



# SAINT MONICA'S

## CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - OAKLEY



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# ST MONICA'S

# SCIENCE WEEK





# Principal's Page

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the  $\frac{3}{4}$  mark of the term, it is quite noticeable that the effects of demanding work and learning throughout the year is starting to show amongst the students. This fatigue can show in many ways including children being overtired and more emotional than usual. Therefore, it is timely to remind your children about the importance of maintaining a good healthy routine, particularly in regard to plenty of rest and nutrition. As the children fatigue and become stressed it can lead to them being less able to handle situations that wouldn't have been a problem only a few weeks ago, in particular conflict within their friendship groups.

Conflict with peers is unavoidable and is all part of growing up. From the school's perspective, most disagreements tend to occur at the back end of each school term. Minor, niggling things that others may say or do suddenly become major reasons for arguments and strained friendships. At times like these, teachers and parents play an important role in guiding children through these rough patches. As I mentioned to the students at Monday's parade, if they do have any concerns or issues, please come and talk to the teachers (first point of call) or myself so we can deal with the matter accordingly. I also spoke with the students around the importance of showing ongoing respect and care for others in our school to avoid conflict and that being tired, sick and upset aren't excuses for poor behaviour choices.

In relation to the above, I also remind parents to make contact with your classroom teacher at your earliest convenience if you have any questions, queries or concerns. The teachers are more than happy to take the time to talk with you, however, please be mindful of the most appropriate time to talk with them. Quick morning and afternoon catch ups are fine for messages, like appointments or transport changes, but for more in-depth conversation, I recommend making an appointment through the office or via the teacher's email account.

The RADII surveys have now closed for another year and I would like to thank all our families who were able to complete this important survey. We had 33 families complete the survey which puts our completion percentage around 35%. My aim is to have a completion of 50% in 2020. As mentioned in previous newsletters, the feedback provided by parents, staff and students will be used as part of our Annual Action Planning process for 2020. The winner of the \$50 fuel voucher was Mrs Tricia Brownsey!

Regards

Mr Luke Barrett

Principal

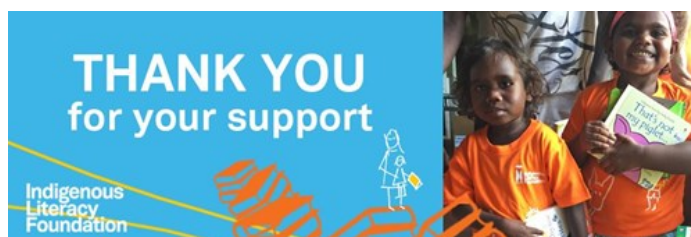
# APRE

## APRE Report Week 6 Term 3

Next week, I will be in Brisbane for the week attending the Enhancing Catholic Identity Program. This course is an exciting opportunity for me to learn more about how we can continue to improve the wonderful work being done here at St Monica's.

### Upcoming Events

The Great Book Swap takes place at St Monica's on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of September. If you have any books (in good condition) you would like to donate, they can be left at the school office.



ICAS Science – the first round of the ICAS testing will take place on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of September. Best of luck to all those students who have put their hands up to participate.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September – St Monica's Feast Day Celebrations. Mass is at 8am in St Monica's Church, followed by morning tea in the Parish Hall. This is the school family Mass for Term 3 – it would be wonderful to see a large number of our families there (let's see if we can beat last year's top number of 25 families at a school family Mass!). All welcome.

Altar Server Training – this is open to anyone who has completed the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Training will be on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of September – 3:30 to 4:30pm.

Next Tuesday, we celebrate the Feast of St Monica. St Monica had a difficult life; one filled with hardships and heartache. Throughout all her times of trial, St Monica never gave up her faith in God. She continued to pray and placed her trust in God. We can learn a great deal from the commitment, persistence and faithfulness of St Monica. On Tuesday morning, Year 2 will be leading the whole school in a short prayer celebration on morning parade. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Best of luck to Mr Barrett, who heads off to Papua New Guinea at the end of next week, to trek the Kokoda Track. We will continue to pray for him and his friends as they journey together and look forward to welcoming him back at the beginning of Term 4 refreshed and energised (and hopefully, not too footsore).

God bless

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE/Middle Leader

## Teacher Talk

### Year 3

This week we have finished our rough drafts of our information reports. The class has worked well to include facts about Indonesia's/New Zealand's climate, housing and food. The next step is to finish off the editing process prior to beginning our good copies.

Congratulations to those who participated in the Science Week competition, we had a great number of entries and some creative designs too!

Have a great week.

**Mr Callum Duncan.**

### Year 4/5

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who came along to our Liturgy last week. The students did such a wonderful job and I was very proud of their efforts. Many of the Year 4/5 students have enjoyed extra participation in organised sport over the last few weeks, including cricket, netball and touch football.

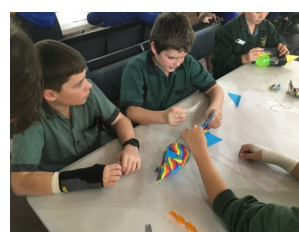
In English this week, the students are writing their individual newspaper articles for assessment, whilst in Maths, we have been investigating angles, symmetry, maps and grid references. In Religion, we explored the Jewish religion and in HaSS we have continued to investigate the contribution immigrants have made to Australia. In Science this term, we have been investigating micro organisms, yeast and the bread making process, and this week, as a class, we baked some bread. Everyone had the opportunity to do a taste test and we were pretty impressed at what great bakers we are! The Year 4s are getting very excited about their upcoming camp—thank you for sending your permission forms in so promptly. Book Week is an exciting time in our school and I know many students are really looking forward to dressing up as their favourite book character on Friday.

**Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann**

### Year 5/6

Last Thursday the Year 6 students were invited to attend the Oakey State High School STEM Transition Day to celebrate Science Week. This was a fantastic day where the students got to experience a day in the life of a high school student and they thoroughly enjoyed participating in a variety of science and technology based activities. These included making acrylic key rings in the ITD workshop and slime in the chemistry lab. After lunch they then worked in small groups to design, build and launch rockets.

**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

### August 2019

Fri 23rd Aug	Book Week Dress Up Day 8.40am
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
Fri 6th Sept	ICAS
Sun 8th Sept	Mass 8am St Monica's Feast Day
Thurs 12-13th Sept	Year 4 Camp—Overnight
Thurs 19th Sept	Last Day of Term 3

### October 2019

Tues 8th Oct	First Day of Term 4
Mon 21st Oct	Pupil Free Day
Thurs 31st Oct	Beersheba Day

### November 2019

Tues 5-8th Nov	Year 5/6 Camp
Fri 22nd Nov	Swimming Carnival

**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**

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**

## SuperLEARNers Week 4 & 5





## P & F Notes

### St Monica's Trivia Night

**Time is running out for the purchasing of tickets for our Trivia Night. Please make contact no later than Thursday morning. Caterers need to know final numbers for the evening.**

The night is sure to be heaps of laughs with our "Aussie" theme creating the opportunity for those who wish to get into the spirit and dress up as an Australian Icon to be in the running for some great prizes. As well as the Aussie trivia there will be opportunities to win a bottle of rum with the thong throwing as well as our usual multi draw raffles and live auctions.

Spread the word, get a team together, think of a catchy Aussie name for your team and help get behind this event as it will ultimately benefit our little school and your children.

Your P & F Committee would like to remind all families and caregivers of the existing loyalties programme which we have with our local store Bernborough Hardware. Every time you purchase goods from this store please remind them you are part of St Monica's School and loyalty points will be awarded to the school.

Bernborough Hardware have always supported the school when asked, so let's return the favour with the use of this loyalty programme. All loyalty points come back to the school.

Thursday 29th August will again see our Fathers Day stall in action. Again all gifts are priced at \$5.00. Remember Dad with a small gift

### 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)**

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Time: 11.00am

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## BOOK WEEK 2019

The theme for this year's CBCA Book Week is *'Reading is my Secret Power'*.

St. Monica's will celebrate with a Book Fair to be held in the Parish Meeting Room from Monday the 19th August through to Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Times: Mon – Thurs 8.00 - 8.45am & 3.00 - 3.30pm

Friday 8.00 am – 8.45am

On the morning of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will be holding our annual Dress Up Parade, where students get to dress up as their favourite book character.

We encourage everyone to get involved.

It's amazing what our families have created in the past just using some bits of old clothing, craft items, face paint and props.

The winner from each class will receive a book voucher from the Book Fair.

### The Great Book Swap

When – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Time - 12:00pm to 3:00pm

Where – Bishop John Bede Polding Hall (Sports Hall) – St Monica's School, Oakey

Did You Know?

Low literacy levels are a major issue affecting Indigenous Communities in Australia today with remote Indigenous Communities being the most disadvantaged.

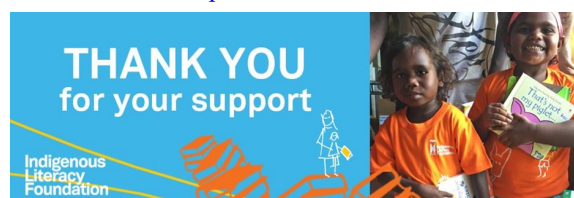
The inability to read and write is a significant barrier to education, employment, health and wellbeing.

According to the Closing the Gap Report (Feb 2019) there has been little to no improvement since 2008.

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation runs three programs (Book Buzz, Book Supply and Community Literacy Projects) that provide books to improve literacy skills and to publish books written by Indigenous authors.

If you have any used books at home (in good repair) you would like to donate to our Great Book Swap, please bring them into the office at St Monica's. Students will be able to purchase books (for a gold coin donation) at our Great Book Swap Event. All monies raised will go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to further their wonderful work in rural and remote Indigenous Communities in Australia.

Donations can also be made directly to our fundraising page via the following link - <https://go.greatbookswap.org.au/EventDetail/7011J000001Ru5h/St-Monica's-Catholic-Primary-School-Great-Book-Swap>



## News around the School

On Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 the Term 3 Aussie Kids Karate Championships were held at Mt Lofty, Toowoomba. Almost 60 kids from across the Darling Downs and The Lockyer Valley competed in a great day of competition. St Monica's had two students representing the Oakey Club. Trinity Beutel was awarded a gold medal and Henry Young was awarded a silver medal. Aussie Kids Renbukan Karate classes are held in Oakey at the Oakey State School Hall at 4:30 pm and the first class is free.

The adult class is held immediately after at 5:30 pm.



Bella meeting the Governor of Qld when he presented her with Reserve Champion at the Ekka. Bella was also lucky to receive a special Governor's coin.



### Student Protection Survey

During this week parents will receive a letter with information about an upcoming Student Protection Survey. The survey is intended to gather feedback on how well we are implementing our student protection processes. We would like all parents to participate in the online survey, which is confidential and voluntary. Students and staff will also be completing a survey.

The survey is being administered by an independent research organisation, who will collate results and provide us with recommendations for improvement. We will give you more information soon about how and when you can access the survey online.

Student safety is very important to us and we value the input of our school community. Please contact the office if you do not receive a letter by *Friday August 23rd*, or if you specifically do not wish your child to participate.



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**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, Kingsthorpe Dental, craft, Oakey Library, Oakey Dance Studio, cricket, softball, and sausage sizzle.

Special visits from Emergency Services!



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## Charlotte's Web

Based on the book by E.B. White  
Adapted by Joseph Robinette

The unlikely friendship between  
wide-eyed innocent pig Wilbur and the  
worldly, wise spider Charlotte...

Wednesday 18 Sept, 6pm  
Thursday 19 Sept, 10am

### Oakey Cultural Centre

Tickets Available from  
[empiretheatre.com.au](http://empiretheatre.com.au) | 1300 655 299



The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Townsville Regional Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

St Monica's Parents & Friends Association



# Trivia? NIGHT?



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



Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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**

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

# Be Well @ St Monica's

Welcome to our first edition of 'Be Well @ St Monica's'. This will be a regular feature in our newsletter and endeavours to provide information and tips for our families to enhance their physical and emotional health and wellbeing.

## Let's Get Physical



### The Parkrun Phenomenon

In 2004, in England, 13 runners got together to participate in a free timed 5km run and as a result Parkrun was born. Fast forward 15 years and Parkrun is now the biggest running event in the world. It takes place every Saturday morning at nearly 2000 different venues (including 10 prisons), in 21 countries around the world, with nearly 4 million participants in total. Parkrun aims to create a healthier and happier planet by reaching out to people who wouldn't normally take part in running events. It empowers communities to walk, jog, run and volunteer together, whilst breaking down barriers. People of all ages and all ability levels are most welcome!



We are fortunate to have a Parkrun event right here in Oakey. It takes place at Arthur Shooter Park, Stanley Street, each Saturday morning at 7am.

#### St Monica's does Parkrun!!

Calling all St Monica's students, parents, staff, grand-parents, siblings and pet dogs! Join us on **Saturday August 31** as St Monica's does Parkrun and we say 'Farewell Winter! Bring on Spring!!' Register today (it's free!) at [www.parkrun.com.au](http://www.parkrun.com.au). Whilst you are able to participate without registering, if you register and print off and bring along your barcode you will receive an email after the event notifying you of your results and the event statistics. Let's come together as a St Monica's community to enjoy some physical activity!

## Mind Matters

Research shows that practising mindfulness significantly benefits both mental and physical health and wellbeing. We encourage you to try some of these popular Mindfulness Apps with your children: Smiling Mind, Headspace (for kids), Calm, Three Good Things, Insight Timer.



**In challenging times, help is just a phone call away! Who can you call 24/7?**

Lifeline 131114, Kids Help Line 1800 551800, Beyond Blue 1300 224636