



Newsletter 29th August 2018 Week 7 Term 3

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This term in Art, Year 4 have been creating our Father's Day gifts. Without giving too much away, we've learnt about the effects of single use products on our environment and have tried to repurpose materials when making our gifts. I'm sure that the receivers of these gifts will truly appreciate the time, effort and creativity that has gone into them.



Next week the Year 4 class will be attending an overnight retreat at Koojarewon Camp located at Highfields before visiting the Highfields Pioneer Village on the way back to school. We're looking forward to sharing our experiences with everyone once we return.



Below is a snapshot of the Year 4 class dressed up as their favourite book characters as part of the book week celebrations.



Principal's Page

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Reconciliation

Tonight, is a very important evening for many of our young children, as they complete their Reconciliation preparation and receive this important Sacrament. I would like to congratulate each one of these children and thank their families and the parishioners who have prepared them.

Boys and Blokes Evening

Last Thursday, we gathered for a night of great food and fun! Thank you to the amazing dads, grandads and uncles who took the time to share this night with us.



Mary of the Southern Cross Feast

This Friday, Mrs Cavanagh will attend mass at St Stephen's Cathedral with four representatives from year 6. This is the Diocesan feast day and an important day to celebrate with other staff and students in the Toowoomba Diocese.

Father's Day

I take this opportunity to wish all the dad's in our school community, a very happy Father's Day. I hope you find some time in your day, to spend time with those you love.

Blessings,

Mrs Bridget Rillie (Acting Principal)

APRE

APRE Report – Week 7 Term 3

Monday of this week was the celebration of St Monica's Feast Day. St Monica is remembered for her patience and loving perseverance in praying for her son. Our school and parish families will celebrate the life of St Monica at our special St Monica's Day Celebrations on Sunday the 9th of September at 8am, followed by a sausage sizzle and activities in the Parish Hall. More information on this day will be included in next week's newsletter.



Tonight, we have a group of young people from our school and parish receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6pm. Please remember these young people in your prayers as they take this next step in their faith journey.



This Friday, representatives from the Toowoomba Catholic Schools will celebrate Mass together at St Patrick's Cathedral for St Mary of the Southern Cross, the Patron Saint of the Toowoomba Diocese. I will be attending this Mass with our school captains, Mitchell and Claire, and two of our senior altar servers, Giliann and Franchezka.

Next Week is Literacy and Numeracy Week so we will be having quite a few challenges for the students to participate in. One of these challenges is to match the staff member to their favourite book. This competition will be on display in the library. I will also be running some maths challenges for students to participate in.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all of the students who have been reading their books as part of the Premier's Reading Challenge. All forms were returned at the end of last week and we have sent our information away. Below is the percentage of students in each class completing the challenge. Next year we will be aiming to improve the number of students completing the challenge. Well done to Year 6 – fantastic participation!

Prep – 10%

Year 1 – 20%

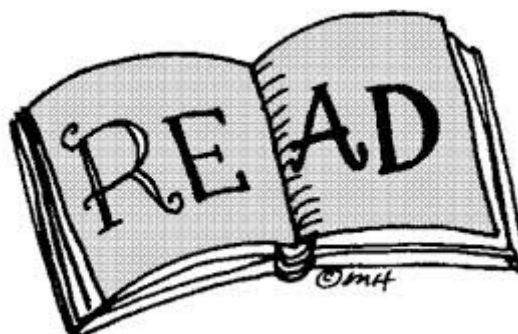
Year 2 – 46%

Year 3 – 31%

Year 4 – 24%

Year 5 – 33%

Year 6 – 65%



God Bless

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE

Teacher Talk

Prep

Yesterday we had a wonderful day going to Toowoomba to watch “Josephine Wants to Dance” on stage at the Empire Theatre. The students were so well behaved and appeared to thoroughly enjoy the performance, nearly as much as the bus trip! Our writing for this week has focused on the excursion and I look forward to reading tomorrow about whether the children liked the book or the performance the best. Today we also had a wonderful celebration for Father’s Day. Thank-you to all the Dads who attended our class liturgy. Please remember if you wish for your child to purchase a Father’s Day present from the stall on Friday, then your child needs to bring \$5 to school (this can be done before Friday).

Mrs Rebecca Thomas

Year One

Wow! What a fantastic time Year One had on Tuesday when we went to the Empire Theatre for the performance ‘Josephine Wants to Dance.’ A special thank you to everyone for their exceptional behavior. On the last day of Term 3, students in Year 1 and Prep will be attending the ‘Flower, Food and Wine Festival’ in Toowoomba. Students will partake in a variety of activities as part of our culminating activity for the Term. More information will follow in the upcoming weeks.

Year 1 offer a warm welcome to Mrs. Johnson who has started the first of a three-week practical experience in our classroom. During Mathematics students have been working on rainbow facts, two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes. Sequencing and sequencing words has been a focus during reading and writing activities. HaSS lessons have seen the students exploring language of direction and maps.

Mrs Chris Conneely

Year Two

This week in Year Two we are investigating the spelling of words with the <are> trigraph. In Maths we are collecting, checking and classifying data. Students have created displays of data using lists, tables and created picture graphs. We are continuing to develop problem solving strategies in maths and are applying strategies to solve challenging two-step problems. In Grammar we are exploring prefixes and investigating how adding a prefix can change the meaning of the word. In English we are writing procedures and will explore how to make fairy bread next.

On Tuesday we travelled to the Empire Theatre to watch the Monkey Baa Theatre Company present ‘Josephine Wants to Dance’. We discussed theatre etiquette, how to interact as an audience and how to give the actors feedback appropriately.

The costumes and set were cleverly designed and it was fascinating to see the actors take on multiple roles and portray each character convincingly. Well done to all students for representing St Monica’s so well by wearing their formal school uniform and behaving appropriately. We look forward to exploring the book further in class.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs Rowena Staude

Year Three

Welcome to Week 7. This week we been learning all about using Microsoft Word to publish work. We have learned about different fonts, headings, how to change font size and how to add a picture to your text.

This week in Science, we created our very own sundials and used them to track the time. After recording our information, we had a class discussion on why people used sundials and also highlighted some problems with only using a sundial to tell them time.

Thank you to all the Year 3’s who have been working extremely hard on implementing their spelling rules in their daily writing.

Reminder to bring library bags on Wednesday, if the children don’t have their library bags they are not allowed to borrow.

Have a great week! God bless,

Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff

Teacher Talk

Year Four

This week in English we have started to deconstruct Rowan of Rin in order to develop character profiles for the book. Students have also been completing journal entries in which they have the opportunity to give their thoughts of the book and justify why they may feel that way. In Religion we are creating individual Liturgies for the upcoming Year 4 Retreat where we will choose one Liturgy to present as an evening reflection.

Mr Callum Duncan

Year Five

In English, the students have been very enthusiastic about our class novel *Stormbreaker*. They have been enjoying the story, identifying the keep points and writing chapter summaries. In Maths, we are consolidating our understanding of fractions and in Religion we have looked at the features and rituals of the Jewish Faith. In Science, the students researched Polar Bears in order to identify the features that enable them to survive in their extreme environment. In HaSS, we looked at the location of Europe and North America, in relation to Australia, as well as the location of some of the countries in Europe. The Year 5 students have been busy preparing their Fathers' Day gift and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our wonderful dads the very best for an enjoyable and relaxing day on Sunday. I hope you get spoilt!

We are very proud of Rory and Thalia, who represented Inner Downs at the Darling Downs Athletics Carnival on Tuesday. Well done!

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

Year Six

Hello from Year 6,

Well done to all the Year 6 students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. A large percentage of the class finished the fifteen books which needed to be read to receive the award. It was also obvious that a lot of thought and effort went into Bookweek costumes last Friday.

We have begun our HASS assignments in earnest during the past week. The children will be researching an Australian product that they will attempt to persuade other countries around the world to buy.

Any girls or boys who wish to play in the 11 a side rugby league competition at the Oakey Bear's Gala Day are asked to return their permission slips in readiness for coaching sessions during school lunch times.

Finally, happy Father's Day to all the dads this Sunday. The year 6 children really appreciate everything you do for them.

Regards,

Mr Michael West

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2018

Wed August 29th	Reconciliation 6pm
Thurs August 30th	Prep 2019 Information Evening
Fri August 31st	Father's Day Stall

September 2018

Sat 1st Sept	Mass 6.00pm
Sun 2nd Sept	Father's Day
Thur 6th Fri 7th	Year 4 Camp
Tue Sept 11th	Prep Morning
Fri Sept 21st	Last Day of Term 3

Tuckshop Helpers

**Monday 3rd September
2018**

**Linda Leerentveld
Suella McCormack
Alison MacIntosh**

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

Weekend Masses

St Monica's Parish

**1st, 4th & 5th Sunday – Satur-
day Vigil 6.00pm**

2nd Sunday – 8.00am

**3rd Sunday – 8.00am Cele-
bration of the Word & Com-
munion**

Our Lady of the Annuncia- tion, Peranga

2nd Sunday – 10.00am

**4th Sunday – 10.00am Cele-
bration of the Word & Com-
munion**

Oakey: Saturday 6pm

Peranga: Sunday 10am

Next P&F Meeting

**Monday
17th September
7pm**

Parish Meeting Room

SUPERLearners

Term 3 Week 7

Prep:	Heath
Year 1:	Conor
Year 2:	Jaylen
Year 3:	Liam
Year 4:	Marlee
Year 5:	Norma
Year 6:	Lilly-May

SUPERlearners Term 3 Week 6



Important Notices

The junior cricket season will start in early October. All current players can register online. A sign on/information day will be held at the Lorrimer Street Cricket Ground this Saturday, September 1 between 1pm and 3pm. All prospective players are welcome to attend and meet with representatives from the club to find out more. Any further inquiries can be made to the club President on 04121733286.

Oakey women shed inc.

Next catch up Tuesday 28th August

9.30am to 1pm at the community hall at the Oakey council chambers.

Oakey women shed inc. Is for all women in the Oakey and surrounding areas to provide a space that is safe, friendly and healing.

Children welcome. Transport available. Refreshments offered.

Contract Maddie on 4691 2160

Child Protection Week – 2nd to 8th September 2018

Recognise

Next week we are starting to implement the *Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum*. The first key safety message of the curriculum is **recognise**. Recognise is about being aware of your environment.



Children, young people and adults can all learn to take notice of what is happening around them to help keep themselves safe. Everyone can use clues, such as the things we see, hear, smell or feel to help protect us from harm and keep ourselves safe. Clues can be simple things that warn us about a danger, e.g. hearing a fire alarm or seeing smoke, that prompt us to **react**. We can also use clues to prepare for potentially unsafe situations, e.g. if we are walking alone at night, then we try to use a well-lit route and avoid secluded lanes or parks.

When we **recognise** that there might be a safety problem we can take steps to move away or reduce the risk or develop strategies that can help keep us safe. For instance, if you are in a busy environment such as the Ekka or a local event where there are big crowds, you might consider what you and your child could do if you became separated. Strategies could include: going to a highly visible pre-determined meeting spot; writing your phone number on a card and placing it in your child's pocket; identifying who your child could approach if they become lost, e.g. police, staff at a booth.

It is important that the key safety messages of the *Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum*: **Recognise, React** and **Report** are reinforced, both at school and home. I encourage you, wherever possible, to talk with your child about safety to help them stay safe now and in the future.

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.

P & F Notes

Father's Day Stall: - This will be held on Friday the 31st August 2018. Please remember Dad with a small gift.
All gifts are valued at \$5.00

Tuckshop is running smoothly with the introduction of the Flexi School system. The one problem we do have is not enough helpers, If you can spare a few hours on a Monday 9.00 - 2.00 please give your name into the office. Your help is needed to keep this operation viable.

Special Lunch: Pizza and Drink. This will be held Friday September 14th.

St Monica's Spring Race Day: I hope you have November 3rd marked on your calendar; this is shaping up to be an event not to be missed.

If any Parent/Caregiver would like to bring anything up at the P & F's next meeting please do not hesitate in contacting anyone on the Committee.

President: - Mr Peter Anderson
Vice President: - Mrs Margot Black.

Secretary: - Mrs Rachel Waddell.

Treasurer: - Mrs Thelma Bain.

Committee Members: - Mr. Michael Matthewson, Mr Scott Johnston, Mr. Matt Edwards and Mrs Katie Owens. We are all there to help in any way we can.

Our next P & F meeting is on Monday the 17th September, 7.00pm in the parish hall.

Term 4 Fund Raising events.
St Monica's Spring Race Day.
Christmas Concert and BBQ

Father's Day Stall

Date: Thursday 30th August 2018

Where: St Monica's School

Time: 11am

All gifts are \$5

come along and remember dad
with a small gift





Bridge St Oakey

Ph: 46912311

St Monica's Uniforms Price List

<u>Formal Uniform</u>	<u>Price</u>
Girls formal dress	\$54.99
Boys formal shirts	\$27.50
Boy's Cotton Drill Shorts- Navy	\$20.00
Long Navy Trousers	\$26.00
School Hats – Available Soon	\$33.00
<u>Sports Uniform</u>	
Polo	\$30.50
Girls Skorts	\$23.50
Boy's Cotton Drill Shorts- Navy	\$20.00
<u>Winter Uniform</u>	
Winter Fleecy Pull Over	\$32.00
Winter Micro Fibre Zip jacket	\$50.00
Winter Micro Fibre Long pants	\$35.00
Winter Fleecy Long pants	\$26.50

STARTS 12TH SEPT 2018

- Oakey Gym & Fitness-

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WEEK BODY TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGE

Transform your body, yourself & your life!

WHAT WE ARE OFFERING:

- Shopping list
- Food plan
- Fitness/training plan
- Info evening with qualified nutritionist
- Unlimited access to daily group fitness classes
- Before and after weight measurements & body fat % for progress
- Before & after photos to track progress
- Weekly weigh ins with qualified staff
- Class demonstrating how to use free weights & plate loaded machines
- Online support and motivation group
- Weekly demonstration weight training video (must be in fb support group to view)
- Free challenge t-shirt
- Prizes

WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU:

- Commitment
- Dedication
- Follow the food guide
- Commit at least 3 days a week to exercise
- HAVE FUN!

MEMBERS- \$70

NON-MEMBERS-\$80

Oakey Gym & Fitness Centre, 193 Bridge St, Oakey

Ph: 0407 620 010

Facebook.com/oakeygymandfitness

www.oakeygy.com.au

This is a large, vibrant collage of 30 photographs documenting a school Book Week event. The photos are arranged in a grid-like fashion, with some larger images and others smaller, creating a dynamic visual flow. The central theme is children's participation in the event, showcasing a wide variety of creative costumes. Notable costumes include characters from Star Wars (Yoda, Chewbacca), Disney (Cinderella, Belle, Snow White), superheroes (Batman, Iron Man, Spider-Man), and original creations like a girl in a giant crayon suit and a boy in a green face mask with antlers. Many children are holding up books or signs, such as 'I QUIT', 'There was an old lady who swallowed a MOO!', and 'Read to Your Age and Ability'. The background of the collage is a repeating pattern of the word 'READ' in a stylized font, each word placed on a small icon of an open book. The overall atmosphere is festive and celebratory, highlighting the school's commitment to literacy and creative expression.