



# ST MONICA'S

## CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, OAKEY

"Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37)



# School Newsletter

12th May 2021 - Term 2, Week 4

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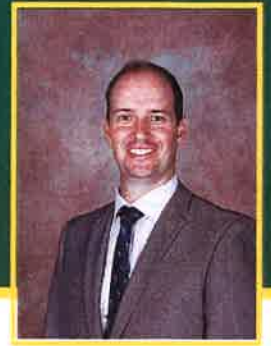


Diocese of Toowoomba  
Catholic Schools

"At St Monica's, we are an inclusive learning community who inspires, challenges and supports each other, with faith and compassion, to "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:37)

# PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

Mr Luke Barrett



Dear Parents and carers,

This week our Year 3 and 5 students have commenced their NAPLAN testing. The tests are a great opportunity for the teachers and students to see all their hard work and dedication in Reading and Writing improvement in action. Several students commented on the writing component saying that it was no different to the work that they already do in their daily quick writes and focused writing sessions. The tests will continue until next week. We wish them all the best for the remainder of the tests. A reminder to parents, that if your child is away during the testing period to please contact the school so we can ensure that the necessary steps are taken to provide a catch up session.

The St Monica's Outside of School Hours Care facility is up and running and it is great to see families making the most of this service. The service is open to all families and it provides a number of options to parents for before and after school care on a casual to full time basis. Ms Gabbie is the service co-ordinator and she is available via the OSHC service number 0408 650 695 for any enquiries. Ms Gabbie is currently working through plans for vacation care, so if you are interested in accessing the service for the upcoming June/July holidays, then please speak with Ms Gabbie.

## The Fathering Project Certificate of Appreciation

WE PROUDLY RECOGNISE

**Oakey Wellness Committee**

AS A SPONSOR OF

**The Fathering Project at  
St Monica's Catholic  
Primary School 2021**

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT

  
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**Kati Gapaillard**  
Fathering Project CEO

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# APRE PAGE

Mrs Rebecca McGregor



## Term Two Family Mass

A big thank you to all our families who attended the Term 2 Family Mass. It was a wonderful opportunity to join with our parish to celebrate Mother's Day and acknowledge the students making the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion this term.

## 200 years of Catholic Education National Mass

On Monday the 24th of May, the school community will be participating in the National Concurrent Mass, celebrated on the Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians, to recognise 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia. The songs and readings reflect the mission and vision we have for Catholic Education; celebrating the growth of wisdom, the uncovering and recognition of our unique gifts, the light that God provides to illuminate this for us all, and celebrating who we are and what we bring to our world.



## National Simultaneous Storytelling

On Wednesday 19 May at 11:00am, all classes will join in the National Simultaneous Storytelling...from space! This is an event held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). 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 around the country.

Now in its 21st successful year, this event aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, and addresses key learning areas of the National



Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6. This year, our story, "Give me some space!" written and illustrated by Philip Bunting, will be read by NASA astronaut, Shannon Walker, from the International Space Station.

## St Monica's Centenary Celebration (11 & 12 September) Update

Thank you to all parents and friends of the school community who attended the recent Centenary Celebration meeting and P&F meeting, where we discussed our plans for this exciting weekend. There have been some unexpected challenges in booking artists and vendors for the Saturday night with the change of dates and events for the Toowoomba Carnival flowers. Therefore, the Saturday night event has been altered to the St Monica's Centenary Celebration Dinner at the Oakey RSL. This will include a two-course meal, cake cutting, memory lane presentation, guest speakers sharing their memories and highlights from St Monica's over the last 100 years, memorabilia stand, photo booth and live entertainment.

The St Monica's Old Time Fete will still go ahead on the Sunday, beginning with the Centenary Mass at 10am, presided over by the Most Reverend Robert McGuckin, Bishop of Toowoomba. The Bishop will also bless and open the prayer labyrinth, path and yarning circle. The fete will then begin and include student performances, art displays, memory lane display, student art displays, burying of the time capsule, displays from local groups, raffles, delicious food, stalls, sideshows and other fun events.

Save the date flyers and further information regarding the purchasing of tickets will be released over the next few weeks.





# TEACHER TALK

Prep - Mrs Chris Conneely

We are in Week 4 already and the students are well underway with their reading groups. It is wonderful to see the students using the picture clue strategy to assist them when decoding new texts. We are recognising and sorting characters from biblical stories into the New and Old Testaments. In class, students are identifying members of their family and looking at family relationships using a family tree. During Mathematics lessons, we are making connections with numbers using a chart and looking at a part and part making a whole. Don't forget to return the home readers each Friday for changing.

Year 1/2 D - Mr Callum Duncan

Year 1/2D have been working towards writing a recount of a Listening Walk that we did around the school grounds. Using the iPad's, students took photos of things that were making noises and then shared these sounds with the class. As a class, we have practiced writing the sounds we heard. Students then had a go at writing their own sounds, which is a tricky task, so well done 1/2D . We hope to see you at Assembly this week where we will sharing a class presentation.

Year 1/2 K- Miss Grace Kenny

Welcome to Week 4!

Thank you to everyone who came to watch our assembly presentation.

We have had a very busy start to the term. We are currently investigating recounts within our English unit and are writing our own. We have also been exploring addition and subtraction in Mathematics. I would like to congratulate 1/2 K on the efforts they are displaying towards their learning.

Have a great week!



# TEACHER TALK

## Year 3 - Miss Abbey O'Neill

Yesterday, in Year 3, we began our NAPLAN testing. The students worked incredibly hard to produce some fabulous writing. We will continue with this testing tomorrow as we complete the reading test and next week with language conventions and numeracy. I can't wait to see the great work the Year 3 students continue to produce in the coming week. Make sure you keep getting plenty of sleep to rest your brains!

## Year 4 - Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

I hope all of our St Monica's mums had a lovely Mother's Day on Sunday and that your children treated you extra specially. This week in Maths, we are learning about length and the Year 4s enjoyed getting outside and measuring a variety of objects. In English, they have started planning their superhero story. The star of their story must be a staff member at St Monica's who transforms into a superhero and uses their superpower to resolve a complication in the story. In HaSS, we have been investigating the arrival of the First Fleet, while in Religion we have been examining the Parable of the Two Sons and looking for the message for all of us. Next Friday, 21 May, the Year 4s will be presenting a short liturgy on Assembly. It would be wonderful if you could come along and join us on this special occasion.

## Year 5 - Mrs Cheryl Anderson

I would like to congratulate the Year Five students on the effort they have put their first two NAPLAN tests. On Tuesday they completed the writing and the reading tests. As I was walking around the room, I spotted some impressive use of the structure and language features we have been exploring in class.

In HaSS and Technology, we are creating a model of an early Australian settlement. As such, they have been asked to bring in materials to assist in their construction. Where possible they are to use recycled items, or items they already have at home.

God Bless and have a great week.

## Year 6 - Miss Kaylene Keleher

This term the Good Samaritan student leaders are collecting bread bags and tags as part of the Wonder Recycling Rewards Program. These include bread bags, wrap packets and bread rolls bags as well as bread tags. They do not have to be Wonder brand, however they should be free of crumbs so please shake them out before sending them in to school. We will have a collection box in the front office within the next week to place the bags and tags in to. Please encourage your family and friends to help collect them, as the more bags we collect, the more points we earn, which we can then exchange for sporting equipment.

# SUPER LEARNERS



## Week 2

Prep	Charlee
Year 1/2 D	Indy
Year 1/2 K	Mason
Year 3	Tyjaiah
Year 4	Sierra
Year 5	Sarah
Year 6	Corbin

## Week 3

Zac
Archie
Ashton
Paige
Arabella
Elanna
Samuel



## Opening of Outside School Hours Care – St Monica's, Oakey

**St Monica's Outside School Hours Care is up and running!**

Parents will need to contact the service coordinator to confirm booking their child/children into this service. See Gabby in the room next to Prep.

Gabby can answer all your enquiries and help you get started with the enrolment.

All children must have a completed enrolment form before they can start at the service.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## May 2021

Monday 24th.....200 Years Catholic Education Mass  
 Saturday 29th.....Confirmation 6pm



## June 2021


Thursday 3rd.....Dalby Eisteddfod  
 Friday 4th.....Dalby Eisteddfod  
 Sunday 13th.....First Holy Communion 8am  
 Friday 18th.....Athletics Carnival  
 Thursday 24th.....End of Term Mass 9am  
 Friday 25th.....Last day of school Term 2



## July 2021

Monday 12th.....Pupil Free Day  
 Tuesday 13th.....Term 3 begins





**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:  
Sandra James – 07 4691 1025w  
Bianca Bidgood – 0407 132 381

Craft, Games , Cooking,  
Camping and Lots more Fun




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Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!



Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and register today!





## Tuckshop

**First Tuckshop for Term 2 will be**

**Friday 14th May**

**Alice Edwards & Carmel Cooper**

**Friday 21st May**

**Linda Leerentveld & Carmel Cooper**



## Student Protection Contacts

Every school has student protection contacts who 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**

**Callum Duncan**

**Susan Rodd**

The school principal is also able to provide assistance for any students or members of the school community. You will notice posters around the school making everyone aware of who the contacts are.



## P&F NOTES

Thank you to all who attended the meeting on Monday the 10th May.  
Items for discussion were as follows.

- Thank You to everyone who bought tickets in our Mother's day Raffle. Thanks to Natasha Renyard from the Oakey Florist for donating the flowers. A total of \$350.00 was raised.
- Athletics Carnival 18th June: P&F to organise a BBQ: helpers will be needed on the day. If you are available to help please let the office know.
- Our annual Pie Drive will be held in July.
- School Camp for Years 5/6 2021 is a Western Qld Safari Trip, P&F will donate to the cost of the bus.
- Naplan for Year 3 & 5 will be running over the next two weeks.
- Tuckshop helpers are still required to keep this in operation.
- Centenary Plans are coming together keep a lookout for the list of events.
- Enrolment Drive will commence soon for 2022 for our Prep .

If you are available to help on any of the above events please let the office know. We need parents to give an hour or two of their time to ensure we can make all of this happen.





# BE WELL @ ST MONICA'S



## How can you help your child flourish?

Raising children can be one of the toughest, but most fulfilling jobs in the world. We all want our children to flourish because that means they will be: happy and joyful, curious and eager to learn without feeling stressed, connected with their peers, empathetic, creative, confident, good team players, resilient and positive, and have a healthy self-esteem. How can you help your child to flourish and perform to the best of their ability at school?

**Sleep** - Poor or inadequate sleep can lead to mood swings, behavioral problems and cognitive problems that impact on the ability to learn in school, so the Department of Health recommends an uninterrupted 9 to 11 hours of sleep per night for those aged 5–13 years. Some sleep tips for school-aged children include: teach school-aged children about healthy sleep habits, continue to emphasize need for regular and consistent sleep schedule and bedtime routine, make your child's bedroom conducive to sleep – dark, cool and quiet, keep TV and computers out of the bedroom and avoid caffeine.



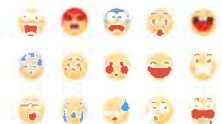
**Diet** - It is important that we provide our children with a healthy diet, including school lunches, as poor nutrition has been associated with a number of physical and mental issues including: chronic health problems, tooth decay, obesity, poor sleep, lack of concentration, low energy levels and poor academic performance. School lunches need to be high in nutrients and should include items such as: fresh fruit, sandwiches or wraps, crunchy vegetables, lean meats, dairy - such as cheese or plain/natural yoghurt, home-made fruit muffins and water. Processed and pre-packaged snacks should be limited as they are high in sugar and salt and have very few nutrients.



**Exercise** - Being physically active is good for children and adolescent health, and creates opportunities for making new friends and developing physical and social skills. There is a profound impact on mood, cognitive behaviour, energy levels and self-esteem. For optimal health benefits, children and young people (aged 5–17 years) should achieve the recommended balance of high levels of physical activity, low levels of sedentary behaviour and limited recreational screen time each day.



**Develop Independence** - By allowing your child to pack and carry their own bag to school, you are teaching them about responsibility, independence and self-regulation. They will learn to spend each day prioritising what they do and don't need to bring with them.



Take care of their emotional health - Everyone speaks of happiness as the ultimate goal, but humans were designed to endure all emotions; happiness, sadness, guilt, anger. We have all these emotions within us, and more, and in a normal, healthy human, all are acceptable within reason. In order for your child to regulate these emotions, healthy discussion and an open channel of communication between parents and child are crucial.

In challenging times, help is just a phone call away! Who can you call 24/7?

Lifeline 131114, Kids Help Line 1800 551800, Beyond Blue 1300 224636

# LIBRARY NEWS

## Premier's Reading Challenge 2021

I am delighted to invite all St. Monica's students to join in the 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge. St. Monica's Premier's Reading Challenge coordinator Mrs. Mandie Tindall will distribute challenge forms to all students. Record how many books your child has read on the reader record form and return it to their teacher, or the library by 27 August. Every student who completes the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier.

To complete the challenge:

- Prep to Year 2 must read or experience at least 20 books,
- Years 3 and 4 must read at least 20 books, and
- Years 5 and 6 must read at least 15 books.

Experiencing books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books. The aim for the 2021 challenge is to engage more students to read than ever before.

### Key dates Activity

- 10 May Reading period commences for Prep to Year 6 students
- 27 August Reading period ends, Student reading record forms submitted to schools
- 3 September All reading data must be finalised in the database
- October Certificates of Achievement issued
- 1 to 12 November 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge celebration weeks

You can play a big part in your children's future by encouraging them to be part of this positive initiative. I look forward to seeing as many of our students as possible take part in the 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge.

# OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE



Diocese of Toowoomba  
Catholic Kindergartens and Care

St Monica's Outside School Hours Care

Week 3 of our OSHC service at St Monica's Oakey!

What's been happening at our service this week: -

We hope our families enjoyed their Mother's Day and the gifts that the children have been working on throughout the week. Our OSHC children have started to create their "A TEE about me" with creating a Tee all about themselves, so educators and other children get to know a bit more about the children, encouraging belonging in our OSHC service. We have also been engaging in sporting activities that enhance our physical wellbeing.

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) services provide the opportunity for children to grow and develop their social skills in a leisure-based environment nurtured by our Catholic ethos.

The services offer a combination of before school, after school, pupil free days and vacation care led by a team of qualified educators. Our educators work with all children to create fun and recreational experiences so that a child's wellbeing, learning, and personal development are a priority. The services provide a variety of indoor and outdoor activities to support the diverse interests of all children.

Our OSHC is currently taking bookings through the website|  
[Toowoomba Catholic Kindergartens & Care \(schoolzineplus.com\)](http://schoolzineplus.com).

If you have any questions regarding bookings for you children,

Our OSHC contact number is 0408 650 695.



Meet Miss Gabbie  
Coordinator (left)

Miss Prudence Childrens  
Service Employee (right)

St Monica's Outside School Hours Care  
(OSHC)

Fee Schedule

Before School Care: \$17 for permanent  
\$20 for casual

After School Care: \$25 for permanent  
\$28 for casual

Vacation Care: \$65 for permanent  
\$70 for casual

Addition Fees: +\$5 +\$10 +\$15





# Help Wonder turn **BREAD BAGS** into **SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT**



*It's simple...*

**1**

Collect your empty bread bags and tags



**2**

Recycle them at school in Wonder's pink Collection Bin  
*(There is a separate box for bread tags).*



**3**

We'll earn reward points to redeem new sports equipment for every 5kg bin filled!



Our school is in the draw to  
**WIN 1 of 5** exercise circuits made  
from recycled plastic we collect!

**LET'S GET RECYCLING!**



Tag Wonder on social [#wonderrecycling](#)  
to share all your recycling champion stories!

