



Newsletter 6th March Week 6 Term 1 2019

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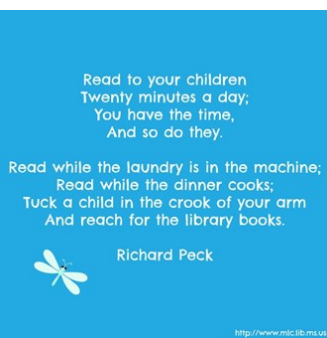
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Year 1 students love to read!

Students are well underway with their reading groups this year. Everyday boys and girls in Year 1 are either reading books, playing reading games, reading on the computer or completing comprehension cards. Our classroom has its own mini library with a variety of text types and many books of various levels for children to enjoy. Students are becoming great word detectives by looking for clues to work out unfamiliar or unknown words. They have been practicing strategies such as using picture clues and first sound. We love to read in Year 1 and wish to encourage families to share this enjoyment of great books! We love reading because it empowers us.



Principal's Page

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our last newsletter, I spoke about the School Renewal and Improvement process that was occurring. The School Renewal is a quadrennial review and improvement process that all school in the Toowoomba Catholic Schools system will complete over time. The Review is designed to draw out what the school is doing well and where improvement can occur in the areas of Teaching & Learning, Mission & Identity, Continual Renewal, Strategic Resourcing and Stewardship. Our review was a particularly affirming process in the above areas around the processes and practices that the school is currently doing well and feedback from the interview and review process helped identify clear improvement areas that will form part of our strategic plan for the next four years.

Once the final report is presented, our improvement strategic plan will be updated and the findings (affirmations and improvements) will be presented to the school community.

On parade this week, I spoke to the students about positivity and the impact that it can have on themselves and the wider community. I recently read an article on the ABC News App, that your frame of mind is easily spread to those you interact with. Due to our proximity to others throughout the day, our emotions, both negative and positive can spread. So, the quote I left the students to think about this week is "Attitudes are contagious, is yours worth catching" I set the challenge to the students and staff to go out of their way to make those around them feel more positive and happier by focusing on our own mindset.

Regards

Mr Luke Barrett

Principal

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.

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School Family Mass notes went home yesterday with all families, please indicate your availability for the Mass by tomorrow so that I can organise jobs for the children. School Family Mass is on this Sunday at 8am in St Monica's Church. All are invited to attend.

On Sunday, the Caritas Project Compassion launch took place during 9am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral in Toowoomba. A huge thank you to Hayden and Abby for joining Mr Barrett and myself at this Mass and receiving the St Monica's Caritas candle for 2019. The students will be learning more about the work of Caritas and Project Compassion in the coming weeks.



This morning, the whole school attended the parish Ash Wednesday Mass. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the preparation time before Easter. Students will be learning more about the season of Lent in their Religious Education classes in the coming weeks.

Last Thursday, the whole school gathered to celebrate our first Mass of the year with a special focus on our Year 6 Leaders. The theme of the Mass was Servant Leadership as the year 6 students have been learning all about the Servant Leadership model and how that would look here at St Monica's.

Next Friday, 15th March, marks the National Day of Action Against Violence and Bullying. Further details are available in the flyer in the newsletter, please note the breakfast at 7:15am. All our families are warmly invited to come along and share breakfast together to make a stand against violence and bullying.



A huge thank you to the many parents who have answered the call to assist Kate Paige cover almost 1000 new books, thanks to the generosity of the P&F. Helpers are most welcome Monday to Thursday mornings.

God bless

Lisa Cavanagh



Teacher Talk

Prep

Welcome to Week 6.

In Prep, we have been busy learning all about what it means to be a St Monica's student and what it means to follow the St Monica's way and we now know the St Monica's LEARN rules. In Prep, we have started to learn our sight words. So far, we know, we, are, and, I, the, a and little and will continue to grow our sight word bank. We have also learnt all about the letters, A, S, T and P, we now know their names and the sounds they make, each letter has a fun song that we sing to remember the letter's sound.

In Mathematics, we have been working on counting to 5, writing numbers to 5, identifying numbers to 5 and one to one correspondence. In Religion, we have learnt all about the story of creation, God, the Good Samaritan and are starting to learn about Jesus, Lent and Easter.

Well done to all the Prep students on an excellent start to the year. Keep up the great work!

Year 2

We have been very busy in the Year Two classroom over the past few weeks. We have been investigating persuasive texts and are beginning to write some of our own. In Mathematics we are exploring number by investigating place value and, addition and subtraction strategies.

We have been looking at life cycles in Science, and in particular, the life cycle of a mealworm. The students have been watching them every day to see if any changes have occurred, they have also been responsible for feeding them.

Please remember Home Readers and library books need to be returned every Thursday ready for borrowing on a Friday.

God Bless

Mrs Anderson

After school Cross Country Training – Commencing in Week 6 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.

Due to calendar clashes, the day may change, but parents will be notified via the Skoolbag app.

First day Wednesday 6th March (Today) then most likely every Thursday, thereafter.

POSITION VACANT (PARISH SECRETARY)

St Monica's Parish, Oakey, please see the school office for a copy of the role description.

Applications close 15th March, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2019

Wed 6th March	Ash Wednesday
Sun 10th March	School Mass 8.00am
Tue 12th March	Deadly Australians Visit
Fri 15th March	Day against Bullying Activities
Sat 16th March	Oakey Show
Thurs 21st March	Mayor's Morning Tea
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
Thurs 25th April	Anzac Day

Upcoming

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

Tuckshop

Helpers

Monday 11th March

Claire Lawrence

Val Lawrence

Alison Lancaster

Monday 18th March

Claire Lawrence

Val Lawrence

Alison Lancaster

Tanya Biltoft

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 4 & Week 5





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**National Day of Action
Against Violence and Bullying
15th March 2019**

St Monica's Activities

BBQ Breakfast 7:15am

Whole School Liturgy
8:45am on Parade

Buddy Activities Afternoon
2pm

Group Rotations in Houses
Games on the Oval

Disco in Hall / Reading

Creation of Whole School Artwork

All members of our school community are invited to attend our National Day of Action activities.

P & F Notes

Thanks to all who attended the P & F meeting on Monday Night

The P & F will be running the following in Term 1.

First thing on the agenda is our usual Chip and Drink van at the Oakey Show; this is on Saturday the 16th March. We are calling for helpers for this and your help over the day would be greatly appreciated. This is a fundraiser for the school but it also means we are contributing to the Oakey Community.

Please contact the office for further details, to offer an hour or two of your time.

“Many Hands make light work”

Easter Raffle

All donations for the Easter Raffle can to be dropped into the office. All things related to Easter will be accepted. The generosity of the parents/carers makes this a worthwhile venture.

Thanks to all who contribute, the more we receive the more prizes can be distributed .

House Shirts.

House shirts for new students will be ordered this week, the cost to the parents will be \$10.00 with the P & F subsidising the remainder of the cost amount. Shirts can be picked up at the office on payment; this is a P & F exercise so if paying by direct debit please note the bank details.

Due to the closure of the ANZ Bank in Oakey the P&F 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.

Uniform Shop

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

Next P&F Meeting Monday 1st April 2019 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.



St Monica's School Oakey

RE: AUDIOLOGY VISIT TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Caregivers

St Monica's Primary School is willing to contract the services of an Audiologist, Ms. Dendra Cole, to visit the school in early term 2. This opportunity allows students to have a full hearing test, and will provide vital information of the hearing health of your child.

Your child may have previously participated in a Hearing Screening Process through your local Health Unit. These screeners help to inform us of some issues, such as whether there is fluid in the ears, wax build up or hearing levels. However, without a comprehensive hearing test by an accredited Audiologist, you are unable to access federally funded hearing services such as Australian Hearing or Ear, Nose and Throat consultations if required.

The hearing health of your child is vital in their access to educational, social and emotional development. Even a mild hearing loss can mean that your child may be missing 25% of the speech that occurs in the classroom. Hearing loss (whether permanent or fluctuating) can also be linked to fatigue, disengagement in school and difficult friendship experiences.

Each student is invited to participate in this program. Should you choose to consent to this process, please ensure that you have noted your child's hearing health history. There is a cost of \$77 for the Audiology test. This cost is quite reduced from the expected price of such a test. We have attached a consent form that we would like you to complete and return to the school office by Wednesday 13th March 2019.

The hearing tests will take place at your child's school. Part of the consent form asks whether you consent to the hearing test occurring without you being present. Of course, you are welcome to attend the hearing test (approximately 15 minutes) with your child.

We thank you in advance for your support in this,

Principal

Learning Support Teacher

Important Notices

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Expressions of Interest for St Monica's Interschool Equestrian Team

Interschool Queensland is a fantastic opportunity for children of all ages to compete for the school in their chosen discipline.

Competitions are held throughout the year for students of all abilities from Prep through to Year 6 in Dressage, Showjumping, Eventing and Show Horse with the opportunity to qualify for major events such as State and National Championships.

Please contact Jayne Anderson for more information.

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EASTER RAFFLE

St Monica's P & F Association are running our annual Easter raffle. We are again looking for donations from you the parent/caregivers to make this viable.

All things related to Easter. eg. chocolates, Easter bunnies , candy eggs etc, etc

\$2.00 per ticket 5 tickets to each family.

Tickets will go home to each family next week.



We look forward to your support with this fundraiser.

**Please leave your
donations in the school office!**

