



Newsletter 30th October 2019 Week 4 Term 4

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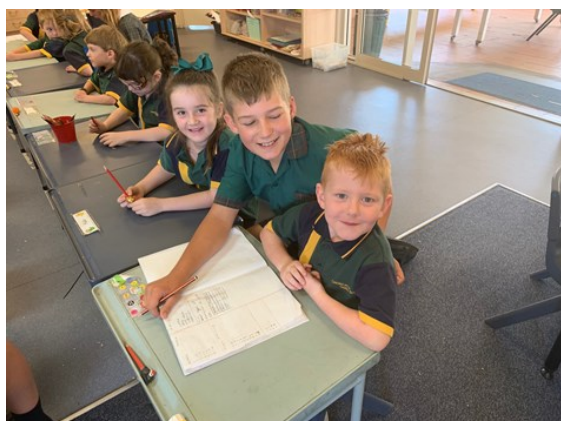
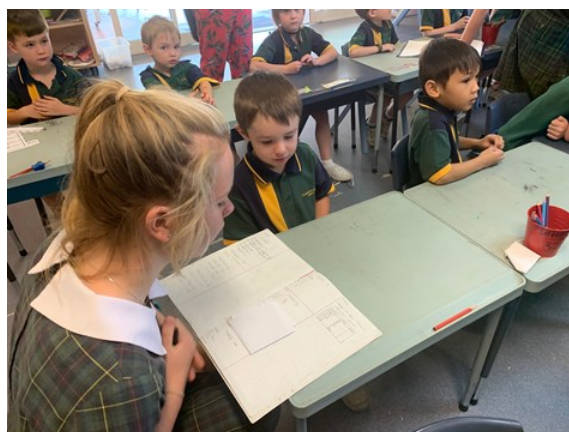
Year 6 Buddies Down in Prep

Each week the Preppies look forward to a visit from some special visitors, their Year 6 buddies.

During this time, the Year 6 students teach the Preppies all about life as a St Monica's student and what they have to look forward to as their schooling career continues. The Preppies write their buddies letters and at sporting events the Year 6s help the Preppies get ready to compete.

This week, the Year 6 students were down in Prep interviewing the Preps for a Mathematics assessment task. The Preppies loved answering all of the Year 6 students' questions and they look forward to seeing all the data that the Year 6s collected when their assessment tasks are finished.

Each of the Prep students absolutely adores having the Year 6 students visit and the count down until buddy time is on every week.



Principal's Page

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, I have been busy working through the staffing for 2020. We are very fortunate to maintain all of our existing teaching staff which provides excellent stability and continuity moving forward. As a result of our enrolment growth, this year and our 2020 Prep enrolments, we are in a position to operate seven single class cohorts next year. The recruitment for our final teacher position is nearing completion and I am aiming to have all classroom teachers information out to our school community by our next newsletter.

Last Monday, the staff travelled to Dalby to attend the annual CTJ Day. The CTJ Day is an opportunity for our staff to gather with other schools from the Diocese to engage in professional networking, resource sharing and presenting our work from the year. This year's CTJ day focused on celebrating the journey within our schools and we proudly presented our work in the wellbeing space. A number of schools commented positively on our various wellbeing activities, our work in developing our school wide positive behaviour matrix and our student wellbeing tracking systems.



APRE

I have been having a wonderful week, along with Mrs Ruge, assessing students with our end of year standardised testing. It has been so exciting for us both to see the great improvements students have made over the past 12 months.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Day for Daniel Fun Run last Friday. It was a great afternoon for a great cause. The St Monica's community raised a total of \$2811.04! Congratulations to the students who gained sponsorship for their fun run – don't forget to select your prizes online by this Friday. These are sent to the school and I distribute them on behalf of the Morcombe Foundation.

This Thursday is a busy day. We begin the day with a whole school Mass to celebrate All Saints Day. Mass is at 9am – all are welcome to attend. Thursday is also Beersheba Day – a reminder to all students in Beersheba House to wear their house shirts on Thursday. We will have a short prayer liturgy at our Peace Garden lead by the Year 6 Beersheba Leaders followed by our Super-LEARNers. This will occur at 2:30pm.

This week is Catholic Mission Week. It is the time for us to focus on the wonderful work being done by Catholic Missions all around the world, including parts of Australia. Each year, Catholic Mission have a Socktober Day – to 'sock-it' to poverty. This Friday, students are invited to wear their craziest socks to school (with full sports uniform) and bring along a gold coin donation – all monies raised will go to Catholic Mission. There will be a prize for one student from each class for the most interesting/craziest socks. We will start our day with a special prayer on morning assembly for all those who work with and are supported by Catholic Missions.

Upcoming – Our final School Family Mass for 2019 will be on Sunday the 10th of November at 8am. All our families are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please let me know if your child would like to do a 'job' during Mass. A plate of morning tea to share after Mass with the parishioners is appreciated.

God Bless

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE / Middle Leader Teaching and Learning



Teacher Talk

Year 1

Wow! Look at how hard the Year 1's have worked and are nearly ready for Year 2! Over the next few weeks the students will be involved in class and whole school testing. During Mathematics students have been revisiting concepts including money, time and shapes. They are developing their understanding of recording place value in various ways. This week we have been looking at context clues as a strategy to interpret text during reading groups. During HaSS lessons students have been exploring weather and seasons of places and the ways in which different cultural groups, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, describe them. They have created a class book based on the four seasons.

Mrs Chris Conneely

Year 2

The students in Year Two have had a busy start to the Term. We have been exploring poetry, particularly Acrostic Poems, Cinquain Poems and Rhyming Couplets. We are beginning to write our own poems using these poetry formats. In Science, we have been investigating and experimenting with different forces.

The Year Two students enjoyed their trip to the CWA, especially making their octopus and morning tea. The residents enjoyed their company for the morning.



God Bless

Mrs Anderson

2020 Intentions

A reminder to families if you are intending to move to another school for 2020, please inform the office as soon as possible.

STUDENT PROTECTION CONTACTS

Every school has student protection contacts who 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

Cheryl Anderson

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2019

Thurs 31st Oct Beersheba Day
Thurs 31st Oct All Saints Day Mass 9am

November 2019

Fri 1st Nov Socktober Crazy Sock Day
Tues 5-8th Nov Year 5/6 Camp
Sun 10th Nov School Family Mass 8am
Mon 11th Nov Swimming Lessons
Tues 12th Nov Swimming Lessons
Tues 19th Nov Swimming Lessons
Wed 20th Nov Swimming Lessons
Fri 22nd Nov Swimming Carnival
Wed 27th Nov Interhouse Ballgames Carnival
Thurs 28 Nov Bush Dance School Sports Hall

December 2019

Wed 4th Dec Year 6 Graduation Mass
Wed 4th Dec Interschool Ballgames Carnival
Thurs 5th Dec Year 6 Transition OSHS
Fri 6th Dec Final Day 2019

School Fees

**All fees need to be paid in full before
Friday 6th December 2019**

**Don't forget to order your Tuckshop
through
FlexiSchools.**

Order must be in by 7.30am Monday.

**Thank You to Claire & Val Lawrence for
volunteering their time to make the
Tuckshop available to our students.
If anyone would like to volunteer please
leave name at the office.**

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 Week 2 & 3



P & F Notes

Thank you to all who attended the P & F Meeting held on the 28th October.

Christmas Raffle: Thanks to the parents who have made a start bringing in donations keep them coming in. Tickets will be sold at \$5.00 per ticket each family to receive 2. If more is needed come to the office. Let's make this a worthwhile raffle for the **one Lucky Winner**.

Bush Dance: This is a compulsory school event.

Thursday the 28th November, this is going to be a great night. The P & F are organising the food and drinks to be on sale for the night. Helpers will be required, please lend an hour or two of your time. Let us know in the office if you are available, many hands make light work.

The P & F are going forward with plans to equip the Kitchen area of the sports hall, this will make it a lot easier when we have functions with everything we need in the one place.

If you wish to put anything on the agenda please send it in to the school before the next meeting.

REMINDER: Please if you are making a purchase from the Bernborough Hardware remember to mention St, Monica's School and the loyalty programme they have on offer for our parents, this comes back to the school through a points system and the school benefits.

Next P&F Meeting

Monday 19th October 6.30pm in Parish Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Uniform Shop



St Monica's Second hand Uniform shop

Everything currently \$5 each

Available Thursday and Friday by appointment only

Please contact

Tricia 0408 675 945 (prefer text)

2019 Dance Exam Results

Bronze Star Classical Ballet... Highly Commended

Bronze Star Jazz Moves....Commended Plus

Test 3 Tap..... Pass



Nags Rags & Roses

Your Local School Uniform Stockist



178 Bridge Street Oakey
Phone: 46 912 311

FOUND

Girls Bike

If you are missing a girls bike, please drop into the Oakey Police Station and describe it to the police!

Redgum Term 4 Catalogue is NOW DIGITAL

The Redgum catalogue is now fully digital, saving time AND most importantly reducing our carbon footprint!

The catalogue is still packed full of fantastic books and games but rather than 32 pages of paper you have it all digital. Simply visit our website and download and view on your phone or computer - it's that easy. Enjoy!

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Be Well @ St Monica's



Let's Get Physical

Modelling positive behaviours

We all want our children to grow up to enjoy physical and emotional health and wellbeing and the best path to achieve this is for parents to model these positive behaviours. Research shows that parental influence is powerful, as what you do acts as a template for your children, and they often imitate it. Queensland Health has called on parents to boost their children's physical activity levels, with new research showing they are more likely to be active when the family is active, therefore parents can encourage an active lifestyle by modelling one themselves. The physical and emotional benefits continue throughout life, and those who are physically active in childhood are more likely to carry those good habits into adulthood.

There are other ways you can positively influence your children. An increasing level of overweight and obesity is evident in Australian society today and children often learn unhealthy eating habits from the adults in their lives. Why not get your children to help you with healthy food preparation, and stock up on healthier snack like fruits, instead of junk food. At a time where technology is taking over our world, it is important to model healthy technology use to create a balance between screen and family time. This can be achieved by setting rules around technology in your home that everyone must follow (even you), eg. no technology at the dinner table. Modelling respectful and caring relationships teaches your children to do likewise. Let them see you demonstrating kindness, gratitude, empathy and tolerance, as this provides them with a very valuable lesson.

Being a positive role model for our children isn't always easy, but remember they are always watching and learning from us, and this could be the motivation we need to change our own habits for the better. So ask yourself – what am I modelling to my children?

One of the most important things we adults can do for young children is to **MODEL** the kind of person we would like them to be.

Mind Matters



It is almost an automatic thing for parents to ask their children "How was your day?" and this is often met with one of two things – a one-word answer (end of conversation) or a recount of the one negative thing that happened in an otherwise really positive day. In order to encourage greater conversation why not try some of these questions instead:

What was the nicest thing you did for someone else?
What was the funniest thing that happened today?
Tell me something you learned about a friend today.
Did anyone do anything super nice for you?
What was your favorite subject to study today?
Who did you show kindness to today?

What games did you play at lunchtime?
What challenged you today?
What new fact did you learn today?
Who made you smile today?
What is one thing you did today that was helpful?
What are grateful for today?

In challenging times, help is just a phone call away! Who can you call 24/7?

Lifeline 131114, Kids Help Line 1800 551800, Beyond Blue 1300 224636