



Newsletter 7th November 2018 Week 5 Term 4

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Principal's Page

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Our Year 5 & 6 students arrived home safe, tired but happy on Friday afternoon after a full program of activities at the Christian Youth Camp Burleigh Heads. It was great to see the students taking part in a variety of indoor, outdoor and water activities which enhanced their physical, personal and social abilities. I'm sure they have reported what a great time they had. I offer a special thanks to Mr West, Mrs Bruggemann, Mr Duncan and Mrs Tyrie for giving of their own time so freely in order to make the camp a possibility. Many thanks to our parents for finding the extra money to allow your children to attend and a big vote of thanks to the P&F Association for providing the money to pay for the bus in order to keep the cost to parents to a minimum.

The Oakey Community Race Day held at Clifford Park Racecourse organised by the P&F was an outstanding success. Approximately 280 patrons enjoyed an evening of horse racing, fine food, drinks, entertainment and great company. My sincere thanks go to the P&F team led by President Peter Anderson for organising a highly successful function. I know that countless hours of work went into organising the event and that many people contributed in many ways. The level of support from the Oakey and surrounding business community was amazing and both the school and Oakey will benefit greatly from the proceeds of the day. The P&F Committee will provide details of the financial success of the day. I'm sure the school parents who attended had a great time and should the P&F decide to organise another Race Day in the future I encourage more of our parents to add the event to their calendars!

Swimming Lessons commence next week so I ask that parents return the permission note attached to the separate swimming letter that went home earlier this week. No further cost is incurred by parents as the expenses for the six lessons and bus transport is covered by the school.

Next Monday afternoon at 5:30pm the P&F Association will host an 'Open Forum' at school to listen to the ideas of parents and staff regarding the future development of the school. Whilst the forum is not a venue to make 'hard and fast' decisions, it will provide parents and staff an opportunity to offer ideas regarding resources, facilities and opportunities. The P&F will use this information to inform their fund-raising efforts and to take a longer term and strategic approach to project which that they are enthusiastic to support. Please come along and have your say. Some refreshments will be provided, and the gathering should only take about an hour. The invitation is extended to all parents, so it would be fantastic to see a few more faces come along and offer an idea or two. Please complete the attached Reply Slip and return it to school by this Friday, this will assist with catering.

Staff from the Catholic Schools Office visited today to work with teachers on Guided Reading. This is part of our ongoing commitment to the Reading Improvement Strategy. Mrs Cavanagh has been analysing reading progress throughout the school and reports some significant growth in many of our students. I am really pleased to hear this as this week I am attending Principals' meetings and analysis of NAPLAN data has been on the agenda. It was really heartening to receive applause from the group when St Monica's was mentioned for its growth in scores from Year 3 through to Year 5. The presenter analysed data compared to other schools in our Diocese, other Catholic Schools in Queensland and with schools of similar characteristics to ours. Our improvements are testament to the staff's focused teaching efforts and the students improved levels of academic engagement.

Did you have a win in yesterday's Melbourne Cup? I hope you did as I didn't!

Yours

Mr Roland Poulton

Principal

APRE Report Week 5 Term 4

On Saturday, I had the very great pleasure of attending the Oakey and Community Spring Race day. Congratulations to the St Monica's P&F on organising such a successful event. It was a fantastic evening and a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and colleagues. It was great to see so many members of the extended Oakey community there as well. Well done to our P&F!

Over the next couple of weeks, classes will be completing assessments in preparation for our end of year reporting. Please ask your child/ren what they have been doing in class.

Crazy Sock Day

This Friday is crazy sock day (apologies for the confusion last week – we had changed the date so that our years 5 and 6 classes could also participate). Students are invited to wear crazy socks with a gold coin donation to the Mission of Mercy and Hope – the order of priests our Father Thomas belongs to. The Mission of Mercy and Hope run orphanages in India and do other good works around the world.

End of Year Celebrations Date Claimer

On Friday the 7th of December at 10 am we will be celebrating our end of year liturgy and awards ceremony. At this time, we will also have a formal farewell for our principal Mr Roland Poulton. All families are warmly invited to attend the celebrations and morning tea afterwards.

End of Year Concert

Thursday the 29th of November is the date of our End of Year Concert. More information will be provided closer to the date however, below is the list of costume requirements for students (each class will perform a dance and a musical item). The costumes for the dance will also be worn for the musical performances. My aim with dance costumes is for students to wear things they would already have at home so that parents are not 'out of pocket' having to purchase items.

Class	Dance	Costume
Prep	Jesus' Lullaby	Pyjamas
Year 1	Christmas Jive	Girls – 'poodle skirt' – provided by Mrs Cavanagh with a Christmas/plain t-shirt. Hair in a ponytail. Boys – Christmas/plain t-shirt, dark shorts/pants. Hair slicked back.
Year 2	Christmas Hip hop	Christmas clothes (red/green/white colours)
Year 3	Alphabet Dance	Christmas clothes (red/green/white colours)
Year 4	Christmas Bush Dance	'Country' type clothes eg boots, jeans, check shirts etc.
Year 5	Get Your Head In The Game	Sporting attire.
Year 6	Ballroom Dance	'Good' clothes, skirts/dresses, long pants, button-up shirts, closed in shoes.

Teacher Talk

Prep

Despite the children having to cope with a change of teacher over the last week, they have done very well and have been busy learning new concepts and consolidating others.

In literacy sessions we have been exploring the fairy tale The Three Little Pigs and the language associated with the text. We went beyond just the story and read about real pigs and real wolves. The children were actively involved in the comparison and we were fortunate to see a trailer full of pigs when we walked to mass last Wednesday. Most could identify the breed and recall an interesting fact from the non fiction texts we'd read. We were able to extend our knowledge of fiction and non fiction sections to spaces within our library and what each held.

Maths concepts explored last week were 'more than' and 'less than', 'longer than' 'shorter than', 'bigger than' and 'smaller than'. Consolidating these concepts of comparison and continuing to explore the language of length and size at home with everyday experiences, would be advantageous.

We have also been learning about the two different sections in the bible and to date have viewed several stories and then located them within the Old Testament. They sequenced a series of four pictures from the Old Testament story 'David and Goliath', with varying degrees of accuracy, which also acted as an assessment task.

We have been familiarising the children with some rules and routines by way of a transitioning strategy preparing them for the shift from prep to year one, where the expectations shall of course increase. The children from my observations however, are used to rules and routines within their prep classroom and operate efficiently within a well organised system.

Mrs Jenny Shellshear

Year One

This week we have been looking at fine tuning our reading skills during reading groups. Students are working on the 'au' sound for spelling. During health lessons students identifying safe and unsafe situations. They will be listing strategies and actions they can use to help them stay safe. During Mathematics students recognizing and describing digital and analogue time. Students will develop a simple plan and investigate materials to use to create a spinning toy.

Mrs Chris Conneely

Year Two

In Maths we have begun to explore chance and data. We looked at the chance of rolling different totals with two dice and recorded our outcomes with tally marks. This week we have explored the <ore> spelling for the /or/ sound.

In Science we have been sequencing life stages of different animals and identifying the different stages of development. We discovered some animals undergo a more dramatic change called metamorphosis. In Religion we explored the Jewish concept of Mitzvah which are the 613 commandments that many Jewish people follow in order to keep their covenant and relationship with God.

Students have been busy completing reading assessments and it has been exciting to see the growth in ability! Thank you for your support at home with reading, it makes all the difference!

Yours in Christ,

Mrs Rowena Staude

Teacher Talk

Year Three

Welcome to Week 5! I can't believe that we are more than half way through the term!

I hope you all had an excellent Melbourne Cup Day yesterday.

In Year 3 we had a lot of fun doing sweeps and making predictions of who we thought would take the win. We used the day as a day to talk about chance and probability and why some horses are "favourites" to win over others. In English, we have continued with our poetry unit and have created a poetry booklet, which has a rhyming couplet, haiku and simile poem. We each wrote an acrostic poem based on the Melbourne Cup.

Just a quick reminder about water bottles, all students need a water bottle at school, especially now that it is warming up again.

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

Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff

Year Four

Welcome to week 5!

This week we are focusing on finishing out concrete poetry work. Concrete poetry is enjoyable for the students as they have the opportunity to write a poem in the shape of the topic. This gives them a chance to express their ideas using a different mode of presentation. A big thank you to the year 4 students who had an excellent attitude towards learning whilst I was at the year 5/6 camp.

Mr Callum Duncan

Year Five

Wow! What a fabulous time we had on camp!! It was wonderful to witness the students thoroughly enjoying the activities and for some experiencing firsts – whether it be the first time away from their families, their first visit to the Gold Coast or the first time they participated in particular activities. I would like to thank all parents and the other staff who attended for providing the students with this fabulous opportunity.

This week in Science, we investigated safety signs regarding dangerous gases, liquids and solids and looked at particular scenarios that students could find themselves in and the appropriate course of action to take. In English, we are continuing to focus on the characters and plot elements in Storm Boy, whilst in Maths, we have completed a number of assessments.

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

Year Six

We all completed a very successful camp at CYC Burleigh last Friday afternoon. Students experienced four days of challenges, excitement and friendship during the camp. I am pleased to report that the St Monica's students received high praise from the instructors for their attitude and behaviour during the camp.

There were varying reports about which activities were most favoured but it seems boogie boarding, stand-up paddle boarding and tubing were most highly rated. There were also many compliments regarding the food but it appears Mum's cooking is still the preferred option.

Thanks to St Monica's staff and CYC Burleigh instructors for their efforts in providing a safe and educational camp for all our year 5 and 6 students.

Mr Mick West

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2018

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

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 12th November 2018

Linda Leerentveld
Leanne Matthewson
Carly Bach

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 5

Prep: Gabriel
Yr 1: Dekoda
Yr 2: Eliza
Yr 3: Jett
Yr 4: Emma
Yr 5: Tanner
Yr 6: Charlie

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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.

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.

Open Forum Reply Slip

I _____ will be attending the Open Forum Monday 12th November 2018 at 5.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Signed _____ Date _____