



Newsletter 28th November 2018 Week 8 Term 4

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Introducing Mr Luke Barrett St Monica's Oakey Principal 2019

Welcome to our new Principal Mr Luke Barrett. Luke will take over the reins at St Monica's on 1st January 2019. Luke is just completing 6 years as Principal of St Joseph's Millmerran and is looking forward to his new appointment at Oak-ey. He brings with him exemplary experience as a Teacher and a Principal. Luke has a keen interest in computer technology and is known amongst his colleagues for his skill in this area. Luke is a proud Cowboys supporter and loves his sport. In 2019 Luke will take the physical education classes at St Monica's so this will be great way for him to get to know the students and to encourage their participation. Luke possesses an enthusiastic and warm manner and is very approachable.

Luke has been at St Monica's for the last two days and has had an opportunity to meet with the staff, the students and many of the parents. Luke has participated in a formal hand-over process during his visit. Discussions have ranged from which key fits which lock, the 2019 budget, curriculum initiatives and to class arrangements for next year. I hope this helps Luke settle in quickly and take the school forward on its journey. I wish Luke every blessing as he embarks on the next chapter in his professional life.

Roland Poulton



Principal's Page

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Teaching arrangements for 2019 are now complete and I am happy to announce St Monica's teaching staff for 2019 as follows:

Principal – Mr Luke Barrett

APRE/Middle Leader/Drama/Dance & Intervention – Mrs Lisa Cavanagh

Physical Education – Mr Luke Barrett

Music – Ms Susie Fredline

Learning Support Teacher – Mrs Charden Ruge

Teacher/Librarian – Mrs Mandie Tindall

Prep – Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff

Year 1 – Mrs Chris Conneely

Year 2 – Mrs Cheryl Anderson

Year 3 – Mr Callum Duncan

Year 4/5 – Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

Year 5/6 – Mr Mick West

We have been fortunate to arrange 2019's teaching staff with fewer changes than have been necessary in previous years. I'm sure our students will benefit greatly from these arrangements.

Thank you to the parents / caregivers who attended the Volunteers Afternoon Tea this afternoon. Thank you to each member of our community who has contributed to the support of our school during 2018. Your contribution is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

I am looking forward to watching the Christmas Concert in the Sports Hall tomorrow evening. I am hoping that the sound attenuation treatment improves the acoustics. Just a couple of reminders about Thursday 30 November:

5:45pm - Arrive at the Sports Hall for the concert. Students sit with their classes on the floor at the front of the hall whilst parents and friends sit on the chairs behind the children.

BBQ, Disco and refreshments available in the quadrangle at the completion of the concert. BBQ food will be available at reasonable prices. This year there is no admission charge for the concert and disco. Students are to be supervised within the quadrangle area by parents. The oval and play equipment areas are out of bounds.

9:00pm - disco concludes.

The school Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 4 December. A note was sent home to get an idea of what events parents feel their children should compete in. These have been considered by the teachers and pool instructors. Parents will be notified of the events their children have been nominated for to avoid any confusion on the day. Please remember that the final nominations may be different to the events you recommended your children for.

The Year 6 Farewell Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am on Wednesday 5 December. All school parents/caregivers are invited. Parents from younger grade levels are invited to provide a plate of food to share at the morning tea for Year 6 families and their guests.

The final liturgy for the year will be held at 10:00am on Friday 7 December. During this celebration, academic prize winners from Prep to Year 6 will be presented their rewards for the year. Staff who are leaving will also be farewelled at this celebration in the church. Please join us for the special event.

I am looking forward to catching up with many of you over the final days of the school year prior to my retirement.

Mr Roland Poulton

Principal

APRE Newsletter Report Week 8 2018



This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent, the preparation time for Christmas. Each week at the Mass, a new candle will be lit until the Sunday before Christmas day when all the candles are lit. It's easy for us to get caught up in the excitement of Christmas approaching, but I always find the lighting of the Advent candles at Mass to be a really peaceful and prayerful time.

We have a couple of very important opportunities to pray together as a school community over the remaining 10 days of the year. Next Wednesday, all are welcome to attend the Year 6 Farewell Mass at 9am in St Monica's Church. A morning tea for our Year 6 students and their families will be held in the Parish Hall afterwards. Thank you to our Year 5 families for assisting with catering.

On Friday the 7th of December (the last day of school) we will have a special prayer celebration and send off for Mr Poulton. We will also be presenting our Academic Achievement Awards at this celebration. Everyone in our school community is warmly invited to attend. Morning tea will be served after the ceremony.

This Friday afternoon, our years 4 to 6 students will be participating in a friendly ballgames carnival with Oakley State School students. We are beginning with a shared sausage sizzle lunch and hope to be underway with the games by 1:15pm. Please come on down and cheer for our teams as they compete in Captain Ball, Leader Ball and the Star Relay. A huge thank you to Mr Coombs for marking the field for us and to the P&F for assisting us provide lunch for our guests.

I have been reading the student report cards over the past couple of days in preparation for their printing and sending home next week. It has been wonderful to read about all the wonderful work our students have done this semester. I have been particularly impressed with the number of comments I have read about how students treat their classmates with kindness and respect, and the number of students who are being complimented on their manners. As a mother, those have been the comments I loved to hear about my children from their teachers.

God bless

Lisa Cavanagh

APRE

Teacher Talk

Prep

We've been busy entering into the spirit of Christmas before we finish up for the year. The children have had fun making decorations to brighten up the interior of Santa's Workshop and various other crafts, all with a Christmas theme. We enjoyed finishing many of them in time to display them for the second prep orientation day yesterday. Soon, we shall be able to take them home and brighten up our homes with our masterpieces.

A lot of fun was had today decorating biscuits to make them look like Rudolph, making a reindeer face from our foot and handprints and decorating our angels that we'll be able to hang on our tree at home. All the while of course, embracing the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus, the reason for the celebration. Our prayer table has taken on another colour, having replaced the existing cloth with purple, the colour for Advent. As we come to the close of a big year for our prep children, the children are enjoying a more relaxed atmosphere in the room, after a huge year of learning.

Mrs Jenny Shellshear

Year One

Wow! What a busy week! Students have been busy looking at rhymes and sentence construction. We have been exploring number and place value using digit eyes and guessing games. Year One are very excited about performing at the Christmas concert on Thursday.

Your Secret Santa gift is due in on Monday the 3rd if you haven't already brought it in. Thank you for helping to make this a special time for the children.

Monday the 3rd of December will be my last day at school before the holidays as I have a minor medical procedure on Tuesday 4th. Mrs. Maria Booth will attend Year One for the duration of the week

Mrs Chris Conneely

Year Two

In Maths we are revising addition and subtraction, and division using grouping. This week we have continued to explore the split digraph spelling rule known as magic 'e' and have revised speech marks. Students explored the use of modal words in persuasive writing to add emphasis to their argument and are continuing to write arguments to persuade the reader. I'm looking forward to the Christmas Concert, BBQ and Disco tomorrow night. What an amazing night it will be with dancing, carols and great company!

Later this 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

Year Three

Welcome to week 8! I can't believe we are in the second last week of term 4! In year 3 we are starting to clean up our classroom and reflect on the year we have had. We have been doing our work portfolios and it has been amazing to see how much growth the students have shown over the year!

Thank you to all the Year 3 students who are doing their best to follow the St Monica's LEARN rules. The children have been making a huge effort at swimming lessons and I'm really excited to see them all in action on Tuesday at the swimming carnival.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas concert tomorrow evening. The Year 3's need to wear Christmas colours and all students are to be at school at 17:45.

Miss Ayden-Skye Wolff

Teacher Talk

Year Four

Welcome to week 8!

This week we have been practising for the ball games afternoon which is being held at school this Friday.

In Science, we tested the role that force plays in the motion of objects. We used a rubber band and stretched it to different points in order to propel a matchbox, we found that the more the rubber band was stretched, the more force that would then be applied to the matchbox causing it to propel further.

We have three lucky girls who are heading off to America to perform some dance moves at Disneyland next week. We wish them and their families all the best and safe travels!

Mr Callum Duncan

Year Five

Well, it is so hard to believe we are in the second last week of the school year, and what a busy year it has been. All of the students are to be commended on their efforts throughout the year and everything they have achieved. Thank you for supporting your child along this journey.

This week, we have been consolidating our knowledge and practising our skills across a variety of subjects. We have been busy practising our ballgames and are looking forward to our afternoon of competition on Friday against Oakey State School. A reminder that the Year 5 students are asked to provide Morning Tea for the Year 6 Graduation next Wednesday and we would really appreciate your assistance in this matter.

We are looking forward to a very busy and exciting last week of school including the Swimming Carnival, Year 6 Farewell, End of Year Liturgy and Farewell to Mr Poulton. This is a very important week for our school community and it is an expectation that all students will be present until the last day. Please send in your intentions for the final day to indicate if your child will be leaving at 12 or staying until 3.05pm.

Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann

Year Six

Hello from Year 6

This week students have begun their journey through the four weeks of Advent. Each week is broken into the following components.

The lighting of a candle-week one is a candle of hope.

A Gospel reading with reflection questions.

A Caratas Australia story with reflection points.

Actions we can take and

A group prayer.

This unit is designed to prepare us for Christmas when we celebrate the birth of Jesus who is the real reason for the season.

In Science we continue to investigate states of matter and how the movement of atoms determines what state a substance takes.

On Wednesday 5th December, following the Farewell Mass and morning tea, the Year 6 class will walk to the Oak-ey pool for an afternoon of swimming. A note outlining the excursion will be sent home this week.

Mr Mick West

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2018

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 3rd December 2018

Pot Luck Day

Linda Leerentveld

Kym Owens

Thank you ladies for
volunteering your time!

Weekend Masses

St Monica's Parish

1st, 4th & 5th Sunday – Satur-
day Vigil 6.00pm

2nd Sunday – 8.00am

3rd Sunday – 8.00am Cele-
bration of the Word & Com-
munion

Our Lady of the Annuncia- tion, Peranga

2nd Sunday – 10.00am

4th Sunday – 10.00am Cele-
bration of the Word & Com-
munion

Oakey: Saturday 6pm

Peranga: Sunday 10am

SUPERlearners Term 4 Week 8

Prep:	Tyjaiah
Yr 1:	Matthew
Yr 2:	Gabrielle
Yr 3:	Beau
Yr 4:	Liberty
Yr 5:	Hayden
Yr 6:	Broc

SUPERlearners Term 4 Week 7



P & F Notes

BBQ/Concert: 29th November 2018 (5.45 – 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



Bar Prices BBQ/concert 29th November 2018

Beer:	\$5.00
Corona	\$6.00
Wine:	\$5.00 per Glass
Spirits: Nip)	\$5.00
Soft Drinks:	\$2.00
Water:	\$2.00
Cruisers:	\$6.00

**Merry
Christmas**



Food Prices BBQ/concert 29th November 2018

Steakburger:	\$6.00
Steakette:	\$5.00
Sausage in Bread:	\$2.50
Soft Drinks:	\$2.00
Water:	\$2.00

**Merry
Christmas**

P & F AGM

4th February 2019.

All Welcome

All positions declared vacant.

A General meeting will follow.

Welcome BBQ & Disco

Friday 15th 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.

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.

Santa Fair

Saturday 8th December – Oakey Soccer Grounds- 5:50pm meet Miss Fredline

We have been invited to sing at the Santa Fair. I have been teaching all the children three songs (Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, Go Tell it on a Mountain and Santa Claus is Coming to Town). Come dressed Christmassy. If you are at the Santa Fair could you meet me near the performance area at 5:50 pm. We will be finished by 6:15 in time for Santa's arrival.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Susie Fredline
Music Teacher

