



Newsletter 23rd May 2018 Week 6 Term 2

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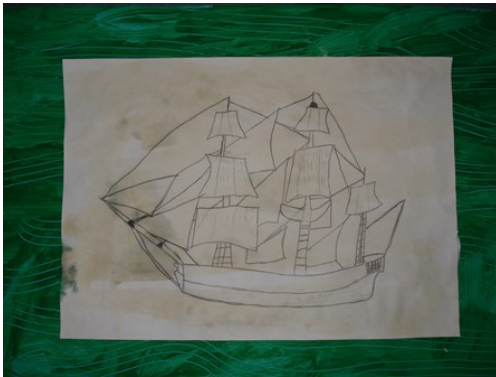
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THE FIRST FLEET

In Year Four we have been investigating the First Fleet, and its impact on the Indigenous population on arrival to, what we now know as, Australia.

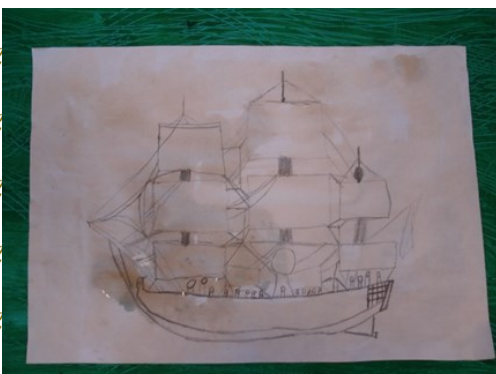
Our investigation into the First Fleet has also inspired some of our class artwork.



The First Fleet consisted of six boats and on the fleet at arrival to the new land were: -

- 14 Officials
- 306 crew members
- 254 marines
- 54 family members of marines and officers
- 543 male convicts
- 189 female convicts
- 22 child convicts

The First Fleet left the Southern Coast of England on Sunday 13th May 1787. It took eight months to cover the 24 00 kilometre journey. The First Fleet arrived on the foreshore of Botany Bay on the 18th January 1788, however they did not go ashore as the land was not suitable for settlement. After some exploration, by Captain Arthur Phillip, the Fleet moved on the Sydney Cove where the new colony was proclaimed on the 26th of January 1788.



The arrival of the first fleet greatly impacted the lives of the Indigenous people. The white settlers just took over the land and claimed it as their own. There was fighting between the white settlers and the Indigenous people, that resulted in many deaths. The white settlers brought the diseases which spread throughout the Indigenous communities. These diseases included small-pox, Tuberculosis, influenza and measles. Many Indigenous family groups died as a result of these diseases.

Principal's Page

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Monday night the P&F Association held a successful meeting. Plans were discussed for a proposed Race Day to be held at Clifford Park. The tentative date is Saturday 3rd November 2018. A small group has made up a sub-committee to organise the day with regular reports back to the P&F meetings. The single most effective way the parent community of the school can support the day is by making a commitment to attend. It should be a great community event and I encourage you to put the date in your calendars and encourage your friends and relatives to come along too! At the meeting I outlined where P&F donations have supported the school so far this year. Approximately **\$6,500** in donations from the P&F have purchased - sports, library and science resources, Year 6 Emu Gully bus costs, computer and classroom resources, computer equipment and library books. This is fantastic and ensures that St Monica's has top class resources, facilities and opportunities for our students. Well done P&F!

Also at the P&F meeting some feedback was given regarding the recently introduced **Flexischools** tuckshop ordering system. I thought that I would give some explanation around the reason for the introduction of Flexischools which was endorsed by the P&F on behalf of the school families. Flexischools was introduced to reduce the workload on tuckshop workers as the number of volunteers is dwindling significantly. This is a reality of life as more and more families are constrained by work commitments. Using the computer based system eliminates the money handling part of tuckshop volunteering which reduces the amount of hours workers have to commit each Monday. It is true that a fee is charged by Flexischools to parents for the management of orders but it must be remembered that tuckshop prices are already very reasonable (in fact some popular morning tea and lunch items have had a price reduction to offset the fee costs to parents). Whilst our tuckshop makes a handy profit for the P&F it also operates as a service to families and staff. It is hoped that all families who use the tuckshop will make the necessary arrangement to come on board with the system as it is envisaged that cash purchases at the tuckshop will be phased out by Term 3.

Arrangements have been made to provide house coloured polo shirts to each student. It is hoped that they will be available before the Athletics Carnival. This is an initiative of the P&F to engender team spirit and School House pride and so all students can get a shirt, the P&F have decided to make a one-off subsidy towards the shirt. The cost to parents will be \$5 per shirt. This arrangement is only for 2018, after that the shirts will be available at commercial prices. A letter and order form will be sent home separate to this Newsletter.

On a personal note, the Executive Director: Toowoomba Catholic Schools has given approval for me to take leave for Term 3 2018. During this time I will have Long Service Leave and some professional learning time. The Executive Director has appointed Mrs Bridget Rillie to the position of Acting Principal. Bridget is currently APRE at Sacred Heart Primary School, Toowoomba. She has a broad background in education including learning support, curriculum, behaviour management support and classroom teaching. Bridget has worked across a variety of dioceses in numerous educational roles. She is very passionate about ensuring all children are given the opportunity for academic success while at the same time, ensuring the messages of the Gospel underpin this. Bridget and her husband have three children.

The school will be in the capable hands of the Leadership Team consisting of Mrs Rillie as Acting Principal, Mrs Cavanagh as APRE/ML and Mrs Hore as LST.

Don't forget the Athletics carnival will be held on Thursday 21st June. It would be great if our parents could be part of the day. It is always a great community day and a good opportunity for parents to not only watch their children compete but also to have a chat to other school families.

Yours faithfully

Roland Poulton

Principal

Religion News

I had the great privilege to attend the Positive Schools Conference in Brisbane last week with some other staff from Toowoomba Catholic Schools. One of the main messages of the conference was the Wellbeing of Staff and Students in creating a positive school culture. I came away from the conference with a feeling of pride in our school, in the way we are focusing on the Wellbeing of staff and students. We have so many wonderful things happening at St Monica's that demonstrate our growth towards a positive school culture.

Recognition of Super Learners at assembly

Use of the Behaviour Ladder across all classrooms

Encouraging positive relationship building between staff/staff, staff/students, staff/parents, students/students

Celebration of special events

The inclusive way students play together in the playground

The genuine laughter and conversations in the staffroom

Another important way we can build positive relationships in our school is by praying together. The school family Mass this Saturday night is a wonderful opportunity for all members of our school community to come together to celebrate. Mass is at 6pm at St Monica's Church, 26th May. I look forward to seeing our families at Mass on Saturday evening, please let me know as soon as possible if you are able to assist during the Mass in any way.

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.

Teacher Talk

Prep

Today we enjoyed walking down to the Town Library for National Simultaneous story time. The kids seemed to enjoy the walk down just as much as the story and accompanying activities. Thank-you to Mrs Langton for her assistance in our excursion to the library. This week in English we have enjoyed reading Elmer and the lost Teddy. The students will continue with this book for the rest of the week and follow up on Friday with an art activity. In Mathematics we have begun to consolidate our knowledge of counting to and from ten and other maths concepts in preparation for maths assessment in the coming weeks.

Mrs Rebecca Thomas

Year One

During Mathematics students will continue to practice following directions to locations, identifying tens and ones and telling time to the half hour. Students have been applying the strategy of chunking words, using syllables and identifying compound words when reading. They have also been looking at common homophones. During Religion students have been listening to stories from the Old Testament and comparing them to Dreamtime stories.

Mrs Chris Conneely

Year Two

In Mathematics we have worked on writing number sentences for worded problems using the Think Boards. This week we have explored the <ie> sound which has four spellings, <y>, <ie>, <i_e> and <igh>. In Religion we have read about Noah's Ark and discussed the significance of God's promise to us. In Science we conducted an experiment pushing different sized balls into a bucket of water. We discussed forces and gravity and look forward to exploring these ideas further. We read 'The Paper Bag Princess' by Robert Munsch and investigated stereotypes. We anticipated that Prince Ronald would be the hero of the story and the dragon would be wily, however it was Princess Elizabeth who saved the day and outwitted the dragon!

Yours in Christ

Mrs Rowena Staude

Year Three

Welcome to week 6!

I would like to congratulate ALL the Year 3's on a wonderful effort in NAPLAN last week! I am so incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

This week we are focusing on subtraction strategies in Mathematics and continuing with fractions and multiplication. In English, we will be writing letters from a soldier's perspective during the war.

This week, Friday we will have our class Liturgy at 2:30pm in the Year 3 classroom, I hope to see you there.

Keep up the good work Year 3's & don't forget to read every evening.

God Bless,

Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff

Teacher Talk

Year Four

This week we have been doing some Mathematics assessment to see what areas we've mastered, and which areas we need to do some more work on. The students have really enjoyed converting proper fractions into improper fractions and exploring decimal fractions.

I have had many students not completing their homework activities in the past weeks. Homework is important to revise skills we have covered in class, to practice spelling words and to practice reading skills. If for some reason your child is unable to complete a task or they are having difficulty with a set task, please make a note in their communication diary.

Don't forget library bags need to come to school EVERY THURSDAY!!

God Bless and have a great week.

Mrs Cheryl Anderson

Year Five

This week the Year 5 class have been working with Mrs Shellshear. In English, they commenced their poetry unit by looking at the structure of poems and the use of poetic devices, as well as investigating odes. In Science, the students experimented with a variety of materials to investigate which ones impacted on the transmission of light. In Mathematics, the students completed some assessment on reducing and enlarging shapes and have begun to investigate and construct 3D shapes.

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

Year Six

Hello from Year Six

During the last week we have been reading a novel titled "Journey of 1000 Miles" which chronicles a perilous journey to freedom by a family of Vietnamese who along with thirty-five others escape from South Vietnam in a rickety fishing boat. The students have been practising stamina reading, note taking and paragraph writing while reading the story. As they write chapter summaries in paragraph form each child is asked to focus on varying sentence beginnings, using tier two vocabulary, using descriptive adjectives and adverbs, using clauses, correct punctuation and progressive self-editing as they write to produce a cohesive written piece. All students are making good progress in this area and our goal is for each child to be able to independently complete this task by the end of term.

Regards,

Mr Michael West

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2018

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
Wed June 13th	Sing Out—Empire Theatre
Thurs June 21st	School Athletics
Fri June 22nd	Pie Drive Delivery and Pick Up
Fri June 29th	Last day of Term 2

July 2018

Mon July 16th	School Resumes Term 3
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Tuckshop Helpers

Monday 28th May 2018

Kym Owens
Linda Leerentveld
Leanne Matthewson
Carly Bach

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 6

Prep:	Sid
Year 1:	Dekoda
Year 2:	Latoya
Year 3:	Trinity
Year 4:	Lincoln
Year 5:	James
Year 6:	Rachel

SUPERLearners

Term 2 Week 5





Host Families Needed for 6 nights

Oakey State High School will be hosting a visit by Japanese students from Ena City in a program conducted by AIIU from the 30th July to the 5th August.

- Daily program (Mon-Fri) organized by a Coordinator includes Excursions.
- Japanese language not necessary (students want to practice English).
- Normal family meals.

A stipend (tax free) \$35 per night will be given to Host Families to assist with hosting costs.

Your family will benefit from the cultural experience.



For further Information,
or if you can assist in hosting, contact: Allyson on 0409 059 438
or email buzz25@bigpond.com

Congratulations to Emma on winning a gold medal at the recent Renbukan Karate Tournament at Mt Lofty.

Well done Emma!



P&F News

Athletics Carnival

Helpers are required for the BBQ to operate on June 21st for our Annual Athletics Carnival.

Please let Thelma know your availability.

Pie Drive

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

Date for this is Saturday 3rd November 2018'

Keep watching this space for further developments.

Mothers Day Stall

Thank you to the ladies who ran this successful event.

We raised approximately \$442.00

Also a special thank you to OMGosh (Mr & Mrs Porter) for their generosity in supplying the wonderful gifts.

Secondhand Uniforms

Please contact Chloe McIntosh on 0457915137 for all enquiries

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 last week.

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!

Come and Join Oakey Girl Guides

Creek Street, Oakey

Brownies

Ages - 5yrs to 10 yrs

Day – Saturday

Time – 2.00 pm to 4.00pm

Guides

Ages - 11yrs to 17 yrs

Day – Saturday

Time – 2.00 pm to 4.00pm

Contacts:

Nancy Chalmers – 07 4691 1309

Sandra James – 07 4691 1025w

Bianca Bidgood – 0407 132 381



Craft, Games , Cooking, Camping and Lots more Fun

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

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Wednesday 23 May 2018

Today St. Monica's participated in '*National Simultaneous Reading Time*', an annual campaign held by the Australian Library and Information Association.

This campaign aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books.

Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places all around Australia and New Zealand.

At 11.00am Mr West accompanied by our year 6 class presented students and staff with a very entertaining reading of Tony Wilson's '*Hickory Dickory Dash*'.

Thankyou Mr West for being part of this event and for sharing this wonderful storybook with us.



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.