



Newsletter 24th April 2018 Week 2 Term 2

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Cross Country 2018



Principal's Page

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Last Thursday was a fantastic day for the school's Cross Country event. Congratulations to our students for putting in a great effort. I am happy to report that very few students were away or didn't participate. There was a high level of team pride, sportsmanship and the behaviour was excellent.

Thank you to Mrs Bruggemann and Mrs Bain for the behind the scenes work in organising the day. I offer a special thank you to parents who helped feed everyone by organising the sausage sizzle.

Congratulations to the eventual winners in each age category:

| Age Group | Boy Winner | Boy Runner-up | Girl Winner | Girl Runner-up |
|-----------|------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| 5 | Jack C | Jack M | Arabella | Mackenzie |
| 6 | Connor | Alex E | Shantel | Dekoda |
| 7 | Zane | Brady | Sarah | Jhulia |
| 8 | Corbin | Billy | Elanna | Amy |

| Age Group | Boy Age Champion | Boy Runner-up | Girl Age Champion | Girl Runner-up |
|-----------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 9 | Lincoln | Liam | Amy | Isabel |
| 10 | Sonny | Rory | Bonnie | Eva |
| 11 | Zac | Dominic | Lily-May | Tahlia |
| 12 | Mitchell | Charlie | Rachel | Jennifer |

Winning House: Beersheba

Team Spirit Award: Fomelles

The P&F Association held their monthly meeting last night and discussed upcoming events. They are looking at the possibility of holding a Race Day, which had been very popular within the school a few years ago. More information about this can be found later in this Newsletter. There was significant discussion about the noise problems when using the sports hall for assemblies, concerts and sport. A sound engineer has done an assessment of the problems and is preparing a suggestion solution to deaden noise in the building. The P&F will continue to follow up on this project.

I was so proud of our senior students when a letter from them was read out at the meeting. In the letter, the students told the P&F how that during Lent, the students had raised over \$800 from the donations so Caritas to help purchase chickens for the communities they support. The members were moved by the children's enthusiasm to help others and chose to make a \$400 donation as well. What a great example of one community helping another! Well done!

On a sad note, Mrs Tanya Weber signalled her intention to step away from her position as P&F President. The meeting was saddened by this decision but recorded a vote of thanks to Tanya for her commitment to the works of the P&F for 4 ½ years. Tanya has been a powerhouse in arranging fundraising and social functions for the school community and her drive will be sorely missed. Under Tanya's leadership we have seen significant improvements in library and computer resources. The provision of the play equipment and subsequent shade shelters can also be attributed to Tanya's hard work. Although Tanya will no longer be President, she will continue to be a tuck shop helper and I look forward to her continued involvement in the school in other ways. Thank you Tanya, I am truly appreciative of your support of our school.

Just a reminder that tomorrow Wednesday 25th April is ANZAC Day. I encourage as many St Monica's students as possible to participate in the march and community commemoration. Please meet Mr Poulton at the Railway Station no later than 9:30am in the morning. Come dressed in formal uniform.

Yours

Roland Poulton

Principal

Teacher Talk

Prep

Welcome back to Term 2. The students have had a very exciting week last week with cross country. I was so proud of the way they conducted themselves and cheered on their team mates as they crossed the line. Their sportsman ship and team spirit was a credit to the wonderful young people they are. Last week in English we learnt the letters H and J and began writing some really great sentences about our holidays. In Maths we revised subsidisation and learnt about the number 11. The students' favourite activity was collecting 11 leaves from outside to glue into their book. This week we continue learning our alphabet with the letters K and N and the number 12 in Maths.

Hope you have a wonderful week.

Mrs Rebecca Thomas

Year One

Welcome back! The students are settling back into routine and are keen to learn new skills. This term we will explore stories from the Old Testament and learn more about the Torah. When reading and writing students will identify and describe characters. Spelling this week focuses on the long vowel sound. During Mathematics students will continue to develop an understanding of place value and patterning. We are focusing on digital and analogue clocks and telling time to the hour. Thank you to everyone who made the special effort to catch up for the Parent / Teacher interviews. It was great to have a chat with you all. If you have anything that you wish to discuss further, please don't hesitate to make another appointment. It is very important that we work together to achieve the best possible results for your child.

Mrs Chris Conneely

Year Two

Welcome to Term Two. Students have received their Sight Word Books and are asked to bring these in each day to school. Please read the Sight Word cheat sheet in your child's homework book.

A new spelling homework grid and reading log have been sent home and activities have been added to Study Ladder.

Our Speaking and Listening Programme starts next week and a roster and topics have been sent home. Please keep this to refer to throughout the term.

Yours in Christ

Mrs Rowena Staude

Year Three

Welcome back to Term 2! Well done to all the students who participated in Cross Country last week Thursday, you all did a fantastic job!

In Year 3 we have started with our NAPLAN preparation as well as starting our English, Maths, Religion and Science units. The children have been very engaged and seem to be excited to be back at school.

As a class, we have been discussing who the ANZACS were and the sacrifices they have made.

Last week Friday we completed beautiful artworks, celebrating our ANZACS.

Homework has started this week and I encourage all children to read every evening.

Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff

Teacher Talk

Year Four

Welcome back to Term Two. We have had a busy start to the term. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the cross country, it was great to see everyone having a go. The Year Fours are currently undertaking some reading assessment, and all students have shown progress. Students will continue to improve if they are reading at home in conjunction with all the reading we do at school. Don't forget to ask them questions about what they have read to you, as an important part of the reading process is understanding what has been read.

Library borrowing will commence again this week. The Year Four library borrowing day is Thursday.

God Bless and have a great week.

Mrs Cheryl Anderson

Year Five

It has been wonderful to welcome back everyone for Term 2. I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing break. I was very proud of all the students' efforts at the Cross Country. It was wonderful to see all Year 5 students participate on the day and I congratulate all students, most of whom completed a 2km or 3km run for the first time.

This week we commenced our Science unit, 'Light Fantastic'. In Religion, we are learning about pioneering Catholics, whilst in HaSS, we are looking at laws. In English, we are looking at narratives and in Maths, we have been working with 5 digit numbers and multiplying by multiples of 10.

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

Year Six

Hello from Year Six

Welcome back for term two. All students seem to be refreshed and ready for another term's work. This week we have been researching Jewish High Holy Days including Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Pesach as part of our Religion Unit titled "Celebrations of Belief."

In Mathematics our focus has been the units of measure for mass and how to convert these measurements when required. We have also engaged in some hands on activities using weighing scales, balance scales and weights from one gram to one kilogram.

To commemorate Anzac Day we have listened to the story of Private James Charles Martin, who at 14 years and 9 months of age is considered the youngest Australian soldier to have died on active service.

Lest We Forget.

Regards,

Mr Michael West

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2018

Wed April 25th Anzac Day

Thurs April 26th Year 6 Presentation at Assembly 2.20pm

May 2018

Tue May 1st Inner Downs Cross Country– Highfields

Mon May 7th Labour Day Holiday

Fri May 11th Mother's Day Stall

Tue May 15 Naplan

Wed May 16 Naplan

Thurs May 17 Naplan

Sat May 26th Family Mass 6pm

Tuckshop Helpers

Monday 30th April 2018

Kym Owens

Linda Leerentveld

Tanya Biltoft

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 2 Week 2

Prep: Eunella

Year 1: Abby

Year 2: Samantha

Year 3: Samuel

Year 4: Sonny

Year 5: Tahlia

Year 6: Luke

Flexischools

Tuckshop Ordering Registration.

Flexischools is now up and running.

Get on board with the new system, it is designed to make our busy lives much simpler!

P&F News

Up coming Fundraising Events

Chip Van Oakey Rodeo

5th May 2018 Approx 3pm-10pm

Helpers are needed, an hour or two of your time would be greatly appreciated.

Please leave your name in the office or email the school on oakey@twb.catholic.edu.au

Mothers Day Stall

Friday 11th May in the Parish Hall

All gifts \$5.00

Pie Drive

Order forms will go out on Wednesday 16th May. Payment (cash or cheque) is to be returned to the school office with the order forms , no later than Wednesday the 6th of June. Delivery date for orders is the 22nd of June.

Helpers will be required for the delivery day.

Race Day

This year it has been decided to hold a Race Day, this will be our major fundraiser for the year.

The Race Day will be held early September, with the date still to be finalised.

If there is someone out there with the expertise of running such an event, or anyone who would like to donate their time in the organising of the Race Day, please contact the school office for further information either by phone 46911067 or email oakey@twb.catholic.edu.au.

Thank you to the parents that helped with the Cross Country BBQ, your help was greatly appreciated. The children enjoyed their special lunch!