



Newsletter 24th July Week 2 Term 3 2019

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Last Friday St Monica's c"Fromelles Day". The students participated in a liturgy to pay their respects to the fallen soldiers. The liturgy was led by the Fromelles House Leaders and Mr Barrett.

Our students are now more aware of the meaning of their house "Fromelles".

The battle of Fromelles on 19 July 1916 was a bloody initiation for Australian soldiers to warfare on the Western Front. Soldiers of the newly arrived 5th Australian Division, together with the British 61st Division, were ordered to attack strongly fortified German front line positions near the Aubers Ridge in French Flanders. The attack was intended as a feint to hold German reserves from moving south to the Somme where a large Allied offensive had begun on 1 July. The feint was a disastrous failure. Australian and British soldiers assaulted over open ground in broad daylight and under direct observation and heavy fire from the German lines. Over 5,500 Australians became casualties. Almost 2,000 of them were killed in action or died of wounds and some 400 were captured. This is believed to be the greatest loss by a single division in 24 hours during the entire First World War.

Some consider Fromelles the most tragic event in Australia's history.



Principal's Page

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for Term 3. We've got another great term ahead of us with lots of teaching, learning and plenty of fun and engaging activities.

Some of the exciting events heading our way include our Catholic Education week celebrations which will feature our Mass and Grandparents Day. Our Year 5 & 6 students will be attending the annual Catholic Touch and Netball carnivals in Toowoomba.

In Week 5 we celebrate National Science Week which runs from the 10th to the 18th August. Mrs Conneely has prepared another exciting challenge for the students to participate in. The theme this year is Destination Moon to celebrate 50 years of the Apollo 11 Moon landing. Students can design and build a spacecraft, which will be tested and judged during Science Week. Entry forms are available for the School Office.

Following on from Science Week we will head into Book Week (19th – 23rd August). This year's theme is "Reading is my Secret Power". There will be a range of activities planned for this week including the annual Book Fair and the Dress Up Parade on Friday 23rd. More information will be made available closer to the week.

Last Friday, we held the first of our House Days, Fromelles Day. This was an opportunity for Fromelles House to wear their House shirts and to lead us in a remembrance service to commemorate the Battle of Fromelles – 19th July 1916. Next Monday the 29th July, Kokoda House will wear their shirts and lead us in a similar service. Beersheeba Day is on 31st October. These three days are an important inclusion in our school calendar as it provides the students and school community with a greater understanding of the House names and the significant history behind them.

Next week the annual RADII surveys will be sent out to all families who have a registered email with the school. If you don't have an email with the school, there are opportunities to complete the survey at school through a guest access. I ask that all families take the time to complete the survey (approximately 10 to 15 mins) to provide some useful feedback to the school. The surveys are an excellent way to let us know how we have been going in the last 12 months and what are some areas for improvement. When the school receives the survey data back, I will work with the school leadership team, staff and school board on incorporating the data and feedback into our 2020 Strategic Plans. It would be great if we could achieve an overall response rate of around 70% and with that in mind, for everyone who completes the survey they will go into a draw to win a \$50 fuel voucher from BP.

Regards

Mr Luke Barrett

Principal

APRE



Welcome to Term 3! This term is jam-packed with exciting whole school events and celebrations, as well as some fantastic teaching and learning taking place in classrooms. On the pupil-free day at the end of last term, the staff participated in a Retreat titled, “Go and do likewise.” This retreat was centred around the Parable of the Good Samaritan and included opportunities for personal reflection, religious formation and prayer. The staff also completed a creative art activity, with the Parable of The Good Samaritan as their inspiration. This photo shows some of the staff’s efforts along with Digger the Bear.

It was quite ironic that the Gospel reading the Sunday before school returned was the Parable of the Good Samaritan. It was like the holidays were securely nestled within the parable and the instruction from Jesus to “Go and do likewise.”

Over the holidays, I was blessed to have been able to attend a book launch in Toowoomba. My friend, Sister Dianne Phillips, has written another book about Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and she invited me to attend the special celebration put on by the publisher. Sister Di’s book, “Horse Tales of Mary MacKillop” is in the school library, as is an autographed copy of her new book, “Bob’s the Dog.” This book is written from the point of view of Bob’s, the dog Mary MacKillop owned at the end of her life.



Catholic Education Week



Next week is Catholic Education Week and it is a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate everything wonderful about Catholic Education. This year’s theme is – “Many voices. One Spirit.” We have many things planned for the week.

Date	Event	Details
Monday 29 th July	Kokoda Day	Kokoda students are encouraged to wear their House shirts. Kokoda leaders will lead the students in a liturgy at our Peace Garden at 8:45am. All welcome.
Tuesday 30 th July	Ena City Visitors (Japan)	Visitors arrive at 11:30am. The Japanese students will visit the classrooms to engage with the St Monica’s students. 2pm the Japanese students will have a short performance in the Bishop Bede Poulding Hall.
Wednesday 31 st July	Grandparents Day	Whole school Mass at 9am (to celebrate Catholic Education Week and Grandparents Day) – ALL WELCOME Open classrooms followed by a shared morning tea.
Thursday 1 st August	Inter-school sports	Years 5 & 6 will be attending the Catholic Schools Netball or Touch Football carnival in Toowoomba. Years 4 to Prep will participate in a Games afternoon from 2pm on the Oval.
Friday 2 nd August	Pupil Free Day	Staff will be participating in the Bishop’s Inservice Day, hosted by St Mary’s College.

If you have family attending the Grandparents Day celebrations, please contact the office to RSVP for catering purposes as soon as possible.

APRE

NAIDOC Celebrations



Tomorrow we will be attending a performance titled; **KADUL by Ryka Ali**. Ryka Ali's heritage stems from the Wuthathi tribe of Shellburne Bay, Cape York and from the Torres Strait Islands. A winner in the Young, Black and Deadly Talent Quest (2003) he is a very proud ambassador for Australia's Indigenous youth. Ryka has performed at various festivals and cultural showcases around the world. Most recently he has been working with his grandmother Cindy, presenting Indigenous workshops in schools throughout Australia.

This Semester, students will be participating in Dance lessons on a Thursday with me. As part of our course of study, we investigate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dance. I am very excited to be welcoming Ryka to our school.

Below are some images from our school NAIDOC Celebrations from the end of last term. A massive thank you to Mrs Ann-Marie Tyrie for all of her assistance in organising our celebrations and to Josh Waters and Kim McCosker from Toowoomba Catholic Schools for their participation on the day. A big thanks to Mr Danny Keenan from Oakey State High School for allowing us to use their Yarning Circle.



Mrs Lisa Cavanagh

APRE

Teacher Talk

Year 3

I hope that all families had a great break. We've had a busy start to the term with some great learning being demonstrated.

This term in year 3 we are exploring the structure and language features of an information report. Students will have the opportunity to co-create and then individually create an information report. This unit of work will incorporate our HaSS focus of neighbouring countries to Australia and will be the focus of our information reports.

Have a great week.

Mr Callum Duncan

Year 4/5

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday. I am really pleased with how the Year 4/5 students have started Term 3 – both their work ethic and behaviour has been excellent. This term in English, we are looking at newspapers, including their features and the types of articles, whilst in HaSS we are investigating different groups of people who have migrated to Australia since Federation. In Science, we are learning about micro-organisms and this week investigated different types of bread. In Maths, we have been working on time and symmetry, whilst in Health we are looking at the impact of a growth mindset. The Year 5s and 6s have been enthusiastically practising their netball and touch skills in preparation for next week's Catholic Carnival.

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

Year 5/6

This term the Year 5/6 students are looking at how they can take ownership of their learning. They began by reviewing the LEARN behaviours before dissecting and piecing back together the Positive Behaviour Matrix. During this process we spoke about the language used within it and then used this to set individual learning and behaviour goals for the term. We discussed how having a growth mindset towards their work will help them achieve success and reach their goals. It has been fantastic to see the students starting out the term with a positive attitude and I am excited to see what they will achieve as they take ownership of their learning.

Miss Kaylene Keleher

Excellence in Teaching



Mr Duncan and his Year 3 class

Congratulations to Mr Callum Duncan, who has been named a finalist in the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Excellence Awards in the Excellence in Teaching and Learning; Early Career Teacher Category. Winners will be announced at the Gala Dinner on the 1st of August as part of Catholic Education Week Celebrations.

Best of luck Mr Duncan!

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 2019

Thurs 25th July	100 days of Prep
Sat 27th July	Oakey Together Parade 2pm
Mon 29th July	Catholic Education Week Begins
Mon 29th July	Kokoda Day (Kokoda house shirts)
Wed 31st July	Grandparents Day

August 2019

Thurs 1st Aug	Catholic Touch/Netball Carnivals
Fri 2nd Aug	Pupil Free Day (Bishops Inservice)
Thurs 8th Aug	World of Maths
Mon 12th Aug	Science Week
Mon 19th Aug	Book Week
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 12th Sept	Year 4 Camp—Overnight
Thurs 19th Sept	Last Day of Term 3

October 2019

Tues 8th Oct	First Day of Term 4
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**Don't forget to order your Tuckshop
through**

Flexischools.

Orders must be in by 7.30am Monday.

**Thank You to Claire & Val Lawrence for
volunteering their time to make the
Tuckshop available to our students.**

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



P & F Notes

Trivia Night

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

St Monica's Parents & Friends Association



How much do you know
about Australia?
Get a team of 8 together
to find out!!
Individual nominations welcome

Saturday 24th August • 6pm start

St Monica's John Bede Polding Hall

Tickets \$40 (3 course meal)
Lucky spot
Lucky door prize
Best Dressed Prizes (male/female, table)
Multi-draw raffles
Auction

Thank you to our
major sponsor  **TyreRight**

Tickets/bookings through St Monica's School Office
contact 46911067

Next P&F Meeting

Monday 26th August 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)

News around the School

Ace, Alex and Conner playing for the Oakey Bears at Gatton last weekend.

Between them, they scored 8 tries for their team!



2019 Pryde's EasiFeed Interschool Qld State Championships Success

110 Queensland Schools, 216 Riders and 265 Horses attended the 2019 [Pryde's EasiFeed](#) Interschool Queensland State Championships held at Maryborough 3 - 6 July for Dressage, Show Jumping, Show Horse and Showman. St Monica's representative Bella Anderson, qualified at the Darling Downs Regional Championships to compete in 2 events with her 2 horses, and performed exceptionally well to win Reserve Champion Overall Primary Rider in both events, to secure herself 2 spots on the Team to represent Qld at the Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships, held at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre in September.

POP UP PALLETS 2019 - PALLET CREATORS



Notices

Visit by Registered Nurse for Free Prep Vision Screening

Good vision is important for a child's educational, physical and social development. Vision screening is therefore vital in early childhood, particularly for conditions such as 'lazy eye', which if not detected early can lead to blindness.

A Registered Nurse will be visiting the school in 2019 to commence vision screening for all Prep Year children. If you wish to have your child participate in this free vision screening program, please complete and sign the consent form sent home with your child and return this to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. You will be advised in writing of the outcome of your child's screening.

Please note that if your child has had a vision assessment in the past 12 months it is not necessary for him/her to participate in this screening program. If this is the case, please complete the consent form and indicate that you do not wish for your child to participate, and ensure that you follow the schedule of reviews recommended by your eye health professional.

Primary School Nurse Health Readiness Program

Child and Youth Community Health Services

Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service

Oakey Together Parade

Celebrating 50 years since the Oakey Airfield was transferred to Army control, to become the Army Aviation Training Centre - now Swartz Barracks.

The day will include a Street Parade from 2:30 pm, and conclude with a Black Tie Dinner in the Oakey Cultural Centre.

Please let the school know if your child can march in the parade with St Monica's this Saturday!

Little Champions

Little Champions will be operating on the Pupil Free Day, Friday August 2nd. Please give them a call on 4691 1691 to reserve your spot.

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.

Notices

Under 8's
under eights week

Kids day out!
WEDNESDAY 28th AUGUST 2019
9.15am—11.15am St Monica's Catholic School
cnr Lorrimer & Campbell Street



A community event celebrating and showcasing early childhood in Oakey

All parents and children under 8 are welcome

Activities include: Little athletics, basketball, Hockey AFL, NRL, softball, Oakey Library, craft, Kingthorpe Dental, cricket, Oakey Dance Studio, face painting.

Sausage Sizzle

Special visits from Emergency Services!

St Monica's Parents & Friends Association

Trivia NIGHT?

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Auction

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Tickets/bookings through St Monica's School Office
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SMOKE-FREE SCHOOL



SMOKING IS BANNED AT THIS SCHOOL AND FOR 5 METRES BEYOND THE SCHOOL BOUNDARY

Compliance is a condition of entry and on-the-spot fines apply

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Grandparents Day

9am Whole School Mass
Followed by Open Classrooms
and
Morning Tea
St Monica's, Oakey

WEDNESDAY | 31ST JULY | 9AM

ST MONICA'S SCHOOL
LORRIMER STREET, OAKEY

PLEASE RESPOND
BY 29TH JULY
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