



Newsletter 20th June 2018 Week 10 Term 2

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## Visit from the Toowoomba Mountaineers

On Tuesday, the whole school was treated to a visit from some of members of the Toowoomba Mountaineers Basketball team. As part of the Positive Choice Through Basketball Program, we learnt about the history of basketball, met some of the American import players and learnt some new skills. The younger students in the school got to shoot some baskets and Gabby and Eli made it through to the final. Gabby was fortunate enough to win her very own basketball. Everyone had a great time and we look forward to learning some more basketball skills in the future.



# Principal's Page

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Last Wednesday evening at the Empire Theatre in Toowoomba I proudly watched our choir take the stage to sing "The Long White Sail" whilst being conducted so enthusiastically by Ms Fredline our music teacher. Later, our choir joined the choirs of several other local schools to form a massed choir which filled the stage of the theatre. About 400 students from the schools present entertained the audience with a tremendous musical feast. Our children sang beautifully and the way they represented their school was outstanding. Thanks also goes to Mrs Anderson for assisting Ms Fredline with the choir on the day.

Yesterday, the 800m event and high jump trials were held at school in readiness for this Thursday's Athletics Carnival. Here's hoping that the weather is kind to us on Thursday. Hopefully all students will wear their new coloured House shirts to stir on the team spirit. I encourage all students to come to school well rugged up as it could be another cold day. Please come along to join in this great day of competition and fun. A barbecue will operate during the day and parents can purchase a hot drink and a bite to eat.

Congratulations to Mr Peter Anderson (Isabella Year 4) who was elected as President of the Parents' and Friends' Association at Monday night's meeting. Thank you to Peter for enthusiastically agreeing to lead the P&F Association through the remainder of 2018. I look forward to working with Peter for the benefit of all students within the school.

This week I am part of the School Review panel at St Stephen's School in Pittsworth. A cyclic review is a requirement of our schools to identify areas of strength to celebrate and areas that need development or improvement. The review panel consists of an external consultant, a senior staff member from the Catholic Schools' Office and a Principal colleague nominated by the Principal of the school being reviewed. The panel interviews staff, parents representative and senior student representatives. They also enquire into, and review school operations, documentation, processes, academic data and community welfare and culture. At the conclusion of the three-day process a report is written for the Executive Director of Catholic Schools and the school community itself. I feel very honoured to have been invited onto the panel as it is also an opportunity for me to gather insights that may improve our own school.

Mrs Geraldine Hore (Learning Support Teacher) has signalled her intention to step away from teaching to embark on the next chapter of her life (many would be aware that Mrs Hore became a grandmother for the first time recently!) Whilst I will be very sorry to see Mrs Hore finish up at St Monica's in July, I am greatly appreciative of the energy, effort and skill she has shared with St Monica's over the last 6 years. Mrs Hore has been unfaltering in her professional support of other staff and especially students under her care. I wish her the best and thank her sincerely on behalf of the whole community. The Catholic School's Office is currently undertaking recruitment and selection processes to find a replacement teacher for our school.

I apologise in advance for my absence from the athletics Carnival on Thursday but I am sure that all will run smoothly under the guidance of Mrs Bruggemann. I trust that the children have a great day and try their best individually and for their House team.

I look forward to meeting up with many of our parents of our Early Year's students next Tuesday morning at the Under 8's celebrations.

Yours Faithfully

Roland Poulton

Principal



## APRE Report Term 2 Week 10

I have a little box of inspirational cards on my desk that every couple of days I shuffle and select a new one to be at the top. I thought I would share my random selection for today.

"We are each gifted in a unique and important way. It is our privilege and our adventure to discover our own special light." Mary Dunbar

Reading this quote this morning made me think of watching our students participating in the 800m and high jump yesterday. I was so impressed with the level of sportsmanship I witnessed. Each of us have things that we are good at; for some of us it is our schoolwork, for others it is sport, others still are gifted with the ability to bring joy to those around them. Yesterday, I felt so proud to see how the students of our school celebrated the gifts of their peers and 'walked with others' as they were striving to do their best. I am looking forward to our athletics carnival tomorrow and seeing how well our students support each other.

This week is Refugee Week, (2018 Theme - #WithRefugees). Please remember all Refugees in your prayers.

"Lord God, no one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness, watch over refugees and victims of war, those separated from their loved ones, young people who are lost, and those who have left home or who have run away from home. Bring them back safely to the place where they long to be and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and to all in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord."

<https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=1460>

God Bless

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE

### Sing Out

Last Wednesday we spent the day at the Empire Theatre for Sing Out. The choir was led through warm ups and song preparation by Paul Holley. Then they had the opportunity to practice as a choir. The evening performance was magical and certainly worth all the effort that the students put in to their preparation.

I would especially like to thank Cheryl Anderson for all her support during the day, the afternoon and the evening and Lyndell Gillam for all her behind the scenes organisation. Thank you also to Mr Poulton for supplying afternoon tea and for his support during the evening. A big thank you to the parents for their support of our choir and all its endeavours. Without your commitment we could not do all that we do.

Not only did the choir perform magnificently but their behaviour and attention during the whole day was perfect and I was proud to be their conductor.

### TV Stars

Last Friday the choir performed for the channel 7 news. Wow! It was a last minute thing and they did a brilliant job with a backing track that they'd never performed with before. The children interviewed also made some pertinent comments. It was much more widely watched than I expected and have received congratulations for as far afield as Monto and from people that I have never met before. Well done again to the choir who take on all challenges.



# Teacher Talk

## Prep

Last week I was so proud of Prep's performance and behaviour at assembly. It was great to see everyone up singing and remembering the actions. The students also had a wonderful time performing the story Room on the Broom in groups in the classroom. We were able to video the performances on the iPad and we look forward to watching these this week. This week we have started discussing the weather in preparation for our next science unit next term. We have been learning about symbols and different types of weather. I look forward to seeing many of you at Athletics Carnival tomorrow. The prep children will participate in their sprint races and then participate in a range of modified athletics events.

**Mrs Rebecca Thomas**

## Year One

Students have worked very hard this term and are nearly ready for a well earned holiday at the end of next week. Regular lessons and small group activities will continue until the last day of the term. Guided reading lessons will see students practicing comprehension strategies to interpret text. During Mathematics students are participating in activities including addition and subtraction, collecting data and recording results on graphs. Students are combining with Year 2 to celebrate the awe and wonder of creation with their liturgy on Friday.

**Mrs Chris Conneely**

## Year Two

In Maths we have continued to work on coordinate mapping. This week we have explored the <ir> sound which has three spellings, <er>, <ir>, and <ur>. In Religion we read about St Francis of Assisi and discussed the meaning of the Peach Prayer of St Francis of Assisi. In Geography we explored the school oval and drew a map, labelling the different features. We read fairy tales and investigated stereotypes in English. This week we are hosting our class liturgy combined with the Year One class. We hope to see you this Friday at 2:40 pm to join us in celebrating the Word of God.

Yours in Christ,

**Mrs Rowena Staude**

## Year Three

I can't believe we are in week 10 already! I would like congratulate all the Year 3's on their tremendous effort during the assessment period.

This week we are making various 3D shapes and identifying each shapes vertex, face and sides. In Science, we are learning about reversible and irreversible changes when heating and cooling. On Friday, we will be conducting an experiment on an irreversible and reversible change. In Religion, we have been reflecting on what the world was like when the Gospels were written, how they were written and when and why they were written.

Good luck to all the students who will be competing in the St Monica's Athletics Day on Thursday! I hope to see all the Year 3 students there, trying their best and cheering their friends on!

Please don't forget to read every evening.

God Bless,

**Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff**

# Teacher Talk

## Year Four

Last Thursday the Year Four class ventured down to the Oakey Day Respite centre for a visit. The students enjoyed performing two songs for the centre clients, and of course a few rounds of Bingo. Each child wrote a letter thanking them for having us and telling them their favourite part of the visit. We will be visiting again at the end of the year.

I am impressed with the students' engagement in learning activities throughout Semester One. They have been working to the best of their ability and, as a result, have achieved small goals in their educational journey. I am looking forward to seeing this continue in Semester Two.

God Bless and have a great week.

**Mrs Cheryl Anderson**

## Year Five

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who joined us for our Class Liturgy. We really appreciate you making the effort to be with us on this special occasion. In Maths this week, we have been working on patterns with whole numbers, fractions and decimals. In our English Poetry Unit, we recently learnt about anthems and in Religion we have been learning about St Monica, the Sisters of the Good Samaritan and the establishment of our school. As a class, we used this information to create our very own St Monica's Anthem.

### St Monica's Welcomes You!

We're in a rural town,  
With a lovely view,  
We've got playgrounds for all,  
St Monica's welcomes you!

We were founded in 1921,  
We had boarders, just a few,  
Thanks to the Good Samaritans,  
St Monica's welcomes you!

LEARN is a rule that we follow,  
It's what all the students do,  
With discos, Masses and BBQs,  
St Monica's welcomes you!

When were out in the community,  
Our behaviour's great, it's true,  
We set the best example,  
St Monica's welcomes you!

**Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann**

## Year Six

### Hello from Year Six

During a week of quite brisk weather we have been busy in the classroom keeping our minds active and warm. In English, the children have been summarising the major events of the story "Boy Overboard" in preparation for creating a Plot Profile of the story. They have been able to refer to the notes they have taken after listening to each chapter.

In Science, we have been observing a marvellous micro-organism growing on a loaf of bread. We have also watched yeast at work as we prepared dough for bread making. There may be a few future bakers and cooks in our midst as the bread rolls that were produced were delicious.

Thanks to our sports captains who have organised a soccer tournament during the lunch hour after the successful completion of the touch competition.

**Mr Michael West**



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **June 2018**

Thurs June 21st	School Athletics
Thurs June 21st	School Board Meeting 7pm
Fri June 22nd	Pie Drive Delivery and Pick Up
Tue June 26th	Under 8's Morning
Fri June 29th	Last day of Term 2

### **July 2018**

Mon July 16th	School Resumes Term 3
Fri July 20th	Catholic Athletics Carnival

## **Tuckshop Helpers**

**Monday 25th June 2018**

**Linda Leerentveld**

**Tanya Weber**

**Shannon McBride**

**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**

## **Oakey Community Playgroup**

St Monica's Primary School

75 Lorrimer St Oakey

**Every Thursday 9-11am**

(Except School Holidays)

**President: Tricia Brownsey 0408 675 945**

## **SUPERLearners**

**Term 2 Week 10**

<b>Prep:</b>	<b>Tyjaiah</b>
<b>Year 1:</b>	<b>Abby</b>
<b>Year 2:</b>	<b>Girard</b>
<b>Year 3:</b>	<b>Jett</b>
<b>Year 4:</b>	<b>Gemma</b>
<b>Year 5:</b>	<b>Irene</b>
<b>Year 6:</b>	<b>Rhianna</b>

## **SUPERLearners**

**Term 2 Week 9**



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 2018 Tennis Coaching*

18<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 3, 2018 - if you would like your child/ren to learn or enjoy tennis you are invited to enrol in Group Tennis Coaching for Term 3. The cost for this 10 week term of coaching is \$182, alternatively if fees are paid by 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018 - \$172. 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 **16<sup>th</sup> July 2018** (late enrolments accepted fees calculated from child's start date), 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.

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 16<sup>th</sup> July** 2018 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 3 - 2018

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

FEES INCLUDED (\$182 per CHILD) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Discounted: \$172 if paid by 8/8/18)

Parental/Carer Consent:

\_\_\_\_\_

## **P&F News**

A very successful meeting was held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June, we have elected a new President.

Mr Peter Anderson was nominated, and he accepted the position.

Peter is Bella's dad who is in Grade 4. He is a very approachable person and will be keen to meet any parent/caregiver with any queries they may have.

Peter is ably assisted with the following members who are on the P & F Committee.

Vice President Margot Black who is the mother of Dominic in Year 6 and Rory in Year 5.

Rachel Waddell is the secretary and is the mother of Hayden in Year 5 and Abby in Year 3.

Treasurer Thelma Bain the other one in the office.

Sub Committee members Michael Matthewson Dad of Lilah in Year 4 and Claire in Year 6.

Matt Edwards Dad of Isabel in Year 4, Sarah in Year 2 and Alex in Year 1.

Scott Johnston who has Kirra in Year 2

Katie Owens Mum of Hannah in Year 4 and Amy in Year 2.

If any parent has any items they want brought forward at the P & F meetings please do not be shy in coming forward. They are all here to assist parents in any way possible.

### **Pie Drive**

Thank you to all the families who have supported this fundraiser!

Collection of pies, Parish Hall after 2.30pm Friday 22nd June.

### **Tuckshop**

We are in need of helpers for the running of the Tuckshop.

Tuckshop is operated on a Monday 9.00am = 2.00 pm. Tuesday if Public holiday on the Monday

Please come forward and place your name on a roster.

The Tuckshop is a Fundraiser for the school, also a great way to meet fellow parents.

The children love to see Mum or Dad on Tuckshop days.

### **Second-hand Uniforms**

Please contact Chloe McIntosh on 0457915137 for all enquiries, Chloe is available on Tuesday afternoons if you need clothing, please give Chloe a call first.





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## *Oakey and Community Spring Race Day*

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For further information

Contact 07 4691 1067





**You are invited!**

# **St Monica's Primary School Oakey**



## **Under 8's Morning**

**Celebrating the Early Years of Education**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**9:00am - 11:00am**



**LOTS OF FUN AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES**

**VISITS FROM EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**FACE PAINTING**

**OBSTACLE COURSE**

**DANCE DISPLAYS**

**VISIT FROM TOWN LIBRARY STAFF**

**MURALS**

**ACTIVITIES TABLES ..... AND LOTS MORE!**

Visiting students please bring morning tea, hat, sunscreen and water bottle.

Morning tea provided for parents



Parents/students visiting from Kindies, Day Care Centres and other educational centres, please RSVP by 20<sup>th</sup> June by phoning the school on **46911067** or email: [oakey@twb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:oakey@twb.catholic.edu.au)