



Newsletter 14th November 2018 Week 6 Term 4

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Principal's Page

Dear Parents/Caregivers

As you know, we have placed a very big emphasis on reading improvement during the year and the results are very promising with many of our students showing significant gains over the past 12 months. In order to encourage our students to keep striving for improvement it is important to have good quality reading materials available which matches the levels of student development. Over the last six years several thousand dollars has been spent on purchasing new readers for classroom and home use. This is in addition to library books purchased for recreational reading by students. The classroom and home reading books do not have a long life as wear and tear is pretty taxing. We use much of the PM Reading scheme for the teaching of reading. This is a tried and true scheme with associated teacher materials and assessment devices for gauging student levels. We have just ordered another \$2500 worth of materials which will in turn result in better quality of books being available for home readers. The upgrading of reading materials is a long term, costly and ongoing project. Hopefully we will have some bright new books by the end of the year or for the start of the new year. Keep a watch out for new books as they come home. We will start at the Early Years level of the school.

Thank you to parents and staff who attended the 'Open Forum' on Monday afternoon. I'm told some great ideas were discussed which will help guide the new Principal, School Board and P&F in strategic directions for the future in areas of resources, facilities, activities and school growth.

We are starting to move towards the end of the school year with many activities on the horizon. Swimming lessons start tomorrow, a second Prep 2019 Orientation morning is planned for Monday 26 November, a volunteers' thankyou afternoon tea will be held on Wednesday 28 November, the End of Year Concert will be held on Thursday 29 November and Years 4 to 6 will have a ball games afternoon here against Oakey State School on Friday 30 November! In the last week of school, we will farewell the Year 6 class and on the last day of school we will join for a Thanksgiving celebration. It is important that students continue to be at school every day, but I would suggest plenty of sleep during the new few weeks!

Thank you to Claire Matthewson and Mitchell Lancaster who represented the school at the Remembrance Day commemoration ceremony last Sunday morning. Their attendance contributed greatly to the mark of respect afforded by this community to those who fought for freedom and peace.

Just a reminder that the final P&F meeting for the year will be held next Monday 19 November commencing at 7:00pm. If you haven't been to a meeting this year, please make this one a priority. Many thanks.

Yours

Mr Roland Poulton

Principal

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*****The School Family Mass on Saturday the 24th of November has been cancelled*****

End of Year Concert Details

The concert will be held on Thursday the 29th of November beginning at 6pm sharp. All students will be performing a dance as well as a musical item. The concert will be followed by a BBQ and Disco, with the evening wrapping up by 9pm. Costume requirements were sent home in last week's newsletter and have been discussed with the students. Please see me if there are any questions regarding this.

Spelling Bee

Mrs Anderson has been busily organising our annual Spelling Bee to be held in week 8 of this term. Students from each year level will compete on behalf of their house to win the overall trophy. The names of students and their competition day will be published next week so parents can come along to our morning parade to cheer them along. Individual winners from each class will receive a prize.

End of Year Celebrations

As the end of year quickly approaches, it is important to mark in your calendars some upcoming events.

Wednesday 5th December – 9am Mass to farewell our Year 6 students. The whole school will attend with our Year 6 students and their families invited to attend morning tea in the parish hall afterwards.

Friday 7th December – 10am – End of Year Liturgy and Farewell to Mr Poulton. Our end of year awards will be presented at this Liturgy and will be followed by morning tea for families and invited guests.

Remembrance Day

Last Sunday marked the 100 year anniversary of the signing of the peace treaty to end World War One. I was joined by our school captains, Claire and Mitchell (and their families) at the Oakey RSL Memorial Service. Claire and Mitchell represented our school community with distinction as they laid a wreath on behalf of St Monica's. Thank you to Claire and Mitchell for giving up their Sunday morning for this service.



Teacher Talk

Prep

We've had a busy week in prep as we continue to fit in as much teaching and learning as possible before the end of the year. We've continued with our exploration of fairytales, this week concentrating on Goldilocks and the Three Bears. A highlight was making porridge and tasting it. We added honey, brown sugar, sultanas, cinnamon and grated apple. The sweeter ones were by far the favourites and some discovered a breakfast cereal that they'd never tasted before and actually enjoyed.

We've learnt some interesting facts about real bears and have successfully copied sentences from the whiteboard containing facts about these interesting mammals. They have an increased vocabulary, having learnt some new words in relation to this animal group. Test them to see how much they can recall!

Exploring 'groups of' during maths has been novel and the children have practised counting with some even managing to count by two's ! We are continuing our daily practice of writing letters and numerals and many are making a marked improvement.

All in all a busy and happy week with a great little bunch of preps.

Mrs Jenny Shellshear

Year One

This week we have been looking at visualizing 'changing words into pictures' when reading. Students are looking at the 'aw' sound for spelling. During Religion lessons students are reading stories of Mary and the birth of Jesus. They are learning the Hail Mary prayer. During Mathematics students are exploring the language of chance. They have been reading, interpreting and representing data on graphs.

With only a few weeks left students have been busy with testing and fine tuning their skills in preparation for next year. Please make sure that all library books are returned this Friday.

Mrs Chris Conneely

Year Two

In Maths we are exploring division by grouping collections. We explored the division sign and how to show our mathematical understanding using a number sentence. This week we have explored the <le> spelling rule and have investigated parsing in grammar. When we parse we are looking for all the common and proper nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, prepositions and conjunctions in a piece of text. In Science we are exploring the process of metamorphosis and are investigating the different life cycles of animals and insects. Next week we are planning to design our Marble Runs for Design and Technology. We are in need of tubes and cardboard boxes. If you have any spare recyclable tubes or boxes, please send these in.

Mrs Rowena Staude

Teacher Talk

Year Three

Welcome to Week 6.

I can't believe how fast this term is going! In Year Three we have been doing a lot of revision and completing assessment tasks. In Mathematics, we are focusing on multiplication and division as well as symmetry. In English, we are revising parts of speech and finalising our poetry anthologies. We have also each created an artwork depicting one of the Saints we have learnt about in Religion this term.

Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff

Year Four

Welcome to week 6!

This week we have been reflecting upon the parable of The Good Samaritan. Students were asked to reflect on the messages of the parable and share these with the class. We are currently completing our Maths testing which is focusing on converting between units of measurement and analysing data, which I'm confident the year 4 class will succeed in.

A reminder that although we are nearing the end of the term, the expectations surrounding punctuality and the completion of homework still apply. Thank you for your hard work during this busy time.

Mr Callum Duncan

Year Five

Thank you for the prompt return of your swimming notes. A reminder our first lesson is on Thursday so please ensure your child has all of their requirements.

This week in English, the students have been writing narratives and focusing on the prefixes multi, over and super. In Maths, we are consolidating our number knowledge and have completed assessments in multiplication, estimation and time, whilst in HaSS, we are looking at the impact climate has on vegetation. In Science, we investigated everyday gases and completed a soft drink fizz experiment to see what happened when we added water to bicarbonate soda and citric acid. The students enjoyed participating in this hands-on activity.

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

Year Six

Hello from Year 6

We have had a busy week in the run to the Christmas holiday period. Students are busily editing assignment work in HASS, English, and Technology as part of semester two assessment. These assignments are due on Friday 16th November.

We have completed the teaching phase of the Maths unit on probability and the class will soon sit a test on this topic. We have discovered that probability is not always an accurate determiner of outcomes.

With swimming lessons commencing on Thursday 15th November I have advised the children that they can wear their swimming costumes to school as Year 6 swim from 9.00am till 9.40am. They must however change out of their costume after the lesson.

Mr Mick West

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2018

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
Mon Nov 26th	Prep Orientation 9-11am
Tue Nov 27th	Swimming Lessons
Wed Nov 28th	Volunteers Afternoon Tea 2.15pm
Thurs Nov 29th	Swimming Lessons
Thurs Nov 29th	End of Year Concert, Disco & BBQ
Fri Nov 30th	Yr 4-6 Ballgames with Oakey SS

December 2018

Tue Dec 4th	Swimming Carnival
Thurs Dec 6th	Year 6 Farewell Celebrations 9am
Fri Dec 7th	Mr Poulton Farewell Liturgy 10am
Fri Dec 7th	Last Day of School

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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 19th November 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

SUPERlearners Term 4 Week 6

Prep:	Jack M
Yr 1:	Brielle
Yr 2:	Girard
Yr 3:	Corbin
Yr 4:	Hannah
Yr 5:	Tahlia
Yr 6:	Franchisezka

SUPERlearners Term 4 Week 5



Over 100 athletes competed in the final Aussie Kids Karate Championships for 2018 which was combined with the staging of the Australian Renbukan Karate Championships, held at the Toowoomba State School Mt Lofty on Sunday the 11th November 2018. Oakey All-Stars fielded a strong team again, with 6 students coming from St Monica's.

In the Aussie Kids Championships Luke Young won a gold medal, Trinity Beutel and Emma Prentergast received silver medals, and Henry Young was awarded a bronze medal. In the Australian Renbukan championships Mitchell Lancaster was awarded third place in the Junior Male Kumite Division Three, and Eduardo De Moraes was second in the Junior Male Kumite Division One.

Aussie Kids Karate classes are held each Thursday afternoon from 4:30 pm in the Oakey State School Hall – everyone is welcome and the first class is free. We also offer both a junior and a senior/adult class. For further information go to www.aussiekidskarate.com.au or look for us on Facebook under Aussie Kids Karate.



Little Champions Child Care
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Open Day

Saturday 24th November
10am to 2pm

Come to Little Champions Childcare Saturday 24th November to our open day for parents and families of potential and existing students. Meet our team of expert educators, take a tour of our brand new Long Day Care centre and discover the difference!

Make sure you bring the kids, there'll be loads to do on the day including:

An interactive display from **MAKING RAINBOWS** running from 11am-1pm
We hope to incorporate this into our program on a regular basis

- Face Painting
- Centre Tours
- Lucky door prize
- Sensory bags
- Gift Packs
- Sensory Playdough
- Bracelet and necklace making
- Beach volleyball
- Multi draw raffle
- Jumping Castles
- Bubbles
- the official Ribbon Cutting
- Sausage sizzle (Gold coin donation for sausage sizzle and drinks)

35—37 York Street, Oakey @ The Oakey Indoor Sports Centre
Phone: 07 4691 1691 Email: littlechampionschildcare@gmail.com

Oakey PPP Seminar next Wed evening 21st Nov 6-8:30pm.

If we don't reach minimum numbers the seminar will not be able to go ahead – the families of Oakey have asked for this – so please together lets encourage active participation.

The Power of Positive Parenting Seminar is FREEplease share with your networks and families.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/563558500776032>

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Where:

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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 he 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.

Crazy Sock Day

