



Newsletter 22nd August 2018 Week 6 Term 3

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SCIENCE WEEK

Bridge Building Competition

It was wonderful to see so many fabulous entries in our Bridge Building Competition. We no doubt have some budding engineers and builders amongst us. Congratulations to all of the students who submitted an entry and thank you to the parents for supporting them to complete this project. We would like to thank Mrs Conneely for her organisation of the competition and our special guest judge, Mrs McIntyre, Senior Science Teacher from Oakey State High School.

We congratulate the following students on their win:

Prep – Jack, Year 1 – Ayden, Year 2 – Louchi, Year 3 – Abby, Year 4 – Liberty, Year 5 – Sophie, Year 6 – Mitchell.

Special mention goes to the following students who were awarded Highly Commended:

Prep/Year 1/2 - Dylan, Year 3/4 – Emma, Year 5/6 – Rhianna.



Principal's Page

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This week we celebrate Book Week, with a theme of 'Find Your Treasure'. As you are helping your child prepare a costume for this Friday, you might be interested to know that Book Week has been running for 73 years. It was initially established in 1945 by the Children's Book Council of Australia. A time when Australian children's books were very rare and Australian authors and illustrators were all unknown. Today, there are many well-known Australian authors and illustrators and so many ways we can encourage our children to access literature. Some ideas might include:

- Asking your children what books they have borrowed from the school library
- Taking your child to the local library
- Access online books through the local library
- Let them see **you** reading
- Have a range of different reading types in your home- books, newspapers, magazines
- The use of an e-reader
- Listening to books

Encouraging children to read as well as reading to them, is a stepping stone to success at school, and beyond.

Learning Support

This week, Cheryl Anderson returned from leave and has begun her position as the learning support teacher for the remainder of 2018, replacing Geraldine Hore. The Learning Support Teacher plays a key role in the learning of students, providing direct and indirect support to students, teachers and parents. Welcome back Cheryl.

Boys and Blokes Night

This Thursday at 6pm, the boys of St Monica's are invited to come along with their father or significant male in their life for the 'Boys and Blokes' evening. The night will begin with a barbecue and a time to come together. Following this, the boys will join with their 'bloke' to participate in a range of activities lead by our teaching staff. Much research tells us that the involvement of a father or a positive male role model, has profound effects on children. It contributes to a child's physical well-being, perceptual ability, the ability to get along with others and the ability to show self-control. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

2019 Prep Evening

On Thursday, August 30, a Parent Evening is being held for the 2019 Prep parents commencing at 6:30 pm. We are currently taking enrolments for 2019 across many year levels. Enrolment information can be collected from the school office or accessed online.

Blessings,

Mrs Bridget Rillie

Acting Principal

Teacher Talk

Prep

This week in Prep we are reading the text 'Josephine Wants to Dance' in preparation for our excursion next week to the Empire Theatre to see the stage play. The Prep's have been busy learning how to write a retell of this story and will later in the week discuss their favourite character in the story. We also continue to explore the 'World we live in' in our Geography unit by exploring globes and where we live on a map. Please also keep in mind next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30pm, is our Father's Day prayer gathering. We look forward to celebrating the important men in our lives. If you have any concerns about someone attending for your child can you please come see me as soon as possible.

Mrs Rebecca Thomas

Year One

Students in Year 1 and Prep had a great time on their excursion to the Oakey Library on Tuesday. They were entertained for an hour with storytelling and activities as part of the celebrations for Book Week. Don't forget to dress up as your favorite character on Friday!

Congratulations to Molly, Xianne, Dekoda, Jashan, Tylah, Matilda, Dylan and Ayden for your creative bridge entries in the St Monica's Science Competition. Well done to Ayden for achieving first place and Dylan for achieving a High Commended result.

Students are continuing to learn about two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes during Mathematics lessons. They have been looking at rhyming words in stories and poems.

Mrs Chris Conneely

Year Two

This week in Year Two we have investigated the spelling of words with silent /c/. In Maths we are investigating length and using centimetres and metres to measure items in the classroom. This term we have been developing problem solving strategies in maths and applying them to solve challenging two-step problems. In Grammar, we are learning to proofread passages and add punctuation and correct spelling. In English we are writing a procedure to describe how to blow a bubble.

On Tuesday we ventured out to the Oakey Library to participate in Book Week activities. We were met by Miss Linda who welcomed us to the library and shared her treasure with us. Students listened to 'Pig the Star' by Aaron Blabey and 'Rodney Loses It' by Michael Gerard Bauer.

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.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs Rowena Staude

Year Three

Welcome to week 6! As it is book week we have been discussing our favourite books and why we LOVE reading. We have been talking about why different books are special to us and what we love about our favourite books. Yesterday, we were fortunate enough to walk down to the Oakey Library with the Year 2's and listen to two stories read by the librarian Ms Linda. The children then got to draw some pictures just like an illustrator would. They had a fantastic time and were exceptionally well behaved. Well done Year 3!

In Science this week, we are learning all about shadows and in HASS we are talking about Australia's neighbouring countries and the different climates all over the world.

I look forward to seeing all the Year 3's dressed up as their favourite characters for Book Week on Friday. I hope to see some of our Year 3 boys accompanied by someone special for our Boys and Blokes evening tomorrow.

Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff

Teacher Talk

Year Four

Welcome to Week 6!

We've passed the half way mark of the term and I just wanted to say thank you to the Year 4 class for their positivity and application to learning that has been evident so far.

This week we're moving into our new topic for English where we are beginning to read Emily Rodda's Rowan of Rin, along with Maths where students are learning how to solve place value problems.

I hope you have a great week!

Mr Callum Duncan

Year Five

Thank you to the Parents and Grandparents who attended our Class Liturgy 'We Can Be Peacemakers'. In our Liturgy we prayed for peace – in our world, our communities, our schools, our families and ourselves. An important message for the students was that peace starts with each one of us, in the way we treat others, through both our words and actions. I ask that you please reinforce this message at home, as we continue to encourage the students to engage positively and harmoniously with one another.

In English this week, we have been filming some of our news reports and completed our class novel 'Gold of the Gods' by Bear Grylls. We have also commenced our new unit – Examining Characters in Animated Films and we have looked at different types of animation including slow motion and computer animation, cartoons and comic strips. In Maths, we have been working on Measurement, whilst in Science, we looked at the ways some animals survive in extreme environments. I look forward to seeing lots of 'Boys and Blokes' on Thursday night, as well as our Book Week dress up characters on Friday.

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

Year Six

Students from Year 6 walked to the Oakey State High School last Thursday to participate in Science Week activities which were conducted by the Maths and Science Department. The children built a rocket which was propelled by a mixture of bi-carbonate of soda and vinegar. Several of the rockets reached heights of 10 to 15 metres when launched.

The second activity was to create an elastic device which could be used by an egg to bungee jump from a height of 1.5 metres. The St Monica's team of Broc, Zac, Dom and Mitchell won the competition when their egg bungee jumped to within 5mm of the floor. A great effort boys.

Each team from St Monica's produced very good prototypes and they represented their school creditably.

Finally, it was pleasing to see so many children enter the bridge building competition here at school and most notably that every girl in Year 6 produced an entry. Congratulations girls.

Regards,

Mr Michael West

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2018

Wed August 22nd	Book Fair Begins
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
Fri Sept 21st	Last Day of Term 3

Tuckshop Helpers

Monday 27th August 2018

Linda Leerentveld

Tanya Biltoft

Nicole Langton

**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

Next P&F Meeting

Monday

August 27th

7pm

Parish Meeting Room

SUPERLearners

Term 3 Week 6

Prep:	Eunella
Year 1:	Jennifer
Year 2:	Jhulia
Year 3:	Abby
Year 4:	Isabella
Year 5:	Cooper-James
Year 6:	Mitchell

SUPERlearners Term 3 Week 5



Important Notices

P&F Meeting Monday August 27th, 7pm in Parish Meeting Room.



BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Our Scholastic Book Fair is now being held in the Parish Meeting Room on the following days.

Wednesday 22nd – Wednesday 29th August

Times: 8.00 – 8.45am

3.05 - 3.30pm

Our Dress Up Parade will be held on Friday, 24th August.

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

Winners of our Book Week Competitions:

Junior Judge Prize : Prep Jack Challenor

: Gr 1 - Ruby Halter

: Gr 2 – Sarah Edwards

Colouring Prize: :Gr 3 Lily-Ann Dukes

: Gr 4 Emma Prendergast

Our Grades 5 & 6 Readers Challenge Quiz winners will be picked Thursday.

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.

On Sunday the 19th of August 2018 the Aussie Kids Karate Tournament was held at the Mt Lofty State School campus in Toowoomba. Many clubs were represented and Oakey had four representatives, all St Monica's students, competing. All gave their very best and we returned home with three gold and one bronze medal. Results were as follows: Luke Young – gold, Mitchell Lancaster –gold, Trinity Beutel – gold, Henry Young – bronze. Aussie Kids Karate classes are held at Oakey State School Hall (primary) on Thursday afternoons at 4:30 pm - everyone welcome and the first class is free.



Year 2 Learning to Blow Bubbles



Year 6 at National Science week Oakey State High School





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