



Newsletter 8th August 2018 Week 4 Term 3

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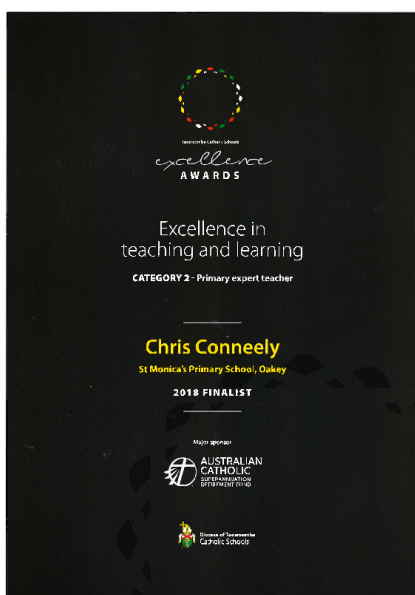
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The 8th of August is the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first and only Saint. One of her most well-known sayings is; "Never See a Need Without Doing Something About It". This is a great motto to live by. Mary MacKillop loved children and animals, especially the horses she used to travel to visit her Sisters of St Joseph and her pet dogs. There are many schools in the Toowoomba Diocese who have the Sisters of St Joseph to thank for beginning their schools.



Mrs Conneely is someone who, like St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, never sees a need without doing something about it, and this is one of the reasons why she was nominated for the Expert Primary Teacher at the Catholic Education.



Principal's Page

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Each morning at St Monica's we come together as a whole school to pray and share messages about the day ahead. This sets a positive tone for each day and creates a routine to set each child up for a day of learning. I invite you to stay for this morning routine, if you are at school in the morning. The past week, many students have been involved in sport activities away from school- the Catholic Schools netball and touch football carnival and Inner Downs Athletics. I would like to commend the students on the wonderful way in which they represented their school, their participation, behavior and sportsmanship.

Save the Date- Boys and Blokes

Dads and significant males- don't forget to mark the date for the 'Boys and Blokes' evening on August 23 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. We hope to see you all there!

Leadership Forum

Next week, beginning August 13, I will be attending the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Leadership Forum in Roma. During the week, Principals from across the diocese come together for professional learning, school reflection and planning, Policy and procedure information along with strategic planning. I look forward to representing St Monica's at this very important forum. Lisa Cavanagh will be deputising during this time.

Science Week

Next week is National Science Week. The theme for National Science Week in 2018 is *Game Changers and Change Makers*. To respond to the theme, the children have been invited to participate in the 'St Monica's Science Competition' where the challenge is to draw a 2D plan and create a 3D bridge. The challenge focuses on materials, planning, design, structure and concludes with a reflection. The entries will be displayed in the school hall all day Thursday, August 16. The entries will be judged by Victoria McIntyre from Oakey State High School. Victoria is a Senior biology/science, agriculture and history teacher and we thank her for her time and expertise. Please join us from 2 pm on Thursday in the school hall for the presentation of the entries and the announcement of the winners. It's not too late for any children still wishing to participate. Information for the competition can be collected from the school office – the challenge is completed at home. The year 6 students will be participating in Science Week activities at Oakey State High School on this day, so will present their entries at a different time. Happy Science Week everyone!

Following on from the Science Week presentations, we will hold the school assembly.

RADII – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEYS

Each family has been emailed the link to our school satisfaction survey. We have just passed 35% of our parent population completing the survey. To help the school with future planning, we would love to have at least 50 % of our parent group respond to this survey. We would love to hear about the strengths of St Monica's, so we can continue to grow and improve. Thank you in advance.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Bridget Rillie

Acting Principal

APRE Report Term 3 Week 4

What a wonderful week we had last week for Catholic Education Week. Mrs Rillie and I were blessed to be able to attend the Excellence in Education Awards with Mrs Conneely last Thursday evening. It was a celebration of all the exciting things happening within our diocese and an opportunity to acknowledge the excellent work of teachers, school officers, volunteers and leadership individuals and teams. Congratulations to Mrs Conneely on being named a finalist in the Excellence in Primary Teaching – a well-deserved nomination.

Boys and Blokes Evening

Thursday the 23rd of August is the date of our Boys and Blokes evening. This is an opportunity for our boys to come along with their dad/stepdad/grandfather/older brother/ friend or mum and spend some quality time together. We will begin at 5:30pm with a BBQ meal, followed by some rotation activities and concludes with a short prayer celebration for a 7:00 pm finish.

Please return the slip below if you will be attending. Photographs of our boys with their dads can be sent through to me via the office on oakey@twb.catholic.edu.au for use in our prayer celebration on the night.

God Bless

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE



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Boys and Blokes Evening – Thursday 23rd August 2018

I would love to come with _____

(Child's Name)

Adult's name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Please return by Wed 22nd August 2018

Teacher Talk

Prep

This week in Prep we have started to read books written by Julia Donaldson. Our focus book this week has been The Scarecrows' Wedding. We have been busy making lists of things we would need for a wedding and a list of items needed to make a scarecrow. Next week we will look forward to making a scarecrow of our own. In maths we continue to focus on addition plus one as well as plus two, as well as connecting numerals with their name and matching quantity. Thank-you to those families who have already assisted their child in our "What is it made of" orals for homework. We have had a variety of different items already presented and look forward to what else is going to be brought into school.

Mrs Rebecca Thomas

Year One

Wow! What a fabulous time everyone had at the 'Josephine Wants to Dance' workshop where we reenacted parts of the story through freeze frames. Don't forget to return the permission forms for our excursion to see the production and library visit. This week we are focusing on verbs (action words) in stories. Students are working on rhyming words and the 'ew' sound when spelling.

During Mathematics students are developing their understanding of place value and modeling half of a collection. They will continue to practice skip counting and patterning. Tuesday saw the students engage in many problem solving opportunities when 'The World of Mathematics' visited.

Mrs Chris Conneely

Year Two

In Maths we have been working on recognising and identifying halves, quarters and eighths. This week we have explored the <ear> sound in spelling and investigated ways to make plurals in grammar. In Religion we are exploring how Jesus lived and identified foods he ate, types of clothing he wore and houses he lived in.

Well done to students on their exemplary behaviour demonstrated during our excursion to the Cobb & Co Museum on Tuesday. We had a fabulous day exploring Indigenous symbols used in rock painting, the plants used as bush tucker and for medicines, the tools such as woomeras and spears used in hunting and we especially enjoyed the lunch time Smoking Ceremony and Concert. This was a wonderful opportunity for some of our students to show off their dancing and storytelling skills!

Yours in Christ,

Mrs Rowena Staude

Year Three

This week in class we are working on creating our own word problems with illustrations in Mathematics. In English, each student has selected a planet that we have learned about in Science. Each student will now start researching relevant facts and information to create an information report on their chosen planet and present it to the class. We have also been working toward implementing the appropriate spelling rules that we have learned about long and short vowels to spell unfamiliar words as well as starting to use Queensland Cursive in all our writing.

Yesterday Year 2 and Year 3 headed off into Toowoomba for an excursion to the Cobb and Co Museum. The children took part in a number of activities all related to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander traditions and way of life. The children all had a lot of fun, were beautifully mannered and behaved and were great ambassadors for St Monica's.

Well done Year 2 and 3!

Please don't forget to encourage your child to read every evening and return their library books every Wednesday and bring in their Homework every day.

I hope you all have a wonderful week ahead, God Bless.

Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff

Teacher Talk

Year Four

Welcome to Week 4!

This week we have been revising the maths concepts that have been taught so far this term. It has been beneficial to those students who may not have grasped the concept initially, to then have the opportunity to revisit and consolidate their learning.

We are now working towards our English assessment piece. This requires the students to plan a product accompanied by an illustration, slogan, and target audience, prior to writing a script that will help to *sell* their product.

I hope you have a great week,

Mr Callum Duncan

Year Five

The Year 5 students had an enjoyable day last Thursday, when they participated in the Catholic Netball and Touch Carnivals. We witnessed some great efforts and displays of sportsmanship and teamwork. Some of our students also participated in the Inner Downs Athletics Carnival on Tuesday.

This week in Maths, we looked at strategies for multiplication and division and have been learning how to multiply by 2 digit numbers. In English we analysed a newspaper article and continued to work on writing an article of our own. In Science, we went out into the playground to complete an investigation on camouflage. In Religion, we conducted a symbols walk in order to identify symbols around our school grounds to show that we belong to a community of believers.

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

Year Six

Hello from Year Six

The past week has seen our class busy with activities for Catholic Education Week. As part of the celebrations we participated in the Catholic Schools Touch and Netball Carnivals. The day the boys spent at the touch carnival was very enjoyable with the St Monica's students displaying their running and passing skills as well as great sportsmanship during and after the games. We had some wins, draws and a couple of close losses. Thanks to the Mums who came along to support us.

This Friday afternoon we will be holding our class liturgy in the classroom at 2.45pm. All families are welcome to join us as we reflect on our call to serve others. We will also present our Mini-Vinnies office bearers and committee for this term.

Regards,

Mr Michael West

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2018

Tue August 14th	ICAS Maths
Mon August 13th	Science Week
Thurs August 16th	Prep-2 Excursion
Mon August 20th	Book Week
Thurs August 23rd	Boys & Blokes Night
Wed August 29th	Reconciliation 6pm
Thurs August 30th	Prep 2019 Information Evening

September 2018

Fri Sept 1st	Father's Day Stall
Thur 6th Fri 7th	Year 4 Camp
Tue Sept 11th	Prep Morning

Tuckshop Helpers

Monday 6th August 2018

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 3 Week 4

Prep:	Claire
Year 1:	Jakeb
Year 2:	Eucella
Year 3:	Eduardo
Year 4:	Jhonatan
Year 5:	Tanner
Year 6:	Broc

SUPERlearners Term 3 Week 3



Important Notices

St Monica's Science Competition

Judging for St Monica's Science Competition Thursday 16th August.

Entries are to be displayed in the hall prior to this date.

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS



During Book Week we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the Parish Meeting Room on the following days.

Monday 20th – Friday 24th August

Times: 8.00 – 8.45am

3.05 - 3.30pm

A Dress Up Parade will be held on the Friday.

Students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character.

Inner Downs Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the 14 athletes who represented St Monica's at the Inner Downs Athletics Carnival at O'Quinn Street yesterday. Everyone put in their best efforts and were great ambassadors of St Monica's. Special mention to Liam, Tahlia and Hannah for making the finals of the sprints, along with Rory and Amy, who made the finals of the 200 metres. Congratulations to Tahlia and Rory who were selected in the Inner Downs team to contest the Darling Downs Carnival later in the month.

Good luck!

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

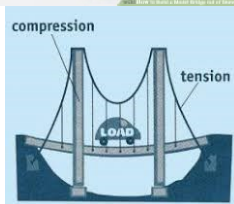
Rowena Staude

Susan Rodd

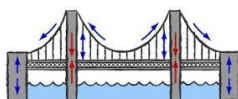
The school principal is also able to provide assistance for any students or members of the school community. For term 3, this is Mrs Bridget Rillie. You will notice posters around the school making everyone aware of who the contacts are.

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.



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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.



BOOK WEEK 18 – 24 August 2018

The 2018 Book of the Year Awards are chosen at the start of Book Week.

The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Book of the Year Awards aim to:

- promote quality literature for young Australians;
 - support and encourage a wide range of Australian writers and illustrators of children's books and;
- celebrate contributions to Australian children's literature

We are happy to have on display in the Library the 'Shortlisted Books' in each of the following categories. Please come in for a visit.

The Book of the Year: Younger Readers

Entries in this category may be fiction, drama or poetry for readers Ages 8-12 years.

The Book of the Year: Early Childhood

Entries in this category may be fiction, drama or poetry for children who are at pre-reading or early stages of reading. Ages 0-7 years

The Picture Book of the Year

Entries in this category should be outstanding books of the Picture Book genre in which the author and illustrator achieve artistic and literary unity or, in wordless picture books, where the story, theme or concept is unified through illustrations. Ages 0-18 years

Eve Pownall Award

Entries in this category should be books which have the prime intention of documenting factual material with consideration given to imaginative presentation, interpretation and variation of style. Ages 0-18 years

Crichton Award for New Illustrators

The Crichton Award aims to recognise and encourage new talent in the field of Australian children's book illustration. Ages 0-18 years.

As part of our celebration of Book Week a Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Parish Meeting Room from Monday 20th to Friday the 24th of August.

Opening times: 8.00 – 8.45am and 3.05 – 3.30 pm.

On the morning of the Friday we will be holding our Annual Dress Up Parade, where students get to come dressed as their favourite Book Character. Winners from each class receive a Book Voucher to be used at the Book Fair.

The New Acland Mine Community Reference Group and the University of Southern Queensland's Institute for Resilient Regions are collaborating with the local community to deliver a major community development project.

Local residents and community groups are invited to participate in the following workshops, designed to develop ideas and suggestions for how best the project can serve your local area.

The major community development project may address things like community infrastructure, local skills for local industries, indigenous community and economic development, community health, environmental health or support for local business and entrepreneurship.

We look forward to seeing you there for light refreshments and workshop activities.

For more information please contact Bec Meacham, New Acland Community Liaison on 0418 534 575 or 07 4691 3445.

Monday 13 th August	Goombungee Public Hall	5.30pm
Tuesday 14 th August	Oakey RSL	5.30pm
Monday 20 th August	MacLagan Public Hall	5.30pm
Tuesday 21 st August	Kulpi Public Hall	10am

St Monica's Parish Annual Soup and Sandwich Luncheon



Thursday 9th August 2018 at 11am

In St Monica's Hall

Guest Speaker from
Breakaway Services Toowoomba

Lucky Door Raffle

Admission Charge \$15.00

All Proceeds go to Breakaway
Services Toowoomba

For Bookings, Phone:

Marie Ph 46 913 423

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*Children's
Rosary*

**10.30am
SUNDAY
26 AUGUST 2018**

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NORTH STREETS,
TOOWOOMBA

The children are encouraged to pray the Rosary for their intentions and, if they wish, to write them on a piece of paper provided and place it in the petition box beside the statue of Our Lady. The Group will pray for all the intentions in the petition box. Between meetings the petition box will be at one of the Catholic schools in the Diocese so the school children can add their petitions also.

Bring your children and grandchildren and all their friends to pray the Rosary. (they don't have to be Catholic). Rosary beads and booklets provided.

Watch the official Children's Rosary Song on YouTube.

For all school aged children on the 4th Sunday of each month
23 Sept; 28 Oct; 25 Nov; 23 Dec.

Contact: Theresa 0434 528 904; Ellen 0412 435 030