



Newsletter 10th October 2018 Week 1 Term 4

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All of the St Monica's students enjoyed participating in the Ballgames Carnival, which was held on Thursday 20 September. The action included: tunnel ball, unders and overs, pass along, leader ball, captain ball, zig zag and the star relay. Congratulations to all of the students on their participation! It was a very close contest, with the final scores as follows: Beersheba 104 points, Fromelles 102 points and Kokoda 94 points.



Principal's Page

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to school for the last term. I trust that the children have had a good holiday and are keen for the Term ahead. Term Four is traditionally a very busy term with many activities that round off the students' learning and social experiences.

I had a great break during Term 3 and was very fortunate to visit many of the religious sites of the Holy Land. When you visit these sites in person, it puts into perspective the Jesus story which we teach here at school each day. I also had the opportunity to visit several schools in Denmark which gave me a great insight into education provided in that country. I am very thankful to Mrs Bridget Rillie who so capably looked after the school in my absence. Bridget was made feel very welcome by parents, students and staff and she complemented us all on the great school we have here in Oakey.

As you know, I am finishing up at the end of the school year to pursue other interests however, I will continue to work hard for our school community for the remainder of my time so as the children receive the very best. The Catholic Schools' Office is currently undertaking a process to employ a new Principal for the start of 2019.

This term we have lessons on the Human Sexuality component of the Health curriculum. Mrs Cavanagh (APRE) has written a letter to parents giving information about this important element of the students' learning. If after reading the information letter, you have questions or concerns, please contact Mrs Cavanagh for further information. Swimming lessons will be conducted in November leading up to the swimming carnival in the last week of term. More information will be provided a little closer to the time.

Notes should be received home this week notifying parents of more details including final cost of the Year 5 & 6 Camp. Please check with your children to see if they have brought their notes home.

Congratulations to our students who won the 'Peoples Choice' award for their hanging floral basket entry in this year's Carnival of Flowers. Well done! Thank you to Mrs Chris Conneely for organising this. The trophy is on display in the front office.

I am currently working with the Catholic School's Office on Budgeting and Staffing for 2019. I am hoping to keep any increases in fees to an absolute minimum. Families are reminded to ensure that their school fee commitments are kept up to date so outstanding amounts are paid up by the end of the year. Should you be experiencing genuine financial hardship, please contact Mr Poulton confidentially to discuss your personal situation. An inability to pay school fees should not be the reason why parents withdraw their children from St Monica's. The number of teachers is determined by the number of students in our school. Put simply more students equals more teachers while less students equals less teachers. I will inform parents of next year's staff as soon as possible.

Trusting that the recent rain has lifted spirits and improved things a little for our farmers. Let's keep up the prayers for follow-up rain.

Yours

Mr Roland Poulton

Principal

APRE Report – Term 4 Week 1

Welcome back to Term 4 to all our families and a special welcome back to Mr Poulton! I was very fortunate to have attended the ACEL conference in Melbourne over the school holidays (Australian Council of Educational Leadership) and had the opportunity to hear some of the world's most renowned researchers and academics in education present. This year the conference also included a spotlight on Australian authors including; Jackie French, Evonne Cawley and Alex Rance (a current AFL player whose book I purchased and had signed for the students of St Monica's.) I look forward to sharing with my colleagues some of the insights from the conference over the coming weeks.



Day for Daniel Fun Run

At the end of last term, all students took home information about the Day for Daniel Fun Run to be held on the 26th of October. More information about the format of the day will be sent home closer to the day.

ICAS English Testing

Over the holidays, the certificates for those students participating in the English ICAS test arrived, these will be presented at assembly this Thursday.

Family Life Lessons

Notes will be going home today about the upcoming 'family life' lessons to be taught in week three of this term. Please read the information about what will be being taught in your child/ren's class and return the slip at the bottom of the note. If there are any questions about the content of these lessons, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Mission Month

October is Mission Month in the Catholic Church. As Father Thomas' order of priests is a missionary order, we will conduct a fundraising activity and give the money directly to Father Thomas for his community in India. More information about this will be in next week's newsletter.

I am looking forward to all the wonderful teaching and learning to be taking place this term. In my Dance lessons, students are preparing for our end of year concert – stay tuned for more information on this.

God Bless

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE

Teacher Talk

Prep

Welcome back to Term 4! Everyone has settled back really well into classroom routines and have enjoyed coming back to see their friends. It has been lovely hearing about all the exciting adventures that everyone got up to over the holidays. This week we have started our Health Unit and have begun to look at expected and unexpected behaviours that relate to compassion and forgiveness. In Mathematics we are looking at addition plus 2 as well as consolidating our knowledge of plus one and plus zero. We began our Term Four literacy unit on fairy tales by exploring the story of Cinderella and sequencing and writing our retell of the fairy tale.

Mrs Rebecca Thomas

Year One

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a relaxing, safe and happy break.

We had a fabulous time at the Ergon Energy Flower, Food and Wine Festival on the last day of Term 3. The children had a wonderful time with the many activities and entertainment provided.

During reading groups students are practicing comprehension using the 'Think and Search' strategy. Our Religion unit is based on Mary and the Christmas Story. During Mathematics we will continue to build skills and knowledge around Number and Algebra with a focus on problem solving.

Mrs Chris Conneely

Year Two

In Mathematics we have been working on expanded notation and counting in tens and hundreds. This week we have explored the <ei> and <eigh> sound in spelling and investigated homophones in grammar. We are completing our Information Reports on marine animals using the Book Creator app in English. In Religion we are exploring the story of Moses and his journey as he led the Israelites out of slavery.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs Rowena Staude

Year Three

Welcome to the first week of Term 4, I hope everybody had a wonderful break!

This week we have started our English unit on Poetry. Each student has completed an acrostic poem using their own name. In Mathematics, we have continued to work on our addition and subtraction and multiplication and division facts, we have been learning about chance and probability and revisiting telling time to the minute. In HaSS we have been discussing the importance of place and describing the changes to different places over time as well as listing natural and man-made features in places we have been to.

Thank you to all of the Year Three students for coming back to school with fantastic attitudes, ready to learn.

I hope you all have a great week, God Bless,

Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff

Teacher Talk

Year Four

I'm looking forward to another great term with a busy schedule ahead.

In Religion this term we will be answering the question of "What happens in communities when times get tough?", with particular focus to be placed on the Jewish and Catholic community. In addition to this, we will also be learning how to pray using colour.

Our English unit will see us exploring many different forms of poetry and producing our own as we progress through each one.

Have a great week!

Mr Callum Duncan

Year Five

I hope you had a fabulous holiday and are all ready for an exciting and busy Term 4. The highlight of this term will of course be the Year 5/6 Camp to Burleigh Heads in Week 4. I know all of the students are really looking forward to this and it is sure to be an enjoyable and valuable experience for everyone involved. All of the camp information has been sent home. Please complete and return the necessary forms and return them by next Monday 15 October. Payment is due in full by Friday 26 October.

This term in Science we are looking at matter and we have been classifying items into solids and liquids, whilst in Hass, we investigated vegetation around the world. In English this term we are looking at narratives in both written and digital form. This week we read the Dr Seuss book The Lorax and then watched the 1972 film adaptation, in order to compare and contrast the two versions. In Maths, we have been working on chance and probability and conducting numerous experiments.

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

Year Six

Hello from Year 6.

Welcome back to school for a busy term 4. Students will commence their poetry unit this week beginning with a four- line poem which has a simple structure of a title, four adjectives, four verbs, and a final line consisting of a simile. Over the coming weeks the type of poems we will study become increasingly complex. Each child will produce a poetry anthology which will be their final piece of assessment.

The paperwork for our upcoming camp has been sent home for completion. This includes a medical form, special dietary requirements and an assumption of risk form, these need to be returned to school by Monday 15th October. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Regards,

Mr Michael West

Redgum Book Club orders due by 29th October

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2018

Fri Oct 12th	Pillowcase Forms Due
Mon Oct 22nd	Pupil Free Day
Fri Oct 26th	Daniel Morcombe Fun Run

November 2018

Sat Nov 3rd	St Monica's Race Day
Thurs Nov 15th	Swimming Lessons Commence

December 2018

Tue Dec 4th	Swimming Carnival
Thurs Dec 6th	Year 6 Graduation Celebrations
Fri Dec 7th	Last Day of School

Tuckshop Helpers

Monday 15th October 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

Carnival of Flowers Hanging Basket Competition "People's Choice Winner"



SUPERlearners Term 4 Week 1

Prep:	Mackenzie
Yr 1:	Ace
Yr 2:	Milla
Yr 3:	Ruby-Rose
Yr 4:	Emily
Yr 5:	Irene
Yr 6:	Alli-Georgia



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. You will notice posters around the school making everyone aware of who the contacts are.

Parish Notes

*Melbourne Cup Luncheon Tuesday 6th November in the Parish Hall
Help on the day would be appreciated, come along for a fun filled day!
Contact Mirna Sleba or the school office for further details*

P & F Notes.

Next P&F Meeting Monday 15th October

Orders for Pillowcases due in Friday 12th October

RACE DAY TICKETS

This year the P&F will be hosting the Oakey and Community Spring Race Day on the 3rd November as our major fundraiser.

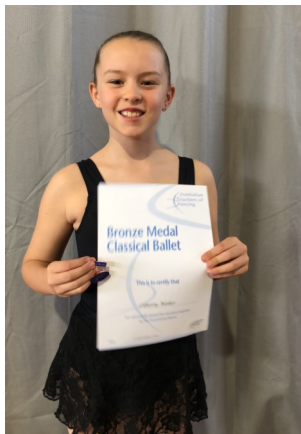
Tickets will go on sale from the 8th October and can be purchased from the St Monica's Office, through Flexi Schools and Bi Rite Oakey Electrical. Tickets are \$65.00 and bus \$10.00, payment can be made by cash or cheque or directly into the St Monica's P & F Account.

This event is sure to be a great night out and includes a complimentary drink on arrival, live music, great food, fashions on the field, raffles, auctions and of course all the racing action on the track.

To make the event easier and more enjoyable a bus service will also be running from Oakey on the night picking up and dropping off at the Bernborough Tavern.

Dust off the suit, get your fascinators ready, your dancing shoes on as we look forward to having a bit of fun together as a community.

Dance Exams Completed





St Monica's Primary School & Sponsors proudly presents

Oakey & Community Spring Race Day

Clive Berghoffer Grand Atrium, Clifford Park Toowoomba

Saturday 3 November, 4pm until late.

Tickets \$65 per person.

Includes:

Complimentary drink on arrival, live music, cocktail-style finger food, onsite Tote, raffles and charity auctions.

Dresscode: Racewear

Tickets available from:

St Monica's School, Idance Studios
and Bi-Rite Oakey Electrical

All tickets to be paid and collected prior to the event.

Bus available with pick up and drop off from
Bernborough Tavern - \$10/ticket prepaid with your race ticket

For more information, call 4691 1067

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