



Newsletter 20th February Week 4 Term 1 2019

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Catholic Swimming Carnival

Last Thursday, 17 students from St Monica's travelled to the Dalby Aquatic Centre for the Catholic Swimming Carnival. It was a wonderful opportunity to join with 13 other schools in the diocese for a carnival that focused on participation, exercise and fun. Well done to all of the St Monica's students for their efforts, behaviour and sportsmanship. Some students were fortunate to receive ribbons on the day and a special mention goes to the 10 Year old girls who collected 10 ribbons in total, including seven firsts. Thank you to the parents and grandparents for supporting our students on the day.



Principal's Page

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday our Year 6 school leaders presented their leadership speeches to the entire school. I want to commend all the leaders on their speeches and the messages that they presented. Common themes that came through were the St Monica's LEARN behaviours, how the leaders were going to lead by example and how they were going to be a positive role model for all students.

The speeches form an important part of our leadership program as it allows the students the opportunity to speak to the school community and outline how they will serve the school as leaders this year. From this year on, the school is aiming to promote more development and inclusion around the student leadership roles within the school. Our aim is to raise the profile of St Monica's school and to embed the principles of servant leadership with respect to the Sisters of the Good Samaritan Charism and by extension, the example of Jesus. This forms part of our work around School Renewal and Improvement in the area of the religious life of the school.

As servant leaders, the future student leadership model will take the form of all Year 6 students being inducted as school leaders. All students will have the opportunity to positively contribute to all areas of the school. We will provide opportunities for all students to take on leadership roles throughout the year via the many school functions and community events as well as heading up our social justice and charity commitments. This is a change from the current leadership model within the school however the new model will allow all Year 6 students to develop their leadership capabilities, experience a role of leadership and to help shape the school throughout the year.

I'd like to thank parents for their attendance on Friday evening for our Parent Information session and welcome BBQ. We hope that the information presented was useful and that you had the opportunity to connect with your classroom teacher. During my session, I highlighted a couple of key priorities for the year, one of which was around enhancing our work in the student wellbeing space. With today's newsletter a letter from the Prime Minister and Minister for Education was sent to all families outlining the Federal Government's Student Wellbeing Framework. Over the year, we will be unpacking the Framework and looking at how it links into our current work with student behaviour, wellbeing and resilience. The letter also outlined some useful websites and resources for families such as e-safety, student wellbeing and national day of action against bullying and violence (which St Monica's will be taking part in once again this year). You can go to these websites, www.esafety.gov.au www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au.

Yesterday we welcomed the TCS School Renewal and Improvement panel to St Monica's for the first day of the three day review process. Mr Paul Murphy (Senior Education Leader), Mrs Terry Carter (Senior Manager) and Mrs Louise Pfingst (Principal St Anthony's School, Toowoomba) spent yesterday interviewing all staff around the key review questions of "what do you think the school does well?" and "where do you see the areas for improvement. The panel spoke with parent representatives and students for their input as well. At the conclusion of the three day process the school will receive a report outlining our areas of improvement and affirmation which will form part of our strategic plan and direction for the next 4 years.

Regards

Mr Luke Barrett

Principal

APRE

APRE Newsletter Report – Term 1 Week 4

Religion

Welcome back to our parish priest Father Thomas! It's lovely to have him home after his visit to his family in India where he presided over a number of special family events including; two weddings, baptisms and a first communion. At mass on the weekend, Fr Thomas told us of the highlight of his trip. He had the opportunity to attend mass in Abu Dhabi, presided over by Pope Francis!! Make sure you ask Fr Thomas about the mass next time you see him. I have included some of the photos he took on the day below.



Last week, I had the opportunity to spend several days with the other APREs and Middle Leaders in the diocese. One of the things we discussed was how to further enhance the Religious Life of the School. This is to be a major focus this year and I will be informing parents and staff of our developments in this area.

Dates to remember –

Leaders Induction Mass – **Thursday 28th February at 9am.** Morning Tea will follow the mass. All welcome.

Ash Wednesday Mass – **Wednesday 6th March at 9am.**

School Family Mass – Sunday 10th March 8am. Please let me know if your will be in attendance at this Mass and if your children are available to participate in any way (reading, altar serving, singing, offertory etc).

Teaching and Learning

Last week, I attended some professional development with Mrs Charden Ruge on interpreting data. This training is going to be invaluable for us as we analyse the students reading and mathematics results in order for us to assist teachers to personalise learning for all students. Our goal is for all students to be achieving to their potential and we strive for academic excellence for all. This has been a focus of our planning days with teachers this term. Another focus has been identifying the Learning Intention and Success Criteria of each lesson. The children should be able to identify what they are learning and what it will look like if they have been successful in their learning.

I also attended a training day with Mr Callum Duncan and Miss Kaylene Keleher with the trainers from NAPLAN online. Last year we completed the readiness testing (with our current year 3 and 5 students). As part of this, we identified that we need to purchase some new laptop computers and are currently waiting on quotes for this. A HUGE thank you to the P&F for assisting the school to purchase these much-needed resources. We look forward to participating in the NAPLAN Online this year. I will be keeping families posted as the term progresses. If you know you are going to be absent from the school during the assessment period (14th to 24th May 2019), please contact us at the school to discuss your options.

God Bless

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE

Teacher Talk

Year 3

A warm welcome from year 3! This term in HaSS we have been focusing on Australian History. Mrs Tyrie has been sharing her knowledge and resources with us which has allowed us to understand what it was like to live tens of thousands of years ago. We learnt that there were over 600 nations and dialects within Australia. Everything that was required to live had to be made by hand or hunted and gathered which meant that they had to be extremely good at everything they did. We looked at some musical instruments such as a thunder stick, clapping sticks, didgeridoo, drums and rain sticks which were made by hand using different woods and techniques. We're looking forward to discovering more about our local area and practising traditional art methods.

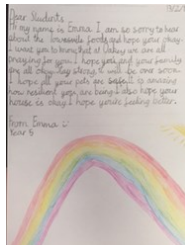
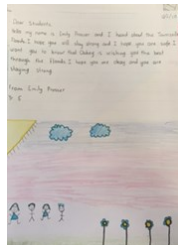
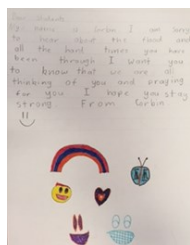
Mr Callum Duncan

Year 4/5

I am very impressed with the way in which the Year 4/5 students have settled into their new classroom environment. They have been demonstrating a very good understanding of the St Monica's LEARN behaviours and interacting well with their peers. Last week, information was sent home regarding our curriculum focus for the term, along with weekly reminders. If you are yet to return the slip with your email address, could you please do so as soon as possible. It was great to see many of you at the Parent Information Night/Welcome BBQ on Friday night.

In class, we have recently been looking at current events, in particular, the Townsville floods, and we discussed the immense impact of this disaster on the residents. Each child in our class wrote a letter to students in Townsville offering them our support and well wishes, and these have been sent to St Joseph's Mundingburra (see examples below). We hope this small gesture will help to brighten the day of some of the students who have endured a very challenging time, whilst helping our students build awareness of the needs and difficulties others face. We will be delivering a brief Assembly presentation on Thursday 7 March and you are very welcome to join us.

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann



Year 5/6

On Friday, 8th February, the Year 6 students attended Emu Gully for their leadership excursion. It was an incredible day where students participated in a variety of activities that required them to push beyond their comfort zones and work as a team to achieve an overall goal. Some of the activities included Blanket Volleyball, Tunnel rats of Vietnam, Siege of Tobruk and, possibly the most memorable one of all, the Kokoda Track, where students (and staff) had to use the teamwork skills developed over the day to ensure that everyone made it through the mud course. It was messy, it was challenging, but it was so rewarding to see everyone getting involved and stepping up to help others so that we could achieve success as a whole. I was proud to see the growth the students made throughout the day and am looking forward to seeing them work as a Leadership team throughout the year.

Miss Kaylene Keleher



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2019

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

Tues 5th March	School Photos
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 25th February

Claire Lawrence

Val Lawrence

Carly Bach

Monday 4th March

Claire Lawrence

Val Lawrence

Nicole Langton

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

SuperLearners Week 2 & Week 3



"BEARS CHALLENGE" 6 ASIDE AFTERNOON

**WHERE: OAKLEY RL GROUNDS
WHEN: THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2019
TIME: 1pm – 4pm**



St Monica's, Oakley SS, Kingsthorpe SS & Gowrie SS will come together to participate in an afternoon of fun, exciting rugby league. The afternoon aims to bring the students from the four schools together for an afternoon of 6 aside tackle for both boys & girls.

Prior to the afternoon – NRL development staff will conduct a 2 week program in each school to prepare the students.

Students who attend the 6 aside afternoon will receive a free football



Schools can nominate for the afternoon in the following divisions:

1. Boys Yr 3-4 – Tackle
2. Boys Yr 5-6 – Tackle
3. Girls Yr 3-4 – Tackle
4. Girls Yr 5-6 – Tackle
5. Mixed Yr 3-4 - Tag



NRL Game Development officers will referee all games and provide a FAO, while the Oakley JRL club will be in attendance to support and promote their club and conduct a free B.B.Q.

Mitch Sargent – 0417 466 759 – msargent@nrl.com.au

PLAYNRL.COM



English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD)

Who are EALD learners?

EALD learners are students who speak a language or dialect other than Standard Australian English as their first language. These students may have lived in Australia for a short time, or may have been born here, but have been exposed to another language at home or in their community. In many ways they are at an advantage as they can communicate in two or more languages, something that is becoming increasingly important in the modern world

Being an EALD learner does not mean that your child has a learning difficulty, but it can be a disadvantage. Although many EALD students can understand and speak English relatively well and are capable of achieving high grades; sometimes they may need some extra help to reach their full potential. For example, they might be able to read quite well, but their comprehension may be a little behind. Other students may be new to English and require extra support to access the curriculum and communicate in English.

Everyone's needs are different and therefore, schools and teachers need to be able to plan for these students to help to work to the best of their abilities. To do this effectively teachers need to be aware of what the student knows and understands. To keep a record of their progress and identify specific needs, band scaling is carried out once or twice a year.

What is band scaling?

Most importantly, **it is NOT a test**. There is no pass mark. It is a scale of 1 to 8 which looks at a student's language strengths and weaknesses. Level's 1-3 are Beginner, 4-5, Intermediate and 6+ Advanced. They also take into account the student's age and level of schooling. (That means a student in Prep will not be judged the same way as a student in Year 6.) It covers the 4 key areas of Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking. The teacher will look at the work the student has produced over the Semester and make judgements based on this, participation and general understanding to determine where they are on the scale. They will then consider what adjustments or strategies needs to used enable further progress and both language and academic skills.

Dr Pat visiting St Monica's Preppies



P & F Notes

A huge thank you to all our volunteers on our Friday Night Disco, Without your help activities like these would not be possible. Again Thank You.

Due to the closure of the ANZ Bank in Oakey we have changed Banking details.

Heritage Bank: Campbell Street, Oakey.

St. Monica's P & F Association.

BSB: 638 070

Account No: 14907194

Please if making payments do not use the ANZ banking details.

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

Uniform Shop

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.



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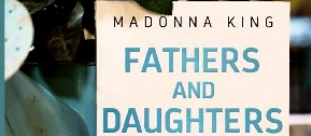
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AN INVITATION



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THURSDAY 14 MARCH 5.30-7PM
5.30pm Light refreshments
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6pm Madonna King
7pm Book purchase/signing

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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.
- **After school Cross Country Training** – Commencing in Week 6 on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons Mr Barrett and Mrs Bruggemann will be running an afterschool training session for Cross Country. Students from Year 3 to 6 are invited to attend. Students will require suitable clothing and footwear. Sessions will commence shortly after 3:30pm and go until 4:15pm
- **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.
- **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
- **Redgum Bookclub:** Orders are due in by February 25th, orders are to be done online.

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.

New Season of Sport at The Oakey Indoor Sports Centre

Monday Night Mixed Beach Volleyball & Indoor Cricket

Tuesday Night Extreme Junior Sports

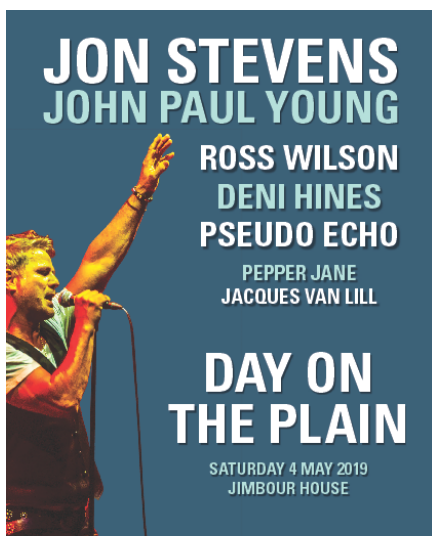
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Creek Street, Oakey

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:

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