



Newsletter 28th February 2018 Week 6 Term 1

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2018 School Leaders



School Captains

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*Jessica Mailman
Sean Owens*

Kokoda

*Charlie McCormack
Francheska Rabaca*

Last Thursday, we joined with Fr Thomas, Fr Mick and the St Monica's School Community to celebrate our School Leaders for 2018, with a liturgy and presentation of badges ceremony. We would like to wish our school leaders all the very best for their final year of Primary School. We know they will be wonderful ambassadors of St Monica's, who will always lead by example and strive to be the best they can be.



Safety and wellbeing of our students at school

We welcome and encourage parental involvement at St Monica's but following these few simple guidelines can ensure our school is a place of happiness and learning

- * Volunteer to help out at school
- * Develop a good sharing relationship with the class teacher - be open and honest
- * Know what is going on at school - read Newsletters, keep in touch, attend meetings
- * Report any concern, issue, safety matter, or inappropriate student or adult behaviour to a staff member immediately
- * Always be visible to others when interacting with students (never work alone)
- * Always use clear, calm and positive language when referring to the school, its staff and students
- * Be careful of comments you post on Social Media - check your privacy settings
- * Leave the discipline or problem solving matters relating to student to student interactions to the staff - tell a teacher
- * Acknowledge the uniqueness of each student
- * Encourage and affirm all children
- * Offer a compliment to staff



Teacher Talk

All students Free Dress Day this Friday for Caritas.

Please bring a gold coin for donation to Caritas.

Prep

We are now over half way through the term! Time is going by too fast. The students are now settled into routines and Prep life and are to be commended on their excellent behaviour last week during Mass and Assembly. They really did a fabulous job! This week in Prep we will be learning about patterns, sorting objects based on different classifications and the number 5 in Maths. In English we will be cutting up sentences to make sure it makes sense, learning about the letters E and D and continuing our reading groups. Last Friday students were sent home their home reading folder. It is expected you read every night for 10min and practise sight words. You keep the same books for the whole week and they will need to be returned next Thursday. New books will not be reissued until Friday. Have a great Week.

Enjoy your week,

Mrs Rebecca Thomas

Year One

Students have been using Studyladder during reading activities. Please feel free to use this resource at home. Students are focusing on 'who', 'what', 'where', 'why', 'what' and 'how' questions, to help develop a better understanding of text. During Mathematics this week students are continuing their understanding of place value as they look at patterns in the 100's board. In Religion students are looking at stories of Jesus and his friends. Students have been making promises during the season of Lent. Each time the students fulfill their promise they will add a leaf to our tree. Keep an Eye out for our Lenten tree and watch it sprout with kindness.

Mrs Chris Conneely

Year Two

This week in Maths we are exploring count-on fact families and working with turnaround facts with addition and subtraction. We have commenced our poetry unit and are identifying syllables, rhyming patterns including couplets, noun groups and verbs. This week we wrote our Lenten promises and created a Lenten caterpillar. At the end of Lent we will create wings for our caterpillar, just as we give wings to our Lenten promises and turn our words into actions. In Sport we are working together to play cooperative games utilising core skills such as balance, running forwards and stopping, walking toe to toe and pivoting.

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 are publishing our persuasive texts using digital technologies. The students are really enjoying learning all about Microsoft Word. So far we have learned how to change the font, the size and the colour of the text. In Math's we have started learning about time. We are continuing with our addition facts. We will continue to work on our Oakey show pieces.

We have our Assembly presentation on Thursday and the students are very excited to present our message to the school.

Have a wonderful week, God Bless.

Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff

Teacher Talk

Year Four

During Lent the school is collecting money to support Caritas, I have given the Year 4 students the challenge to bring at least 20 cents a day to school to help support our fundraising efforts. Last week our class raised enough money to buy 7 chickens. Keep up the great fundraising effort Year 4.

This week in science we will be experimenting with rocks and exploring the effect water and the weather has on them.

God Bless and have a great week.

Mrs Cheryl Anderson

Year Five

I was very impressed with the efforts of the Year 5 students last week, when participating in our class presentation on Assembly and I thank the parents who attended. We hope you will also be able to join us this Friday morning at 9am for our Class Liturgy. The students are busy finalising their entries for the Oakey Show and I have seen some wonderful handwriting and art work.

This week in Maths, we are focussing on collecting, displaying and analysing data, whilst in HaSS we are consolidating our understanding of Democracy. In Religion, we looked at the symbols of the Holy Spirit, whilst in Health this week our focus is on perseverance.

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

Year Six

Hello from Year Six

Week six already but I am confident that the whole class is making very good headway.

In mathematics we have been covering addition and subtraction of fractions with common denominators. We have extended these concepts by including improper fractions and mixed numbers. We shall progress to addition and subtraction of fractions with related denominators in the coming days.

In English we have studied the use of graphic organisers to arrange information in a logical way to enhance our understanding of a narrative and its structure. We have also seen how a graphic organiser is an excellent tool to use when preparing or delivering an oral presentation on any topic.

Regards,

Mr Michael West

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2018

Thur March 1st	Assembly Year 3 Presentation
Fri March 2nd	Free Dress Day
Fri Mar 2nd	Year 5 Class Liturgy
Sat Mar 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

April 2018

Sun April 1st	Easter Sunday
Tue April 17th	Start of Term 2

Tuckshop Helpers

Monday 5th March 2018

Kym Owens

Linda Leerentveld

Carly Bach

Leanne Matthewson

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 6

Prep	Claire
Year 1	Alex E
Year 2	Tyler
Year 3	Beau
Year 4	Jacob
Year 5	Cy
Year 6	Lily-May

SUPERLearners Term 1 Week 5



School Photos

Thursday 8th March

Please make sure all children are dressed in their school Formal Uniform for the photos.

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.

Craft Club Call Out.

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.



St Monica's P & F association are running our annual Easter raffle.

We are again looking for donations from you the parent/caregivers to make this viable.

All things related to Easter. eg. chocolates, Easter bunnies , candy eggs etc., etc.,

Tickets will be given out to the eldest in the family this week.

\$2.00 per ticket 5 tickets to each family.



We look forward to your support with this fundraiser.

Please leave your donations in the school office!



St Saviour's College 2018-2022 Strategic Plan Launch

Thursday 1 March, 3.30pm – 5.00pm

*Official Launch 4.00pm in the Callaghan Centre
Drinks and Canapes in Mercy Court to follow*

RSVP: Ph 4637 1600 by 26/02/18 (for catering)

Holy Land Pilgrimage May 2018

The 16 day pilgrimage "Footprints of Jesus" is led by Fr. Thomas Areekuzhy Parish Priest of St Monica's Oakey. Departing on 16th May 2018. featuring Petra, Mr Nebo, Dead Sea, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Jericho, Masada, Mr Tabor & Jerusalem for an all inclusive price of \$5490. You can reserve your seats with an initial deposit of \$1000. This offer ends on 15th March 2018.

For further details or any queries please feel free to call Magi Pilgrimages on 03 8562 2246.

School Parish Mass – Saturday 3rd March – 6pm

Job	Description	Name
Reader	Penitential Rite, Readings, Responsorial Psalm, Prayers of the Faithful	
Altar Serving	Must have completed training and have received Sacraments of Initiation	
Welcoming	Welcome parishioners and school families to the church and hand out church newsletters.	
Offertory procession	Take up the gifts of Bread and Wine – no training required	
Special Eucharistic Minister	Must have completed training – adults only	

Please return to Lisa Cavanagh



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

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Instrumental Music Lessons

Group lessons are given each week for half an hour @ \$19.50 per lesson. Each term an account is emailed to parents which must be paid by the due date to ensure continuation of lessons. Students must be in year 4 or above to learn woodwind instruments or year 2 or above for piano. A one term trial is available for younger students, at the end of which a decision will be made between teacher and parent on continuation of lessons.

Students Name: Year:

Parents Name/s: Date:/...../.....

Address:

.....postcode:

Accounts will be sent to your Email address at the beginning of each term.

Email:

Phone: Mobile:

Choose an instrument:

☐ Saxophone

☐ Clarinet

☐ Flute

☐ Piano

Has the student played this instrument previously?

Yes

No

Do you have your own instrument?

Yes

No

Piano students must have their own piano or keyboard to practice on before beginning lessons.

Suitable keyboards must have 'Touch control' or similar and full size keys, contact me if you're not sure if yours is suitable.

Hire of woodwind instruments is available for \$50 per term, would you like to hire an instrument?

Yes

No

If you have any questions, please find my contact details above.

Chris Buckley.