



Newsletter 6th June 2018 Week 8 Term 2

"Inspiring learning for a better world."

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## Mathematics + Games = Fun

What did the digital clock say to its mother?

(Look ma, no hands!)



In Year 1 we love Mathematics.

Place value games

Counting and writing numbers

Adding sums

Telling the time

Counting in 10's and 2's

Playing games on the smartboard

Mathematics activities on Studyladder

Mathematics on Ideal Resources

Mathematics Rotations

Writing number sentences

Making shapes

**We love it all!**



### *Principal's Page*

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The Term is certainly flying past. Teachers are well into the writing of Semester One Report Cards so I look forward to reading their comments on student progress. If the improvements in reading are an indication, I am hopeful that many Report Cards will reflect this. A significant number of students have progressed several levels so far with reading. Well done!

Yesterday, Mrs Bridget Rillie (Acting Principal for St Monica's in Term 3) spent the day here working with me in readiness for a smooth hand-over whilst I am away. We discussed a wide range of issues including student progress, planning, behaviour management, finances, staffing and forward plans. Bridget was very impressed by the order and community feel within the school. I am certain she will enjoy her time here and that she will quickly endear herself to students, staff and parents. Bridget will visit the school again before the end of the term.

Today I can announce that Mrs Cheryl Anderson will also be away from school for the first part of Term 3 enjoying some well-earned Long Service Leave. Cheryl will be away for the first 5 weeks of term. Cheryl's class will be capably cared for by Mrs Jenny Shellshear during her absence. Jenny is a very experienced teacher who is well known to the school and our students having worked here quite a lot over recent years in a relieving and intervention capacity. I'm sure there will be minimum disruption to class routines and learning during Cheryl's absence and I wish her a well-deserved break.

This Sunday, the school community will join with the parish for a Family Sunday Mass at 8:00am. I invite all our school families to come along to be part of this faith celebration. Mrs Cavanagh is hoping to have several students participate in a liturgical movement (dance) as a reflection.

The school Athletics Carnival is just around the corner. The high jump heats (trials) and the 800m event for the 9 - 12 year olds will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June with the main carnival being held on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June**. Parents are really encouraged to attend one or both of these days. A schedule of events will be circulated prior to the carnival.

Our Early Years teachers are busily planning to hold an Under 8's Morning on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June from 9:00 to 11:00am. This will be a great celebration of early childhood education and parents and younger siblings (not at St Monica's yet) are encouraged to come along.

As we are planning for classes and staffing in 2019 already, it is important that the school has accurate information on student enrolments so arrangements can be made. If you know you won't be at St Monica's in 2019 would you kindly notify the school? Please phone the front office on 46911067 or send an email to: [oaakey@twb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:oaakey@twb.catholic.edu.au) letting us know your intentions.

Finally, coming up in Catholic Education Week at the end of July, we will hold an Open Morning for Parents, Grandparents and Visitors. The date is set for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July 9-11am. Please pencil this into your diary.

Yours faithfully

Roland Poulton

Principal

## APRE Newsletter Report – Week 8 Term 2

Over the past week I'm sure we have all noticed the change in season. Often in nature the change in season means a change in the colours we see around us. The Liturgical Seasons of the Church are signified by a change in the colours used throughout the liturgies. We have moved from the White of the Liturgical Season of Easter to the Green of Ordinary Time.

This Sunday at 8am, our School and Parish Families will celebrate our second School Family Mass for the term. A huge thank you to the Year 2 students who have volunteered to read the Prayers of the Faithful at the Mass. I also have quite a list of students who are interested in participating in a Liturgical Movement as a Reflection after Communion. I look forward to seeing many of our school families at the Mass.

Tonight (Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June) is the Sacrament of Reconciliation Information Evening at 6pm. This short meeting is for all those families who have registered their interest in their child/children (from Year 2 upwards) to begin classes for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Term 3.

I'd like to share a prayer that Mrs Geraldine Hore shared with the Leadership Team some weeks ago. I have placed a copy of it under the window near my desk and I often read it in times of prayerful reflection. In the business of our lives we often forget to take time to sit and reflect and just ... be.

### Let Your God Love You by Edwina Gateley

Be silent.

Be still.

Alone.

Empty

Before your God.

Say nothing.

Ask nothing.

Be silent.

Be still.

Let you God look upon you.

That is all.

God knows.

God understands.

God loves you with an enormous love,

And only wants

To look upon you

With that love.

Quiet.

Still.

Be.

Let you God –

Love you.

[www.journeywithjusus.net](http://www.journeywithjusus.net)

May God bless you this week and of course ... Go Queensland!!

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE

# Teacher Talk

## Prep

This week we continue to work with the text "Room on the broom". The students are now able to use this text with me in a shared read and are excited to be able to participate in the speaking parts of the text. We hope to be able to act out and perform the text for each other towards the end of this week. We have also been learning about the Creation Story from the Bible and learning a song about God and Creation in preparation for our Assembly presentation next Thursday. All are welcome to assembly next Thursday at 2:20 for our Prep presentation.

**Mrs Rebecca Thomas**

## Year One

Students have been busy with consolidating their knowledge and understanding of concepts taught this term. They have also participated in testing for the end of Semester reports.

During Mathematics students are participating in group activities to help consolidate concepts learnt this term.

Students are continuing to develop their understanding of using the 'chunking' strategy when reading. They have been incorporating word endings to base words when writing.

During HaSS lessons students have explored the meaning of historical terms such as 'past', 'present', 'future', 'then' and 'now'. They are encouraged to pose questions to family members and investigate how roles have changed or remained over time.

**Mrs Chris Conneely**

## Year Two

This week we read and discussed the meaning of Psalm 104 in Religion. Students illustrated one of the verses to create a class book showing the majesty of God's creation. As part of our unit exploring the sacredness of creation, we will be planting the garden beds with strawberries and herbs. Mr Coombs has supplied us with strawberry seedlings and we would love donations of herb seedlings such as chives, coriander, parsley and rocket, all of which can be planted during the months of June and July. In Mathematics we have started to investigate 2D shapes by drawing and describing their properties. Students are on the hunt for trapezoid and rhombus shapes in everyday items. In Grammar we have explored both regular and irregular past tense. We are continuing to explore the rules for adding 'ed' and working hard to determine how the root word changes in irregular past tense. In Science we used plastic bags to catch air and discussed where we might find air. We conducted an experiment with paper to explore gravity. In Geography we read 'Me on the Map' by Joan Sweeney and expanded our map quest by investigating Australian states and territories. Family Mass is this Sunday from 8 am and Year Two will be presenting the Offertory Gifts and reading the Prayers of the Faithful. Please let either myself or Mrs Cavanagh know if your child is able to attend and would like to participate. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

**Mrs Rowena Staude**

## Year Three

This week in Year 3 we have been completing assessment tasks in a number of learning areas. The students have really made an effort to try their best in every task they have completed. I am very proud of them for their efforts throughout this time. In English, we have also been identifying nouns, verbs and adjectives in sentences. The students are learning how each of these parts of speech play a vital role in writing great sentences.

In Health, we have discussed safe and unsafe situations and the appropriate responses in these situations. We have also been having classroom discussion about sustainability, what it means and how we can incorporate sustainable practices in our school and community. Students have been practising for the upcoming St Monica's Athletics Day in the afternoon sessions and are working on their techniques for high jump, long jump and shot put.

Keep reading every evening. Don't forget homework is due on Friday.

Have a wonderful week and God Bless,

**Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff**

# Teacher Talk

## Year Four

We have all been working hard to improve our reading and comprehension skills this year. Regular practise of these skills will only help improve. Having your child read aloud to you each evening, and then asking them questions about what they have read will boost their comprehension, or alternatively, you could read to them and ask them questions about what you have read.

The students have also been practising their number facts. Each week we focus on a different number fact, this week we are exploring 12's. In Year Four we have been using the times tables CD – 'Times Tables = Fun, Learn your times tables' to help cement these skills. If you have access to a number facts CD singing the songs help to remember them. Also having a number facts chart somewhere in your house for your child to refer to will help.

God Bless and have a great week.

**Mrs Cheryl Anderson**

## Year Five

This week in Mathematics, we consolidated our understanding of angles and the students enjoyed playing Angles Bingo. We also completed some problem solving assessment and constructed symmetrical patterns. In our English poetry unit, we investigated anthems and looked at some of the anthems of other countries. As a class, we worked together to write our own school anthem.

This week we commenced Athletics rotations and this will continue on Monday and Tuesday afternoons in the lead up to the Athletics Carnival. We will be presenting a small item on Assembly this week and you are very welcome to join us on this occasion. I hope to see some of the Year 5 students at Family Mass this Sunday.

**Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann**

## Year Six

Hello from Year Six

Well done to all those students who achieved such good results in last Friday's maths test. It was wonderful to see the excellent results attained by students from Mrs Tyrie's maths group in the areas of operations, capacity and 3D shapes.

Also congratulations to Jennifer, Zac and Alli-G all of whom have moved up a level in reading groups as a result of consistently focusing during lessons and making reading a priority in their lives.

During the week, students wrote their own version of "The Lord's Prayer" and developed some accompanying hand gestures and movements. We will present some of these at our class liturgy this Friday. The liturgy will commence at 2.45pm.

Finally, a thank-you to the captains who have been instrumental in organising the inter-house touch games at lunch time. The idea has been very well received by the year 4, 5 and 6 students and in addition we have timetabled a year 3 game on Wednesdays. This game is refereed by year 6 students.

Regards,

**Mr Michael West**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### June 2018

Fri June 8th	Dalby Eisteddfod
Jun 5,6&7	Farmfest
Fri June 8th	Special Lunch Pizza Day
Wed June 13th	Sing Out—Empire Theatre
Tue June 19th	Toowoomba Mountaineers Visit
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 4th June 2018

Kym Owens

Tanya Biltoft

Nicole Langton

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 2 Week 8

Prep:	Mackenzie
Year 1:	Xianne
Year 2:	Anthony
Year 3:	Ruby-Rose
Year 4:	Jhonatan
Year 5:	Cooper-James
Year 6:	Mitchell

## SUPERLearners

### Term 2 Week 7



# Important Notices

## Catholic Schools' Athletics Carnival

The annual Catholic Schools' Athletics carnival will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at the O'Quinn Street Oval in Toowoomba. Students from St Monica's will be participating and more information will be provided after our school's carnival has been held.

## New School Website

Have you checked out our new St Monica's Website? It is more mobile friendly and information is being progressively updated. The Policies & Procedures page has either copies or links to current Toowoomba Catholic Schools and St Monica's School policies and procedures. You can also access the Parents' and Friends' Association meeting minutes to keep up with what is happening. Skoolbag app can also be found on the school's website. It is great to see that more and more parents are using Skoolbag App to notify the school of student absences.

## Student Protection Contacts:

All staff at our school are trained in Student Protection legislation and procedures. Students can talk to any member of staff if they have any worries or concerns. For 2018, the Student Protection Contacts are Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann (Yr 5 Teacher) and Mrs Rowena Staude (Yr 2 Teacher). These teachers are also available should parents or students wish to discuss any issues relating to student protection.

### Catholic Education Week - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

During Catholic Education week, the school will participate in a School Review and Improvement Survey managed by Research Australia Development and Innovation Institute (RADII). All parents, staff and years 5 & 6 students will be invited to participate in the survey. The survey provides valuable feedback for the future directions of our school. It would be appreciated if parents could update their **email** contact details prior to the 24 June 2018. The survey will be sent to parent email addresses for completion on or about Monday, 23 July 2018. RADII will send all parents a personalized invitation to complete the survey online. If both parents' email addresses are on file at the school, the invitation will be sent to both parents. However, the survey will close once the first person has completed it. Completing the survey is voluntary so if you do not wish to complete it, simply delete it. The survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. We encourage you to complete the survey and be honest with your responses. They are confidential and anonymous. The aggregated data will give us a good idea of what we are doing well and what can be improved upon! Keep an eye out for the email invitation.

### Australia Early Development Census

From May to July, St Monica's will participate in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). This is an Australian Government initiative which measures the developmental progress of children as they start their first year of full-time school (Prep). It looks at groups of children in the community, not individuals. The AEDC results are used by early childhood educators and health services, local councils and community groups, schools and governments. It is used to help plan and allocate the right type of resources and support for communities. Individual students are not identified in the results. Over coming weeks, Mrs Thomas will complete the Census. If you do not want your child to participate, please contact the school.



## 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 AIU from the 30<sup>th</sup> July to the 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:buzz25@bigpond.com)

# Oakey Markets

St Monica's Parish Ladies will be holding a stall at the Lions Markets on Saturday 9th June 2018

The ladies would appreciate your support:

with donating the following items:

Selling, baking, plants & craft items.

Reusable shopping bags are also required.



## P&F News

### Athletics Carnival

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

Menu for the Athletics Carnival will be issued next week.

Please let Thelma know your availability.

### Pie Drive

Thank you to all the families who have supported this fundraiser!

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.

### Tuckshop

We are in need of helpers for the running of the Tuckshop.

Tuckshop is operated on a Monday 9.00am = 2.00 pm. Tuesday if Public holiday on the Monday

Please come forward and place your name on a roster.

The Tuckshop is a Fundraiser for the school, also a great way to meet fellow parents.

The children love to see Mum or Dad on Tuckshop days.



# 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!

**Would you like to move more, move better, breath better, have more energy & have fun within a group of like-minded people.**

**Enjoy,**

**"ENERGISE", Oakey.**

**What:** Gentle exercise group class incorporating mobility, strength, stretching, breathing and games, suitable and adaptive for anybody!

**When:** Fridays' 730am - 830am

**Where:** St Monica's Parish Hall, Oakey (across from BP service station). Parking next to Parish Hall or off street parking outside St Monica's school.

**Who:** EVERY-BODY!!! Regardless of fitness level or ability this is an ALL inclusive class - there will be something you can do!

**Cost:** \$5 per person per class.

\* For more Information call Cass 0429 888892



**You are invited!**

# **St Monica's Primary School Oakey**



## **Under 8's Morning**

**Celebrating the Early Years of Education**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**9:00am - 11:00am**



**LOTS OF FUN AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES**

**VISITS FROM EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**FACE PAINTING**

**OBSTACLE COURSE**

**DANCE DISPLAYS**

**VISIT FROM TOWN LIBRARY STAFF**

**MURALS**

**ACTIVITIES TABLES ..... AND LOTS MORE!**

Visiting students please bring morning tea, hat, sunscreen and water bottle.

Morning tea provided for parents



Parents/students visiting from Kindies, Day Care Centres and other educational centres, please RSVP by 20<sup>th</sup> June by phoning the school on **46911067** or email: [oakey@twb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:oakey@twb.catholic.edu.au)