



Newsletter 12th June Week 8 Term 2 2019

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Emma MacTaggart

On Thursday the 6th of June St Monica's were privileged to be visited by local author Emma MacTaggart. Emma presented workshops with each year level on creating stories.

The Years 5 and 6 students were treated to a workshop entitled "Lost the Plot?". They were encouraged to delve into taking their character on an interesting journey! They created a unique character and then pick a plot line to take the character.

The Years 3 and 4 students were engaged in a workshop entitled 'Imagine it' where they were encouraged to dip in to a toolbox of 'idea' generators, using words, drawings, images and sound!

The Years 1 and 2 students were encouraged to create a character using descriptive words for each body part. They were then inspired to draw, and name, their own 'frankenstein' creature.

The Prep's were treated to story time and were each presented with their own Emma MacTaggart book.

The whole school enjoyed her visit.



Principal's Page

Dear Parents and carers,

Wellbeing

Throughout the year we have been working through different elements of our wellbeing focus. One part of this focus was the update and release of the new school wide positive behaviours matrix. From its release there has been a noticeable change in the positive interactions between students in the playground and classroom. Many students have been recognised for their efforts in this area through our Spot it cards.

Next week we will enter into the next phase of our project by asking the entire student population for their feedback around wellbeing, resilience, overall happiness and positivity. Our students from Year 3 to 6 will complete an online survey through Assessing Wellbeing in Education (AWE). This will give us some base line data to work off to track how our new behaviour models are going, if they are effective and what else we can target to ensure that our student wellbeing and engagement is being worked on. These surveys will then be repeated in Term 3 to track progress in the identified areas. The use of these surveys is also an excellent opportunity for us as a staff to have regular input from our students and to hear from them first hand. Our Prep to 2 students will also be completing a modified survey around some key question.

Linked in with the surveys, Mr Brett Leadbetter, Education Officer – Wellbeing will be conducting some student interviews around some key questions developed from our LEARN behaviours and positive behaviours matrix.

We are looking forward to what the surveys and interviews will tell us and how we can further support our students.

School Fees

A few weeks ago, our 2nd round of school fee invoices were sent out for payment. With the release of this I wanted to take a moment to highlight the hows and whys of school fees. In order to make St Monica's as accessible as possible to families who seek a Catholic education for their children, School Fees and Levies are set as low as possible. Funds used to operate St Monica's come from three sources: 1. Government grants – Federal and State, 2. Fundraising activities, 3. School Fees & Levies. The money parents pay by way of Fees & Levies is used to cover the operating expenses of the school including electricity, postage, insurance, support staff wages, telephone, repairs and maintenance, stationery and photocopying costs. School Fees also cover the costs of Arts Council & visiting performers, swimming lessons, purchase of art and craft materials, the purchase of some classroom resources and for local class excursions. The fees also include a contribution to the School's Capital Fund. This is used to pay off building loans, undertake major maintenance and improvements and to upgrade the buildings and facilities at the school.

It is important that the school fee contribution is met by families in a timely manner so that we can continue to provide the best resources and facilities for your children.

We understand that from time to time families will get behind in payments of fees or experience difficulties. We ask that if you are experiencing difficulties in paying fees, please call the office and arrange a time to speak with myself at your earliest convenience. My door is always open.

Regards

Mr Luke Barrett

Principal

APRE

Religion News

Over the weekend, the parish celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Bishop Brian Finnigan presided over our Confirmation ceremony and Fathers Thomas and Mick presided over the First Holy Communion. Congratulations to our students (past and present) who received these important Sacraments on the weekend. After the holiday, I will run a training session for anyone interested in training to become an altar server in the church. Candidates for this training MUST have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion and be available to serve at Mass of a weekend. More details on this next term.



First Communion



Confirmation

This week, the church moved from the Liturgical Season of Easter to Ordinary Time. This means a change in colour from white to green. The classes are updating their sacred spaces in the classroom, with a prize for the best prayer space showing the colours of Ordinary Time to be awarded this Friday.

Curriculum News

Over the past few weeks, I have been analysing the reading data of our students. It has been overwhelming to see the improvements our students are making in their decoding and comprehension skills, sound letter knowledge and phonological awareness. Congratulations to our teachers for the excellent teaching and learning going on in their classrooms and congratulations to our students for their hard work in reading.

In Week 10, Report Cards will be going home with students. Teachers are busily preparing these important and informative documents. The Report Card gives families a snap shot of where their child is at and what they need to do in order to improve their results. Please take the time to discuss the Report Card with your child and if you have any questions or concerns about the report, please contact your child's teacher to discuss.

This year, the ICAS testing is going online. The process to enrol your child in the testing is also completed online and then the testing is conducted at school (similar to the way the NAPLAN testing is conducted now). I will have further details to follow early next term.

Today is National School Officer Day. Our schools would be lost without our wonderful school officers. Please take time to thank our school officers for the contribution they make to St Monica's. The teaching staff celebrated with the school officers with a special morning tea today.

God bless

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE



Teacher Talk

Prep

Welcome to week 8! Wow, this term has gone by in a flash. In Prep we have been revising all the sounds that we have learned over the past year and started completing assessment tasks based on sounding out words. We have been working on developing our strategies that we could use to sound out words and starting to write neatly in lines.

The Preppies have been working really hard to complete all their assessment and I am very proud of all of their effort. Well done Preppies, keep up the great work!

Mrs Ayden-Skye Ah Quay

Year 1

During English lesson students have been looking at persuasive stories and attempting to engage and persuade other through language choices. They have been writing using the persuasive structure and supporting their reasons with evidence. Students will continue to develop their spelling skills as they focus on letter patterns and digraphs. Mathematics lessons have included the strategy of making a ten when adding numbers, identifying 2-dimensional shapes and telling the time to o'clock using digital and analogue clocks. During Religion students have been listening to stories from the Old Testament and comparing them to Dreamtime stories.

Mrs Chris Conneely

KARATE RESULTS

Sunday the 9th June saw the Aussie Kids Karate Tournament held at Toowoomba State School, Mt Lofty Campus. It was once again a show-case of ability with students from many clubs represented. Oakey All-Stars were only able to field two competitors, Trinity from St Monica's and Thomas from Oakey State School. Trinity was awarded a silver medal for a strong performance and also won her Kata Competition whilst Thomas debuted and was awarded a bronze medal. The Aussie Kids Rembukan Karate classes are held each Thursday afternoon from 4:30 pm in the Oakey State School hall with everyone welcome and the first class being free. We also offer a senior/adult class.

Pictured: Trinity, Sensei Nick Ruhe-Bennett, Thomas.



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

June 2019

Thurs 13th June	Snipity Snip Day
Fri 14th June	Pie Drive Delivery
Tues 18th June	Prep for an afternoon
Fri 21st June	Prep for an afternoon
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
Fri 19th July	Fromelles Day
Mon 29th July	Catholic Education Week Begins
Mon 29th July	Kokoda Day

August 2019

Fri 2nd Aug	Pupil Free Day (Bishops Inservice)
Thurs 8th Aug	World of Maths
Sat 24th Aug	Trivia Night
Tue 27th Aug	St Monica's Feast Day
Wed 28th Aug	Under 8's Day

September 2019

Wed 4th Sept	Indigenous Literacy Day
Thurs 19th Sept	Last Day of Term 3

**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 6 & 7 Term 2 2019



P & F Notes

Pie Drive

Please pick up your Pie Drive orders on Friday 14th June 2.30pm until 3.15pm.

Thank You to all our supporters of this fundraiser, approx. \$1000 was raised.

Trivia Night

The Trivia night will be held on August 24th, get your team together for this brain teaser night!

Next P&F Meeting

Monday 17th 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)

Dalby Eisteddfod

On Friday both the Junior and Senior Choirs went to Dalby to compete in their annual Eisteddfod. It was a great opportunity to perform and we were able to see what the other choirs are doing. Both choirs sang beautifully and were a credit to our school.



The Senior choir earned a score of 78 out of 100. The adjudicator wrote that she saw a lovely commitment from all the choir with lovely dynamics, a confident key change, great diction and a good contrast of songs.

The Junior choir earned 78 out of 100 and a Highly Commended Award. Some of the comments included that they had a lovely vocal line, a good sense of phrasing and a free vocal sound.

The children attained this success despite a very interrupted rehearsal schedule. I would also like to congratulate the Junior Choir for their commitment every Friday lunchtime.

A big thankyou to Lisa Cavanagh who made the trip to Dalby on the bus with the Senior Choir.

Once again, I am humbled and grateful for the support that is given to our choirs by the parents of St Monica's. They are always there to cheer on the children and support them in their performances. A big thankyou to those parents who drove the Junior Choir to Dalby and gave a seat to children in need of a lift. Every child that has been working hard at rehearsals was in attendance and had the opportunity to perform.

Susan Fredline

Music Teacher



Prep 2020

-Transition to school 2020-

St Monica's Primary School invites you to

Be a Preppie for the Morning!

Bring your child along to experience a real morning of Prep adventures and fun!

Parents and children are invited to come to the Prep classroom to experience and participate in a number of Prep activities for the morning.

*Bring a hat and water bottle!



2019 TERM 2 DATES

Tuesday 18 June 2019

Friday 21 June 2019

9:00am - 10:30 am

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY

PH- (07) 4691 1067

*At least 2 working days prior.



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Notices



Deirring Downs Hospital and Health Service

BreastScreen Mobile
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Oakey Hospital
Beale Street
15th - 26th July 2019

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Get a mammogram
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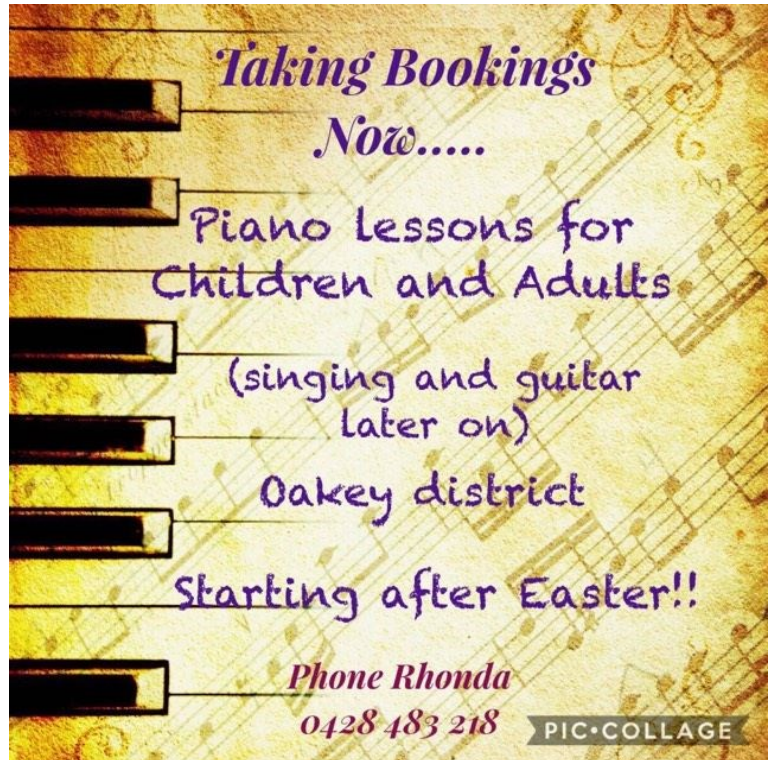
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Oakey district

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How it works: 90-minute seminars. Question time included.

When:  Raising Confident, Competent Children
Wednesday 19th June 2019 - 6:30pm to 8:00PM

 Raising Resilient Children
Wednesday 26th June 2019 - 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Where: C&K Oakey Community Kindergarten
Beale Street & Stanley Street, Oakey



Arrive 6:15pm for 6:30pm start. No child minding available.
Please register for each seminar individually.

Book at www.triplep-parenting.net

For more information call 0438 937 350 or email lena.krause@uq.edu.au

