



Newsletter 17th October 2018 Week 2 Term 4

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OLYMPIAN VISIT

Next Tuesday, 23 October we are fortunate to be having a visit from Australian 400m runner Olivia Tauro. Students from Years 3-6 will listen to Olivia's presentation on Tuesday afternoon and will have the opportunity to ask her questions about her sporting journey, which includes participating in the Commonwealth Games in Delhi in 2010. This visit is thanks to the Olympics Unleashed (QLD) Schools Program and we very much look forward to welcoming Olivia to St Monica's next week.



Principal's Page

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Hasn't the rain been terrific? It certainly lifts the spirit! I trust our farmers have a reenergised sense of hope for the future.

Congratulations to our Rugby League team who played against Oakey State School at the Legends of League Day on Saturday. I was really impressed with their effort, skill and team work. Although we didn't win, I'm sure the kids had a great time. Our star team included Sam Wilson, Lincoln Lindenmayer, Sonny McCormack, Cooper-James Nelson, Zac Leerentveld, James Cowley, Hudson Hardwick, Lincoln Hardwick, Rory Black, Charlie McCormack, Mitchell Lancaster, Ryan Densley with a special mention of Sophie Lobegeiger, the only girl in the team. Well done everyone!

The P&F Association met on Monday night and it was great to hear of the efforts that have gone into organising the Community Race Day. I encourage our parents to buy a ticket and come along to a great day of fun at Clifford Park Racecourse on Saturday 3rd November.

Plans are well underway to install sound deadening materials on some of the walls in the Multipurpose Hall to improve the acoustics. Parents who have attended functions or assemblies in the hall would appreciate how noisy the hall is which makes it very difficult to understand speakers, especially the students when they are delivering a presentation or taking part in a concert. It is hoped that the work on the hall will be completed in time for the Christmas Concert. The P&F has contributed \$27,000 towards this project.

At Monday's meeting the P&F also donated \$7,000 to the school to help in the purchase a variety of resources and equipment. This is in addition to \$37,820 donated previously. This is a fantastic effort and I thank our hard-working P&F with the support of all parents in making such significant donations to our school to improve resources, facilities and opportunities available to our students. The table below shows where the funds have been spent:

| ITEMS | Where the money has been/is to be spent (rounded to nearest \$) |
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| Sports Resources – sporting equipment and costs involved in running carnivals | \$1,450.00 |
| Library Resources – all the administrative bits and pieces needed to introduce, repair and maintain library books and other literacy resources. This also includes some licences. | \$2,225.00 |
| Science Resources – equipment for practical science | 140.00 |
| Music Resources – instruments, music, CDs and costs involved in running a music program within the school | 546.00 |
| English resources – textbooks and teacher resources | 530.00 |
| Classroom Reading books | 2,328.00 |
| Buses to take students from Years 4, 5 & 6 to camps | 3554.00 |
| Prizes expenses | 250.00 |
| General Classroom Resources | 543.00 |
| Computer equipment | 973.00 |
| Library Stock - books and other items added to the library collection | 3,539.00 |
| Equipment including a new freezer | 817.00 |
| P&F Federation Levy paid to Qld Association | 925.00 |
| Sound 'deadening' in Hall | 27,000.00 |
| TOTAL DONATIONS GIVEN BY THE P&F SO FAR THIS YEAR | \$44,820.00 |

Principal's Page

I am moving towards the final stages of Budgeting and Staffing arrangements for 2019. If you know your children will not be returning to St Monica's in 2019, would you kindly contact the Office as a matter of urgency as I need accurate student numbers to make precise and sustainable staffing decisions.

The P&F Committee will host an Open Forum for parents and teachers at 5:30pm on Monday 12th November (for about an hour). This is an opportunity for the community to make suggestions to help the P&F plan – community development, parental engagement, resources and facilities. Please come along with your thoughts. Refreshments will be served. More information to follow.

For advanced notice, St Monica's will host a Ball Games afternoon with Oakey State School on Friday 30th November, involving years 4, 5 & 6. More information will come later.

Just a reminder that next Monday 22nd October is a Pupil Free Day. Teachers will be involved in professional development in Toowoomba, so St Monica's will be closed for the day. We look forward to the students' return on the Tuesday.

Yours sincerely

Mr Roland Poulton

Principal



APRE Report – Term 4 Week 1

APRE Report Week 2 Term 4

Congratulations to all the students who were presented with their ICAS English Test certificates on assembly last week, especially to Abbey (for her Merit), Eva (for her Credit) and Mitchell (for his Distinction).



Next Friday St Monica's will be participating in the Day for Daniel Fun Run. Our Fun Run activities will begin on the school oval at 2pm. Children are encouraged to wear RED clothes next Friday to highlight the important message of Child Safety. Parents are welcome to come along to watch the children participate in the Fun Run.

On Monday, the teaching staff will be attending a pupil-free day at St Saviours Primary School. We will be presenting some of the Teach Like a Champion techniques we use here at St Monica's. The theme of the day is "Celebrating Success" and we are looking forward to sharing some of the great work we do here at our school.

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Race Day, it is going to be a great opportunity to celebrate as a school and local community.

God Bless

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE

Teacher Talk

Prep

This week in Prep we have been exploring the fairy tales Cinderella and Prince Cinders. The students have had a wonderful time comparing the two stories and describing which story was their favourite. Next week we look forward to exploring The 3 Little Pigs and retelling the story. In Maths this week the students have been introduced to the concepts of heavy and light and learning about how to weigh things using scales. We have also been busy working about how to identify our strengths and weaknesses as part of our Health Unit.

Mrs Rebecca Thomas

Year One

Students in Year 1 will continue to develop their comprehension skills during Reading Group activities. They are looking at the structure of nonfiction text and practising skills of writing a description. During Mathematics students will continue to develop their understanding of place value, skip counting and money concepts. During HASS lessons students are identifying the six seasons of Arnhem Land.

Mrs Chris Conneely

Year Two

In Maths we have been working on subtraction and solving word problems using algorithms. We explored the need for timetables and completed activities using a bus timetable. We have worked well to master time, quarter past and quarter to the hour. This week we have explored the <o> sound for the <u> spelling and investigated suffixes in grammar. We are completing our Information Reports on marine animals using the Book Creator app in English. In Religion we are exploring the Ten Plagues of Egypt and the covenant or promise God made to Moses.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs Rowena Staude

Year Three

Welcome to week 2!

In Year Three we have been very busy learners. In Mathematics, we have been telling the time to the minute, collecting data and working on understanding the relationship between addition and subtraction. In English, we have been reading rhyming books and creating our own Rhyming Couplets. In Religion, we have been researching a number of Saints.

I encourage each of the Year Three students to keep reading every evening at home.

Have a fabulous week, God Bless,

Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff

Teacher Talk

Year Four

Welcome to Week Two!

This week we have been publishing our own simile poems. We looked at some examples and highlighted the key features before writing our own. Following this, we used Microsoft Word to publish our poems. The students are enjoying the incorporation of technology in class, with many of them showing a high level of computer knowledge and skills.

Have a great week.

Mr Callum Duncan

Year Five

Thank you for the prompt return of your camp notes. The students are certainly looking forward to this wonderful experience. If you are yet to return the blue permission form for Sexual Health lessons please do so as soon as possible, as these lessons will be held next week. This week we commenced our Speaking and Listening Programme and I have been impressed with the preparedness and presentations to date. Students will continue to present on the same day each week, throughout the term.

In English we have been comparing the Dr Seuss book, The Lorax, with the 1972 movie adaptation. In Science we conducted some investigations to demonstrate that gas is matter, whilst in HaSS we looked at the vegetation in North America and Europe. In Maths, we have been consolidating our understanding of data and the students enjoyed posing questions and completing surveys using Survey Monkey.

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

Year Six

Hello from Year 6.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers about the importance of sleep. Children in year 6 may require up to ten hours sleep each night to function effectively at school the next day. It is also important that children do not have screen time when they go to bed as this interrupts sleep patterns and will result in them being sleepy during the day. I have recently noticed some students experiencing difficulty focusing during the day's lessons due to tiredness.

In our maths unit we have been studying ways of displaying data using various types of graphs including line graphs, bar graphs, side by side column graphs, pie charts and dot plots. We have used these graphs to compare and interpret data and also identified examples of misleading data.

Regards,

Mr Michael West

Redgum Book Club orders due by 29th October

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2018

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| Mon Oct 22nd | Pupil Free Day |
| Tue Oct 23rd | Olympian Visit |
| Fri Oct 26th | Daniel Morcombe Fun Run |

November 2018

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| Sat Nov 3rd | St Monica's Race Day |
| Mon Nov 12th | Open Forum |
| Thurs Nov 15th | Swimming Lessons |
| Mon Nov 19th | P&F Meeting 7pm |
| Tue Nov 20th | Swimming Lessons |
| Thurs Nov 22nd | Swimming Lessons |
| Fri Nov 23rd | Swimming Lessons |
| Tue Nov 27th | Swimming Lessons |
| Thurs Nov 29th | Swimming Lessons |
| Thurs Nov 29th | End of Year Concert & Disco |

December 2018

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

Tuckshop Helpers

Tuesday 23rd October 2018

Linda Leerentveld
Suella McCormack
Alison McIntosh

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

SUPERlearners Term 4 Week 2

Prep: Paige
Yr 1: Ruby
Yr 2: Eve
Yr 3: Sam
Yr 4: Josh
Yr 5: Cy
Yr 6: Luke

SUPERlearners Term 4 Week 1



Important Notices

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*

RACE DAY TICKETS

Available at the school office.

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.



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As you are aware there is a Pupil Free Day on Monday 22nd October.

We will be open from 6am to 6pm. Earlier starts are available if necessary.

The program for the day will be filled with lots of fun activities to keep everyone entertained.

Bookings are essential. Please phone 47911691 or email

littlechampionschildcare@gmail.com

