Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to you all for your wonderful support of our school, from selling raffle tickets, attending assemblies, transporting students to events, ensuring that the school uniform is clean and neat, mowing our grounds and watering the gardens, working on tuckshop and cooking for tuckshop. The list could go on but you get the idea! Together we grow our school! THANK YOU!

Congratulations to our Easter raffle winners! Thank you to all families and the extra ticket sellers for helping sell the tickets to raise funds for our students. $948 was raised with this raffle and with the prizes being kindly donated this is all profit, so thank you!

The next Parent Partnership Forum meeting is on Wednesday 18th April (first Wednesday after the holidays). We have invited guests, Brett Pollard and Emma Farrow, who will be talking to our group about St Mary’s School Goondiwindi as a high school option. It is a great opportunity to hear what this school has to offer for our students in the future.

Our school cross country will be run on the first Friday back. Details about the event are included in this newsletter.

Parent teacher interview forms didn’t make it home at the beginning of this week but they are going home with the newsletter today. Please return them on Tuesday, 17th when we commence term 2.

MONDAY, 16th April is a PUPIL FREE DAY. Staff will be attending professional development for the day. The office will be open though.

Please check out the calendar on the side for dates in term 2. More information will be available as the time draws nearer for each event. Next term is 11 weeks long.

This week’s reflection is “We live and die; Christ died and lived!” John Stott

Happy and holy Easter to you and your family! Enjoy the holidays and the Commonwealth Games!

Yours in God’s joy

Paula
Tuckshop Volunteers:

Term 2 Tuckshop roster going home today!

Birthdays:

NO BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Return all Coles Sports for Schools vouchers after the holidays. The promotion ends this Sunday!

Well done to these students who received Mathletics certificates today!

Well done to these amazing students who are moving through their sight word levels! Keep up the practice over the holidays!

Easter Mass Times
Holy Thursday—29th March 7pm
Good Friday—30th March 10am
Easter Vigil—31st March 6pm
Easter Sunday—1st April -Texas 8am
PARENT – TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Want to know what your child is learning? Want to know how well they are going? Want to know if there are any issues? Here is your opportunity to find out.

Parent – teacher interviews will be conducted on our return to school after the Easter holidays. Next week, your child’s teacher will send home a form for you to fill out and return so that you can be allocated a time slot to find out about your child’s progress.

Parents are vital in a child’s success at school and so we recommend and encourage you to attend a meeting with your child’s teacher during this time.

Enjoy the holidays and read below for some ideas to break the boredom!

“Don't tell me you are bored unless you have...

- Been creative?
- Outside play?
- Read a book?
- Exercised 20 mins?
- Done something helpful?

If you have done all that, then we'll talk.”
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Living Lent  Through the Cross to Light

As we near the end of Lent, we celebrate Passion (Palm) Sunday. At the beginning of the liturgy, we receive palms in memory of Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

The procession with palms on this day has a long history. It is mentioned by Egeria in her account of Holy Week in Jerusalem in the fourth century. In the Middle Ages the procession usually moved from one church to another and included a representation of Christ seated on a wooden donkey.

The procession of palms leads the faithful to the proclamation of the Passion of the Lord; it takes them from joyful acclamation to sober reflection. The procession is not just a procession for Christ but one with Christ. When the people join in the procession on Passion (Palm) Sunday, we see the Church on the move, acting as a single unit, acclaiming Christ with shouts of ‘Hosanna’.

The procession with palms is a powerful symbol of the pilgrim Church, a Church on its way. We are moving towards the heavenly Jerusalem, yet we can only make the journey because it has already been made by Christ in his Passion. And Christ has done even more than making this journey for us; he now offers to make it with us.

No other sign so clearly symbolizes this than the cross. This cross always reminds us that Jesus experienced every human emotion that we do, even the utter despair of feeling completely abandoned as he was tortured and executed as a criminal. For many, in the time of the early Church, the cross was a symbol of confusion. It was the Roman Empire’s method of repressing any rebellion or resistance to its power. It brought with it feelings of hatred, despair, pain, degradation and powerlessness. In the letter to the Corinthians Paul writes: ‘For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ [is] the power of God and the wisdom of God.’ (1 Corinthians 1:22-25; Second Sunday of Lent). Jesus’ resurrection from the dead meant that the cross took on a completely new meaning for his followers. It became a symbol of victory over death and salvation from sin, a sign of both death and of love.

Besides being a primary symbol of Christianity, the cross is a central object in our liturgy. During Lent the cross will lead the procession of palms on Passion (Palm) Sunday, it will be the focus of Stations of the Cross devotions, and it will be venerated on Good Friday.

Taken from Towards the Light© Evangelisation Brisbane Archdiocese of Brisbane 2011
Easter Hat Parade
CROSS COUNTRY 2018

The following is the order of events and distances for our Annual School Cross Country to be held tomorrow, Friday, 20\textsuperscript{th} April.

Students are to meet at the Inglewood Golf Club at \textbf{8:45 ready for a 9am start}.

\textbf{Start: 9:00 am} \hspace{1cm} Walk the course (warm up)

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| Race 2 | 5 years Boys / Girls | 500 m |

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Students who place 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2\textsuperscript{nd} or 3\textsuperscript{rd} will receive a ribbon at the completion of all the races and Age Champion medallions will be awarded on assembly at a later date.

\textbf{POINTS}

1\textsuperscript{ST}: 6 points \hspace{1cm} 2\textsuperscript{ND}: 4 points \hspace{1cm} 3\textsuperscript{RD}: 2 points

Each student finishing unplaced will receive 1 point for their house.

All students are expected to compete in the representative age groups by running at their own pace or walking if necessary. Any student who is medically unable to compete must present their teacher with a note.

We are encouraging students to wear their house colours for the day this year. Please see the reverse for house teams and colours.

All parents are welcome to join us and we also need helpers on the day.

Students are expected to return to school on the completion of the event.

Yours faithfully

Paula O’Rourke
Principal
Did you know we offer School Banking? Drop your child’s Warwick Credit Union bank book and money off to the office to be banked on Friday’s.

It’s NEVER too early to learn the basics of saving...

Open an Education Saver Account with Warwick Credit Union and get your own piggy bank to start you on your way!

The Home of Competitive Community Banking
Flight Club

School Holiday Program
3 to 13 April 2018
(week days only)

Explore how the animal kingdom has perfected the art of flying, soaring, parachuting and gliding to survive within diverse habitats.

In these interactive workshops, you will get up close and personal with museum specimens, examine the unique features and adaptations that enable flight, and use the wonders of nature to inspire your very own balloon creation.

Flight Club

- Join the exciting hands-on flight activity that includes creating a creature to attach to a helium balloon and blowing the balloon creature through a course using a balloon pump.
- You will also receive a Da Vinci Machines Souvenir Activity Book so you can follow the interactive trail and make your very own flying machine.

When: Tuesday 3 April until Friday 13 April 2018
(week days only)

Time: Activities run between 9.30am and 3pm
Live shows at 10am, 11.30am and 1pm

Designed for ages 3–12 | $10 per child* includes Da Vinci Machines Souvenir Activity Book, entry to one live show and flight activities.

*Admission charges do apply to accompanying adults from outside the Toowoomba Regional Council area.

BOOK NOW

27 Lindsay Street, Toowoomba QLD 4350
Phone (07) 4659 4900
Book tickets at cobbandco.qm.qld.gov.au
ICAS stands for International Competitions and Assessments for Schools.

Each year the school offers students (with parent permission) the opportunity to participate in some international tests. All students who participate are given a certificate according to their results. These certificates are presented to students at Assembly.

There are practice questions that the students can complete before the time as well.

Listed below are the different tests available and their costs. Could you please return this form with an indication of which tests your child will be participating in and payment (to the office). It is a voluntary basis and we don’t force children to participate.

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**TOTAL COST:**

NAME OF STUDENT: ____________________________

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Parents signature Date
Parent Partnership Forum

Chairperson: Mike Price
Secretary: Zalae Smith

Congratulations to the winners of our Easter raffle:

1st Shrimpy Trevisiol
2nd Chris Hey (Jimbour) - donated to Casa Mia
3rd Tom McCosker

We raised a total of $948
Thank you to everyone who supported this raffle.

Pie Drive forms will be sent home today to be sold over the holidays. We look forward to your continued support for this fundraiser.

Upcoming events:
Wednesday 18th April—PPF Meeting
Friday 27th April—Pie Drive Order Forms due back
Thursday 3rd May—Pie orders ready for pickup
Friday 25th May—Catering for Blue Light Disco

Today on assembly, our Year 4 –6 class showed their crosses they have made from natural materials collected around the school grounds.

Toowoomba Catholic Schools
Visiting services

Term 2 dates to be advised