



Newsletter 16th May 2018 Week 5 Term 2

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BUDDIES



The Prep's have thoroughly enjoyed meeting their Year 6 buddies this term.

Together they have created craft items, practised reading and enjoyed indoor and outdoor play.

Buddies will continue all year and we look forward to participating in many more activities together.



Principal's Page

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 5! Term 2 is sailing by very quickly. I have been absent from school quite a bit over the last couple of weeks with illness and also attendance at Principals' meetings so I am glad to be back catching up with our community. Thank you so much for your best wishes as I celebrated my special birthday recently! I was so impressed when first thing on Friday 4th May at the Principals' meeting in Goondiwindi a pre-recorded movie of best wishes from our students and staff was played on the big screen. Later I spoke to the whole school over the phone to say thank you. Our school is blessed to have such beautiful children and they are a testament to you as parents.

At long last our new school website is up and running. It is in a different format making it more mobile device friendly. Many of the photos have been updated and now that it is in a more user friendly format, the school will gradually be able to modify/update much of the written content. I will be able to do this from any computer instead of having to send website changes to Brisbane to be actioned. A new feature of the website will be a School Calendar so a better overview of Term and Year events can be seen at a glance. Take a look!

Reading data for Term 2 is currently being collated and analysed. I have been very impressed by the gains many of our students have made and I congratulate them for their efforts. I also thank the staff who have focused much time and energy into the Reading Improvement Strategy. Well done everyone!

Our Year 3 and 5 students are currently undertaking their NAPLAN Testing and I trust that they are putting in their best effort with an attitude to achieve.

Recently staff from the Catholic Schools' Office met with us to discuss what St Monica's is achieving as part of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Plan 2017-2020. Mrs Tyrie and Mrs Cavanagh have developed some actions for us to include in our Annual Action Plan to raise the profile of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education at St Monica's. When our future plans are finalised more information will be made available to parents.

I am currently looking at enrolments for 2019, particularly in Prep. As interviews for Prep spots will commence shortly, it is important that intending families submit their applications so they don't miss out. If you know of family or friends considering schooling for 2019, you are our best advocates. Please encourage them to contact St Monica's for more information.

By way of advanced notice, our Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 21st June.

Yours faithfully

Roland Poulton

Principal

Religion News

The 27th of May to the 3rd of June is National Reconciliation Week and this year's theme is "Don't Keep History a Mystery." On a recent visit around the classrooms, one of our year 6 students told me that the reason we learn about history is so that we don't make the same mistakes today. I thought this was a fantastic insight from a young person.

Christians are a people of Reconciliation. We say sorry to God and to others when we have done the wrong thing. National Reconciliation Week is an opportunity for all Australian's to work together towards Reconciliation for past (and present) wrongs committed against the First Peoples of Australia. Beginning during Reconciliation Week, we will be greeting each other at our morning parade with a welcome from another language group. Our students will begin by learning the greeting of the Jarowair People, the traditional owners of our local area.

I would like to invite all members of the St Monica's community to share with us a traditional greeting from your cultural heritage. These welcomes will be displayed around the school.

Our next whole school Mass is on Saturday the 26th of May at 6pm. Unfortunately, only five families from the school were able to attend our last whole school Mass. I encourage all families to attend if possible, particularly the families of those children who will be entering the Sacrament of Reconciliation program later this year. If your family is available to attend, please return the form in the newsletter as soon as possible so I can allocate jobs during the Mass.

Curriculum News

Our Year 3 and 5 classes have been busily participating in the National NAPLAN tests this week. Thank you to families for ensuring your child/ren were well rested and on time for school.

The school has registered for the 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge again this year. Students will receive a recording sheet this week for them to record the number of books they read during the challenge time. The competition runs from the 14th of May to the 24th of August. Mrs Paige has been organising a display in the library of recommended books for the challenge. I look forward to seeing how many books students read during the challenge.

On Tuesday the 29th of May, we have 16 young people who have nominated to participate in the ICAS Science test. Congratulations on those students who have nominated to sit these tests – well done! The English and Mathematics tests are conducted later in the year.

God Bless

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE

School Parish Mass – Saturday 26th May – 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 by Monday 21st May 2018.

Teacher Talk

Prep

This week in Prep we are finally finishing off the alphabet with the letter Y and Z. After we complete the alphabet we will spend the rest of the term revising the letters and sounds of the alphabet and how we use this knowledge to create words. In Maths this week we have started to revise some concepts taught this term such as patterns, days of the week and shapes, in preparation for upcoming assessment. We have also started to look at the way things move through push and pull in science. The kids thoroughly enjoyed playing musical statues and learning how their bodies move and stop through force.

Mrs Rebecca Thomas

Year One

During reading rotations this week students have focused on a new strategy, 'chunking'. We have also been identifying words within words. Students will continue to develop their word attack and spelling skills with a focus on digraphs. During Mathematics students have been giving and following directions to familiar locations. Students are continuing to develop their understanding of place value as we partition numbers to 100. Our world is a focus for Religion as we compare two different creation stories.

Mrs Chris Conneely

Year Two

This week in Science we explored how toys move or change shape when they are pushed or pulled. Our focus in spelling is the <ee> and <ea> spelling and we are identifying verbs in sentences and working on alphabetical order in Grammar. This week we will read 'The Paper Bag Princess' by Robert Munsch as we explore stereotypes in fiction. We enjoyed reading 'Emily and the Dragon' by Lyn Lee about a ballet dancing hero who sets out to fight a dragon and befriends a witch, teaches a knight to knit and learns how to perform an arabesque with the dragon. In Maths we are using base-10 blocks to add two digit numbers without bridging and have used the jump and split strategies to add two digit numbers.

Yours in Christ

Mrs Rowena Staude

Year Three

This week we are completing the Year 3 NAPLAN tests. So far, we have done English Language Conventions, English Writing and Reading. Tomorrow morning, we will sit the Maths test. The children have really made a tremendous effort and produced their best work! Well done, Year 3!

As it is NAPLAN week, the children have been given the week off from homework. We will work on this week's spelling words in class but I encourage each child to read as much as they can. *"The more that you read, the more things you will know"*- Dr. Seuss.

God Bless,

Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff

Teacher Talk

Year Four

In Year Four this week we have been looking at pronouns and their use within paragraph writing. We have discussed how pronouns are used to replace proper nouns so we are not repeating the name over and over. In Mathematics we have continued to investigate common fractions and decimal fractions, in particular looking at tenths and hundredths.

Year four will be presenting on assembly this week, all families are invited to come.

Mrs Cheryl Anderson

Year Five

To our Year 5 Mums - I hope you all had an enjoyable day on Sunday and enjoyed being spoilt by your children. I am very impressed with the way in which all students have applied themselves to the NAPLAN assessments, and the fact they have persevered and remained positive, if and when things became challenging. To date, students have completed assessments in spelling, reading, grammar and punctuation and will complete their final assessment (Numeracy) tomorrow.

Next week, I will be absent from school from Monday to Thursday whilst I attend a training course for 3 days, and fulfil my role of Manager at the Darling Downs Primary School Cross Country Carnival. During this time, Mrs Jenny Shellshear will be teaching the Year 5 class. Jenny is a regular visitor to St Monica's, who is very familiar with the Year 5 students, and I am sure they will have an enjoyable and industrious week together.

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

Year Six

Hello from Year Six

All students continue to work well and are making good progress in all subject areas. We have been finding fractions of an amount using the simple fractions $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{5}$ and $\frac{1}{10}$. Also, we have been calculating percentage discounts finding 10%, 20%, 25% and 50% of amounts. The children are keen to apply this skill during their next shopping expedition.

In Art we have been exploring colour, line and shape while creating artistic pieces based on mirror image. The children also enjoyed making Mother's Day gifts and cards for their Mum's special day. Many thanks to Mrs Tyrie for her organisation and expertise in this area.

In Technology, the children have begun investigating simple coding using the Scratch Program and on Tuesday completed a STEM challenge, with Mrs Cavanagh, creating a tower using paddle pop sticks and bluetack which had to be strong enough to support the weight of a rock.

Regards,

Mr Michael West

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2018

Thurs May 17th	Naplan
Sun May 20th	Liturgy 8am
Mon May 21st	P&F Meeting 7.00pm
Sat May 26th	Family Mass 6pm
Tue May 29th	ICAS Science
Thurs May 31st	Making Friends Performance 2pm

June 2018

Fri June 8th	Dalby Eisteddfod
Thurs June 21st	School Athletics
Fri June 29th	Last day of Term 2

Tuckshop

Helpers

Monday 21st May 2018

Kym Owens

Linda Leerentveld

Tanya Weber

Shannon McBride

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 5

Prep:	Charlie
Year 1:	Arabella
Year 2:	Isabella
Year 3:	Billy
Year 4:	Eli
Year 5:	Rory
Year 6:	Dominic

SUPERlearners

Term 2 Week 4





P&F News

Pie Drive

Order forms will go out today. 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.

A meeting to finalise details of the Race Day will be held in the coming week, if you would like to be part of the planning committee, please contact the office for further details.

P&F Meeting Monday 21st May 7.00pm Parish Meeting Room

Secondhand Uniforms

Don't forget to purchase your winter jumpers from the Secondhand Clothing Shop.

Please contact Chloe McIntosh on 0457915137 for all enquiries

Size 4 & 6 shirts and dresses are required, donations of these would be appreciated.

ICT POLICY FORMS

Please remember to return your "Acceptable Use of ICT Systems and Resources Policy User Agreement for Parent/Caregiver Waiver" forms that were issued yesterday.

It is necessary to have one signed copy of the "User Agreement & Parent/Caregiver Waiver" signed for each of your children for inclusion in their files at school.

Please return the forms before the end of the week to the office.

Thank You!

Oakey Parkrun

Located at Arthur Shooter Park the Oakey parkrun is held every Saturday at 7.00am. This is a 5 km course where you run against the clock. It is free to register so go online to <http://www.parkrun.com.au/oakey/>. When you register you will be given a barcode. Present the barcode at the parkrun and your time for the course will be recorded each time you run. Families are welcome to run, jog or walk the course. A great, active way to start each weekend!

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done Charlie McCormack on making the Toowoomba Barbarians Team in Rugby Union.

Charlie will now go onto the Darling Downs School boy trials. Good Luck Charlie!



The Oakey and District Tennis Assoc (Kent Street Oakey)
Saturday Afternoon Social Tennis

Starts May 26 at 1pm

Cost \$5

Everyone is welcome to come along for an afternoon of tennis and fun



27 May - 3 June

National Reconciliation Week 2018



Learn more at
reconciliation.org.au

#NRW2018



St. Monica's School — Winter Uniform

With winter well on its way, we are reviewing our winter uniform requirements. The current winter uniform as stated on the school website is set out in full below.

If you feel that your child requires additional clothes for those very cold days, the school would like you to add the following layers:

Boys & Girls - Navy blue long sleeved skivvy to be worn under their school dress, dress shirt or sports shirt

Girls - Navy blue tights – no leggings please.

As stated on the St Monica's School website, the current Winter Uniform includes the following:

Prep Students:

St Monica's sports shirt

Girls **Navy blue** skorts

Boys **Navy blue** shorts Stubbies brand – BCS06 or BCS37N

White socks (*no ankle socks*)

White sports shoes.

Prep students: *Winter*: please layer with the following:

Navy blue long sleeved skivvy (boys & girls)

Navy blue (*only*) tights (girls) – no socks if wearing tights

Bottle green fleecy track pants (boys & girls)

St. Monica's School Bottle Green Fleecy Pullover with embroidered crest

St. Monica's School Bottle Green Jacket with embroidered crest

Years 1 to 6:

Girls: Formal –

St Monica's tartan dress uniform

St Monica's School Bottle Green Fleecy Pullover with embroidered crest

St Monica's School Bottle Green embroidered school jacket

Navy blue (*only*) tights, optional – no leggings

All black shoes (may be leather or sports).

Girls: Sports Uniform -

St Monica's sports shirt

Navy blue skorts

Bottle green fleecy track pants

St Monica's School Bottle Green Fleecy Pullover with embroidered crest

St. Monica's School Bottle Green Jacket with embroidered crest

Navy blue (*only*) tights, optional – no leggings

White socks (*no ankle socks*)

White sports shoes.

Boys: Formal –

St Monica's button up short sleeve shirt with tartan collar

Long navy blue short (Stubbies brand – BCS06 or BCS37N)

Long navy blue pants (Ruggers brand), optional

St Monica's School Bottle Green Fleecy Pullover with embroidered crest

St. Monica's School Bottle Green Jacket with embroidered crest

Navy socks (*no ankle socks*)

All black shoes (may be leather or sports).

Boys: Sports –

St Monica's sports shirt

Long navy blue short (Stubbies brand – BCS06 or BCS37N)

Bottle Green fleecy track pants

St Monica's School Bottle Green Fleecy Pullover with embroidered crest

St. Monica's School Bottle Green Jacket with embroidered crest

White socks (*no ankle socks*),

White sports shoes.

The St. Monica's School uniform is currently available at Oakey Craft and Saddlery.