



Newsletter 29th May Week 6 Term 2 2019

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Year 3 Materials Challenge

In our History unit this term we are continuing with our focus of Indigenous Culture which has provided inspiration for our art lessons. During our last two lessons, students have been completing a materials challenge. They were split into groups and given either an emu or a kangaroo template to work with. From there, the students received some natural materials such as leaves and sticks which would be used to design their artwork. The animals and materials represent authentic Australia and are both great assets to Indigenous Australians.

Their task was to create an artwork using the sticks and leaves, keeping in mind the features and textures of both animals. Following the completion of the groups' artworks, students were required to justify their choices of design and material usage. This provided an opportunity to reflect on the task and also think about how they could have done things differently if they had the opportunity again. Overall we saw a variety of approaches which resulted in some fantastic designs and teamwork.

Challenge Complete!

Great work, Year 3.



Principal's Page

Dear Parents and carers,

Since our last newsletter we have had a number of key events occurring in an around school.

Last week saw the completion of the 2019 NAPLAN testing. From the school's point of view, the new online format worked quite well and we had very minimal disruptions. I'd like to thank the teachers for their work during this time and the lead up preparation prior. The year 3 & 5 students handled the test well and should e proud of their efforts. I'm looking forward to seeing the results and using the information to help shape our curriculum plans for the future.

Last Friday, a number of our students competed at the annual Catholic Schools Athletics carnival at O'Quinn Street in Toowoomba. I was extremely impressed with the team work and school spirit on display. I want to specially thank the Year 6 students for their leadership on the day, through their work and assistance with the younger students. Well done, Leaders. The Catholic Athletics is a great opportunity for a number of our students to have another competition warm up prior to the Inner Downs. The Inner Downs is being held next Thursday and we wish our competitors all the best for the day.

Over the past few weeks, our teachers have been busy completing regular reading assessments with their classes. From an initial look at our data, there has been some great gains from the end of last year to now, which is fantastic to see. This improvement is also evident within the classrooms as we are seeing great engagement from our students in their reading lessons. I'd like to compliment the staff on all their hard work and dedication towards improving reading within the school and this has also been commented on by our external support staff that regularly visit our school.

This week, I'm attending the Term 2 Leadership Forum at Dalby. Throughout the week, I will spend time with fellow principals and our system leadership team working through the Catholic Schools Strategic plans and priorities. I will also have the opportunity to present all the great things that are happening at St Monica's as well as hearing how our other Diocesan schools are going.

Regards

Mr Luke Barrett

Principal

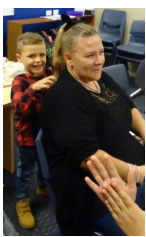
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On Friday the 7th of June at 6pm and Sunday the 9th of June at 8am, St Monica's Parish will be celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. We have several students from St Monica's School (along with others from the parish) receiving these Sacraments. Please remember the following students in your prayers; Dekota, Amy, Corbin, Henry, Milla, Peyton, Billy, Norma, Louchi and Isabella.

This Thursday 30th May at 9am, the whole school will be attending Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. Families are warmly invited to attend with us.

Last Friday night we celebrated a belated Mother's Day with the mothers from our school. Students (and their mums) participated in several rotations including; pampering, disco, games and book reading. Thank you to; the teaching staff for giving up their Friday evening to host the event, the dads who came along to cook the BBQ (and clean up afterwards) and to all the wonderful mums who came along for an evening of fun with their children. A great night was had by all.



Curriculum News

During Term 2, all teachers conduct reading assessments on all students as part of the RIS (Reading Improvement Strategy) for all Toowoomba Catholic Schools. It has been exciting for me to see the improvements we are making as a school in the area of Reading. Students have been working with their teachers on decoding and comprehension strategies. Keep up the fantastic work everyone!

God Bless

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE



Teacher Talk

Year 3

This week we in Health we have been revisiting the roles of people in the event of bullying. We focused on bystanders who are the witness to the bullying that's occurring and brainstormed some strategies to implement if we are ever in this situation. We had some great ideas and I was proud to see that everybody was being respectful to the topic. Well done, Year 3.

In Maths, students have been implementing some effective strategies to solving multiplication and division problems. We also took a look at the different ways that questions can be worded, which can often confuse us. For multiplication we learnt terminology such as times, multiplied, groups of and for division we learnt the terminology of divided by and shared evenly. This knowledge should help us in the future when we answer these questions on our own.

Have a great week,

Mr Callum Duncan.

Year 4/5

We have certainly had a busy time of late with Naplan, Athletics Carnivals and the Mothers' celebration and this is set to continue in the coming weeks as some students head off to the Inner Downs Athletics and Dalby Eisteddfod. Well done to all of the students who have participated in these events. I know they are always great ambassadors of St Monica's.

In Maths this week, we have been investigating length and using our knowledge to calculate perimeter. In English, we listened to some iconic Australian ballads, including The Man from Snowy River, and looked at words with the prefixes un, dis, mis and in. In HaSS, we learnt about the three levels of Government and the roles each of these play in the lives of Australians, whilst in Science we learnt about seismology.

The Year 4/5 students will present their class liturgy on Assembly next Thursday 6 June. We would love it if you could join us on this special occasion.

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

Year 5/6

The Year 5/6 students have been enjoying the hands on learning opportunities that come with learning about measurement. From estimating and measuring the length of various buildings to drawing, measuring and calculating the perimeter and area of various shapes. It has been a great opportunity to take their learning outside.

Congratulations to the Year 5 students who participated in NAPLAN throughout Week 4 and 5. It was great to see them heading in to each test with a positive attitude and giving it their best go.

The Year 6 students have also been busy helping Mrs Conneely and Mr Coombs each Tuesday as they create their masterpiece using pallets. Students are reminded to bring their spare change of clothes on Tuesday if they wish to participate. Some of the Year 6 students have also been busy selling raffle tickets of a morning for the Snippetty Snip for Caritas fundraiser. Students have until next Thursday 6th June to purchase raffle tickets. Thank you to all of those who have already purchased tickets.

Miss Kaylene Keleher

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2019

27-31st May National Reconciliation Week

June 2019

Wed 5th June	Pie Drive Order Due
Thurs 6th June	Inner Downs Athletics Carnival
Fri 7th June	Dalby Eisteddfod
Fri 7th June	Confirmation 6pm
Sun 9th June	First communion 8am Mass
Fri 14th June	Pie Drive Delivery
Thurs 27th June	Last Day of Term 2
Thurs 27th June	All school Mass 9am
Fri 28th June	Pupil Free Day

July 2019

Mon 15th July	Term 3 Begins
Mon 29th July	Catholic Education Week Begins

August 2019

Fri 2nd Aug	Pupil Free Day (Bishops Inservice)
Sat 24th Aug	Trivia Night

**Don't forget to order your
Tuckshop through
Flexischools.**

**Orders must be in by
7.30am Monday.**

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

Super LEARNers Week 4 & 5 Term 2 2019



P & F Notes

Pie Drive

All orders are to be into the school office by next
Wednesday 5th June.

Don't forget to order up big for the winter months!

Trivia Night

The Trivia night will be held on August 24th.

Committee meeting will be held on Monday 3rd June 6.30pm in Parish Meeting Room.

Please come along and help organise our major fundraiser of the year!

Next P&F Meeting

Monday 24th June 6.30pm in Parish Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Uniform Shop



St Monica's Second hand Uniform shop

Everything currently \$5 each

Available Thursday and Friday by appointment only

Please contact

Tricia 0408 675 945 (prefer text)

Notices

Interschool Horse Sports

The annual Inter School Horse Sports is on Friday the 14th June. Gear check at 8:30am.

Nomination of \$20 and forms to be paid to office by Friday morning 31st May.

Tanya Biltoft will be the contact person for any queries 0427 775 097.

The paperwork is available from the school office.



SNIPITY SNIP FOR CARITAS

To raise money for Caritas, we are raffling off the opportunity to either shave Mr Barrett's hair or cut Miss Keleher's.

Tickets will be sold before school near the Prep and Year 5/6 Classrooms each day during Week 6 and up until Thursday of Week 7.

2 winners will be drawn out

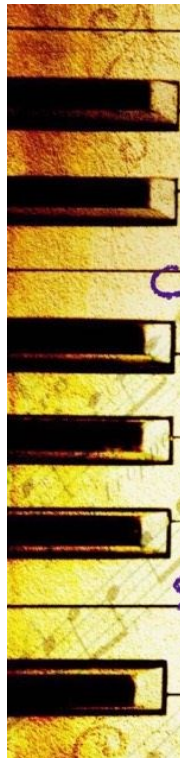
When: Week 7 Assembly

Price: 1 ticket for \$1

6 tickets for \$5



Notices



*Taking Bookings
Now.....*

Piano lessons for
Children and Adults

(singing and guitar
later on)

Oakey district

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