



# SAINT MONICA'S

## CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - OAKEY

"In Omnibus Glorificetur Deus"  
"In All Things May God Be Glorified"

Newsletter 21st November 2018 Week 7 Term 4

"Inspiring learning for a better world."

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The St Monica's annual spelling bee will be held next week, beginning Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November, on parade. The students have been working hard on their spelling in class and three finalists from each year level (one from each house) have been selected for the finals.

The time table for the spelling bee is below: -

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Prep Year One	Year Two Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six

The Finalist chosen are: -

Year Level	Fromelles	Beersheba	Kokoda
Prep	Nate	Claire	Arabella
Year 1	Alex L	Xianne	Jashan
Year 2	Ivyee-Grace	Gabrielle	Girard
Year 3	Henry	Trinity	Bryant
Year 4	Holly	Samuel	Eva
Year 5	Cy	Rory	Tanner
Year 6	Gilliann	Dominic	Mitchell

All families are welcome to attend to support these spellers.

Winners certificates, and overall house winner, will be presented on Parade on Monday morning 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018.



# Principal's Page

Dear Parents/Caregivers

As we move towards the end of the school year, I ask parents to check your diaries to make sure you have the following school happening listed:

- Prep students 2019 orientation morning next Monday 26 November 9:00 to 11:00am.
- Volunteers Afternoon Tea next Wednesday 28 November at 2:15pm in the Parish Hall – all welcome.
- School Concert & P&F Disco and BBQ Thursday 29 November 5:45pm for a 6:00pm sharp start. The evening should be over by approximately 9:00pm.
- Year 4,5 &6 Ballgames afternoon with Oakey State School here Friday 30 November from 12:30pm.
- School Swimming Carnival Tuesday 4 December commencing at 9.00am.
- Year 6 Farewell Mass and Presentations in St Monica's Church Wednesday 5 December at 9:00am followed by a special morning tea for Year 6 students and their guests in the Parish Hall.
- Thanksgiving Liturgy on Friday 7 December at 10:00am followed by morning tea for parents, caregivers and invited guests. As this is the last day of the school year, students may leave at 12noon providing they are collected from classrooms by a responsible adult. Please complete the permission note attached to this newsletter regarding early departure from school.

The builders are working hard to have the sound deadening installed in the Sports Hall, so it has better acoustics for gatherings where students are speaking, acting, singing or presenting. We hope to be able to use the hall for the School Concert.

At tomorrow's Assembly in the Parish Hall we have several achievement and recognition certificates to present to students including students who displayed outstanding attendance and involvement in the weekly Craft Club.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday Mr Luke Barrett, the new Principal for St Monica's will visit to begin the formal hand over process. If you see Luke around the school, please introduce yourself and make him feel welcome.

Pop into the Prep room and see the students busily at work surrounded by Santa's Workshop. What a fun time they are having whilst learning!

Congratulations to Mrs Rebecca Thomas (Prep Teacher) and her husband John on the birth of their baby girl Abby May. All are doing well, and we send them our best wishes.

In closing, if you have any family, friends or work colleagues who are making decisions about schooling for 2019, please recommend St Monica's and suggest they contact us quickly as we are finalising details for 2019 classes.

Yours

Mr Roland Poulton

Principal

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**Last Day of Term Intentions— 7/12/18 (One note per child, please return to your child's class teacher by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018)**

My child: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Level: \_\_\_\_\_  
will be leaving early on Friday 7th December 2018. (Students will not be able to leave before 12noon)

**YES / NO** (Please circle YES if your child is leaving early or NO if your child will be staying at school until 3:00pm)

My child will be going home early with \_\_\_\_\_ (Please provide name of responsible adult)

#### APRE Newsletter Report Week 7 Term 4

This term is flying by so quickly and our end of year events will be upon us before we know it. Next Thursday evening, all students will be participating in the End of Year concert. This is an opportunity for your children to showcase what they have been doing in Dance and Music lessons this year. Thank you to the members of the P&F for organising the BBQ to follow our End of Year Concert. We have had a few questions about costume requirements for the concert so I have included the information again in this week's newsletter.

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.

#### Container Refund Scheme

I am sure you would all be aware of the Container Refund Scheme currently being advertised in the media. This scheme allows people to receive a refund of 10c on every eligible drink container. Here at St Monica's we have purchased a wheelie bin specifically to recycle our drinks containers. The students have been busily recycling and after 10 school days, we have received a refund of \$23.40. The money we raise from our recycling will go to a worthy cause each term (as identified by our school leadership team and Mini Vinnies Group). This term, we have decided to donate the money to the Mission for Mercy and Hope, along with our Crazy Sock Day Money, to assist Father Thomas' missionary order of priests in their good work around the world. I have really enjoyed hearing stories from the children as to how their families are recycling at home. Keep it up St Monica's community!

God bless

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE

## Teacher Talk

### Prep

We have continued our exploration of Fairytales, studying Little Red Riding Hood this week. We have discovered that there's different versions of the same story but the message remains the same.

We've written lists of adjectives to suit both Little Red Riding Hood and the wolf and have practised writing them in our neatest handwriting. Most have done a wonderful job of copying from the board.

'Group of' and 'sharing equally' have been our focus in numeracy, with many taking this exploration further, to include combinations of amounts to equal ten and whether more or less blocks are required to give us only ten.

**Mrs Jenny Shellshear**



### Year One

Wow! What a busy week! We welcome back Mrs. Booth and we welcome Bella and Sid who have been joining some of our lessons. Students have been finalizing assessment in all subjects.

This week we have continued to visualize 'changing words into pictures' as a reading strategy. During Religion lessons students are comparing stories from the books of Matthew and Luke. They are learning the Hail Mary prayer and different forms of meditation. During Mathematics, students are practising addition and subtraction strategies.

Students in Year 1 have enjoyed the swimming lessons over the last few weeks. After only a short time they are all becoming much more competent in the water. Swimming continues this week.

**Mrs Chris Conneely**

### Year Two

In Maths we are revising addition and subtraction, number patterns and place value. Students are working to answer two step word problems using a range of strategies. This week we have explored the split digraph spelling rule known as magic 'e' 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. Students explored the role of articles in identifying nouns, and determined whether to add a or an before a noun or adjective. 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 7 of term 4, I can't believe we are almost at the end of the year!

This week we have been revising concepts covered in mathematics this semester and doing a lot of group work. We have been revisiting some spelling rules and focusing on neat cursive writing.

Reminder to the students and parents that we have swimming lessons this week on Thursday and Friday. Please remind students to bring their swimmers as well as a towel and thongs.

I look forward to seeing the parents at the Christmas concert next week on Thursday evening!

**Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff**

## Year Four

This week we have planned and published a poem called 'The Forest', each student was provided with the title and was required to plan a poem that included all the poetry topics we covered this term. It has been great to see the students applying their knowledge to this task and developing their ICT skills at the same time. I've also enjoyed seeing students demonstrate great behaviours towards their swimming lessons, they have represented St Monica's positively and I encourage them to keep up the good work!

**Mr Callum Duncan**

## Year Five

This week in English we completed the plot analysis of Storm Boy and worked on spelling words with the prefixes un, anti and dis. In Library lessons this term, the students have been researching and creating a powerpoint about a European country. This week, the students designed and built a famous landmark from their chosen country out of recyclable materials and as you can see they did an excellent job.



As is tradition, the Year 5 families are required to bring morning tea for the Year 6 Graduation.

A note has been sent home this week providing more information and I would appreciate you completing and returning it at your earliest convenience.

**Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann**

## Year Six

Hello from Year 6

During the last week the students have begun a unit of work based on revision and consolidation of concepts learned in Mathematics and English. This work has included Number and Numeration, Operations on Numbers and Problem Solving as well as Sentence Structure and Inferencing.

Students have begun work on their 2019 calendars which were lovingly created by Mrs Tyrie. They will make a beautiful addition to the home office or kitchen in the New Year.

Swimming lessons have begun in earnest with students grouped in ability levels as they prepare for the school swimming carnival in week 9.

Preparations are also underway for our Year 6 Farewell Mass which will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December in St Monica's Church. We hope that families will be able to join us in this celebration of each child's journey through primary school.

**Mr Mick West**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### November 2018

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 5.45pm
Fri Nov 30th	Yr 4-6 Ballgames with Oakey SS

### December 2018

Tue Dec 4th	Swimming Carnival 9.00am
Wed Dec 5th	Year 6 Farewell Celebrations 9am
Fri Dec 7th	Mr Poulton Farewell Liturgy 10am
Fri Dec 7th	Last Day of School (students with Parental Approval may leave at 12 noon)

### 2019

Mon 28th January	Public Holiday
Tue 29th January	School Resumes
Mon 4th February	Yr 6 Emu Gully
Fri 15th February	Welcome BBQ & Disco
Thursday 21st February	Board Meeting
Sun 12th May	Centenary of St Monica's Parish
Fri 7th June	Confirmation
Sun 9th June	First communion

## Tuckshop

## Helpers

**Monday 26th November  
2018**

Linda Leerentveld

Suella McCormack

Alison MacIntosh

Thank you ladies for  
volunteering your time!

## Weekend Masses

### St Monica's Parish

1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Satur-  
day Vigil 6.00pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – 8.00am

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – 8.00am Cele-  
bration of the Word & Com-  
munion

### Our Lady of the Annuncia- tion, Peranga

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – 10.00am

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 10.00am Cele-  
bration of the Word & Com-  
munion

Oakey: Saturday 6pm

Peranga: Sunday 10am

## SUPERlearners Term 4 Week 7

Prep: Mackenzie

Yr 1: Abby

Yr 2: Ruby

Yr 3: Ella

Yr 4: Eva

Yr 5: Norma

Yr 6: Jessica

## SUPERlearners Term 4 Week 6



## P & F Notes

**Race Day:** Thank you Thank you to our generous Sponsors, to the Business Houses and individuals who gave us prizes and to the many who attend this very successful function.

Approx. \$25,000.00 was raised this will be going to the school for a variety of resources required by our students.

\$900.00 will be donated to the Lions Club of Oakey our chosen Local Charity.

Thank you again to all who made this venture the success it was.

**BBQ/Concert: 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 (5.30 – 9.00)**

Venue for the concert will be the Sports Hall.

No entrance fee will be charged, compliments of the P & F committee.

**BBQ, Bar and Disco** will operate from the quadrangle, during the disco.

Please come along and enjoy this social occasion.

**Tuckshop Convenor:** To date no one has offered to fill this vacancy. If this position is not filled shortly the Tuckshop will not be in operation in 2019.

The P & F Committee of 2018 extend they're thanks to the many volunteers who have provided a service to the school. Your time and help are appreciated.

**P & F AGM**

**4<sup>th</sup> February 2019.**

**All Welcome**

**All positions declared vacant.**

**A General meeting will follow.**

Welcome BBQ & Disco

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

# Important Notices

## 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  
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

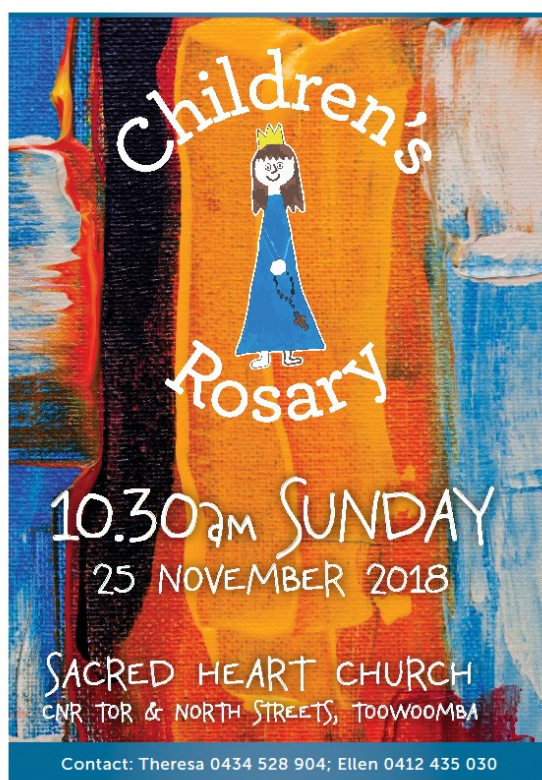
### **Tuckshop Convenor needed for the 2019 School Year.**

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.**

A poster for a Pool Party. It features a blue background with a yellow lifebuoy, a pink inflatable ring, and a red and white lifebuoy. The text "POOL PARTY" is prominently displayed in large, colorful letters. Below the title, there is a table with event details.

	LOCATION	2019 DATES	ENTRY TIMES	
<b>UNDER 18YRS FREE</b>	Oakey	Mon 14 Jan	9am-12pm	Inflatables will be up from 10am-12pm
	Pittsworth	Wed 16 Jan	9am-12pm	
<b>FREE</b>	Goombungee	Mon 14 Jan	1.30pm-4.30pm	
	Yarraman	Tue 15 Jan	9.00am-12.00pm	
	Crows Nest	Tue 15 Jan	1.30pm-4.30pm	
	Clifton	Wed 16 Jan	1.30pm-4.30pm	
	Cecil Plains	Thu 17 Jan	9.00am-12.00pm	
	Millmerran	Thu 17 Jan	1.30pm-4.30pm	

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