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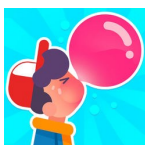
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In Year 2 writing we are exploring how to write a procedure. We thought about the steps needed to teach someone how to blow up and tie a balloon and had lots of fun blowing up and letting go of our balloons. Blowing a bubble with bubble gum is even harder and only a few students were able to blow bubbles. A new skill we are keen to practice!



# Principal's Page

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

## Child Protection Week

Last week was 'Child Protection Week' and the students were involved in a range of lessons in their classrooms supported by the Daniel Morcombe Curriculum. The children also watched a video called 'It's Ok to Speak Up' that was produced by Toowoomba Catholic Schools to spread a message that is very clear about talking to someone if you feel you need to. The video addressed issues of safety, friendships, conflict, bullying, pressure from others - I encourage you to talk to your child about these topics and reinforce the message that 'It's Ok to Speak Up!'.

## 2019

On Tuesday, we welcomed the Prep students of 2019 for a transition morning. It was a great morning of activities and opportunities for new friendships to begin- for both children and adults. If you know of families, seeking enrolment for 2019 in any year level, enrolment forms can be obtained from the school office or alternatively online through the school website. If you know your child will not be continuing at St Monica's in 2019, please advise the school office. This helps greatly as we begin to look at staffing for the year ahead. Over the coming weeks, Toowoomba Catholic Schools will begin their recruitment process for the Principal position.

## NAPLAN Results

This week, children in year 3 and 5 will bring home their individual NAPLAN reports. From a school learning perspective, much time is spent analysing the data provided through this testing, to inform areas of improvement as a whole school. One major focus is on growth of students over time. This year, the year 5 cohort showed significant growth (comparing to their year 3 data) in all areas- reading, writing, spelling, grammar & punctuation and numeracy.

## Graduation

This Friday, Mr Callum Duncan will be absent from school for his University Graduation. On behalf of the school community, I congratulate Callum on his achievement and thank him for the positive contribution he has already made to the learning of the students at St Monica's.

## Persistence

As we come into the final week of the term, tiredness can often creep into our children's routine. Parenting expert, Michael Grose, recommends promote the concept of 'persistence' with our children. Parents and teachers can develop persistence in children and impede its development by making life too easy for children so that they don't have opportunities to persist or hang in there. Some tips for helping your child to be persistent include:

**Develop a vocabulary for persistence-** words like "hang tough", "work hard" and "hang in there" can become part of their everyday vocabulary.

**Point out to children when they stick at a task-** most parents know it pays off when they catch their children being good but it also pays off to catch them being persistent.

**Help children to remember** times when they experienced success by HANGING IN when they were younger. Let them know that persistence has paid off before and it will again.

**Talk about HARD WORK with your children**

Enjoy the week ahead.

Blessings,

Mrs Bridget Rillie

Acting Principal



## **Religion News**

Congratulations to the students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation recently.



## **St Monica's Day Celebrations**

This Sunday the school and parish families came together to celebrate St Monica. It was so exciting to see so many of our school families in attendance at the Mass and afterwards at our celebrations in the Parish Hall. Thank you to the members of the choir who sang so beautifully for everyone and to Mr West and Mr Bruggemann for cooking our BBQ brunch.



Each Year at our St Monica's Day Celebrations, we present the St Monica's Award to one student from each class. These students display the following virtues of St Monica;

- Has great patience with things that take time
- Joins in prayers regularly
- Shows great concern for others
- Shows interest/knowledge/respect for the Saints
- Shows respect/care and devotion to family
- Shares gifts/time/talents with others

Mrs Staude created a very popular Scavenger Hunt about St Monica using QR codes and mobile technology. This was enjoyed by students and parents alike.

**The classroom teachers wrote a paragraph about the student to explain why they were deserving of this award. Award Recipients who were not able to attend on Sunday will be presented with their award on Thursday at assembly.**

**Prep - Gabriel**

Gabriel is a well-mannered young man who takes the time to appreciate the efforts of others. He demonstrates compassion and respect towards everyone he meets and has a very caring nature. Gabriel always makes times for others and will go out of his way to make others feel included. He is always actively engaged in classroom and school prayers and has a deep understanding of the values

**Year 1 - Xianne**

Xianne demonstrates the values and qualities expected of a St Monica's student. She is a dedicated student who demonstrates excellence in application to all areas of school life. She listens attentively and is eager to learn, applying herself to all areas of the curriculum. In social interactions with her peers she models respect, patience and understanding. Her manners are exemplary, being ever aware of the needs and feelings of others. Xianne demonstrates respect and reverence during School Masses, Class Liturgies and during prayer time.

**Year 2 - Elanna**

Elanna is a kind and caring classmate. She demonstrates compassion for others. She models "The St Monica's Way" by sharing and including all members of our school. Elanna displays reverence when participating in liturgies and masses and takes an active role. She takes on a leadership by quietly encouraging her classmates and being a positive role model.

**Year 3 - Abby**

Abby shows genuine kindness, care and concern for all those around her. She consistently demonstrates the values and qualities expected of a St Monica's student, always showing respect to Staff and fellow students. Abby follows the way of St Mary Mackillop by never seeing a need without doing something about it. Abby is able to make connections with Sacred Texts and makes meaningful contributions to class discussions, reflections and prayer time. Abby participates in Class Masses by being an Alter Server and engages reverently and respectfully in all School Masses and Class Liturgies.

**Year 4 - Cheyanne**

Cheyanne is an excellent example of a St Monica's student.

Cheyanne actively involves herself and contributes positively in all classroom learning. She has a great level of respect during prayer times and is a positive role model for her peers. Cheyanne is always offering her time to assist others in the class and the playground. In addition to this, her positive interactions with the staff at St Monica's deserves to be shared within our community. Well Done Cheyanne.

**Year 5 - Tanner**

Tanner consistently demonstrates the values and qualities expected of a St Monica's student - always showing respect to Staff and fellow students, along with a genuine care and concern for others. Tanner engages reverently and respectfully in all School Masses, Class Liturgies and prayer time. In the classroom, Tanner always works with a positive attitude and displays diligence and perseverance. He is happy to assist others whenever the need arises.

**Year 6 - Giliann**

Giliann is an exemplary member of St Monica's School and is a worthy recipient of the St Monica's Day Award. She has a quiet and patient demeanour and always assists those who are experiencing difficulties. Gillian shows great empathy towards others in her class and the school community. She regularly attends mass, prays with reverence and shows great respect for her elders.





Father Thomas also judged our St Monica colouring competition, congratulations to our winners.  
Prep – Tyjaiah, Year 1 – Jennifer, Year 2 – Elanna, Year 3 – Chloe, Year 4 – Amy, Year 6 – Rachel.



### ***Our Lady of the Southern Cross Feast Day Celebrations***

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of August, I was blessed to be able to attend the Feast Day Celebration Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral in Toowoomba for Our Lady of the Southern Cross. This is one of the many names Mary, the mother of Jesus is known by, and she is the Patron Saint of the Toowoomba Diocese. Our school captains, Mitchell and Claire, along with Franchezka and Giliann represented St Monica's school with distinction at this Mass, that was also attended by representatives from many other Catholic schools within the Toowoomba Diocese.

I am currently attending a conference in Brisbane with my fellow APREs. I look forward to sharing what I have learned at the National Religious Education Symposium. I am particularly excited about attending a workshop with Monica Brown (an Australian liturgical music composer of renown) among other workshops.

I look forward to being back in Oakey next week.

God Bless

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE



# Teacher Talk

## Prep

This week in Prep we have been reading the Gingerbread Man and have been focusing on how to sequence and retell the story. Next week we hope to continue this learning by looking at the procedure on how to make gingerbread man and make and decorate our own. In Maths we have been consolidating our knowledge of addition facts and the students have been completing assessment tasks around their knowledge of adding two numbers together. Please remember to return your child's permission note for our excursion to the carnival of flowers. Thank-you to those parents who have already done so.

**Mrs Rebecca Thomas**

## Year One

Parent/Teacher Interviews begin next week. Please check your child's diary for the day and time. If you haven't received your interview time, please let me know.

Next Friday (the last day of term) students in Year 1 and Prep will be going to Queen's Park for the Carnival of Flowers celebrations. The children will be spending the day partaking in many art and craft activities as well as viewing a stage performance. Thank you to everyone who has returned their permission slip so far.

This week students have been partaking in tests to demonstrate their progress of skills. We are very sad to be saying farewell to Mrs. Johnson who finishes her three-week practical teaching experience in Year One on Friday.

**Mrs Chris Conneely**

## Year Two

This week in Year Two we are investigating the schwa sound using the <tion> spelling. In Maths we are working with volume and capacity, creating three dimensional models with centimetre cubes and working out the volume and measuring different containers to determine how much the container holds. In Grammar we are exploring contractions and revising the term's work.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held during Week 10 and appointments are available on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Yours in Christ,

**Mrs Rowena Staude**

## Year Three

We have a busy week in Year Three this week. In English, we have been discussing and identifying the purpose of a procedural text. The students have created their own procedures on how to make their favourite sandwich. In reading groups, we have been focusing on the reorganisation of information in a text.

In HaSS we have learning about different continents around the world and the difference between a continent and a country.

On Thursday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of September, we will be presenting our Assembly presentation and on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of September, we will be having our Class Liturgy with Year Two at 14:40 in the Parish Hall.

I look forward to meeting with parents in the next two weeks for parent teacher interviews.

Have a lovely week,

**Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff**

# Teacher Talk

## Year Four

Year 4 have returned from camp and what an amazing experience it was. I personally enjoyed the opportunity to learn a bit more about each student, which will help as we progress through the rest of the year.

The students were required to show selflessness and put their personal thoughts aside in order to act fairly, ensuring everyone's needs were met. We hope to carry these teamwork skills into our classroom environment, with an emphasis on embracing our differences.

Have a great week!

**Mr Callum Duncan**

## Year Five

Thank you to the Year 5 families who joined us for the St Monica's Day celebrations on Sunday and I congratulate our award winner, Tanner. This week in English, the students are completing a book report on our class graphic novel, Stormbreaker. Following on from this, they will undertake a character analysis of the main characters in the animated film, 'How to Train Your Dragon'. In Maths, we have been consolidating our understanding of factors and multiples, whilst in HaSS, the students investigated the continent of North America and located a number of landmarks in the USA and Canada. We are busily practising our ballgames, in readiness for the carnival next Thursday.

**Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann**

## Year Six

Hello from Year 6.

We have had a busy week both in and out of the class room. The week provided us with the opportunity to complete three lessons from the Daniel Morcombe curriculum. Our lesson foci were centred around "It's OK to speak up," Phone and Online Safety and How to react in a situation when we don't feel safe. The responses given by the students demonstrated a clear understanding of how important it is to make their personal safety a priority wherever their daily activities take them.

Each student is progressing well with their assessment tasks in RE, Science, English and HASS. Time has been allocated during class for these tasks so there should be few, if any children needing to bring assignment work home. Of course, parents who wish to view their children's work are most welcome to do so.

Regards,

**Mr Michael West**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### September 2018

Fri Sept 14th	Special Lunch
Mon Sept 17th	P&F Meeting
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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### November 2018

Sat Nov 3rd	St Monica's Race Day
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## Tuckshop

## Helpers

Monday 17th September  
2018

Linda Leerentveld

Tanya Weber

Shannon McBride

Thank you ladies for  
volunteering your time!

## 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



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## SUPERLearners

### Term 3 Week 9

Prep:	Jack
Year 1:	Arabella
Year 2:	Georgia
Year 3:	Corbin
Year 4:	Gemma
Year 5:	Tahlia
Year 6:	Rachel

## SUPERlearners Term 3 Week 8





# Important Notices

## 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.*

**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 14<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**Next P&F Meeting                      Monday 17th September 7pm    Parish Meeting Room**

## Literacy and Numeracy Week Competition Winners

We ran two competitions during Literacy and Numeracy Week last week. The numeracy competition consisted of several challenges for students to solve.

Prep – Paige

Year 2 – Peyton

Year 3 – Liam and Chloe

Year 4 – Hannah

Year 5 – Tahlia



Students were invited to guess the favourite book of many of our staff. The student winners of this competition were Dominic and Jennifer (both from year 6) and Mrs Booth and Mrs Conneely. The Year 6 students also provided their favourite books and the winner of this competition was Zackory.

Congratulations to all of our winners. It was wonderful to have so many entries in our competitions.

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE/Middle Leader Curriculum

## Learning Support News

### Vision Testing

Your child's eyes are special. In the early years, vision helps them find out about the world around them. Later, as they go through school, their eyesight lets them learn and discover – in fact, about 80% of what is taught in schools is presented visually. Being able to see clearly is therefore incredibly important in your child's overall development.

It's a good idea to have your son or daughter's eyes tested before he/she goes into full-time education so that any problems can be identified early, and they are set up for a happy and fulfilling school life. Not being able to see clearly can be confusing in a busy classroom. Poor eyesight can cause learning and behavioural problems, which might be blamed on other things. This is especially true for young children, who may find it difficult to explain the difficulties they are having with their eyesight. They may not even be aware they have a problem at all and of course the sooner that vision problems are detected, the better the outcome.

It's often difficult to tell whether your child has sight problems, which is why regular eye tests are so important. However, here are some of things to look out for:

- Straining their eyes or tilting their head to see better
- Frequent eye rubbing
- Consistently sitting too close to the TV or holding a book too close
- Losing their place while reading, or using a finger to guide their eyes
- Sensitivity to light and/or excessive tearing
- Closing one eye to read, watch TV or see better
- Falling behind in school

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**50th Anniversary celebration evening**

We extend a warm Invitation to all past and present students, staff, parents and friends

**Saturday, 27 October 2018**

6.00pm | Mass  
Sacred Heart Church, 302 North Street, Toowoomba  
7.00pm | Buffet dinner  
Sacred Heart Parish Hall - \$45 per person

A Sacred Heart Primary School 50th Anniversary commemorative booklet is also for sale for \$10.

To book your ticket for the dinner or to order a commemorative booklet please contact the school office on 4634 3436 by Friday, 12 October 2018.

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