Mary Mackillop’s reflective saying for this week is:
“All depends on prayer. Begin with it and end with it.”  14.12. 1890

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to those students who competed at the Combined School Carnival last Thursday. You represented our school with enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Results were announced on assembly this morning and are included in this newsletter. Well done everyone!

Four students have been selected to represent our school at the Macintyre Zone Swimming trials next Friday – Goren, Chloe, Erin and Kaylah. Good luck to you all!

Stationary lists and textbooks are a very important aspect of getting children back to school. Students feel they belong if they have everything they need and are not different because they don’t have all their items. We have been sending home a note itemising the missing items. Please see your child’s teacher if you have concerns about getting these items within the next week.

Just a reminder that students are not to arrive or be dropped off at school before 8:20 am – as per Parent handbook. The time before this is for teachers to ensure they are prepared for the day with your children. I have spoken to the students about this also on assembly this morning.

I have sent out invitations to all families to come along to our information afternoon in readiness to form the new parent group – Parent Partnership Forum. We will be having cheese and biscuits at 4:15 before starting at 4:30 in Year 4-6 classroom. Reminder that Dr Pat Coughlan will be joining us to help answer all your questions. I look forward to seeing you all there. Children are welcome to come along and play outside.

Next Tuesday, Life Education van will be visiting our community to educate our students on cyber safety. Parents are most welcome to attend a parent session at 8:45 before our students will have their sessions.

Look forward to seeing you at our Beginning Year mass tomorrow morning. 9 am in the church.

Yours in Gods love

Paula
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

Birthdays:

Friday Swimming
The students will be receiving coaching through Naomi as per the end of last year. Students need to bring:
- towel
- swim shirt (unable to swim without one of these)
- togs
- swimming cap (optional) or long hair must be tied up
- Goggles (optional) in a bag and all labelled with student’s name. Please remember to also label the sports uniform, including underwear and socks.

Our new students and staff were presented with their school badge on assembly this morning.

Tuckshop starts tomorrow!
Please ensure morning tea and lunch orders are written on separate paper bags. Money is to be inside one of the bags and change will be given if required.
Students are to hand their orders to Mrs O’Rourke while she is on playground duty before school. There is also a box in the Prep—3 classroom where students may place their order.

Joe Blogs Yr2

1st break
- 1 home cooking 70cents
- 2 party sausage rolls $1.60

Joe Blogs Yr2

2nd break
- 1 pizza $2.00
- 1 chocolate milk $1.50
- 1 chocolate Billabong $1.20
Learning News

**HOMEWORK**

Homework is set for students to practice skills from school. This could and does include reading, spelling / sight words and number work.

It is important that parents help children set up routines around completing homework. This may look different for each family as each family has different commitments and work hours. But the important thing is to establish a routine that works for you and your child.

*Here is a suggestion:*

- **Arrive home**
- **Change out of uniform and have afternoon tea.**
- **Talk about what happened at school today – what they were learning.**
- **Read**
- **Practice spelling and number facts**
- **Play outside or game**

You may find that will need to do some of this in the morning as your child is too tired of an afternoon.

*You need to establish a routine that works for you and your child.*

Happy homework time!

APRE News

Our first liturgy together will be tomorrow.

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

Ash Wednesday Mass will be held on Wednesday 14th February at 9am in the church.
Today is World “Read Aloud” Day and our students experience the joy of being read to most days here at St Maria Goretti. It is a most enjoyable part of our library time with the Prep - 3 class each week and over the last 2 sessions we have enjoyed stories by Aaron Blabey.

Research shows that reading aloud to children every day puts them almost a year ahead of children who do not receive daily read alouds.

Happy reading!

Anne Anderson
Teacher Librarian
Swimming Results

Congratulations to our Swimming Age Champions and runners up:

9 years girls – Kaylah McPherson (runner up—Tabitha Cover)
10 years girls – Erin O’Rourke (runner up—Chloe O’Rourke)
11 years boys – Jai Smith
12 years boys – Goren Trevisiol

Congratulations to Goretti on being awarded the winning house!

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.
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| Years | (5 years) | (6 years) | (7 years) | (8 years) | (9 years) | (10 years) | (11 years) | (12 years) | (13 years) |

**GORETTI**

**GIRLS**

| Name | Madeleine Apted | Connor McPherson | Madeline | Collette | Kaylah McPherson | Tyson | Calais | Jai |
| Years | (5 years) | (6 years) | (7 years) | (8 years) | (9 years) | (10 years) | (11 years) | (12 years) |

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**Mackillop wears a red shirt**

**Goretti wears a sky blue shirt**
Warwick Soccer

FROM MINIROO
TO SOCCEROO,
START THEIR
JOURNEY TODAY!

JUNIOR MIXED COMPETITION
Season Kick Off 21st April 2018
Players Aged 4 to 17 years

WOLVES DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY
Advanced Weekly Training Program
Begins Late February
Register Interest With Club

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN
Register Online at:
myfootballclub.com.au

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Website: www.warwickwolves.com.au
Email: registrations@warwickwolves.com.au

We All Play!
We are holding an Easter raffle as we have done in previous years.

1st prize—$100 Easter basket
2nd prize—$50 Easter basket
3rd prize—$25 Easter basket

Tickets will go home next week. Please see the office if you would like more tickets. Please also let Mandy know if you are available to sell raffle tickets in the street over the coming weeks.

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

We need you!

7th February, 2018
4:15 Cheese and bickies for 4:30 start

Your input is important and vital as we establish a new parent group – Parent Partnership Forum – in our school. Dr Pat Coughlan, Ex. Dir Toowoomba Catholic Schools, will be attending to go through the new format and answer your questions.

LIFE Education Van will be here on Tuesday 6th February.

Parent information session on Cyber Safety will be held at 8:45am.