



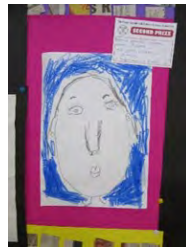
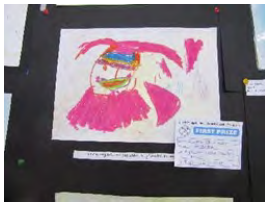
Newsletter 21st March 2018 Week 9 Term 1

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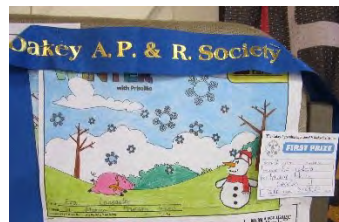
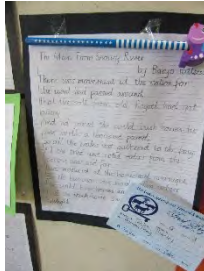
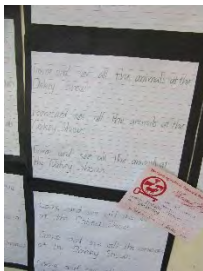
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The Oakey Show

The 17th of March was the Oakey Show, where we got to meet up with the people we know. There were arts and craft and prizes to be won and students from St Monica's joined in the fun. Their handwriting samples were nice and neat, as they wrote them with correct posture on their seat. Don't forget the pictures students had to colour in, they stayed in the lines in an attempt to win. So much time and effort to create a special art display, St Monica's was the best is what I would say. Drawings and paintings the students did their best, their art works definitely stood out from the rest. Prep turned line and shape into fine works of art, imagine how good they will be if this is the start! Newspapers and portraits were the choice of Grade One, creating art works the students had lots of fun. It was artistic skill in Year 3 that created a treat, with talent like that the results were sweet. Kandinsky was the technique used by Grade 4, producing spectacular pictures for others to adore. Shapes and colours I'd seen from Year Five, first place was their aim and the reason to strive. Year Six our leaders, well what can I say, your skills are exceptional, you showed us the way. For the students' work let us give a cheer, we can't wait to do it again next year!



Patty Cake Stall

Friday 23rd March

All Patty Cakes

\$1

Funds raised for
Project Compassion

Principal's Page

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Welcome to the second last week of Term 1. Where have the weeks gone? Parent/Teacher Interviews are in full swing and I trust that the sharing of information is helpful to both teacher and parent as we work together in the best interests of the children.

Thank you for supporting our National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence last Friday. We had a good roll-up for the breakfast with both adults and children taking part in the pledge to stand up against bullying and violence. The message continued throughout the day in classrooms with a variety of activities and actions.

The School Board is currently putting the finishing touches on a reviewed Anti-bullying Policy for use within the school. It will be circulated to parents when published.

Well done to our Parents and Friends' Association for manning the chip van at the Oakey Show last Saturday. It was pleasing to see that 15 parents gave some of their time to make the van such a success. Many thanks to Michael Matthewson for co-ordinating the effort.

We are very proud of our choir who sang at the Show during the Opening Ceremony. Ms Fredline, the music teacher, was so excited by the way the children participated and represented our school within the local community. We also did well with the show entries once again. Congratulations to students who won prizes for their work. Mrs Conneely, who co-ordinated the show entries, has compiled a list of winners. The list appears later in this newsletter.

At this month's School Board meeting the committee endorsed the concept of including a House coloured polo shirt as part of the school uniform. These blue, gold and green shirts with the house name screen printed on the back will become a compulsory item of uniform. The P&F Association has agreed to a once off contribution to the purchase of the shirts to lessen the burden on parents in 2018. Similar to the school hats, the shirts will only be available from the school. Once shirts have been sourced and screen printed, parents will be notified of the reduced cost so purchases for your children can be made. Sadly, it is unlikely that the shirts will be available for the Cross Country, but we will try.

Things are moving along with the Flexischools online tuckshop ordering system. I urge parents to register with Flexischools so tuckshop orders can be made via your tablet, smartphone or computer once the system is commissioned. We anticipate it being ready for the beginning of Term 2.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Nikki O'Kennedy has been appointed to the position of Physical Education teacher at St Monica's for the remainder of the 2018 school year. Mrs O'Kennedy, who also teaches PE at Sacred Heart and St Anthony's Schools in Toowoomba will commence at the beginning of Term 2. She will work at St Monica's on Wednesdays. Class teachers will continue to teach sport lessons to their students as well. I welcome Mrs O'Kennedy to our school and trust that the students will benefit from her experience.

Just a reminder that school closes for the Easter break on Thursday 29th March (next Thursday). Parents are invited to the Religious Assembly planned for 2:00pm on that afternoon.

Yours sincerely

Roland Poulton

Religion News

We have had such a busy few weeks in the lead up to Easter. Each class has been busily working on their presentation of Holy Week. At 2:00 PM on Thursday the 28th 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

Important Dates

End of Term Mass – Thursday 29th of March at 9am – followed by Reconciliation

Caritas

So far, the St Monica's School community has raised almost \$560! That's 112 chickens in Mozambique! A massive thank you to all our families who have supported our fundraising efforts. This Friday, we will be holding a patty cake stall at morning tea – all patty cakes will be \$1 each. All funds raised will be going to Project Compassion. Thank you to our Year 6 students for providing the patty cakes.

Last week, students were given the option to give up their delicious homemade lunch from home and to have a cup of plain rice instead. This was a solidarity activity for the children to be able to experience, what is for many children in the world, their only meal of the day. I think many of our students gained a greater appreciation of the lunches lovingly packed from home. Thanks to Dominic, Mitchell, Jessica and Claire for helping me to serve.

Curriculum News

This week we had a visit from the Big REaD Chair for International Read to Me Day. Thanks to Mrs Staude for entering us into this competition. We ran our own competition here at school. Students were eligible to enter by being read to by an adult. We had a fantastic response to this competition. It was wonderful to see what students were reading with their parents at home and seeing that the reading aloud was a family experience. I particularly enjoyed that one of our Year 6 students had read a book with his parents and then moved to the sequel during the course of the competition.

Congratulations to all our book prize winners:

Younger Siblings – Aryah

Prep – Jack and Nate

Year 1 – Alex and Tylah

Year 2 – Claire and Tyler

Year 3 – Abby and Chloe

Year 4 – Liberty and Emma

Year 5 – Hayden and James

Year 6 – Mitchell and Zac

ICAS

Invitation forms were sent home last week to students in Years 2 and up for the ICAS competitions. The ICAS tests are an academic competition run by the University of New South Wales. It is not compulsory, however we offer the opportunity for our students to participate. It is a great way to practise test taking behaviours (especially for our Year 3 & 5 students who will be participating in NAPLAN testing this year) and for the students to challenge themselves academically. If your child is interested in entering these competitions, please return the form and payment to the office by Friday the 23rd of March at the latest.

It was wonderful to see so many families at our Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence breakfast last Friday. Thank you for making our morning such a success. Congratulations to our Year 6 students for leading us in prayer before we headed into class as well.

God Bless

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE

Teacher Talk

Prep

This week in Prep we have been celebrating St Patrick's Day on Monday and St Joseph's Day on Tuesday as part of our Religious Education. We have also enjoyed starting to learn about the Easter Story and look forward to being a part of the Whole School Easter Story next week. This week in English we are learning about the letters B and F and are focusing on sounding out unknown words when we are reading to help develop our reading strategies. In Maths we are connecting numerals to ordinal numbers and continuing to focus on number recognition and formation. Recently I had the pleasure of testing a number of students again on their letter sound knowledge and the overall improvements have been very pleasing. Please continue to read every night with you child. Reading is the best thing you can do with your child to assist them with their learning at this point in Prep.

Enjoy your week,

Mrs Rebecca Thomas

Year One

Students have been looking at text features when reading. They have identified speech marks as indicators that something has been said. We are looking at the short and long vowels sounds with a focus on u when spelling. During Mathematics this week students are continuing to use pictures to create number sentences and solve problems. We have a focus on looking at the number that is 'one more' and locating it on the number board. For Science students are learning about the sources of light and reflections. We have identified that light travels in a straight line. Congratulations to all students who have produced wonderful art pieces and handwriting that were displayed at the Oakey Show. A special congratulations to Dekoda and Jacqui who received a prize for their art. What a fantastic effort!

Mrs Chris Conneely

Year Two

This week we are writing shape poems and exploring adjectives in our poetry unit. We have brainstormed words beginning with soft c and soft g sounds and have practised using proper nouns in our writing. In Maths we are working with time on the hour, half past the hour and quarter past the hour. In History we are exploring how technology has changed by comparing past and present technologies and in Sport we are using core movement skills to participate in collaborative games.

Yours in Christ

Mrs Rowena Staude

Year Three

Thank you to all the parents and family members who were able to make it to our Year 3 Liturgy on Friday. The children loved sharing the message of Lent and forgiveness with their families. Thank you to all the parents who have made parent teacher appointments, I greatly appreciate it. It has been great to inform you of your child's progress thus far and I look forward to the rest of the appointments over the next two weeks.

In Year 3 we are completing assessment tasks for Science, Maths, English, Religion and HASS. The students are working very hard to successfully complete all these tasks.

Have a wonderful week & God Bless,

Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff

Teacher Talk

Year Four

Thank you to the parents who have met with me for Parent/Teacher interviews. I appreciate you taking the time to catch up and discuss your child's progress.

The students will be completing assessment tasks in all learning areas over the next week. Please try to keep absences to a minimum.

Don't forget library borrowing day is Thursday, all students need to bring their library bag to borrow.

God Bless and have a great week.

Mrs Cheryl Anderson

Year Five

Well done to all of the Year 5 students for the effort they put into their Oakey Show entries and congratulations to Tahlia, Hayden, Hudson, Sophie and Rory on their success. Thank you to the parents who have met with me for Parent/Teacher interviews. I appreciate your support as we work in partnership together.

Last week we finished reading Wonder (some of us were a bit emotional!) and this week we have been watching the movie. The students are completing an assessment which includes writing a character analysis, an additional chapter and a comparison and contrast of the book and movie. In Maths, we have been working on Perimeter and Area, and fine tuning our seven times tables.

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

Year Six

Hello from Year Six

This week the students will be engaged in the completion of all assignment work and a variety of revision exercises to consolidate skills and concepts learned throughout the term. All students have been displaying a positive attitude towards their work and their results reflect this.

During the lunch break year 6 students have been playing soccer "friendlies" against the year 5 students. This has enabled each class to play as a team in a game that is centred on fun, participation and skill development. The sportsmanship displayed during and after the game has been excellent.

Thank you to all those who are baking pattie cakes for Friday's fundraising morning tea.

Regards,

Mr Michael West

Cross Country Training

Training before school on School Oval

Week 9	Wednesday 21st & Friday 23rd March	8.00am
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Week 10	Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th March	8.00am
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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2018

Fri Mar 23rd	Cupcake Day
Fri Mar 23rd	Special Lunch
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
Patricia Hausler
Katie Owens**

**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 9

Prep	Jack
Year 1	Shantel
Year 2	Gabrielle
Year 3	Abby
Year 4	Cheyenne
Year 5	Hayden
Year 6	Francheska

SUPERLearners Term 1 Week 8



Important Notices

School Cross Country

Thursday 19th April

9,10,11 & 12 year olds - Gordon Park - 9am start

5, 6, 7 & 8 year olds - School Oval - approx. 11am start

Commonwealth Games Baton Relay

The Commonwealth Games Baton Relay will pass through Oakey on Wednesday 28th 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.

Instrumental Music Lessons

FLUTE, CLARINET, SAXOPHONE OR PIANO!!

Give the gift of music to your child! Instrumental music lessons are available during school time. If your child is in grade 4 or above they can learn any of the wind instruments. Hire of these is available for \$50 per term. Grade 2 is the starting point for piano. Lessons are given in small groups of 2 or 3. Accounts are sent each term with each half hour lesson being \$18. Please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and return to the school office as soon as possible. Email Chris at yougotbuckleys4@bigpond.com.au for more info.

Report from the Oakey Show.

St Patricks Day 17th March 2018 the sun made sure all in the paddocks were dry and the Oakey Show could go ahead.

St Monica's School was represented well: we had our students participating and our P & F ran our usual Chips/Drinks van, what a crew we had: more Dads than Mums. Thanks to all who volunteered their time it was truly appreciated by St Monica's School and the P & F association.

We have raised approximately \$1200.00. What a great effort.

Michael you might have a full time job.

P&F Easter Raffle

Raffle Drawn Wednesday 28th March.

Thank you for those families that have donated and purchased tickets.

Lots of prizes to be won, you can still purchase tickets from the office.



Easter Holiday Break

School will close for the Easter school holidays on Thursday 29th March at 3:05pm. Students return to school on Tuesday 17th April. (Monday 16th April is an extra student holiday due to the Commonwealth Games).

Flexischools Tuckshop ordering registration

I have had notification that St Monica's isn't 'live' on Flexischools yet, so if you search for the school name it won't be available. It is hoped that we will be 'live' by the end of next week. Sorry for any inconvenience caused to parents trying to set up accounts for tuckshop ordering.

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

Head Lice

A case of head lice has been detected in the school. Anyone can get head lice... mainly through direct head-to-head contact but also from sharing hats, brushes and other personal items. Head lice are a problem in many communities and do not reflect poor hygiene or social status. Please do your part to prevent the spread of this communicable condition by checking your child(ren) daily for the next few weeks, and on a regular basis thereafter. Lice infestation is much easier to treat if caught early.

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE TOOWOOMBA

Enrolment interviews for students wishing to enter Year 7 in 2020 will commence during Semester 2, 2018.

If you are considering applying to St Joseph's for enrolment in Year 7, 2020 please complete an Enrolment Application Form and forward to the College. Enrolments for 2020 will be finalised by the end of Semester 2, 2018.

Because of the high demand for enrolments at St Joseph's, it is not always possible to offer places to all enrolment applications. It would be regrettable if children from our Catholic Primary Schools were unable to be offered a position because of late application. If you intend enrolling your child at St Joseph's for 2020, you are urged to do so as soon as possible.

St Joseph's College Open Day 2020 will be conducted on Tuesday 22nd May 2018 commencing at 8.30am and concluding at 12.00pm.

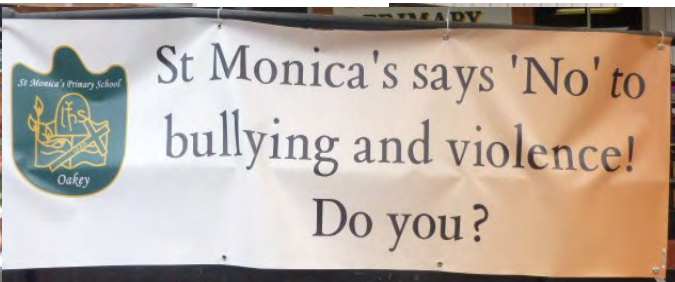
To request an enrolment package, please contact the Enrolment Officer on:

Phone 4631 8525 or by email: enrolments@sjc.qld.edu.au

For more information about St Joseph's College please visit our website: www.sjc.qld.edu.au

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







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.

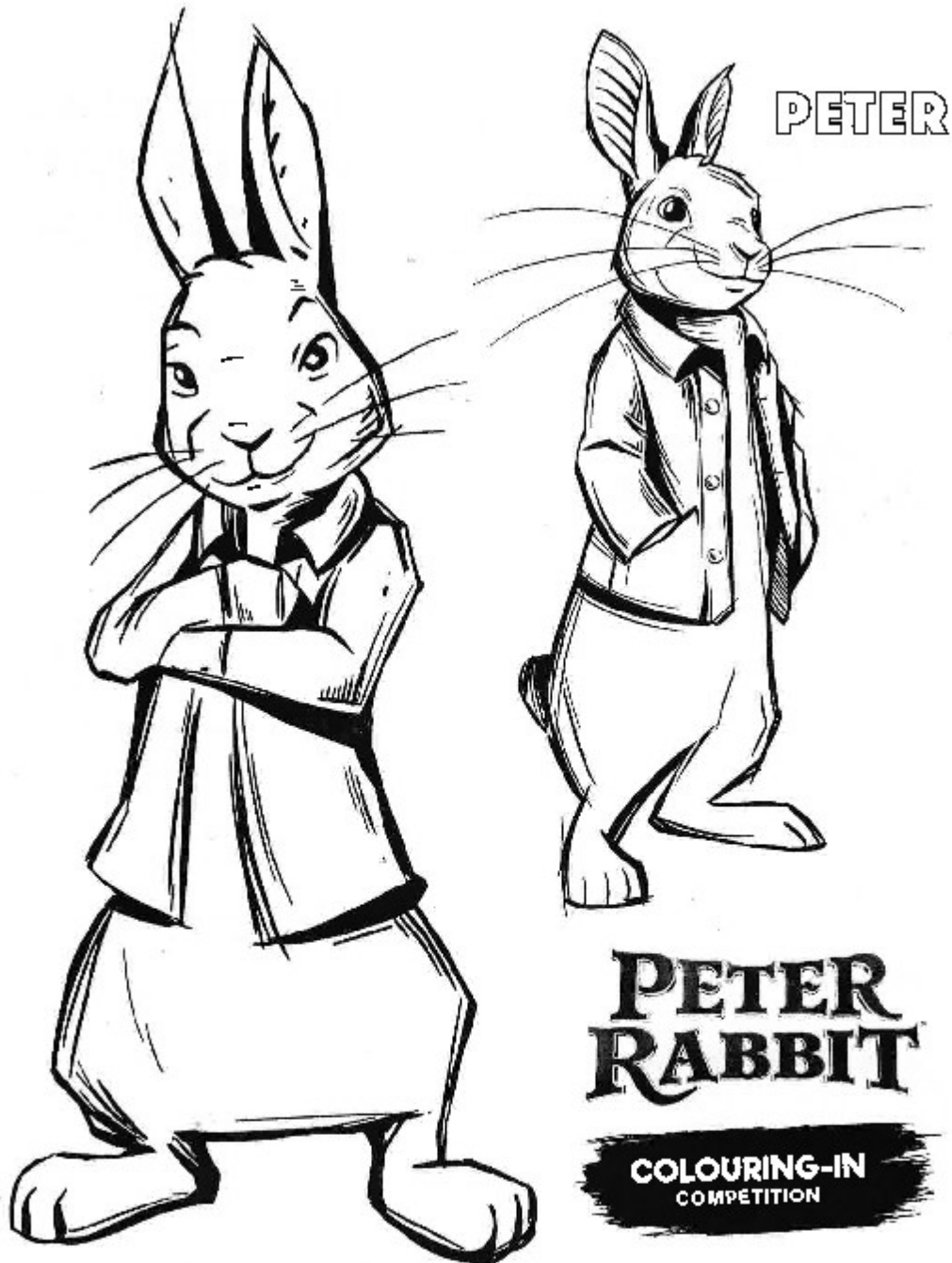
Holy Thursday - 29th March at 7pm.

Good Friday Liturgy -
30th March at 3pm.

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

Colouring In Competition

Please see the office for a copy if interested



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EVENT
C I N E M A S

BRYMAROO RODEO



EASTER SATURDAY

31ST MARCH 2018

GATES OPEN – 12 PM

MAIN EVENT – 4 PM

(Qualifying Rounds – 1 pm)

FULL RODEO

Including:

Open Bull Ride
Open Saddle Bronc
Open Barrell Race
Bareback
Novice Bull Ride
Novice Bareback
Junior Bull Ride
Junior Steer
Paddy Ride

And Timed Events

Rope & Tie
Steer Wrestling
Breakaway Roping
Team Roping
Junior Barrel Race
Junior Breakaway
Steer Decorating

Entertainment

Calf Scuttle

ENTRY:

\$20 ADULT
\$10 HIGH SCHOOL
12 & UNDER FREE
\$45 FAMILY

Featuring:

Oakey Beef Exports - Junior Rodeo

Good Friday – 30th March 2018

Competition From 1 pm

Free Entry for Junior Rodeo Only

ENTERTAINMENT TIL LATE

Featuring: DOUBLE TROUBLE

Live & Country Covering

(Country: Mervyn & David / Just Bareback)

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