



*Newsletter 14th March 2018 Week 8 Term 1*

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## Principal's Page

Dear Parents / Caregivers

As I walk around the classes I see great learning taking place. The reading groups are highly successful with a number of staff assisting with the various group instruction and activities rotations. Please ask your children to tell you about the variety of things they do in their groups. Many thanks to the teachers and school officers for working together closely to provide excellent learning experiences for all students.

Parent / Teacher Interviews are just around the corner. If you haven't returned your interview reply slip, please do so immediately so teachers can finalise timeslots. Whilst different teachers have scheduled interviews for differing days and times, generally interviews will begin on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. To get the most out of the time available, I suggest you jot down points or questions you would like to raise with your child's class teacher.

Do not forget that we will be celebrating the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence this Friday. The morning will begin with a Family Breakfast commencing at 7:15am. All families are invited to attend. Please let the office know numbers so we can have sufficient food. Throughout the day, teachers will undertake a variety of activities to reinforce the message that "Bullying is Never OK".

Currently, we have the Education Officer: Wellbeing Mr Brett Leadbetter from the Catholic Schools' Office here at the moment undertaking class profiling exercises with class teachers. Class profiling is a process used to analyse classroom teaching practices, student/teacher interactions, classroom dynamics and acknowledgement of positive and negative behaviours. The teachers are very enthusiastic about the process and the feedback Brett will give to each one of them to assist them in being the best teacher they can be and to assist them to bring about the best possible outcomes for the students.

Thinking ahead, students will present a dramatic presentation of the Holy Week story at assembly on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March (Holy Thursday - last day of Term). The assembly will begin a little earlier on this day, commencing at 2:00pm. Parents are invited to be part of this important assembly.

The school Cross Country will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April. The 9, 10, 11 & 12 year old students will compete across the road in Gordon Park commencing at approximately 9:00am. After an earlier lunch, the 5, 6, 7 & 8 year old students will have their events on the school oval. Parents are invited to attend. Students are busily practising their running skills and Mrs Bruggemann will provide an early morning running opportunity for students in Years 3 to 6 (voluntary). See her note in this Newsletter.

Good luck to all our students with their Show entries at the Oakey Show this Saturday. Make sure you take a look in the school work pavilion. Our choir will be the special guest at the opening ceremony.

Yours sincerely

Roland Poulton  
Principal



## RE News

Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of March is Holy Thursday and the last day of Term 1. The whole school will be attending Mass at 9:00 AM followed by Reconciliation. Any children who have made the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the whole Year 4 class will attend. Mrs Cheryl Anderson will be making the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this ceremony on the 28<sup>th</sup>. All families are warmly invited to attend.

As part of our Drama lessons this term, each class has been working on presenting one part of Holy Week – the last week in Jesus' life. At 2:00 PM on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> of March, each class will present their dramatization. There are no costumes required. Parents are invited to attend our presentation in the Parish Hall.

Year 4 – Palm Sunday

Year 5 – The Washing of the Disciples' Feet

Year 2 – The Last Supper

Prep – Praying in the Garden

Year 1 – The Arrest of Jesus

Year 6 – The Way of the Cross

Year 3 – The Death of Jesus

**World's Longest Prayer Chain** – I am very excited to announce that the students of St Monica's School will be participating in a Guinness World Record Attempt! Students will each be receiving a wrist band, on which they will write a prayer (for anything they wish). These prayers will then be sent to the Gold Coast where all of the wrist bands will be joined together and spread across the beach on 14<sup>th</sup> April. This coincides with the end of the Commonwealth Games and will be covered by various news media. The current world record is 160km!

## Curriculum News

Letters went home during the week about the ICAS testing – if your child is interested, please return the forms with payment to the office. This is not compulsory and is only open for students in Year 2 to 6.

On Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> our school will be celebrating International Read to Me Day. We will have the Big REaD Chair visiting us at school at 2:30 PM. We are also having our own competition in the lead up to International Read to Me Day. Notes have gone home with entry forms – all students have to do is be read to by an adult, fill out the form and return it to school. Children can enter as many times as they wish AND younger siblings are most welcome to enter as well. Book winners will be drawn on the 19<sup>th</sup> March.

Have a wonderful week.

God Bless

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE

# Teacher Talk

## Prep

This week in Prep students have been comparing objects from the past to objects in present day. They have been amazed at how far technology has come and enjoyed comparing old wind up watches to a present day apple watch. We have also begun learning about how to care for our environment and why it is important to do so. In English we are learning about the letter C and R and also focussing on the story Hattie and the Fox. In Mathematics we are exploring the concepts of longer/shorter/bigger/smaller by using hands on materials such as blocks, Lego and unifix cubes to compare lengths. I look forward to catching up with you all at Parent teacher interview time starting next Wednesday.

Enjoy your week,

**Mrs Rebecca Thomas**

## Year One

Students have been thinking and searching for answers to questions about text. They have been identifying short and long vowel sounds to decode and spell words.

During Mathematics this week students are using pictures to create number sentences and solve problems. They are also continuing to develop skills of locating numbers on the 100's board.

For Religion students are learning about the 12 friends who followed Jesus in his mission and ministry.

Congratulations to all students for your high standard of visual art created for the Oakey Show. The entries were delivered for judging this week. Good luck!

**Mrs Chris Conneely**

## Year Two

In our Poetry unit we have been investigating rhyming patterns and discussing our personal responses to different poems. We have been busy writing and editing a sentence using alliteration based on our first initial. In Maths we are investigating time and exploring analogue and digital clocks. We are busy revising time to the hour and are beginning to investigate half past the hour. In our History unit we are exploring changing technology in our homes, changing transport and how work equipment has changed over time. This week in Religion we are reading the story of Holy Week and sequencing the events leading up to Easter.

Yours in Christ

**Mrs Rowena Staude**

## Year Three

It's been a wonderful start to week 8! The children have been engaged in all lessons and showing great responsibility for their learning. This week we will be spending a lot of time talking about friendship and kindness to prepare for National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on Friday.

Year 3 are very excited about our class Liturgy on Friday. All Year 3 parents and loved ones are welcome, we hope to see you there at 2.30pm.

Have a wonderful week & God Bless,

**Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff**

## Teacher Talk

### Year Four

Thank you to all the parents and family members who were able to attend our class liturgy last Friday. This week in Religion we have been investigating the doctrine of the Trinity, that is the Christian belief that there is one God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The students are improving in their ability to find and reference parts of the Bible.

In English we have been looking at Aboriginal Dreaming Stories. The students have enjoyed engaging with these stories and looking at another culture's perspective on how the world was created. They have also been comparing and contrasting these stories to the stories of creation in the Bible.

I look forward to catching up with you all at Parent teacher interview time starting next Tuesday.

God Bless and have a great week.

**Mrs Cheryl Anderson**

### Year Five

This week in Maths, we are working on our division strategies, perfecting our 6X tables and calculating perimeter. In Reading Groups, we are focusing on predicting and summarising texts, whilst in writing we are constructing a persuasive text about whether animals should be caged or free. In Science, we are learning about constellations and in Health we have been looking at the importance of setting SMART goals. In HaSS, we investigated different voting systems, including first past the post and preferential voting.

Thank you to the parents who have returned their Parent Teacher Interview notes. If you are yet to do so, please return these as soon as possible.

**Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann**

### Year Six

Hello from Year Six

Week 8 sees the children busy with assessment tasks in HASS, RE, English and Science. Final drafts of their Federation Person diary entries are progressing well. In RE each student is writing a short Bio of a just leader and detailing which qualities this person has demonstrated. We have begun a story scaffold and plot profile in preparation to write our own humorous short story for English assessment and for Science the children are planning an alarm system based on an electrical circuit powered by household batteries.

It was pleasing to hear that the class was on their best behaviour last Thursday while I was away at reading in-service. They showed respect for Mrs Booth throughout the day and completed all the work which was expected of them. Well done Year 6!

Regards,

**Mr Michael West**

## Cross Country Training

### Training before school on School Oval

<b>Week 9</b>	<b>Wednesday 21st &amp; Friday 23rd March</b>	<b>8.00am</b>
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<b>Week 10</b>	<b>Wednesday 28th &amp; Thursday 29th March</b>	<b>8.00am</b>
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March 2018

Fri Mar 16th	Day of Action & Bullying Breakfast 7.15am
Sat Mar 17th	Oakey Show
Fri Mar 23rd	Cupcake Day
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
Thur April 19th	Cross Country

## Tuckshop Helpers

Monday 19th March 2018

Kym Owens

Linda Leerentveld

Suella McCormack

Alison MacIntosh

Sharee Brown

Thank you ladies for  
volunteering your time!

## Weekend Masses

### St Monica's Parish

1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – 8.00am

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – 8.00am Celebration of the Word & Communion

### Our Lady of the Annunciation, Peranga

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – 10.00am

4<sup>th</sup> 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 8

Prep	Cayden
Year 1	Molly
Year 2	Latoya
Year 3	Dominic
Year 4	Lilah
Year 5	Sophie
Year 6	Sean

## SUPERLearners Term 1 Week 7



# Important Notices

## **Flexischools - Tuckshop ordering and payment system**

St Monica's has registered for the online ordering and payment system for our school tuckshop. Flexischools will take several weeks to set up the computerised system but I urge parents to go online and see what Flexischools is all about. <https://www.flexischools.com.au/>

We anticipate that online ordering for parents will commence early in Term 2.

## **Commonwealth Games Baton Relay**

The Commonwealth Games Baton Relay will pass through Oakey on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Students from St Monica's will gather with other local schools at the Oakey State School for this historic event. More information will be provided closer to the event.

## **Do you have a daughter in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6?**

The Principal of St Saviour's College Toowoomba, Ms Sharon Collins will visit St Monica's on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2:30 to 3:30pm. Ms Collins invites girls and their parents to meet with her and some St Saviour's College students to find out about high school life at St Saviours. Afternoon tea will be provided.

## **Condolences and Prayers**

The school community offers our condolences and prayers to Mark & Cheryl Anderson (Year 4 teacher). Mark's mother passed away recently and her funeral will be in Toowoomba tomorrow. We pray that the Anderson family will find comfort and support from our loving God at this difficult time.

## **URGENT URGENT URGENT**

### **Chip Van Oakey Show**

We still need helpers for the Chip Van this Saturday at the Oakey Show, particularly in the afternoon. If you can help, even if only for an hour, would you please let us know? Contact the School Office or phone Michael Matthewson on 0407800796 (phone or text - after tea time is fine). Just think of the fantastic learning resources we will be able to buy for the students from the proceeds of the Chip Van.

## **P&F Easter Raffle**

Thank you for those families that have donated!

### **More donations are still needed for the Easter Raffle.**

\$2.00 per ticket 5 tickets to each family.

**Please leave your donations in the school office!**





## 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.

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## 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

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## National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> March.

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### Reply Slip – Family Breakfast (Please return by Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March)

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

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

Number of adults attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children attending: \_\_\_\_\_

## Congratulations



Well done to St Monica's students Jett & Zane Renyard, Luke & Henry Young and Trinity Beutel and Emma Prendergast who participated in the Aussie Kids Renbukan Karate Tournament at Toowoomba State High School at the weekend. The children all came away with medals. For Trinity and Emma, it was their first carnival and both girls came away with a gold medal. Congratulations St Monica's kids, we are very proud of you all. For students who may be interested, Aussie Kids meet at 4:30pm on Thursdays at Oakey State School multi-purpose hall.

## Congratulations to Miss Wolff on her recent Graduation!



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





## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_



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

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

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

Holy Thursday - 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.

Good Friday Liturgy -  
30<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm.

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