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March Week 8 Term 1 2019

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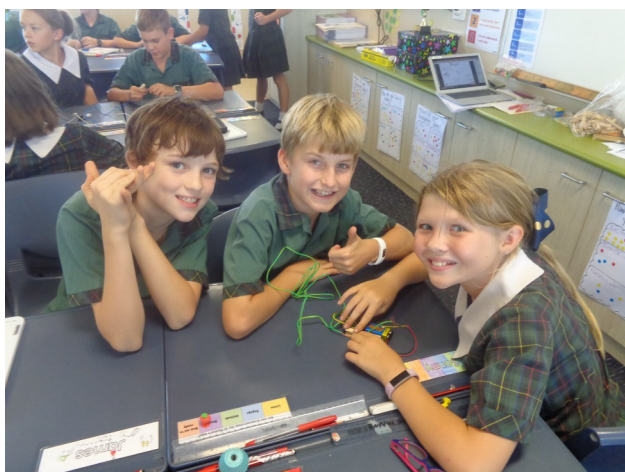
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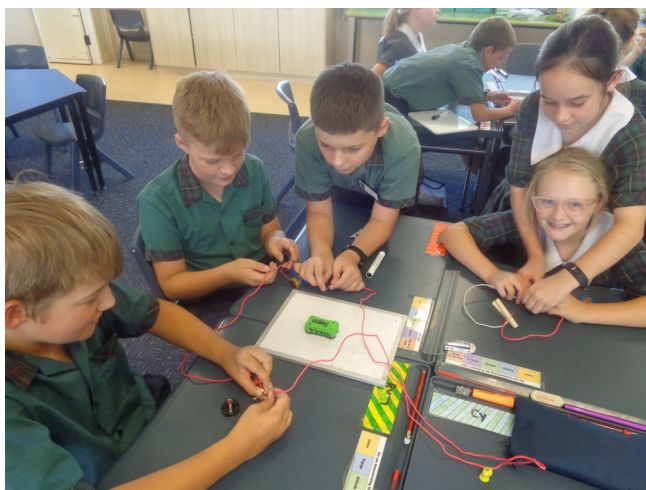
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Year 5/6 Science

This term in Science the Year 5/6 students have been learning about electricity circuits and how the energy is transferred from batteries to lightbulbs and buzzers. They began by looking at the different parts of a lightbulb and what they require to work and have recently been learning how to draw, identify and create simple circuits.



This week the students enjoyed the hands on experience when they were given various equipment pieces including aluminium foil and pegs which they had to use to create a circuit that powered a lightbulb.



Principal's Page

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday the school came together to promote awareness and conversation around The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. This day is an opportunity for students, teachers, parents and the whole community to take a stand together against bullying and violence. This annual day provides a focus for schools who want to say **Bullying. No way!** and to strengthen their everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time. I would like to thank the many families that were able to attend our BBQ and liturgy during the morning session.

I emphasised the point that only together, with everyone doing their bit that we can start to make a difference and days like the National day of Action are a great way to start the conversation, making everyone aware of the situation and take steps to address it together. Throughout the day the staff spoke with the students about the key messages of bullying and how to deal with it as well as recognising the difference between bullying and conflict.

Conflict with peers is unavoidable and is all part of growing up. From the school's perspective, most disagreements tend to occur at the back end of each school term. Petty, niggling things that others may say or do suddenly become major reasons for arguments and strained friendships. At times like these, teachers and parents play an important role in guiding children through these rough patches. It is also important not to catastrophize issues into something they are not. An example of this is to avoid labelling minor school or playground incidents as bullying. Bullying should not be confused with teasing, rejection, random or one off verbal or physical conflict. While teachers will engage various strategies to reduce such incidents and spend time and effort to maintain peace and harmony, children will tease and fight at some stage; however this bickering should not be confused with bullying.

Bullying is a word that is wrapped in emotion. For many people bullying is associated with bad childhood memories. Bullying is an insidious behaviour and can take on many forms and guises, such as physical and emotional abuse, intimidation, harassment and exclusion. It is not the domain of just one gender. Girls bully just as much as boys but they do it in less physical ways. Whilst boys use physical intimidation or verbal abuse to wield power, girls are more likely to use exclusion or sarcasm to assert themselves.

Bullying is about lack of power, as one person is powerless to stop the teasing or physical abuse. Bullying is the selective, uninvited, repetitive oppression of one person by another person or group. Sometimes, we don't find out that someone has been bullied until after a long period of time and this proves very difficult to resolve, as recollections of incidents can become unclear if they occurred some months beforehand. This is why it is important to identify and act on any possible signs of potential bullying at the earliest opportunity. For this to occur, teachers, parents and children need to communicate and co-operate as soon as any signs may appear.

If you do have any concerns or issues, please come and talk to the teachers or myself so we can deal with the matter accordingly.

In closing, I'd like to congratulate all of our students on their fantastic work for the Oakey Show. It was great to see the work on display which was complemented by our school "Tree" display. Special thanks goes to Mrs Conneely for putting the display together which showcased some of the great things that are happening at St Monica's.

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.

APRE

APRE Report Week 8 Term 1

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In the Gospel this weekend, the Second Sunday of Lent, Jesus reveals himself to Peter, James and John as the Son of God. This Transfiguration and message from God – “This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to Him.” (Luke 9:36) would have been a complete ‘game changer’ for the disciples. I found myself thinking; What would I do if I heard a voice from heaven, proclaiming Jesus as the Chosen one? Would I do what the disciples did and stay silent or would I spread the Good News to everyone?

Over Lent, people often chose to ‘give-up’ something. I prefer to do something extra. It may be that you make the time to pray more often, attend Mass or spend more quality time with your loved ones. Perhaps you may decide to reconnect with an old friend or offer a helping hand to someone in need. The challenge is; to do something to prepare during Lent for the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Last Friday, our school marked the National Day of Action Against Violence and Bullying. It was wonderful to see so many people attending our early morning breakfast and coming along to our Buddies Afternoon. The main message of the day was – Bullying and Violence – NO WAY! At St Monica’s, we are taking a stand against violence and bullying. There is simply no place for it.

As part of a School Prayer Project, we have been learning our school prayer in some different languages. We welcomed Josh Waters from the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office, who has translated our school prayer into Gamilaraay Language. Unfortunately, there is not enough of the language of the traditional owners of the Oakey area, the Giabal and Jarawah peoples, remaining for him to use the language of our local area. Josh will be recording the prayer for us so that we can continue to learn it. I would like to thank Katia Trindade for translating our prayer into Brazilian Portuguese and for teaching us how to say it on parade. Our Year 4/5 class are becoming quite good at saying the Sign of the Cross in Brazilian Portuguese. Thanks also to the Palomo family who have translated the prayer into Filipino and will be teaching us on parade as well.

We remember in our prayers all those who have been victims of bullying, violence and abuse. May they find healing and peace, and may we find an end to all forms of violence together.

JUSTICE AND PEACE
Lord, we remember before you
all our brothers and sisters
who are weighed down with suffering.
Bless and guide us
that your love may be reflected
in our concern for the hungry,
the oppressed and the unloved.
Help us to acknowledge
and grow in appreciation
that all people are made
in your image and likeness. Amen.

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God Bless
Lisa Cavanagh
APRE

Teacher Talk

Year 3

This week year 3 have been learning about time. All students were given their own model of an analogue clock which has been used to discover the features of a clock. We've learnt about different ways of telling the time and have begun to incorporate terminology such as quarter past, half past, quarter to in our everyday language.

Our learning goal is to be able to tell time to the minute. I'm sure we will achieve this goal!

Good luck to the students in year 3 who are attending the NRL Gala afternoon this Thursday, I'll see you there.

Mr Callum Duncan

Year 4/5

The term is certainly flying by and it is very hard to believe we have just over two weeks remaining of Term 1. The students all worked diligently on their Oakey Show entries and it was great to see some of them rewarded for their efforts. Special mention to our Handwriting Grand Champion, Abby, as well as Chloe, who received third place. Well done to Isabel who recently represented Inner Downs at the Darling Downs Swimming Championships, a great achievement!

In English, we are reading Deltora Quest and all of the students are very engaged in this fantasy novel. We have been looking at the language features used in narratives and the students will be utilising these features when constructing a text of their own. In Maths, we have been developing our number knowledge and this week have been focusing on multiplication, whilst in HaSS we have been learning about the people who had an impact on Federation. In Science, the students have thoroughly enjoyed completing hands-on activities when making circuits and investigating electricity. Just a reminder that all library books need to be returned to school on Thursdays. The next two weeks will be a very busy end to the term, and after that time, I hope you all enjoy a safe and relaxing holiday.

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

After school Cross Country Training – Mr Barrett and Mrs Bruggemann will be running an after-school 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2019

Thurs 21st March	Mayor's Morning Tea
Thurs 21st March	NRL Gala Afternoon
Fri 22nd March	Years 1 & 2 Excursion
Thurs 28th March	Toowoomba Show Holiday
Fri 29th March	Year 6 Harmony Tour

April 2019

Wed 3rd April	School Cross Country
Thurs 4th April	Last Day of Term 1
Thurs 4th April	Whole School Mass 9am
Tues 23rd April	Start Term 2
Thurs 25th April	Anzac Day Public Holiday

May 2019

Mon 6th may	Labour Day Public Holiday
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Upcoming

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

Tuckshop

Helpers

Monday 25th March

Claire Lawrence

Val Lawrence

Leanne Matthewson

Monday 1st April

Claire Lawrence

Val Lawrence

Linda Leerentveld

**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 6 & Week 7



P & F Notes

The Next P & F Meeting will be the 1st April 2019

6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room, your attendance would be appreciated.

Thank you to Michael and his merry helpers who manned the chip van at the Oakey Show. I believe it was a bit wet underfoot and a few of the activities were cancelled. Again, thank you!

Easter Raffle tickets have gone out, but we are still looking for donations to make it all worthwhile.

Thank you to those who have contributed towards this.

House shirts for new students and are ready to be picked up from the office.

The cost of each shirt is \$10.00, these are being subsidised by the P & F Association.

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 there are to be won.

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.

Aussie Kids Karate Tournament

Sunday the 10th March saw the first Aussie Kids Karate Competition held for 2019 at the Mt Lofty campus in Toowoomba. Sixty competitors from more than 10 clubs in the Darling Downs region came to represent in some fierce competition. Our Oakey club had five members attending, bringing our medal tally to two gold, two silver and one bronze.

From St Monica's Trinity Beutel came home with a gold medal after winning all of her events and Henry Young won bronze after battling some tough opponents. For Oakey State School Arden Melino was awarded gold and Cassari Melino silver. For Oakey State High School Luke Young took out a silver medal, falling just short of the gold by one event. Gatton took out the Club Championship title on the day.

Aussie Kids Renbukan karate lessons are held at the Oakey State School Hall on Thursday afternoons at 4.30 pm for Juniors (age 5 – 12) and at 5.30pm for Intermediate/Senior group (13+). First lesson is free and everyone is more than welcome to come along and check it out.



Photo – from l to r : Cassari Melino, Arden Melino, Henry Young, Sensei Nick Ruhe-Bennett, Trinity Beutel, Luke Young

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Classes for 2018 re-commence
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Venues

DALBY- Dalby PCYC
5pm Wednesdays.

MILLMERRAN- State School Hall
4.15pm Tuesdays

Oakey – Oakey State School
4.30pm Thursdays

TARA – Tara Shire State College
5.30pm Tuesdays

CHINCHILLA – R.S.L. Hall
5.30pm Thursdays

ROMA – Roma PCYC
5.30pm Wednesdays

ADULT CLASSES ALSO AVAILABLE

Breakfast Photos



Important Notices

Term 1 School Fees are now due, please see the office if your account did not arrive in you inbox.

Jolly Grammer Text Books have now been charged to your accounts for each child Years 1-6.



IS IT BULLYING?

NOT NICE

When someone says or does something **unintentionally** hurtful and they only do it **once...**
That is **Not Nice**

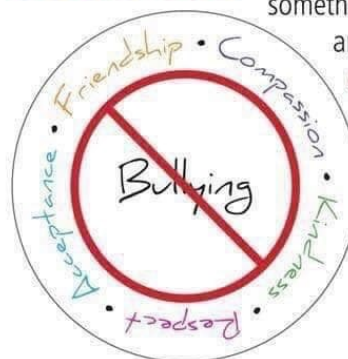
MEAN

When someone says or does something **intentionally** hurtful and they do it **once...**
That is **Mean**

BULLYING

When someone says or does something **intentionally** hurtful and they **keep** doing it, over a period of time, even when you tell them to stop or show them that you are upset...

That is **Bullying**



Important Notices

Student Protection in Toowoomba Catholic Schools

The safety and wellbeing of students is very important in all of our schools and is a shared responsibility of parents, staff and students. There are a number of ways we promote safety and wellbeing. Through our Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy, we proactively set up safe systems and practices for recruitment, supervision, conduct and responding to risks, in order to protect students. We also inform our school communities about respectful relationships, expectations for conduct and how to avoid dangers. Our schools implement the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum into classes during the year. This program teaches students about ways to stay safe and what to do if they do not feel safe. We have a formal process for taking action and reporting situations where there is a reasonable suspicion that a child has been abused or harmed, or a staff member has behaved inappropriately. All of these processes come under the banner of 'student protection'.

Our School Student Protection Contacts (SSPCs) play an important role in all aspects of student protection. Students may speak with any staff member if they have concerns, however our SSPCs have more in-depth training to manage student protection situations. The SSPCs for St Monica's for 2019 are Mrs Bruggemann and Mrs Anderson. Their names and photographs are on the "Feeling Safe" posters around the school. Please talk to your child about who they could speak to if they have any concerns and remind them who our SSPCs are this year.

If you would like any further information about what we have in place for student protection, you can view the Toowoomba Catholic Schools website at www.twb.catholic.edu.au; speak to someone at the school office; or contact the Student Protection Officer at the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office on 4637 1400.

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.

Extra tickets are available from the school office.



We look forward to your support with this fundraiser.

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

