



Newsletter 5th September 2018 Week 8 Term 3

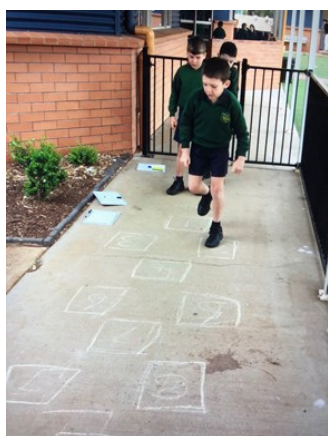
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Multiplication Fun in Year Three



Spring has sprung and the Year Threes are enjoying the start of the season by participating in some outdoor multiplication hopscotch and addition and subtraction fun.

In Year Three we are working extremely hard to become proficient in our 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.

When we play multiplication hopscotch, each student is given a number (2, 3, 5 or 10) and they start at 1 times that number and then work their way up to 12 times the number they have. We have also been learning our multiplication tables songs, playing multiplication catch and playing multiplication around the world. The students have been extremely engaged and are working very hard to recall their multiplication tables with speed and accuracy! Keep up the great work, Year Three!



Principal's Page

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

In the media last week, you may have noticed information around NAPLAN and school rankings. NAPLAN is important to our school community, as it provides us, as educators, the opportunity to analyse student progress through an external examination. It also provides us with an opportunity to compare our results to similar schools across the nation. St Monica's was listed in the Toowoomba Chronicle last week as being in the 'Top Schools' for year 5 across our region. This is something to celebrate for us all.

St Monica's Day

This Sunday we will celebrate Mass with our Parish to celebrate the name sake of both the church and school. This is an important occasion to bring together our two communities. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Year 4 Camp

We wish our campers a fantastic night away at Koojarewon Youth Camp at Highfields. This is the first overnight camp for these children. Camp is a time to build on friendships new and old, develop social skills, build resilience and to step outside one's comfort zone. The children will participate in a range of indoor and outdoor activities and experience 'camp food' for the first time! We look forward to the sharing of their stories and adventures in our next newsletter.

Reading, Reading, Reading!

This term St Monica's has been working through a coaching cycle with support staff from Toowoomba Catholic Schools. Over the past few weeks, teaching staff have been involved in coaching, planning and observations from professionals, to ensure that we are constantly delivering a high impact reading program for EVERY student at our school. I congratulate the staff on their continued professionalism in looking for ways to teach effectively, using the latest research.

Ball Games

The children from across the school have begun ball game practise this week, in the lead up to the 'St Monica's Ball Game Afternoon' on Thursday September 20. If you ask your child/ren what games they are playing, it may bring back some great memories of your own schooling!!!

Have a wonderful week ahead everyone.

Blessings,

Bridget Rillie

APRE

APRE Report Week 8 Term 3

This week has been extremely busy with two special weeks in the spotlight.

During Child Protection Week, the important message from the Daniel Morcombe Curriculum is being highlighted in ALL of the classrooms. Our students are participating in lessons that focus on the message of "Recognise, React, Report". Please take the time this week to discuss with your children what they are learning in their Health lessons.

Literacy and Numeracy Week has been a week where we can celebrate all the wonderful things we are doing in Literacy and Numeracy here at St Monica's. We have had a few competitions running and I encourage all the students to challenge themselves to complete these activities.

This Sunday, our school and parish community are celebrating the life of St Monica. The day begins with Mass at 8am, followed by celebrations in the Parish Hall. The school choir will be singing, we will present our St Monica's Day Awards and then share a meal together. Invitations have been sent home (along with a colouring in competition to be drawn on the day) and RSVPs would be appreciated for catering purposes. Thank you in advance for letting us know by Friday of this week if your family is planning on attending our celebrations.

Great St. Monica,
Please take the children of our
school under your protection.
Help us to be true to our beliefs
and to follow your model of
prayer and persistence. Like you,
may we be patient and kind to
others, and strong enough to al-
ways follow God's ways.

Amen.



God Bless

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE

Teacher Talk

Prep

Welcome to the last three weeks of Term 3. This term has gone by fast and school holidays are fast approaching. Thank-you to all the Dad's, Step-dads, Poppy's and Mum's who attended our Father's Day Prayer Gathering last week. It was lovely to have so many special people in our classroom and it was a great afternoon of celebration. If you happened to miss the Prayer Gathering, we will be performing the song we sung for our Dad's on Thursday at assembly. This week we have been busy also learning about how to sequence familiar stories into a retell. We have been doing a retell with the fairy tale "Little Red Riding" and the students have enjoyed completing many sequencing activities.

Mrs Rebecca Thomas

Year One

Next week Year 1 will present their liturgy 'Friends'. During writing activities students have been identifying parts of speech. They are constructing simple sentences that show who is involved and what is happening using pronouns, adjectives, nouns, verbs and adverbs. Students are looking at Procedure texts and identifying sequencing words. Mathematics have seen students working on rainbow facts and make a ten strategy when working on simple addition and subtraction problems. During HaSS students are exploring features of maps.

Mrs Chris Conneely

Year Two

This week in Year Two we are investigating the spelling of words with the <ear> trigraph. In Maths we are investigating faces, edges and corners of three dimensional shapes and in Grammar we are exploring apostrophes to show possession. We are exploring information reports and identifying the structure in English and are keen to construct our lighthouses having prepared our designs for Design & Technology.

This weekend we are celebrating the Feast Day of St Monica with a combined parish and school Mass followed by a scavenger hunt and shared breakfast. I look forward to seeing you this Sunday.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs Rowena Staude

Year Three

Welcome to Week 8. This week we been learning about different text types and why each text type is important. We have been reading two recounts about the same event but from two different perspectives. The students have been encouraged to use their QAR strategies to help identify the authors intention and purpose of the text. In Mathematics, we are starting to look at maps and continuing with our multiplication, addition and subtraction strategies. As it is Child Safety Week, we have been having class discussions about safe and unsafe situations and identifying situations where we need to "Recognise, React and Report."

Reminder to bring library bags on Wednesday, if the children don't have their library bags they are not allowed to borrow. Thank you so much to all of the Year Three students and parents for all the beautiful gifts, flowers, cards and well wishes for my birthday last week Friday, I had a wonderful day and feel so blessed to be a part of such an incredible school community! I look forward to seeing many of the students and their family members at St Monica's Day celebrations on Sunday.

Have an excellent week! God bless,

Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff

Teacher Talk

Year Four

Welcome to week 8!

This week Year 4 are heading to camp on Thursday and Friday. We're all very excited and have been discussing the importance of being accountable for what we bring with us. A second 'what to pack' list was sent home on Tuesday in case any were misplaced.

In class we have been continuing to read Rowan of Rin, with students beginning to develop their character profiles. This will help to support our persuasive task that will be completed by the end of term.

Our HASS unit has led to us reporting on an environmental issue that is evident in the world today. Students are required to state the issue, and then provide real-life practises that can either reduce the impact of the issue.

A reminder that homework folders need to be brought to school each day, this ensures that students are bringing their completed homework into class. This also means that important notes and messages can be delivered home.

Have a great week and we'll be back soon with our experiences from camp.

Mr Callum Duncan

Year Five

As this is Student Protection Week, the Year 5 students have been engaging in lessons about safety. We discussed laws that are put in place to keep us safe and the situations that could arise if these laws are not adhered to. We also looked at scenarios that students could find themselves in and the possible choices they could make to overcome these tricky situations. I encourage you to talk about these activities with your children.

In Maths, we have been identifying and continue patterns with whole numbers, fractions and decimals and then applying these skills to solve more complex and challenging questions. In English, the students have been writing complex sentences and identifying main and subordinate clauses and conjunctions. They really enjoyed the class novel Stormbreaker, which we finished this week. In Religion, students have completed a written task about the Jewish faith.

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

Year Six

Hello from Year 6.

Our RE unit over the past week has focused on great Australian Catholics and what characteristics made these people great. We have researched men and women who have excelled in areas such as Law, The Arts, Sport, Social Justice, and Politics yet still managed to practise their faith during their daily lives. Each student has chosen a great Australian Catholic who they would like to model their lives on.

In Mathematics we have covered all of this term's content and are revising all areas to consolidate learning.

Sadly, we must farewell Lilly-May Abell on Friday as she and her family move to a new chapter of their lives. We will miss Lilly's smiling face and helpful ways and we hope and pray that she will be happy at her new school and in her new community. Best wishes Lilly-May.

Regards

Mr Michael West.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2018

Thur 6th Fri 7th	Year 4 Camp
Sun Sept 9th	St Monica Mass 8.00am
Tue Sept 11th	Prep Morning
Fri Sept 14th	Special Lunch
Thur Sept 20th	Ballgames Carnival 2pm
Fri Sept 21st	Last Day of Term 3

October 2018

Mon Oct 8th	School Resumes
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Tuckshop Helpers

**Monday 10th September
2018**

**Linda Leerentveld
Patricia Hausler
Sheree Brown**

**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 8

**Prep: Mackenzie
Year 1: Teliah
Year 2:
Year 3: Lily
Year 4: Sonny
Year 5: Cy
Year 6:**

SUPERlearners Term 3 Week 7



Important Notices

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.

The Father's day stall was a great success. Thank you to Mr Porter from OMG for providing a variety of gifts for our students to choose from. A special thanks to Linda and Katie for running the stall.
Approximately \$360.00 was raised.

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.



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

- Oakey Gym & Fitness-

8 WEEK BODY TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGE

Transform your body, yourself & your life!

STARTS 12TH SEPT 2018

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

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LOST

New Size 16 St Monica's Jumper, missing from a Year 5 student.
The jumper is named, if found please return to the school office. Thank You!