



Newsletter 15th August 2018 Week 5 Term 3

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My name is Alli-G and I am Vice President of Mini-Vinnies this term. I would like to organise a Slurpee Day to raise money for charity.

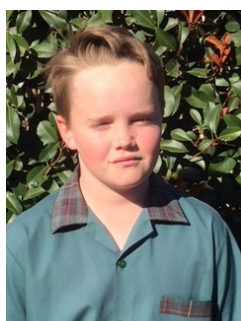
Mini Vinnies 2018



My name is Lilly-May and I am this term's President of Mini-Vinnies. I hope to organise a cupcake sale to raise money for the poor and needy both locally and overseas.



Hi, I am Jennifer and I am the Secretary for Mini-Vinnies for term 3. My job is to take notes and contribute ideas during meetings. By performing The Works Of Mercy, I would like to assist others to do things they once thought would be impossible.



I am Sean and I am a Committee Member for Mini-Vinnies this term. I look forward to helping people less fortunate than ourselves by giving them the assistance they need.



My name is Luke and I am the Treasurer for this term's Mini-Vinnies. I hope to raise funds to assist the poor into housing. I hope to organise a cupcake sale.



Hi, my name is Rhianna and my role as a Committee Member is to help with fundraising events and to be a team member.



Hello, my name is Mitchell and I am a Committee Member for term 3 Mini-Vinnies. I would like to raise money for charities who provide things for homeless people.



Hello, my name is Zac and I am a Committee Member for this term's Mini-Vinnies. My goal is to raise money for the poor.

Principal's Page

Dear Parents/Caregivers

I write to you today from the Leadership Forum in Roma. It struck me on the drive here, that the dry conditions are having a large impact on many people- both in our own community, and far beyond that. On Monday evening, we were taken on a tour of the Roma Saleyards, where over 6000 head were to be sold the next day. This evening we head to Mitchell, for a gathering on the banks of the Maranoa River. We were encouraged by the Principal of St John's to support the drought, by supporting local businesses while we were in town. This is a great message for us in our own town and community to support each other and the companies and businesses around us.

Science Week

This Thursday, the judging of the science week competitions will be held in the school hall from 2 pm. There is still time to encourage your child/ren to participate in this competition. The theme for Science Week is 'Game Changers and Change Makers'. This competition gives children the opportunity to showcase their innovative skills while linking to STEM in our curriculum. STEM skills are needed in our society, where we need informed workers, users and consumers who have the curiosity and imagination to be a part of our broader economy.

Connecting to our Children

As we head into the half way mark of Term 3, we often notice children becoming more tired in their day. Parents often see this at the end of the day- whether it be in the car on the way home or trying to get homework/jobs done! I read this quick link the other day about questions to ask your children at the end of the school day instead of "How was your day?" These questions may just help you find out a little bit more.

- What made you smile today?
- What did you do that was creative?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Did you like your lunch?
- What was the hardest rule to follow today?
- If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
- What made your teacher smile?
- If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be and why?
- What kind of person were you today?
- Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday?

Blessings,

Bridget Rillie

(Acting Principal)

APRE Report Week 5 Term 3

Today is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, the mother of Jesus. This is a celebration of when Mary was taken up to heaven, body and soul, after her death. As I sat in Mass this morning with our Year 5 and 6 classes, I reflected on the special relationship Jesus had with His mother. His first miracle was at the wedding in Cana, when she asked Him to help when they ran out of wine. Whilst dying on the cross, one of Jesus' final acts was to ask His dear friend to care for His mother. As I thought of these stories from Jesus' life, it is no surprise the special treatment Mary received upon her passing from this world.

Boys and Blokes Night

Please save the date for the Boys and Blokes night on next Thursday 23rd August at 6pm to 8am (my apologies for the confusion in dates in the last newsletter). Please contact Lyndell at the office if you will be attending. I would also love to have some photos of our Boys with their significant Blokes for our prayer celebration on the evening – these can be emailed to oakey@twb.catholic.edu.au

ICAS

Congratulations to our students who took part in the final ICAS testing for 2018 this week. It was fantastic to see so many of our students challenging themselves and having a go at these assessments.

Save the Date

St Monica's Day celebrations – Sunday 9th September – 8am.

Thank You to Mrs Jenny Shellshear for the past five weeks working in the Library and in Learning Support. We welcome Mrs Anderson back from her LSL next week.

God Bless

Lisa Cavanagh

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Boys and Blokes Evening – Thursday 23rd August 2018

I would love to come with _____

(Child's Name)

Adult's name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Please return by Wed 22nd August 2018

Teacher Talk

Prep

This week in Prep we continue to explore books by Julia Donaldson. We are currently reading ZOG which is a great book for rhyming and imagination. Students are currently exploring different rhyming words and patterns and will work towards writing their own poem towards the end of the week. In maths we are looking at matching numerals to their corresponding written word and quantity, as well as identifying missing numbers in sequences. Thank-you to those families who have already returned permission notes for our excursions. Our excursion to the Oakey Library is next Wednesday for Book Week. Notes need to be returned this week if you haven't already done so.

Mrs Rebecca Thomas

Year One

Happy Science Week! Differentiating between natural and built environments, moon cycles and changing seasons has been a focus during Science lessons. Don't forget your entry into the St Monica's Science Competition!

Reading has been a focus for this week with students practicing learnt skills in their reading groups. Students have written simple sentences with a focus on using interesting verbs. During Mathematics students have been practicing number patterns, partitioning numbers to 100 and identifying features of two-dimensional shapes.

Next week students are looking forward to Book Week activities including our excursion to the Oakey Library.

Mrs Chris Conneely

Year Two

This week in Year Two we have investigated the spelling of words with silent /h/. In Maths we are continuing to investigate fractions and are exploring halves, quarters and eighths. In Grammar we are learning about synonyms and choosing words that add meaning to our sentences. In English we are reading about George's Marvelous Medicine by Roald Dahl and exploring all the ingredients needed to make George's medicine. We have highlighted the verbs and created lists using commas as we explore the text features of a procedure.

Please continue to return excursion notes. We still have a number of notes outstanding for our visit to the Oakey Library and to the Empire Theatre to watch *Josephine Wants to Dance*. Notes and payment can be returned to the front office.

This term in Technology we will be designing and creating our own working lighthouse in response to The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch by Ronda Armitage. May I please ask you to send in any recycled lids, plastic containers and small to medium sized cardboard tubes and boxes. Students will also be writing a procedure on how to blow bubbles with bubble gum, a very tricky skill to master! Students will use the gum for the activity only and will then dispose of the gum safely. Please let me know if you have any concerns.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs Rowena Staude

Teacher Talk

Year Three

In Year Three this week we have been working really hard on identifying different parts of speech in sentences. We have also been working on how to use dictionaries as a tool to improve our English writing.

In Library lessons, the class have been using the computers to research different planets in order to complete their information reports in class.

This week we are continuing with our financial maths unit, specifically working out change when buying more than one item. In Religion, we are making a comic strip of the life of Moses.

Thank you to all the Year 3's for bringing in their library books and taking ownership of their own learning, keep it up!

Have a blessed week ahead,

Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff

Year Four

Welcome to week 5!

This week in Year 4 we're completing our Maths and English assessment pieces. This makes for a busy week, however we're also making our dad world using the recyclables that have been brought in by the students for Fathers Day. We're looking forward to Friday, where we will complete an experiment investigating the effects of water on different materials.

I hope you have a great week,

Mr Callum Duncan

Year Five

This Friday at 2.40pm, we will be holding our Term 3 Liturgy. It would be wonderful if you were able to join us on this special occasion.

This week in English, the students finished writing and publishing their newspaper articles. In Maths, we have been consolidating the concepts we have learnt so far this term, including multiplication by 2 digit numbers, budgeting, profit and loss and determining the best deal. We also investigated tessellating 2D shapes. In HaSS, we learnt about the characteristics of places, whilst in Science we completed our camouflage investigation.

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

Year Six

Hello from Year Six

Students from year 6 have been busily planning and building a variety of bridges for Science Week. I have seen examples of suspension bridges, truss bridges and draw bridges. Well done to all those children. We are also looking forward to the science activities at O.S.H.S.

The focus in Mathematics for the past week has been on ordering common fractions, decimal fractions and percentages on a number line. We have attempted to do this with fractions written to the hundredths place. We have also commenced work on solving number sentences using the correct order of operations.

In Science we continue the unit "Earthquake Explorers" investigating the cause and effects of earthquakes. We have researched the 1989 Newcastle earthquake as well as the Richter Scale and the Modified Mercalli Scale which are used to measure the magnitude of earthquakes and the type of damage they cause.

Regards,

Mr Michael West

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2018

Sun August 19th	Mass Oakey 8.00am
Mon August 20th	Book Week
Tue August 21st	Oakey Library
Thurs August 23rd	Boys & Blokes Night
Fri August 24th	Book Week Dress Up
Tue August 28th	Empire Theatre Excursion
Wed August 29th	Reconciliation 6pm
Thurs August 30th	Prep 2019 Information Evening
Fri August 31st	Father's Day Stall

September 2018

Thur 6th Fri 7th	Year 4 Camp
Tue Sept 11th	Prep Morning

Tuckshop Helpers

**Monday 20th August
2018**

**Linda Leerentveld
Leanne Matthewson
Carly Bach**

**Thank you ladies for
volunteering your time!**

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

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 3 Week 5

Prep:	Paige
Year 1:	Alex L
Year 2:	Ivyee-Grace
Year 3:	Jayda
Year 4:	Bonnie
Year 5:	Rory
Year 6:	Giliann

SUPERlearners Term 3 Week 4



Important Notices

St Monica's Science Competition

Judging for St Monica's Science Competition is Thursday 16th August at 2pm.

Entries are to be displayed in the hall prior to this date.

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

During Book Week we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the Parish Meeting Room on the following days.

Monday 20th – Friday 24th August

Times: 8.00 – 8.45am

3.05 - 3.30pm

A Dress Up Parade will be held on the Friday.

Students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character.



STUDENT PROTECTION CONTACTS

Every school has student protection contacts that 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

Rowena Staude

Susan Rodd

The school principal is also able to provide assistance for any students or members of the school community. For term 3, this is Mrs Bridget Rillie. You will notice posters around the school making everyone aware of who the contacts are.



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