



*Newsletter 6th February Week 2 Term 1*

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## Welcome to the Preppies of 2019!

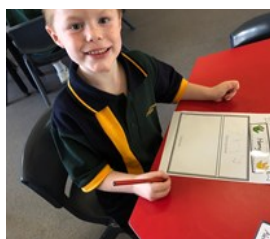


Welcome back to all the students and a very special welcome to all the new students and this year's Preppies!

Well done to every single one of the Prep students for being so brave last week, you all did an excellent job and made a strong start to your schooling career.

In Prep, we have had a fantastic, fun-filled first week of school. We went on adventures around the school grounds, met all the staff and older students, read wonderful books, had some fun on the obstacle course, discussed our different colours, learnt all about the number 1 and 2, practised writing and identifying our names and worked on using the correct pencil grip. We also spent last week learning all our classroom routines and expectations as well as St Monica's school rules. The Preps did a great job lining up in their safety line, heading off to their first whole school assembly, PE, music, drama and library specialist lessons and attended parade every morning.

Keep up the great work Preppies!



# Principal's Page

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to St Monica's for 2019. I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all, from our very new families and students to our final year families.

We welcome Miss Keleher to Year 5/6 and welcome back Mrs Ruge to our Learning Support teacher role. I'm looking forward to 2019 as I commence my next principalship. I come to St Monica's after 6 years of as Principal of St Joseph's Millmerran. I have previously taught at St Anthony's School, Toowoomba and commenced my teaching career at St Joseph's Millmerran. In my role as Principal, I always work closely with the teachers to provide the very best learning opportunities for our students. This year I will also be taking on the PE teacher role, which will be an excellent opportunity for me to work with and get to know all the students. I have completed this role for a number of years at previous schools. I'm a level 2 club coach for Athletics and have previously held qualifications in Rugby League and Swimming coaching.

With the beginning of each new school year, our students can experience a mix of emotions as they become familiar with their new class. From our newest Preps to our experienced Year 6s, all students will take time to adjust to the change in classroom routines, teachers and social groups. Change is necessary part of life and cannot be avoided. Change should be embraced as an opportunity to grow as a person and the school is one environment in which students can learn to deal with change by developing their coping skills. Adapting and working with change is a lifelong skill that everyone needs.

If your child is experiencing difficulties in settling into the new routines, be proactive and take some time to work with your child's teacher during these initial weeks until routines and school life becomes familiar.

Please ensure that if you have any questions or queries in regard to your child, please contact your teacher as soon as possible. The staff of St Monica's are here to work in partnership with all our families for the benefit of your child/children.

Our Teaching & Learning focus this year will continue to centre on enhancing student reading. From analysis of our 2018 end of year results, there was some great progress and achievement within the classes. Our target for the end of the year is to have 90 to 95% of students reaching our set targets.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February the P&F will be hosting the annual Welcome BBQ and Disco. As part of the evening there will be a brief Parent Information session commencing at 6pm. The session will involve some information sharing from myself, Mrs Cavanagh and Mrs Ruge. Following our presentation, there will be an opportunity to visit the classroom teachers who will have some information pertaining to their classes. I encourage all parents to attend as this is a great opportunity to touch base with your classroom teacher.

There are a few changes to our communication processes this year, first of which will be a Fortnightly newsletter. The newsletter content won't change, and it will still be a valuable source of information for families. The St Monica's Skoolbag app will be used more frequently this year and we ask that if you haven't downloaded the app, to please do so. The app will provide up to date reminders about events and notices as well as linking to the school calendar.

I hope that you all have a great year at St Monica's.

Regards

Mr Luke Barrett

# APRE

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Welcome back everyone to the new school year! It is wonderful to see all of the children back again. A very warm welcome to our new families, especially to our first-time Prep families. Welcome also to our new members of staff; Luke Barrett and Kaylene Keleher. I hope everyone had a relaxing Christmas break with their families.

In the pupil free days, the staff participated in several different Professional Development Days including a day with Sister Veronica McCluskie, a Sister of the Good Samaritan. St Monica's School was started by the Sisters of the Good Samaritan in 1921 and the sisters continued to work here until the mid 1980's. I was quite pleased to learn that my Year 2 teacher, Sister Patricia, is still with us in a nursing home in Sydney. Sister Veronica spoke with the staff about the values of the Sister of the Good Samaritan and gave us some ideas how we can integrate these into the Religious Life of our School. One thing that has stayed with me from our day is a quote from the founder of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, Bishop John Bede Poulding, "Listen with the ears of the heart".



## Containers for Change

At the end of last year, we began collecting our empty drink containers as part of the Containers for Change initiative. The scheme began on November 1<sup>st</sup> and in four weeks until the end of the school year the students of St Monica's raised over \$60, money we have donated to Father Thomas' religious order, Mission for Mercy and Hope for their work in orphanages in India. This year we have purchased some tubs to separate our containers and have identified Caritas/Project Compassion for term 1 to receive the money we raise.

I will be away until Thursday of next week attending professional development and networking days relating to my role, including further training for administering NAPLAN Online at our school this year.

**Date Claimer – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May – 9am Mass – Centenary of St Monica's Church Celebrations**

God Bless

Lisa Cavanagh

# Teacher Talk

## Year 1

Wow! What a great start to the year we have had. Students are beginning to develop routines and the children are settling in nicely! During the upcoming weeks students will continue to develop expected classroom behaviours that promote learning. Students have gone on a journey around Australia with the text 'Possum Magic' and have walked with Pete in their school shoes. They are working on their computer skills by practicing using a mouse and keyboard skills.

I look forward to working with you this year and having fun on your Year 1 student's learning journey.

**Mrs Chris Conneely**

## Year Two

Welcome to the back to St Monica's for 2019, it's great to see so many familiar faces. A warm welcome to our new students in Year Two, Mac, Peyton and Lucy. We also welcome Mrs Johnson, a USQ prac student, to our classroom, she will be with us until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

Over the past week we have been working hard on learning the Year Two classroom expectations and reviewing the school LEARN behaviours.

Homework was sent home on Monday, it is a classroom expectation that homework books, diaries and mesh folders are returned to school every day. All notes will be sent home in this mesh case as needed. Library lessons and borrowing will be on Friday, however library books will need to be returned on THURSDAY so that they can be returned properly through our library system, ready for borrowing on Friday.

This term we will be exploring persuasive texts in English, investigating life cycles in Science, exploring the changes in technology in HaSS and, in Mathematics, we will be exploring concepts of number.

I look forward to working with you, and your children, in 2019.

God Bless

**Mrs Cheryl Anderson**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### February 2019

Fri 8th February	Yr 6 Emu Gully
Fri 8th February	Inner Downs Swimming
Thurs 14th February	Catholic Swimming Dalby
Fri 15th February	Welcome BBQ & Disco
19th,20th,21st Feb	School Renewal Process
Thurs 21st February	Board Meeting
Mon 25th February	P&F Meeting 6.30pm
Thurs 28th February	Leadership Mass 9am

### March 2019

Wed 6th March	Ash Wednesday
Sat 16th March	Oakey Show
Thurs 28th March	Toowoomba Show Holiday

### April 2019

Wed 3rd April	School Cross Country
Thurs 4th April	Last Day of Term 1
Thurs 4th April	Whole School Mass 9am

### Upcoming

Sun 12th May	Centenary of St Monica's Parish
Fri 7th June	Confirmation
Sun 9th June	First communion

Tuckshop

Helpers

**Monday 11th February**

Claire Lawrence

Val Lawrence

Linda Leerentveld

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**



# Mrs Chris Buckley

## B.A. (creative)

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### Instrumental Music Lessons

Group lessons are given each week for half an hour @ \$19.50 per lesson. Each term an account is emailed to parents which must be paid by the due date to ensure continuation of lessons. Students must be in year 4 or above to learn woodwind instruments or year 2 or above for piano. A one term trial is available for younger students, at the end of which a decision will be made between teacher and parent on continuation of lessons.

Students Name: ..... Year: .....

Parents Name/s: ..... Date: ...../...../.....

Address: .....

.....postcode: .....

Accounts will be sent to your Email address at the beginning of each term.

Email: .....

Phone: ..... Mobile: .....

Choose an instrument:

Saxophone

Clarinet

Flute

Piano

Has the student played this instrument previously?

Yes

No

Do you have your own instrument?

Yes

No

**Piano** students must have their own piano or keyboard to practice on before beginning lessons. Suitable keyboards must have 'Touch control' or similar and full size keys, contact me if you're not sure if yours is suitable.

Hire of **woodwind** instruments is available for \$50 per term, would you like to hire an instrument?

Yes

No

If you have any questions, please find my contact details above.

Chris Buckley.

ATPCA Level 2  
Tennis Australia -  
Junior Development Coach

**Clinton Beutel**



# REVOLUTION Tennis Academy

Adults & children - beginners to advanced  
e: revolutiontennis@yahoo.com.au

**0402 330 540**

## *St Monica's Primary School 2019 Tennis Coaching*

Happy New  
Year

31<sup>st</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 1, 2019 - if you would like your child/ren to learn or enjoy tennis you are invited to enrol in Group Tennis Coaching for Term 1. The cost for this 8 week term of coaching is \$147.60, alternatively if fees are paid by 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 - \$137.60. If you wish to enrol 2 or more children a discount of 5% per family will be offered.

The completed application form below must be returned to the school office by the **8<sup>th</sup> February 2019** (late enrolments accepted), as classes need a minimum of 7 children to proceed. Please address envelope and cheque to Revolution Tennis Academy. Direct deposit can be made to Clinton Beutel BSB: 638080 A/C: 2760193 with your child's name in the description; enrolment forms still need to be dropped to the office.

We are a registered provider with the "Get Started Voucher" program which is a program offered by the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing which provides funding to help kids participate in sport. The program pays the coach directly up to \$150 in a once off payment per year for eligible families. Follow the link to see if your child may be eligible to participate in this program.

<http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/assets/documents/sports/funding/getinthe game/getstarted/getstarted-fact-sheet-referral.pdf>

Group Instruction includes stroke production and correction, skill development, general fitness and fun games to help develop and co-ordinate all aspects of the game of tennis. Group numbers are limited to 8 children, where possible. Private tuition enquiries can be discussed directly with me on the above number.

Group lessons will commence on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February** 2019 for the following:

Grade's 3-6 - 12.45-1.30pm

Grade's 1-2 - 1.30-2.15pm

Please do not hesitate to call if you require any further information regarding Tennis Coaching. Racquet restrings and repair services are available, along with new racquet sales if required. We hope everyone has had a safe and relaxing holiday. I look forward to seeing/meeting everyone.

Kind regards  
Clinton Beutel

Please Return



**St Monica's Primary School Tennis Coaching**  
Enrolment - Term 1 - 2019

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**FEES INCLUDED (\$147.60 per CHILD) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Discounted: \$137.60 if paid by 22/2/19)**

Parental/Carer Consent:

\_\_\_\_\_

# P & F Notes

**Welcome BBQ and Information Evening Friday 15th February 2019 6pm**

## **Pyjama Party Theme**

No entrance fee will be charged, compliments of the P & F Association

**BBQ, Bar and Disco** will operate from the quadrangle, during the disco.

Please come along and enjoy the company of the St Monica's community.

## **2019 St Monica's P&F Committee**

Peter Anderson

Thelma Bain

Chloe McIntosh

Michael Matthewson

Matt Edwards

**Tuckshop Helpers** are still required every Monday, please contact the school office today.

**Uniform Shop** will be open every Thursday 2pm—3.20pm

Contact Chloe McIntosh on 0457 915 137 for any school clothing concerns.

**Next P&F Meeting** Monday 25th February 2019 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.



# Important Notices

- **Lorrimer Street Pedestrian Crossing:** We ask that all families that get picked up at the Lorrimer Street entry are using the Pedestrian Crossing to get to the other side of the road. Even though the road may not be busy at times, it is important to teach our students the importance of road safety. It may take you a couple more minutes to get across the street, however the importance of safety needs to take priority over time. Thanks for your assistance with this.
- **Parent Sign in/out procedure:** Just a reminder to parents to please ensure that you come to the office if you need to pass on messages or items to your children. It is important that this process is followed so that class time isn't interrupted. The Office staff will ensure that all messages and items are passed on. This also applies for late arrivals and early departures.
- **Newsletter distribution:** The newsletter will now be produced each fortnight and as part of the distribution we are encouraging that the newsletter to be received electronically. As a school we are trying to reduce our impact where possible so all new families who have provided an email address to the school will receive it via this means. The existing list will remain as well.
- **In relation to contact details,** we are asking all families to ensure that their most up to date details are registered with the school. You can use the change of details form via Skoolbag or also email any updates to the school address – [oakey@twb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:oakey@twb.catholic.edu.au)
- **We would like to thank the P&F** for the initial donation of funds to the school at Monday's meeting. These funds will be used to purchase resources in the areas of sporting equipment, reading and IT infrastructure. We thank the P&F for your ongoing support and assistance in raising funds for the school.
- **Tuckshop:** Tuckshop will recommence on Monday the 11th February. Please place your orders through the Flexischool App. An instruction flyer will come home today with your child.
- **Redgum Bookclub:** Orders are due in by February 25th, orders are to be done online. The catalogue will come home today with your child.

# Important Notices

## 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  
Cheryl Anderson  
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.

## Centenary of St Monica's Parish

**Sunday May 12th 2019, 9am Mass followed by Morning Tea.**

**Photographs of Marriages, Baptisms, Confirmation, First Communion at St Monica's over the past 100 years are required for Souvenir Booklet. Please see Father Thomas or the school office for further details.**

## Oakey Scouts are looking for New Youth Members.

Joey Scouts: age 6  
Cub Scouts: age 8  
Scouts: age 10 –12

**If your son or daughter is interested in learning about the outdoors.**

**Please call our group leader on 0417797644**

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