St Maria Goretti School
Inglewood

**OUR SCHOOL STUDENT PROTECTION CONTACTS:**
- Mrs Paula O’Rourke
- Mrs Mandy Mead

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**January**
- Fri 26th—Australia Day Holiday
- Tues 6th—LIFE Education van visit
- Wed 7th—Parent Partnership Forum 4:30pm
- Fri 9th—Mac Zone Swimming
- Mon 12th—Fri 16th—Leadership Forum
- Tues 27th—Reptile Show
- Wed 14th—Ash Wednesday
- Wed 28th—GRIP Leadership Conference
- Wed 28th—DD Swimming

**February**
- Fri 2nd—Beginning Year Mass at 9am
- Tues 6th—LIFE Education van visit
- Wed 7th—Parent Partnership Forum 4:30pm
- Fri 9th—Mac Zone Swimming
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**March**
- Fri 9th—Sat 10th—St Joseph College visit
- Fri 16th—Inglewood Show Holiday
- Wed 21st—Harmony Day
- Thurs 29th—Last Day of Term

**Mary Mackillop’s reflective saying for this week is:**
“Have a pure heart and be faithful.” 1871

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Welcome back!** It has been very exciting to see all the happy faces, in the new uniforms and hearing about the many holiday adventures. Our school is a great place to be when you see all the happy learners!

**A special welcome to Miss Olivia McNamara** who has joined our teaching team as the Year 4 - 6 teacher. Last week, Olivia worked with the team, finding her feet with all the necessary things to have a smooth start to the academic year.

We also welcome our new prep children and their families – Eli Sharpe, Madeline Apter and Connor McPherson. May your learning journey with us be filled with fun, games and an endless amount of possibilities. We also welcome the Cover family – Toby, Tabitha and Collette. May they enjoy their learning journey with us as well.

As I have alluded to, **our dedicated staff have spent a week, working and learning together.** We have participated in the following workshops – Student protection refresher, Code of Conduct refresher, Mission and Vision, Communication skills, literacy blocks (reading and writing) with Millmerran and Seven Steps to Writing Success program (with four teachers from other schools). Congratulations to all staff on their enthusiasm and professionalism to ensure the start of the year is smooth.

**Today our 9 to 12 year old students have participated in our combined carnival with Inglewood SS.** We look forward to sharing the results with you next week at our first assembly.

**Things to remember:**

**THURSDAYS**
- Whole school assembly (Parents are invited and encouraged to attend 8:40 – 9:00)
- Library borrowing (bring library bag (NO BAG NO BOOKS))

**FRIDAYS**
- Tuckshop
- Swimming

Please ensure you are informed about what is happening around our school. There are various modes that you can access: Facebook, School website, newsletter and text messages from the school. If you are unsure of anything, please ask any of the staff who will ensure that you get an answer.

I look forward to working with everyone throughout the year.

Enjoy the long weekend! Happy Australia Day.

Yours in God’s love

Paula

Our teachers are excited to begin the new school year!
Tuckshop Volunteers:

2nd February: Workers— Melissa Oryszczyn
                Michelle Walker
            Home Cooking— Paula O'Rourke

9th February: Workers— Carla Trevisiol
                Christine Apted
            Home Cooking— Mandy Mead

2018 Instrumental Music Program Information

Mr Bruce Eddiehausen will be conducting instrumental music lessons with students on a Tuesday afternoon (2pm—3pm) - 2 half hour lessons. This is for students enrolled in the program.

This year there has been a change in the pricing for these lessons.

- 1 student $75 per year
- 2 students $100 per year
- 3 students or more $125 per year

There will be a parent meeting for those who have students participating in this program on Tuesday 6th February at 3:30pm in Inglewood State School Music Room.
If you still wish for your child to be part of this program, please contact Paula before next Tuesday.

Swimming

Swimming begins next Friday 2nd February!
The students will be receiving coaching through Naomi as per the end of last year.
Students need to bring:
- towel
- swim shirt
- togs
- swimming cap (optional) or long hair must be tied up in a bag and all labelled with student’s name. Please remember to also label the sports uniform, including underwear and socks.
Learning News

Maree Twidale is our Learning Support Teacher, attending our school every Wednesday throughout the year. Maree has a wealth of knowledge and will be available to support parents with their child's education along side their classroom teacher.

If you need to speak with Maree please contact the office or see Maree the morning of her work.

Maree will be supporting teachers and students each week by being in the classrooms during maths or literacy times.

Watch this space each week to receive tips to support your child's education.

Maree is available to speak with by booking an appointment through our office.

APRE News

Our first liturgy together will be next Friday.

Everyone is invited to attend our Beginning Year mass at 9 am in the church with Fr Sean.

Students will be allocated jobs on Monday in preparation for Friday.

Further celebration times and events will be communicated to you in due time.
First Day Photos

Year 3

Year 4
First Day Photos

Year 5

First Day of Year 5

Year 6

First Day of Year 6
Warwick and District Junior Netball

WARWICK & DISTRICT JUNIOR NETBALL

Come & Join us in 2018

Netball is a fantastic team sport for girls and boys ages 5 to 14 to have fun with their friends, keep active and learn the basic skills of netball in a safe and social environment.

Ages born 2013 – 2004

Fixtures & Training Saturday afternoons

Sign-on day Saturday 10th Feb 11am – 1pm
Season commences 17th February 2018

Four Age Divisions
NetSetGo – NET 5-7yrs
NetSetGo – SET 8 & 9yrs
Junior B 10 & 11yrs
Junior A 12 – 14yrs

Please Note: The age brackets are guides only, we prefer players participate in the level which suits their skill and enjoyment needs.

Please visit our Facebook page for full details. https://www.facebook.com/warwicknetball/
Cr ring Linda Bunch 0407 734 380

Netball is a wonderful team sport (no individual pressures).
We actively promoting learning and skill building, whilst being in a positive sportsmanship and enjoyable, safe environment.
Our focus at Junior Fixtures level is assisting the players to develop their skills whilst gaining an understanding of all positions on the court and the overall game of netball.
Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas raffle. We raised over $900!
The winners were:
1st prize—Ron Orchard
2nd prize—Gerard O’Leary
3rd prize—Peter O’Rourke

Please join us for our inaugural Parent Partnership Form on Wednesday 7th February with special guest Dr Pat Coughlan, Executive Director of Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office.