting this week. As you know this is provided free of charge to the children. Kathleen Young has a list of proposed activities planned but has asked that if anyone has any wool, cardboard, plastic soft drink bottles (1.25L size), old cassettes and cases, old cds, beads or other craft items that they no longer want, could they please bring them in to the office for the use of Craft club. Please ensure items are washed out before dropoff. Such donations will be warmly received, not only to keep the costs down but to also encourage the children to use recycled items in a creative manner.

Students don't forget to add your name to the folder in the office every Monday morning for craft club on either Thursday or Friday for the week!

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



School Parish Mass – Saturday 3rd March – 6pm

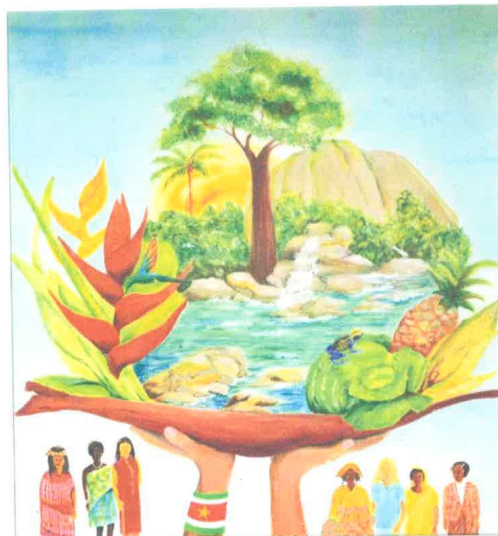
Job	Description	Name
Reader	Penitential Rite, Readings, Responsorial Psalm,	
Altar Serving	Must have completed training and have re-	
Welcoming	Welcome parishioners and school families to	
Offertory procession	Take up the gifts of Bread and Wine – no train-	
Special Eucharistic	Must have completed training – adults only	

Please return to Lisa Cavanagh by Friday 23rd February.

World Day of Prayer — March 2018

SURINAME

All God's Creation is Very Good



Friday 2-03-2018

10.00am

Grace Community Church Oakey

Rugby League



Congratulation to everyone who participated in the recent Rugby League Carnival, the afternoon was enjoyed by everyone.

Congratulations

Well done to the swimmers who represented St Monica's at the Catholic Schools' and Inner Downs' Carnivals. Matthew Johnston, Rory Black, Dominic Black and Lilah Matthewson will now swim at the Darling Downs Carnival at Gatton on Wednesday 28th February as a member of the Inner Downs Team. Good luck!

Inner Downs Trials

Rugby League: Under 11, Pittsworth Monday 12th March

Under 12, Pittsworth Monday 19th March

\$5.00 fee, nominations due by Wednesday 7th March

Netball: Monday 12th March Nell E Robinson Park Toowoomba

Under 11, 2.00-3.30pm Under 12, 4.00-5.30pm

\$8.00 fee, nominations due Thursday 1st March

Nomination Forms available in the office.



Come and Join

Oakey Girl Guides

Creek Street, Oakey

Brownies

Ages - 5yrs to 10 yrs

Day – Saturday

Time – 2.00 pm to 4.00pm

Guides

Ages - 11yrs to 17 yrs

Day – Saturday

Time – 2.00 pm to 4.00pm

Contacts:

Nancy Chalmers – 07 4691 1309

Sandra James – 07 4691 1025w

Bianca Bidgood – 0407 132 381

Craft, Games , Cooking, Camping and Lots more Fun



Drop your vouchers into box in the Office.



Everyone Invited

Come and share a day at the
Maryvale
Bunya Festival
March 10 and 11 2018
A Revival of a Traditional
Gathering of Aboriginal People

What is it about?

*Recognising and re-constructing the histories, cultures and ideas of Aboriginal people;
Bringing Aboriginal people and non-Aboriginal people together on country, for a fun informative experience.*



Day 1 Saturday March 10 10 AM to Evening

Music by Roger Knox, Jarrod Hickling, Jason Troutman and other artists
Bunya Cave children's stories
Welcome Ceremony by Githabul traditional owners
Sharing "Where are You From?"
Art by local artists
Discussion of current issues with Grant Sarra and Mike Williams
Food with traditional ingredients incl. Bunya
Dance and song
Live native animal show
Ecology walks along creek
Guided kids play; sand, paint, puzzles...
The meanings of the Bunya Festival
Lunch & evening meal available. Coffee van
Stalls by Aboriginal businesses

Day 2 Sunday March 11 10 AM all day

Relax in the creek pools.
An extended walk in local bushland with Oliver Costello of Firesticks, plus Aboriginal Spirituality with Sharman Parsons, and practical knowledge

Overnight Camping

*Camping spot available right next to festival grounds.
Camp kitchen with fridge and sink.
Shower with solar hot water.
Compost toilets nearby.*



Venue

*Cicada Woman, Nyalar Mirungan-ah
Nature Refuge, 49 Mailmans Rd., North
Branch, Qld 4370.*

Contacts 0459 655 648,
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Entry:

Adults: \$10
Kids 12 and under free
*Funded and run by Warwick Development Group
Inc. (Waringh Waringh)*

Updates regularly on Facebook