



Newsletter 25th July 2018 Week 2 Term 3

"Inspiring learning for a better world."

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## Earth without art is just Eh!

St Monica's students turn on their creative talents for the Cobb and Co Museum's 2018 Hanging Basket Competition.



A short demonstration from Mrs. Booth was all that was needed for the students to papier-mâché our entry for the competition. 'Alice in Wonderland' is the theme behind the emerging creation. A few more finishing touches, teeth and a bit of colour will help bring our Cheshire Cat to life. Fingers crossed we can keep our plants flourishing until the judging. Our basket will be on display at the Cobb and Co Museum during the carnival of flowers.



# Principal's Page

Dear Parents/Caregivers

This term at St Monica's we have a continued commitment in all learning environments to improved student outcomes. This involves our ongoing work with the Reading Strategy and our schools' involvement in the Wellbeing Project with Toowoomba Catholic Schools. On Thursday, we welcome a visit from Mr Paul Murphy (Senior Education Leader). During his visit, the leadership team will spend time analysing reading data from Semester One, ensuring that class and individual needs are being supported as we continue to support all students in their reading development. We acknowledge the role of parents, as the primary educators of their children, and look forward to working alongside you.

## P & F

At the P & F meeting on Monday evening, the committee spent time planning the race day, set for Saturday November 3, at Clifford Race Park. They are in the process of seeking sponsorship and prizes. If you can support in any way, I encourage you to be in the contact with a member of the committee- even the smallest action, can make a big difference!

## RADII- School Improvement Survey

Any parents with an email address, will have now received an email link to this survey. I thank you in advance, for taking the time to provide feedback about St Monica's. This confidential feedback helps to provide future planning and direction for the school. If you don't have access to email, please phone the school and we can organise this for you.

## Toowoomba Catholic Schools Excellence Awards

As part of Catholic Education Week, these awards recognise those members of the Toowoomba Catholic Schools community who lead, create/and or provide the support needed to create exemplary places of learning, where every student experiences academic success and comes to know and experience the loving presence of Jesus.

Two of our staff members were nominated for 'Excellence in Teaching and Learning' Awards.

Ayden Skye-Wolff was nominated in the Early Career Teacher Category.

Chris Connelly was nominated in the Primary Expert Teacher Category.

Congratulations to both staff members for the ongoing commitment and dedication to the students at St Monica's. I am pleased to announce that Chris Connelly has been nominated as a finalist for this award. The award winners will be announced during Catholic Education Week.

It has been wonderful to meet so many children and families of St Monica's over the past week. I look forward to continuing to work within your school community throughout Term 3.

Blessings,

Mrs Bridget Rillie

Acting Principal

# Catholic Education Week

## 29 July – 4 August 2018



### APRE Report – Week 2 Term 3

Next week is an extremely busy week for us as a Catholic School. Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for us to celebrate and embrace being a Catholic School. Each day next week we have something exciting happening at St Monica's.

### **Listed below is a schedule of activities/events at St Monica's during Catholic Education Week:**

**Open Morning – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July.** We invite all parents, grandparents and prospective parents to meet in the Parish Hall at 9:00 am, where the Leadership Team will share information about the school and to listen to a performance by our school choir. Guests will then be invited to visit our classrooms and be conducted on tours of the school, followed by morning tea in the Parish Hall at 10:40 am.

**Students from Ena City, Japan Visit – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.** 20 students from Ena City in Japan, along with their teachers, will visit our school from 11:30am. Students will perform several songs for us and then will conduct some Japanese Cultural activities with our students in small groups.

**Catholic Education Week Breakfast – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August.** We invite all members of our school community to join together for a breakfast to celebrate Catholic Education Week. Breakfast will be served from 7:15am.

**Catholic Education Week Whole School Mass – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August.** After breakfast, we invite families to join with our students to attend a whole school Mass in St Monica's Church at 9:00 am. Thank you to Father Mick Carroll for officiating.

**Catholic Education Week Netball and Touch Carnivals – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.** Students from Years 4 to 6 will be travelling to Toowoomba to participate in these carnivals with other Toowoomba Catholic Schools – more information to follow.

**Early Years Games Afternoon – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.** The Prep to Year 3 classes will be participating in an afternoon of fun games to celebrate Catholic Education in Queensland.

**Bishop's Inservice Day – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.** All St Monica's Staff will be attending the Bishop's Inservice Day at St Saviours College, Toowoomba along with staff from other Toowoomba Catholic Schools. Please note – this is a **PUPIL FREE DAY!**

The Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office has this year introduced the Excellence in Education awards. St Monica's has two teachers nominated for these awards in 2018. Our Year 1 teacher, **Chris Conneely** has been nominated for the Excellence in Primary Teaching Award and our Year 3 teacher, **Ayden-Skye Wolff** has been nominated for the Beginning Teacher Award. The finalists in these awards will be announced this week with the winners in each category to be announced during a Gala Dinner during Catholic Education Week. We wish Mrs Conneely and Miss Wolff all the very best in these awards. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our teachers, school officers and ancillary staff for the amazing work they do at our wonderful school.

My apologies that the ICAS Science test certificates were not presented at assembly last Thursday. They will be presented this Thursday afternoon.

God Bless

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE

# Teacher Talk

## Prep

This week in Prep we have been exploring the book *Tough Boris* by Mem Fox and have begun to look at the beginning concepts of writing a retell. In Maths we have introduced the concept of addition plus 0 and plus 1. Some students have found this quite challenging and it is defiantly a concept that can be practiced at home. In Science we have continued our weather unit and also have begun a unit called "What is it made of?" where students explore the properties of different materials.

**Mrs Rebecca Thomas**

## Year One

Students in Year 1 will continue to develop their skills during Reading and Mathematics Groups this week. The focus for Mathematics lessons include identifying and continuing number patterns from any given number. Students are using their knowledge of nouns, verbs and adjectives to write alliterations. The spelling focus for this week is 'y' making the long I sound. They are investigating and recording changes to natural and constructed objects.

The wet wild walrus watched the walking witch. Written by Jakeb

The wobbly white wild whale was wet. Written by Ruby

The watermelon wet the windy witch so the windy witch would wet the web. Written by Dylan

**Mrs Chris Conneely**

## Year Two

In Maths we have been working on our doubles and revising our skip counting patterns. This week we have explored the <or> sound which has four spellings, <or>, <ou>, <aw> and <al>. Well done to everyone who has completed and returned their Premier's Reading Challenge forms. Extra forms are available and I encourage all students to continue reading to complete and return their forms.

Homework has commenced this week and is aligned throughout the Early Years. I look forward to seeing students' hard work when it is due next Wednesday. Please remember to send Sight Word books in each day as we continue to practice sight words daily.

Students have been busy completing reading assessments and it has been exciting to see the growth in ability! Thank you for your support at home with reading, it makes all the difference!

Yours in Christ,

**Mrs Rowena Staude**

**Year Three** In Year 3 we have been learning and reading all about the wonders of space! The children have been extremely engaged and are asking very insightful questions all about the Earth, different planets and the Solar System. We have created a wall of Space Facts and we will continue adding new bits of information to it throughout the term.

In Mathematics, we have been counting out change and using the relevant addition and subtraction strategies to complete money problems.

Thank you to all of the Year 3's who have remembered to bring in their homework every day this week, they are demonstrating a responsibility for their own learning. Keep it up!

There's not much time left to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge, don't forget to fill out the forms and bring them back into school when they have been completed.

Have a lovely week, God Bless,

**Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff**



# Teacher Talk

## Year Four

This week in English we've been looking at the different types of texts, in particular persuasive texts. The students have discovered the different elements of a persuasive text which has helped them to plan an opposing argument to the "Go-kart track being build next to the school". Together, we highlighted the effects it may have on our learning as well as nature and the environment. In Health, we have been discussing *situational awareness* which highlights the students being able to recognise their levels of safety in situations.

I hope you have a great week,  
**Mr Callum Duncan**

## Year Five

In Maths this week, we have continued our learning focus on financial matters by investigating and calculating GST, along with completing a small assessment on budgeting and GST. The students also completed learning activities about mapping. In English, we have been looking at the way the media use emotive language and images to manipulate a point of view. We have also been learning about subjective and objective language and the impact this has on the reader/viewer. In Science, we continued to investigate the many amazing features that help animals survive in their environment. This week we will be presenting a small item on Assembly and you are most welcome to join us on this occasion.

**Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann**

## Year Six

Hello from Year Six

We have had a great week of learning this week in mathematics where we discovered how to use a protractor to measure angles accurately. We have also applied our knowledge of straight angles, full rotations, vertically opposite angles and alternate angles to find the measure of unknown angles. Many students solved quite complex problems using their newly acquired skills.

Along with the year five students we have been polishing our netball and touch football skills in preparation for the Catholic Schools Carnivals to be held during Catholic Education Week. Both girls and boys will be playing in the non-competitive section and we are looking forward to an enjoyable day of team building.

Regards,

**Mr Michael West**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **July 2018**

Sat July 28th	Mass 6.00pm
Mon July 30th	St Monica's Open Morning
Tue July 31st	Japanese Students Visit

### **August 2018**

Wed Aug 1st	Catholic Education Breakfast 7.15am
Wed Aug 1st	Whole School Mass 9.00am
Thurs Aug 2nd	Catholic Netball & Touch Carnivals
Fri Aug 3rd	Staff Bishop's In-service Day
Fri August 3rd	Pupil Free Day
Tue August 7th	Inner Downs Athletics Carnival

## **Tuckshop**

## **Helpers**

**Monday 30th July 2018**

**Linda Leerentveld**

**Suella McCormack**

**Alison MacIntosh**

**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 3 Week 2**

<b>Prep:</b>	<b>Robert</b>
<b>Year 1:</b>	<b>Dekoda</b>
<b>Year 2:</b>	<b>Lachlan</b>
<b>Year 3:</b>	<b>Bryant</b>
<b>Year 4:</b>	<b>Lilah</b>
<b>Year 5:</b>	<b>Hudson</b>
<b>Year 6:</b>	<b>Dominic</b>

## **SUPERlearners Term 3 Week 1**



# Important Notices

## Catholic Athletics Carnival

Last Friday, a number of St Monica's students participated in the Catholic Athletics Carnival. Despite the trying, and at times very wet conditions, we had a successful and enjoyable day. Unfortunately, the conditions resulted in some of the long jump and high jump events being cancelled, due to safety concerns. All of the students were great ambassadors of St Monica's, displaying excellent behaviour and sportsmanship. They all put in their best effort and should be proud of their achievements.



## Inner Downs Athletics

All paperwork and money for Inner Downs Athletics is required to be returned to school. If your child will not be participating, please ensure you notify us as soon as possible to enable us to cancel the nomination.

## Bishop's In-service Day- Pupil Free Day

Our annual Bishops In-service day (BID) will be held on Friday August 3. This is a **pupil free day** for all our students. On this day staff gather with colleagues from other schools across the Diocese and with Bishop Robert and priests and spend time thinking, listening, talking, celebrating and praying together about important dimensions of our lives as Catholic educational communities.

## **Childminding required**

"A parent of the school is looking for a childminder for before and after school care 4 days per week. Must be reliable and have own car" For more details contact the school office.

## **STUDENT PROTECTION CONTACTS**

Every school has student protection contacts that act as a point of call for reporting, advice or information. These people are provided with training each year.

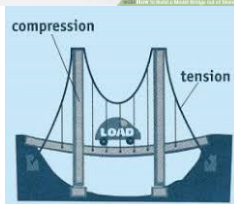
At St Monica's, the student protection contacts are:

Kaylene Bruggemann  
Rowena Staude  
Susan Rodd

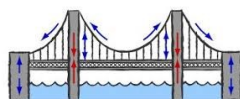
The school principal is also able to provide assistance for any students or members of the school community. For term 3, this is Mrs Bridget Rillie. You will notice posters around the school making everyone aware of who the contacts are.

# St Monica's School Science Competition, 2018

As part of the 2018 National Science Week we would like to invite students to participate in the St Monica's Science Competition.



*Be Creative*



Prizes to be won!  
See office for details.



As part of the 2018 National Science Week we would like to invite students to participate in the St Monica's Science Competition.

Your challenge is to draw a 2D plan and create a 3D bridge. Entries can be brought in for display in Week 5 (Science Week). 13/8/2018 to 17/8/2018. Yes, you do it at home! Yes, you can ask Mum or Dad to help you.

## Materials

Recycled materials are to be used. (Some new components are expected providing the bulk of the resources are recycled.)

Points are given on use of recycled materials.

## Plan

2D plan must be submitted with each entry.

Any bridge design could be used e.g. arch, cable stay, draw bridge, truss or suspension. Be creative!

Points are given on detailed drawing of plan.

## Design

Design must look aesthetically pleasing.

Points are given on artistic design of the bridge.

## Structure

Structure must be suitable to span a 50cm gap.

Structure must be able to sustain up to 2kg in distributed weight.

Structure must be wide enough to enable 2 toy cars to pass safely on the bridge.

Points are given on thoughtfulness

## Reflection

Students will present a short demonstration and explain the design features that give the structure strength and materials used.

Points are given on presentation.



# P&F News

## FLEXISCHOOLS

FROM TERM 3 THE SCHOOL TUCKSHOP WILL OPERATE UNDER

### FLEXISCHOOLS ONLY!

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDERS ONLINE TO HELP OUR LADIES WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME TO SERVE IN THE TUCKSHOP.



If any Parent/Caregiver would like to bring anything up at the P & F's next meeting please do not hesitate in contacting anyone on the Committee.

President: - Mr Peter Anderson

Vice President: - Mrs Margot Black.

Secretary: - Mrs Rachel Waddell.

Treasurer: - Mrs Thelma Bain.

Committee Members: - Mr. Michael Matthewson, Mr Scott Johnston, Mr. Matt Edwards and Mrs Katie Owens. We are all there to help in any way we can.



# RAISING CHILDREN IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

## Have Your Say

Participate in the survey for your chance to **WIN** 1 of 100 \$50 Coles Myer gift vouchers



Complete a brief anonymous online survey at <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/racyn>

### Raising Children in Your Neighbourhood – Have Your Say

Your community has been chosen to participate in a study conducted by the Every Family research project at the University of Queensland. This survey aims to capture parenting experiences and beliefs about parenting support and raising children within your community. Any parent or carer of children aged 3 - 8 years can participate. It only takes 10-15 minutes and you will have a chance to win 1 of 100 \$50 Coles Myer gift vouchers for participating. Complete the survey online at: <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/racyn/>

**Do you know the rules?**  
Know and obey the rules so you  
Don't endanger children's lives.

**School Zones**

The school zone sign shows:

- maximum permissible speed
- time periods in which the speed limit applies.

**Children's Crossing**

**CHILDREN CROSSING**

A driver's guide for children's crossings:

- Travel slow enough so you are able to stop if required.
- Stop if a pedestrian is on or waiting to enter the crossing.
- Do not proceed until all pedestrians have reached the footpath or centre median.
- Crossings divided by a centre median are separate crossings.
- Do not stop within 20 metres of crossing approach and 10 metres on crossing departure or as signed.

Enquiries: Superintendent of Traffic, Toowoomba. Ph: 46316333.

Queensland Government

**photographic competition**

**FOCUS ON FARMS**

Hosted by:  
GOMAREN & DOCTORS CREEK CATCHMENT LANDSCAPE GROUP INC.

**TOURING FOR ONE MONTH IN THE TRC MOBILE LIBRARY FROM 19 SEPTEMBER**

The competition will launch on 1 August and submissions close on the 31 August.

Winners will be announced 19 September at Kingsthorpe.

Competition is Open to TRC Residents only. Submitted photos to be unmounted 7x5 prints, labelled on the reverse with Name, Address, Phone Number and Category. Entry is 50c per photo and is limited to three entries per category. If photos are to be returned, include a stamped self-addressed envelope. Own photos only. Judges decision is final. The Group reserves the right to publish any photos submitted ie. in a calendar.

**Category Sections:**

- Working on the Farm
- Australian Native Animal
- Australian Native Bird
- Australian Native Flora
- Local Weather
- Feral Species
- Best Farm Buddies
- Sunrise or Sunset
- Children under 15 years - Any Aspect of Rural Life
- Best Photo Promoting a Landcare Activity

Drop off points: Allens Rural Supplies Kingsthorpe | Darling Downs Vet Oakey  
Jon Rankin 119 Goulds Rd, Kleinton | Goombungee Library | Mobile Library

For further info email: [gdcclandcaregroup@outlook.com](mailto:gdcclandcaregroup@outlook.com)

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