



Newsletter 24th October 2018 Week 3 Term 4

"Inspiring learning for a better world."

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This Friday, 26th of October at 2pm, our students will participate in the Day for Daniel Fun Run. Don't forget, by raising just \$10 you are eligible for a prize. Parents are most welcome to come and cheer the students along as we raise awareness of Child Safety.

Don't forget to wear **RED** on Friday!

Principal's Page

Dear Parents/Caregivers

By now you would be aware that a new Principal has been appointed to St Monica's. Mr Luke Barrett will take over the leadership of St Monica's from the beginning of 2019. Luke is currently the Principal of St Joseph's School Millmerran. I congratulate Luke on his appointment and wish him all the best. I'm sure the school community will make Luke feel very welcome as he takes St Monica's forward.

Last Thursday night I had the privilege to attend the Mayoral Achievement Medals presentation evening at Wilsonton State High School. At the evening, the Mayor Clr. Paul Antonio presented medals to students from almost all schools in the Toowoomba Regional Council area. These awards are presented to recognise the success that students experience through hard work, determination and perseverance in the face of broad range of difficulties, challenges and setbacks. This year's recipient from St Monica's is Claire Matthewson. Claire is a very deserving student who has a strong commitment to her school, loves to contribute to fun and community activities, tries hard with her school-work, is consistently well behaved, is very respectful of class mates and staff and appreciates everything that is done for her. Claire has overcome some complex health issues and is reaching the final stages of her primary school education received entirely at St Monica's Oakey. Well done Claire, I'm sure our whole school community is very proud of you.

The Oakey Community Race Day, an initiative of the Parents' and Friends' Association is galloping up on us as Saturday 3rd November is just over a week away. I encourage our parents, your relatives, friends and work colleagues to get behind this great social and fund-raising event which will not only benefit the school but also the town of Oakey. Please contact the school office to arrange to purchase your tickets. A lot of work has gone into the organisation of the day and it promises to be a lot of fun.

The Pupil Free Day held in Toowoomba on Monday was a very worthwhile opportunity for teachers to meet with other teachers from our Diocesan schools to share ideas and discuss programs or activities that are supporting the learning of students. St Monica's was able to demonstrate some of the Teach Like a Champion techniques that we use on a daily basis here at school. We showed a short video of Teach Like a Champion in action and talked about the positive difference it makes for students and teachers at St Monica's.

The Year 5 & 6 students go away to Christian Youth Camp Burleigh Heads next Tuesday for four days. An action-packed program has been organised and I'm sure they will have a great time. My appreciation is extended to the P&F Association for donating \$2500 to cover the costs of bus transport.

This week our Year 2 and 4 students will undertake a 'practice run' at using computers for NAPLAN testing in readiness for 2019 when NAPLAN will be conducted online. The exercise uses fictitious names and gives the students an opportunity to manoeuvre some of the technical aspects of completing an online test. It will also give staff an opportunity to identify any problem areas that may impact on the 'real test' in 2019.

Thank you and farewell to Mrs Rebecca Thomas (Prep Teacher) who finishes up on Friday to commence Maternity Leave in readiness for the birth of her second child. I wish her all the best and pray for the safe and healthy arrival of her baby. Rebecca will return to work at St Monica's after a period of leave during 2019. Mrs Jenny Shellshear will take on the Prep class for the remainder of the 2018 school year. Jenny is well known to the school community and has worked here on and off over recent years in a variety of capacities.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Roland Poulton

APRE Report Term 4 Week 3

CTJ

This Monday, the teaching staff had the opportunity to attend a session at St Saviours Primary School where we shared a celebration of success with colleagues from other Catholic Schools in the Toowoomba area. The St Monica's staff presented some of the Teach Like a Champion techniques we use here. A huge thank you to the students for starring in our video clips so we could 'teach the other teachers'.

ICAS

This Thursday on assembly, we will be presenting the certificates for students who participated in the ICAS Maths test. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the ICAS testing this year.

Teaching Sexual Health Lessons

This week, all of the classes will be participating in their Teaching Sexual Health lessons. Please take this opportunity to have a discussion with your child/children about the content of these lessons and answer any questions they may have.

Mission Friday

Next Friday, we will be having a Crazy Sock Day. Students are invited to wear their craziest socks to school for a gold coin donation. The money will go to The Mission for Mercy and Hope, who support and run orphanages in India. Father Thomas is a member of this religious order.

We will have some prizes for the Craziest Socks on the day.



God Bless

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE

Teacher Talk

Prep

This week we continue with our Fairy Tale Unit by reading The 3 Little Pigs and completing sequencing activities. In Maths we are using hands on materials to consolidate our knowledge of plus 2 and plus 3. Just a reminder that this is my last week teaching before I begin my maternity leave on Friday. Next week we welcome Mrs Jenny Shellshear to the Prep classroom for the remainder of the year. I would like to take the opportunity to wish you and your family all the best for the rest of 2018 and into the New Year. It has been a pleasure working with you and your child and their success this year has been amazing. Thank-you for your continued support throughout the year. All the best,

Mrs Rebecca Thomas

Year One

Students in Year 1 are continuing to practise thinking and searching stories for answers during reading group activities. Spelling words are focused on the 'ir' sound. During Mathematics students will continue to develop their understanding place value and simple addition and subtraction problems. During HASS lessons students are identifying how seasons and weather affect lifestyles in different areas.

Mrs Chris Conneely

Year Two

In Maths we have measured the capacity of various containers in cups and graphed the result of a tally of cups of water drunk during a week. We measured the volume of boxes using cubes. This week we have explored the <ture> spelling and investigated comparative and superlative suffixes in grammar such as big, bigger, biggest. We began our unit on persuasive writing by reading 'I Wanna Iguana' by Karen Kauffman Orloff. Students explored WOW Words and worked together to brainstorm different ways to say bad, mean, small and good. In Science we investigated the life cycle of meal worms and described and labelled the parts of an insect.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs Rowena Staude

Year Three

Welcome to week 3. I trust you all had a well rested long weekend and all the Year Three students are back at school ready to learn.

As I am away at professional development until Thursday, I hope the Year Threes are having fun learning about puns in poetry, revising maths strategies and learning about the story of Creation with Mrs Miners. I hope all the upper primary students enjoyed their talk with the Olympian yesterday.

Have a lovely week ahead, God bless

Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff

Teacher Talk

Year Four

Welcome to week 3! I hope that everyone enjoyed their long weekend and are enjoying having Mrs Maloney for the first half of the week. I'm looking forward to hearing about the Olympian visit and catching up with the class on Thursday.

Have a great week.

Mr Callum Duncan

Year Five

Week 3 has been another busy and eventful week. It commenced with a visit from Australian athlete Olivia Tau-ro and then today we visited McLean CWA House. This was a wonderful opportunity to connect with members of our local community and the Year 5s certainly enjoyed joining in all of the activities. We are now on the countdown to camp!!

In English this week, we have been reading Storm Boy, with a particular focus on the setting and characters, whilst in Maths we have been reviewing 24-hour time. Our Sexual Health Education lesson will be held this week.

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann



Year Six

Hello from Year 6.

In the past week, students have continued writing and publishing poems which will be included in their poetry anthology. The quality of the finished product has been pleasing with all children producing work of which they can all be proud.

Next Monday, Year 6 will sit the PAT R test which measures reading comprehension. To achieve accurate results it is important that students come to school alert, well-nourished and ready to engage in the task at hand, so may I ask that your child is early to bed on Sunday night and arrives at school on Monday morning after eating a healthy breakfast. Thank-you.

Year 5 and 6 students have had several camp meetings in readiness for next week's camp at CYC Burleigh. Our focus has been safety, co-operation, respect and having fun. Each student is aware that these are the essential elements for a successful camp.

Regards,

Mr Michael West

Redgum Book Club orders due by 29th October

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2018

Fri Oct 26th Daniel Morcombe Fun Run

November 2018

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
 Thura 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

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

2019

Tue 29th January School Resumes
 Sun 12th May Centenary of St Monica's Parish
 Fri 7th June Confirmation
 Sun 9th June First communion

Tuckshop Helpers

Monday 29th October 2018

Linda Leerentveld

Patricia Hausler

Sharee Brown

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 3

Prep: Johnny

Yr 1: Brielle

Yr 2: Imogen

Yr 3: Billy

Yr 4: Holly

Yr 5: Sophie

Yr 6: Charlie

SUPERlearners Term 4 Week 2



Important Notices

RACE DAY TICKETS

Available at the school office.

LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR RACE DAY TICKETS – REMINDER SALES CLOSES FRIDAY 26TH OCTOBER

Wishing to remind everyone that ticket sales close this Friday afternoon 26th October and can be purchased from the St Monica's Office, via direct debit (contact office for details), through Flexi Schools or in store at Bi Rite Oakey Electrical. Don't be disappointed and miss out as 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 at 3.30 pm (for 4pm drop off at Clifford Park) and dropping off after the event at the Bernborough Tavern. The P&F would really appreciate everyone getting behind this fantastic social event as the funds raised ultimately go towards providing better resources for the school which in turn benefits your children. Get your family and friends organised, 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. Thanks to our major sponsors – (Platinum Sponsor) Christine Tully Chiropractic Oakey and (Gold Sponsors) ANZ Agribusiness, Oakey Electrical Bi Rite, Tyre Right Oakey, B & B Machinery, Black Isuzu, PB Agrifood and Landmark Oakey, Pittsworth and Colonsay & Johnston's Livestock Transport.

Situation Vacant

Tuckshop Convenor needed for the 2019 School Year.

If you are interested, come in and talk to our current convenors who will inform you on the workings of our Tuckshop, or leave your name in the office.

Centenary of St Monica's Parish

Sunday May 12th 2019, 9am Mass followed by Morning Tea.

Photographs of Marriages, Baptisms, Confirmation, First Communion at St Monica's over the past 100 years are required for Souvenir Booklet. Please see Father Thomas or the school office for further details.

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.

Saint Monica's Parish

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON



Tuesday 6th November • 11am start

St Monica's Parish Hall

Tickets \$20 incl lunch Lucky door prize Multi-draw raffles Race Sweeps Wine on sale	Prizes for: Best hat/fascinator Best dressed lady & man Lady & man wearing winning jockey's colours
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Tickets available from School Office 46911067
For bookings contact Marie 4691 3423 or Mirna 0429928878

Raffle Tickets

Melbourne Cup Raffle Tickets are issued today to the eldest child in each family.

Please support St Monica's Parish Ladies in their major fundraiser for the year!

Tickets are \$2.00 each, please return money and tickets to the school office.

Thank You for your support.

Congratulations

Claire Matthewson

Mayoral Achievement Medal Recipient 2018

