



Newsletter 7th March 2018 Week 7 Term 1

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THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

Reading aloud and sharing stories with your child is a great way to spend time together. Reading and story-telling also helps promote language, literacy and brain development.

Reading and sharing stories can:

- help your child become familiar with sounds, words, language and the value of books
- spark your child's imagination, stimulate curiosity and help his/her brain development
- helps your child learn the difference between 'real' and 'make-believe'
- helps your child understand change and new or frightening events, and also the strong emotions that can go along with them
- helps your child develop early literacy skills like the ability to listen to and understand words.

Sharing stories with your child doesn't mean you have to read. Just by looking at books with your child, you can be a great storyteller and a good model for using language and books. Your child will learn by watching you hold a book the right way and seeing how you move through the book by gently turning the pages.

Reading stories with children has benefits for grown-ups too. The special time you spend reading together promotes bonding and helps to build your relationship. This is important for your child developing social and communication skills.

These are some of the reasons the Year 4's love to read.



I get to spend time to myself.



I love learning new words



I love reading for entertainment.



I love gathering new facts when I am reading an information book.

Last Friday I had the pleasure of joining our Year 6 leaders on the Harmony Tour to Brisbane. As part of this tour, we visited three different places of worship in Brisbane. We visited a Hindu Mandir, a Buddhist Temple and a Sikh Gurdwara. At each of the places of worship, the students were given a tour and a talk about the greetings, Holy Scriptures and practices in that particular faith. The St Monica's Students on the tour were respectful and engaged throughout the day and were a credit to our school. This group will share some of their experiences as part of our school Harmony Day celebrations later in the year.



School Leaders at the Amitabha Buddhist Association in Brisbane.

Last week we received a donation from the Oakey Combined Churches Choir from their choir presentation at the end of 2017. This money will be used to purchase resources for Religious Education at St Monica's School. Thank you to the members of the Oakey Combined Churches Choir for their generous donation – it is much appreciated.

We had our first School Family Mass for the year on Saturday the 3rd of March. Whilst we were 'light on' for school families at the Mass, I sincerely thank those families who were able to attend and take part in the Mass. Please put the date of the next School Family Mass into your calendar for Saturday the 26th of May at 6pm – the Feast of the Holy Trinity. I would love to see a large number of families in attendance at this Mass – everyone is welcome.

This Friday, our Project Compassion group will be serving a voluntary lunch of rice for anyone willing to 'give up' their home-made lunch for a simple meal. This is a solidarity activity for students to gain an appreciation for the food they have – many children in the world survive on only one cupful of rice each day. There is no cost involved for anyone wanting to participate in this activity this Friday. Thank you to all our families for their generosity in supporting our Project Compassion Fundraising efforts – so far we have raised a total of \$209.15! That makes 41 chickens for Mozambique! The wall outside my office is becoming very full!

God Bless

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE



Teacher Talk

School Photos Thursday 8th march

Please wear Formal School Uniform

Prep

Students have been practising their letter formation by using their finger to paint on the outside of our classroom doors. This is an activity they have thoroughly enjoyed and has assisted greatly in their letter formation development. This week in Prep we have been learning about the letters 'm' and 'f' in English as well as reading 'The Rainbow Fish'. In Maths this week we are continuing to develop our understanding of patterns and one to one correspondence. This week we continue our History unit by exploring artefacts from the past and comparing them to today's technology. Look forward to meeting with you all in the coming weeks for parent teacher interviews (more information to come) .

Enjoy your week,

Mrs Rebecca Thomas

Year One

Students are continuing to focus on 'who', 'what', 'where', 'why', 'what' and 'how' questions, to help develop a better understanding of text when reading and writing. We have been practicing our short vowel sounds when writing nonsense words. During Mathematics this week students are continuing their understanding of place value as they look at the 100's board and identify number before, after and between. During Religion lessons students have been developing their knowledge of Jesus and the people in his life. With the end of term fast approaching we will be working hard to consolidate our learning in all subject areas in the upcoming weeks.

Mrs Chris Conneely

Year Two

This week we have started exploring alliteration in our Poetry unit. Students have been busy writing and editing a sentence using alliteration based on their first initial. In Mathematics we are counting forwards and backwards by ten on and off the decade and investigating strategies to subtract using our knowledge of the hundreds chart and place value. Our Oakey Show handwriting samples are ready to submit, our colouring competition entries have been sent and we are continuing to work on our artwork.

Year Two are hosting assembly tomorrow and we would love to see you!

Yours in Christ

Mrs Rowena Staude

Year Three

In Year 3 we have been working on our comprehension skills and reading questions properly, not rushing through the work. We are practicing working through activities independently to prepare for NAPLAN. We are enjoying our Science Living Things unit and becoming experts at identifying the needs of living things. I will see you all next week!

Have a wonderful week & God Bless,

Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff

Teacher Talk

Year Four

The Year Fours have been investigating the effect that weather has on rocks in science this week. They were surprised how, through our experiment, we discovered that water can reduced the size of rocks and that it can also change the shape.

It is an expectation that all student attempt some part of their homework every night and that it is brought to school every day. If something occurs at home that prevents them from completing their homework on a given night, I ask that parents send a small note of explanation to school in their homework diary.

We will be having our class Liturgy this Friday at 8:50am in the Year Four classroom, all welcome to attend.

God Bless and have a great week.

Mrs Cheryl Anderson

Year Five

I would like to acknowledge the recent achievements of some of our Year 5 students. Well done to Matthew and Rory on their results in the Darling Downs Swimming Championships and the Glennie Fair Aquathon, and congratulations to Sophie on being named Miss Mini Showgirl at the Oakey Show Ball on Saturday night. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who attended our Liturgy on Friday morning. It was wonderful to have share this occasion with us and I was very proud of the students' efforts.

In Health this week, our focus is on perseverance. The students watched video clips of some very inspiring human beings who have persevered through adversity. They were very surprised to hear of many famous people who endured failure and hardship on their road to success. In Mathematics, we are focussing on Multiplication strategies, whilst in English we are looking at homographs.

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

Year Six

Hello from Year Six

Week seven was nominated as the week for first drafts of HaSS assignments to be submitted for teacher perusal. Most students have already done this and I am generally pleased with quality of their work. Completed assignments are due by the end of week nine.

In Religion we have been examining meaning of the Beatitudes and how it applies to just leadership. We will also be comparing the Corporal and Spiritual Acts of Mercy.

Thanks to Mrs Tyrie for her hard work preparing the children's hand writing and artwork for the Oakey Show. Their work looks fabulous as a result.

Regards,

Mr Michael West

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2018

Thur Mar 8th	School Photos
Fri Mar 9th	Year 4 Class Liturgy 8.50am
Fri Mar 16th	Day of Action & Bullying Breakfast 7.15am
Sat Mar 17th	Oakey Show
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 12th March 2018

Kym Owens

Linda Leerentveld

Leanne Matthewson

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

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 7

Prep	Heath
Year 1	Xianne
Year 2	Brady
Year 3	Jett
Year 4	Sean
Year 5	Matthew
Year 6	Rhianna

SUPERLearners Term 1 Week 6



We all need a helping hand at times!

Have you ever considered how you might be able to help make our school an even greater place for our kids?

Please take a minute to complete this 'Helpers Feedback Sheet' telling us how you may be able to help. By filling out this sheet we get an idea of who in our parent community might be able to lend a hand...once off....occasionally....or....regularly. Please take a minute to complete this sheet and return it to school by Wednesday 14th March 2018. Thank you.

Activity/Help	Once Off (Please tick)	Occasionally (Please tick)	Regularly (Please tick)
Art/Craft – helping with Craft Club or in class			
Athletics Carnivals – being an official/ judge etc			
Athletics Carnivals – setting-up/packing-up			
Bar – organising the fridge/sticking the drinks			
Bar – serving to adults			
Barbecue – cooking the steaks!			
Barbecue – setting-up/cleaning-up for functions			
Books – covering library/classroom readers			
Cleaning - desks and chairs at the end of year			
Cooking – something for a special morning/afternoon tea			
Cross Country Carnivals - being an official/ judge etc			
Cross Country Carnivals - setting-up/packing-up			
Decorating – parent nights/Trivia evenings etc			
Discos – helping with themes & prizes			
Excursions – going with the class as a helper			
Gardening – helping with a Gardening Club			
Guest Speaker – sharing a skill or talent. Please name: _____			
Making things – metalwork/woodwork eg. A shelf, fixing a chair. Name: _____			
Pie Drive – organising/distributing/collating paperwork			
Pie Drive – sort products on arrival to school			
Raffle Tickets – printing/collating/sorting			
Reading – listening to students/group/individual			
Santa Fair – decorating a float			
School Concert – source/make costumes/props			
Sport – lunchtime games or coaching a team			
Swimming Carnivals - being an official/ judge etc			
Swimming Carnivals - setting-up/packing-up			
Tuckshop –serving etc			
Other - Name: _____			
Other – Name _____			
Other – Name _____			

Name: _____ Phone Contact: _____

Did you know?

All volunteers (including parent helpers) have to undergo a short Code of Conduct and Student Protection induction prior to undertaking activities with students at school? It is not difficult and does not take a lot of time so don't let this put you off volunteering to help!

Two handy brochures are available from the School Office:

Volunteers Code of Conduct

Student Protection Information for Volunteers

Pick up your copy to keep informed.

Late Arrival and Early Departure Procedures

Students who **arrive late** to school (after Parade has finished) should go to the School Office to collect a late slip. They are then able to go to class and settle-in quickly. This would not be a good time for parents to have a quick catch-up with teachers as they have already started teaching for the day.

When a student needs to **leave early** from school, parents are asked to go to the School Office so an early departure slip can be completed. Parents are asked to remain at the office while the staff contact the classroom teacher by phone and ask for the student to come up to the office to meet their parent.

Many thanks for adhering to this request which will help minimise interruptions to class teaching and learning

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

On Friday 16th March commencing at 7:15am, the school will host a 'Family Breakfast' to help highlight this important day within our school community. Students will also participate in a variety of activities throughout the day to reinforce the message that bullying and violence is not ok. Please join us for a free breakfast. All you need to do is complete the attached reply slip so we have an idea how many families will be attending for catering purposes. Please return the reply slip (or phone or email numbers to the School Office) by Tuesday 13th March.

Reply Slip – Family Breakfast (Please return by Tuesday 13th March)

Yes please, our family _____ will be attending the National Day of
(Family Name)

Action against Bullying and Violence on Friday 16th March from 7:15am.

Number of adults attending: _____

Number of children attending: _____

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.,

\$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!**

Craft Club

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!

School Fees

Term 1 School Fees are now due!

Please notify the office if you have not received your account.

School Photos

Thursday 8th March

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

Congratulations to our Inner Downs Representatives.

Well done on your achievements!



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



Chip Van Oakey Show

Volunteers are needed to help in the Chip Van at the Oakey Show on Saturday the 17th March

Please support the St Monica's P&F in raising money for our children

Mr Matthewson is the co-ordinator of the Chip Van, contact the school office if your are able to help him in any way!

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



PARENTING RESILIENT KIDS



We are inviting parents and their primary-school aged children to take part in a new online parenting program designed to provide parents with strategies to parent with confidence and stay connected with their pre-teen child.

WHAT IS THE RESEARCH ABOUT?

You are invited to participate in research being conducted by Monash University, led by Dr Marie Yap. The research aims to evaluate whether our new online parenting program can help empower parents and in turn build their child's resilience.

WHAT IS INVOLVED?

You will be randomly allocated to one of two groups, to receive either:

1) An individually-tailored, interactive online parenting program that will give you practical strategies you can use to parent your child more confidently;

OR

2) An information package of 8 weekly fact sheets about child development and well-being.

- We will give you a 5-minute call once a week until you have completed your allocated program.
- We will ask both you and your child (if they agree to take part) to complete some online surveys at the beginning, and after 3 and 12 months.

In total, participation in this research will take a few hours of yours and your child's time over 12 months. To say thank you, you will be reimbursed with e-gift vouchers.

All components of the online program can be done using a computer, tablet, or smartphone.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Parents or guardians of a child aged 6-11 who live in Australia, are fluent in English and have internet access.

HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE?

To find out more, or to register to participate, please go to www.parentingresilientkids.com

For further details, please contact the researchers at mael-resilientkids@monash.edu or on (03) 9945 1232.



MONASH University



PARENTING RESILIENT KIDS:
Preventing Depression in Adolescents



St Monica's Parish, Oakey
Holy Week and Easter
Ceremonies 2018

Palm Sunday - 24th March; Saturday at 6 P.M at Oakey and 10am Peranga.

Second Rite of Reconciliation -
Tuesday 27th March at 7pm
Individual Confession at 6pm to 7pm.

Holy Thursday - 29th March at 7pm.

Good Friday Liturgy -
30th March at 3pm.

Easter Sunday Mass - 1st April at 8am at
Oakey and Peranga at 10am.



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On the 8th of March this year we are happy to be coming back and doing the School Photos for St Monica's again. It's always a pleasure to deal with your school community as everyone from students to staff are so welcoming and efficient in what is required of them, as in previous years all Students in attendance on school photo day will have an individual image and where applicable siblings photos taken, this image will appear on the order envelope sent out to parents within a couple of days of the School Photo day the 8th of March.


All Photo orders will be delivered back to St Monica's within 6-7 weeks of Photo day.

Sample Images are available for viewing at the Office.

Peter Denyer
PD Photography

Sample Envelope

PHOTO ORDER ENVELOPE 2018		Peter Denyer Photography 0407 659 480	
YOUR CHILD'S NAME:		Phone No: St Monica's Primary School	
PN: THIS ORDER REFERS TO THIS CHILD ONLY. DO NOT REMOVE IMAGE, IT WILL BE RETURNED WITH YOUR ORDER			
ENCLOSE PAYMENT AND SEND ORDER TO CENTRE BEFORE CLOSING DATE: Tuesday 27th March			
PACKAGES AVAILABLE - please tick your selection(s).			
<input type="checkbox"/> PACK A: \$40.00	1 Group photo, 1 6x8 inch calendar, 2 6x8 inch portraits (1 B/W & 1 Sepia), 2 5x7 inch portraits, 2 6x4 inch portraits, 1 10x8 inch portrait, 1 bookmark and 2 wallet prints		
<input type="checkbox"/> PACK B: \$27.00	1 Group photo, 1 6x8 inch calendar, 1 5x7 inch portrait, 2 6x4 inch portraits, 1 bookmark and 2 wallet prints		
<input type="checkbox"/> PACK C: \$20.00	1 6x8 inch calendar, 1 5x7 inch portrait, 2 6x4 inch portraits, 1 bookmark and 2 wallet prints		
<input type="checkbox"/> PACK D: \$15.00	1 6x8 inch portrait, 1 5x7 inch portrait, 1 6x4 inch portrait		
<input type="checkbox"/> PACK E: \$15.00	1 10x8 inch portrait, 2 5x7 inch portraits (1 B/W & 1 Sepia)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 11x14 inch Individual portrait on USB no copyright restriction	\$50.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> GROUP PHOTO ONLY \$15.00	
An envelope must be completed for EACH order, however, PAYMENT may be made for other siblings in one envelope. Cheques please make out to "Peter Denyer Photography".			
For credit card payments please fill out the following:		Phone Number:	
Name on my card (eg. Mr Fred Smith):		Cardholders Signature:	
CARD #		EXP: ____ / ____ Amount: \$.....	



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Photo Orders will be returned by the 24th April

Drop your vouchers into box in the Office.

