



*Newsletter 30th May 2018 Week 7 Term 2*

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## Friends of Jesus

In Year 3 this term we have been learning all about the life of Jesus.

Our focus for this term has been, what did Jesus teach us, who was he and how has he left his mark on us today?

To answer these questions, we have been learning all about the Gospels in the Bible. The students have been reading the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in order to learn all about the life of Jesus.



Last Friday we had our Year 3 Liturgy. The Liturgy focused on the importance of Jesus in our lives and we reflected on how each of the Year 3's plans to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Each child made their own footprints and wrote how they plan to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.



### *Principal's Page*

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week we celebrate National Reconciliation Week. On Monday several of our Year 6 Leaders accompanied me to the Flag raising ceremony at the Oakey Cultural Centre attended by representatives of Government, Oakey's three schools, local elders and community members. The theme of this year is, "Don't let history be a mystery." The message that I came away with from the ceremony was that all members of Australian society need to acknowledge our past, some of which is not good, and to work together to try to appreciate one another's stories as we forge an inclusive Australia which is characterised by respect and unity. Tomorrow, our school will hold a prayer service to commemorate the week (it will be held in the Parish Hall at 9:00am). Our students have enjoyed learning and using some of the indigenous greetings on parade each morning.

Yesterday a number of our students participated in the University of NSW - ICAS Testing Program - Science. I really applaud these students for taking part in these voluntary tests. It is great to see them so motivated at challenging themselves.

On Thursday afternoon our school will be treated to a travelling performance titled "Making Friends". It is an interactive show focusing on interacting, resilience, tolerance, problem solving, interpersonal relationships, and taking action against bullying. The show proposes easy to remember strategies to deal with bullies and how to make new friends.

Thank you to the families who have responded so quickly with the coloured House Teams shirts orders. We are trying hard to have the shirts available for the Athletics carnival to 'stir on' some team spirit.

Teachers are working very hard as we move towards the assessment and reporting phase of the term. I have been very impressed by the improvement shown by many students with reading and comprehension. Some students have moved up several levels. Well done! Semester One Reports should be distributed around the 28<sup>th</sup> June.

I have been interviewing families seeking Prep positions for their child in 2019. If you have a child for Prep in 2019 and haven't informed us, please do so as I would hate for anyone to miss out.

We are looking ahead to the Athletics season. We will conduct the 800m and High Jump heats on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June with the main carnival being held at St Monica's on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June. The students have been practising skills with Mrs O'Kennedy (PE teacher) and class teachers will have special rotation times after lunch on some days to give students practice opportunities. On the day of the main carnival there is always a lot of setting up to do - shade, tables, chairs, safety barriers etc so I would appreciate any parents who could come along to school at about 7:15am to lend a hand.

Yours faithfully

Roland Poulton

Principal



## **APRE Report Week 7 Term 2**

This week we celebrate Reconciliation Week as a Nation. This week was selected because of the two significant milestones in Australia's history occurring around this time, namely the anniversary of the 1967 referendum and the Mabo decision. We are marking this week in our school in several ways;

Launch of the Greetings Project – each morning we will greet each other on parade in a different language.

This week we have been learning the welcome of the Giabal People (the traditional owners of the land upon which our school has been built). We invite all families to share the words of welcome from their own language traditions.

Each class has been discussing reconciliation week in their classrooms, focusing on our local area.

Whole school liturgy on Thursday at 9am in the parish hall – all welcome.

### **Religion News**

This week a letter went home from the parish to all Catholic students from Year 2 and Year 3 to invite families to register their son/daughter in the Sacrament of Reconciliation preparation classes. An information session is scheduled for Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of June at 6pm. Please return your expression of interest form (at the bottom of the letter) by this Friday (1<sup>st</sup> June) if you intend enrolling your child in the Sacramental program. If you wish your child in Years 4, 5 or 6 to participate, please collect a note from the school office.

Thank you to the families who attended the School Family Mass on Saturday evening. It was wonderful to double the number of families in attendance from our first School Family Mass! Thanks to the students who read, served on the altar, were involved in the procession of gifts and sang so beautifully. I am looking forward to our next School Family Mass on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of June. I would like to do a liturgical movement with some students after Communion at this Mass. If your child/ren are interested in participating in this (I know we have quite a few dancers!) please let me know as soon as possible so we can begin practising. No dance experience necessary.

### **Curriculum News**

On Tuesday of this week, we had 16 brave students participate in the ICAS Science testing. Congratulations to those students for putting their hand up to challenge themselves. Well done!!

I have been very excited to see the progression of our students in reading over the past term and a half. Some of our students have really come along in leaps and bounds. As part of my role I have the opportunity to go into classes during reading time and take reading groups with the classroom teacher. Keep up the great work St Monica's students!!

God Bless

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE

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## **Sacrament of Reconciliation preparation classes**

My Child/children \_\_\_\_\_ will be attending the Sacrament of Reconciliation Information Session on Wednesday 6th June 6.00pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by Friday the 1st June 2018

# Teacher Talk

## Prep

Last week we enjoyed reading the story of Elmer and the lost Teddy. The students really connected to the story and were able to relate the storyline to everyday real life events. They also did a wonderful job of creating an Elmer the Elephant art piece on Friday. Our excursion to the library last week was a real hit, although very tiring, we were very thankful to the town library for inviting us for National Simultaneous Story Time. This week we are exploring the text "Room on the broom" and looking at different rhyming words. In mathematics we are focusing on sequencing numbers to 10 and identifying missing numbers. We will be beginning to start assessment pieces.

**Mrs Rebecca Thomas**

## Year One

This week we have focused on looking at the base word as a strategy for decoding and comprehending texts during reading groups. We have been focusing our listening skills and auditory memory with daily routines. During Mathematics the students have been looking for patterns and practising their place value knowledge as they add and subtract ones and tens.

**Mrs Chris Conneely**

## Year Two

This week in Year Two we have explored the Scratch Jnr app, using blocks of code to create a city scene with a moving vehicle. Students then chose three animals and a nature scene to create a story animation of a race using three separate blocks of code. In Maths we are beginning to investigate multiplicative thinking with repeated addition and by showing grouping. We are working on recording our thinking using number sentences. In Grammar we are learning about words that say more about verbs. Adverbs tell us how, when and where things happen and we are working hard to improve our writing by including adverbs. We read the story 'Fang Fang's Chinese New Year' by Sally Rippin and discussed culture, language and traditions. Fang Fang invites her friend Lisa to celebrate Chinese New Year with her family and is embarrassed at how different her family seems. Lisa loved trying new foods with her 'Australian chopsticks' and showed Fang Fang that her culture and traditions are worth celebrating.

This week we are trialling a changeover in homework satchels and library bags. We have found the library bags are often too small to contain larger library books and the homework satchels too large for school bags. We will switch the bags over during the coming week and trial the changes. Your feedback is welcome.

Thank you to the families that celebrated Family Mass last week. It was lovely to see students participate in the Mass. Please remember to return permission notes for the Parish Sacramental (Reconciliation) Program to the office as soon as possible.

**Mrs Rowena Staude**

## Year Three

This week in Year 3 we are finishing up our Mathematics fractions unit and continuing to work on using addition and subtraction strategies in word problems. In English, we are completing our letters written from a soldier's perspective during World War 1. In Religion, we have been learning all about what Jesus did and why we call Jesus the Messiah.

Reminder that homework is due every Friday and it needs to be completed to the best of each student's ability. Please continue reading each evening, the passion for reading in our Year 3 class has grown so much as the year has progressed! Keep it up! Thank you to all the parents and family members who were able to attend the Liturgy on Friday, we greatly appreciate it.

Have a wonderful week and God Bless,

**Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff**

# Teacher Talk

## Year Four

Students have been engaging positively in our classroom novel 'Will Buster and the Gelmet Helmet' by Odo Hirsch. It is set in the future and is about a revolutionary way to learn. We are about half way through the book and they are enjoying how the character's curiosity is developing. The students also enjoyed how all the reference to the past, were actually the way we live our life today.

This Friday we will be celebrating our class liturgy in the Year Four classroom at 8:50am, we look forward to seeing you all there. Invitations went home on Tuesday.

God Bless and have a great week.

**Mrs Cheryl Anderson**

## Year Five

In Mathematics, the students enjoyed creating 3D shapes using drinking straws and have been identifying, drawing and measuring angles. In HaSS, we investigated floods and the impact of these on vegetation, property and humans, whilst in Science we looked at the way we can reflect light by using mirrors. In English, we have been studying odes and have looked at examples including *For the Fallen* and *RISE*, which was written by rugby league player Sam Thaiday. In Religion, we have been learning about St Monica, along with the Sisters of the Good Samaritan as they were responsible for establishing our school. Just a reminder that our Library day is Friday and I would love to see all students borrowing each week.

**Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann**

## Year Six

Hello from Year Six

In the past week we have been very busy in all subject areas. In mathematics we are doing consolidation work on the four operations including numbers to two decimal places. We have then applied these skills to solve problems. We have also used the picture drawing strategy in problem solving.

As a class, in shared reading, we have completed "Journey of 1000 Miles" and now move onto "Boy Overboard" which is an adventure story written by Morris Gleitzman

In our Religion classes the children have written their own "Lord's Prayer" and have incorporated hand gestures to accompany the words.

Finally in Science we have conducted an experiment investigating how yeast reacts when mixed with water and sugar. This is part of our "Marvellous Micro-organisms" unit.

Regards,

**Mr Michael West**



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **May 2018**

Thurs May 31st                      Making Friends Performance 2pm

### **June 2018**

Fri June 8th                      Dalby Eisteddfod

Jun 5,6&7                      Farmfest

Fri June 8th                      Special Lunch Pizza Day

Wed June 13th                      Sing Out—Empire Theatre

Thurs June 21st                      School Athletics

Fri June 22nd                      Pie Drive Delivery and Pick Up

Fri June 29th                      Last day of Term 2

### **July 2018**

Mon July 16th                      School Resumes Term 3

## **Tuckshop**

## **Helpers**

**Monday 4th June 2018**

**Kym Owens**

**Tanya Biltoft**

**Nicole Langton**

**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 7**

**Prep:                      Isabella**

**Year 1:                      Tylah**

**Year 2:                      Sarah**

**Year 3:                      Lily**

**Year 4:                      Lilah**

**Year 5:                      Tanner**

**Year 6:                      Giliann**

## **SUPERlearners**

### **Term 2 Week 6**



# Important Notices

## Advanced Notice

St Monica's will host an Under 8 Activities morning on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 9-11am. Come along and join in with a variety of activities to celebrate the Early Years.

## Catholic Schools' Athletics Carnival

The annual Catholic Schools' Athletics carnival will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at the O'Quinn Street Oval in Toowoomba. Students from St Monica's will be participating and more information will be provided after our school's carnival has been held.

## New School Website

Have you checked out our new St Monica's Website? It is more mobile friendly and information is being progressively updated. The Policies & Procedures page has either copies or links to current Toowoomba Catholic Schools and St Monica's School policies and procedures. You can also access the Parents' and Friends' Association meeting minutes to keep up with what is happening. Skoolbag app can also be found on the school's website. It is great to see that more and more parents are using Skoolbag App to notify the school of student absences.

## Student Protection Contacts:

All staff at our school are trained in Student Protection legislation and procedures. Students can talk to any member of staff if they have any worries or concerns. For 2018, the Student Protection Contacts are Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann (Yr 5 Teacher) and Mrs Rowena Staude (Yr 2 Teacher). These teachers are also available should parents or students wish to discuss any issues relating to student protection.

**Below is the image of the Polo Sports Shirts that are being subsidised by the P&F.**

**Don't forget to place your order so you don't miss out on this once only opportunity!**



### Free Dress Day

**Wednesday the 6th June, Free Dress Day for State of Origin!**

**Wear your favourite Maroon or Blue colours to support your State.**

**Maroon or Blue colours only!!**

**Gold coin donation to support Mini Vinnies!**

### Head Lice

A case of Head lice has been reported this week, please check your children's hair and treat appropriately



## Host Families Needed for 6 nights

Oakey State High School will be hosting a visit by Japanese students from Ena City in a program conducted by AIU from the 30<sup>th</sup> July to the 5<sup>th</sup> August.

- Daily program (Mon-Fri) organized by a Coordinator includes Excursions.
- Japanese language not necessary (students want to practice English).
- Normal family meals.

A stipend (tax free) \$35 per night will be given to Host Families to assist with hosting costs.

Your family will benefit from the cultural experience.



For further information,  
or if you can assist in hosting, contact: Allyson on 0409 059 438  
or email [buzz25@bigpond.com](mailto:buzz25@bigpond.com)

# Oakey Markets

St Monica's Parish Ladies will be holding a stall at the Lions Markets on Saturday 9th June 2018

The ladies would appreciate your support:

with donating the following items:

Selling, baking, plants & craft items.

Reusable shopping bags are also required.



## P&F News

### Athletics Carnival

Helpers are required for the BBQ to operate on June 21st for our Annual Athletics Carnival.

Please let Thelma know your availability.

### Pie Drive

Payment (cash or cheque) is to be returned to the school office with the order forms, no later than Wednesday the 6th of June. Delivery date for orders is the 22nd of June.

Helpers will be required for the delivery day.

### Race Day

Date for this is Saturday 3rd November 2018.

Keep watching this space for further developments.

### House Shirts

Thank you for the response to date for the house shirts, don't forget to send your order and money into the office so you don't miss out!

### Secondhand Uniforms

Please contact Chloe McIntosh on 0457915137 for all enquiries



# ICT POLICY FORMS

Please remember to return your "Acceptable Use of ICT Systems and Resources Policy User Agreement for Parent/Caregiver Waiver" forms that were issued last week.

It is necessary to have one signed copy of the "User Agreement & Parent/Caregiver Waiver" signed for each of your children for inclusion in their files at school.

Please return the forms before the end of the week to the office.

Thank You!

## Oakey Parkrun

Located at Arthur Shooter Park the Oakey parkrun is held every Saturday at 7.00am. This is a 5 km course where you run against the clock. It is free to register so go online to <http://www.parkrun.com.au/oakey/>. When you register you will be given a barcode. Present the barcode at the parkrun and your time for the course will be recorded each time you run. Families are welcome to run, jog or walk the course. A great, active way to start each weekend!

### Come and Join Oakey Girl Guides

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:

Nancy Chalmers – 07 4691 1309

Sandra James – 07 4691 1025w

Bianca Bidgood – 0407 132 381



**Craft, Games , Cooking, Camping and Lots more Fun**

The Oakey and District Tennis Assoc (Kent Street Oakey)

Saturday Afternoon Social Tennis

Starts May 26 at 1pm

Cost \$5

Everyone is welcome to come along for an afternoon of tennis and fun

## YOUNG PEOPLE are influenced by the adults around them



### When we see disrespectful behaviour in young people:

We teach our young girls to accept it

"HE JUST DID IT BECAUSE HE LIKES YOU"

"DON'T WORRY JUST IGNORE HIM"

We question the role of the girl

"WHAT DID YOU DO?"

"IT TAKES TWO TO TANGO"

We make excuses for boys' behaviour

"BOYS WILL BE BOYS"

"HE WAS PROBABLY JUST HAVING A BAD DAY"

We worry about the consequences if we intervene

"I DON'T WANT TO MAKE A BIG DEAL OUT OF IT"

"WHAT WILL THE OTHER PARENTS THINK?"

These excuses are shaping young people's views about more serious behaviours



Think it's pretty normal for guys to pressure girls into sex\*

Don't think it's serious if a guy who's normally gentle sometimes slaps his girlfriend when he's drunk and they're arguing\*

We are unintentionally part of the problem  
**BUT WE CAN ALL BE PART OF THE SOLUTION**

**VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN  
LET'S STOP IT  
AT THE START**



Australian Government

A joint Australian, state and territory government initiative.

Learn more at [respect.gov.au](http://respect.gov.au)

\* Our Watch: Research for The Line campaign 2015



St Monica's students represented Oakey Bears at Suncorp Stadium last week.

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