Dear Parents and Carers

What wonderful support was shown at yesterday's information session with Dr Pat Coughlan. Thank you to all parents and staff who came along to hear about the Parent Partnership Forum. We will look at hold our next meeting on Wednesday 7th March at 3:30pm due to commitments from some parents and Fr Sean. Please let Paula know if this time doesn't suit. Further information will be forthcoming in the newsletter or Facebook.

Tomorrow four students, Goren, Chloe, Erin and Kayla will be competing at the Macintyre Zone Swimming trials. Good luck and swim fast! I will be attending with the students but return for school swimming in the afternoon.

Life Education van visit was well received by all this week. I heard students saying many things about their session - "Harold was naughty - he didn't go to bed when he was asked and he was playing on his iPad." "It was fun. Harold wasn't soft like I thought he would be!" Each child has received a booklet to take home with information and activities in it for you and your child to do. Please take the time to see what the messages are in there with your child. Thanks also to those parents who attended the parent session.

Next week, I will be attending the first Principals Forum for the year. It is in Warwick so I will leave Monday afternoon. In my absence, Mrs Anne Standing will be deputising and providing release time for the teachers. Anne has a wealth of knowledge and experience as she has worked at St Mary's in Warwick for many years. Please make yourself known to Anne as she will be working in our school regularly.

Great job with arriving at school at the correct time! Thank you! Just a reminder that Canterbury shorts are not part of our school uniform. We have plenty of new and second hand shorts available in our uniform shop.

Today Prep to Year Three shared some learning from their classroom. This is a regular event on assembly. The two classrooms take a turn about so come along to our assembly to hear and see the great work that is happening in our classrooms.

Next week, we start a new season within the Catholic Church's year- Lent. This starts with Ash Wednesday and continues until Easter Sunday. This is a very important time of the year and students will be asked to reflect on their choices and do some activities that encourage us all to look beyond ourselves. We would really appreciate seeing you at mass on Wednesday, 9 am. The prayer timetable for various celebrations for the rest of the term is included with the newsletter as well.

This week's reflective quote is “Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore.” Lord Chesterfield.

In God's love
Paula
Tuckshop Volunteers:

9th February:  
Worker—  Christine Apted  
Home Cooking—  Mandy Mead

16th February:  
Workers—  Carla Trevisiol  Melinda Sharpe  
Home Cooking—  Zalae Smith

23rd February:  
Workers—  Sara Price  Sonja Cover  
Home Cooking—  Lee Garland

Birthdays:

Congratulations Jacob and Rory on receiving Library awards this week! Keep up the great work!

Well done Connor on achieving not only your first Mathletics certificate for the year, but the

Congratulations to these students who made new records at our recent swimming carnival. Thanks to Naomi for presenting the awards on assembly today.

Essential Oils are nature's natural defence mechanism which can also be used as natural solutions to support our physical and emotional health and wellbeing. Please join us at the Lions Park with your children for a hands-on workshop/play experience for all the family to learn more about how these pure, simple and effective tools may support you and your family to manage your health and wellness.

INVESTMENT: $5 to cover the cost of supplies for take home items

DATE: Saturday 10th February  TIME: 2:00pm-4:30pm

CONTACTS:  Penney Hickey 0428-490-687 or Naomi Smith 0427-773-166
Today your child took part in Life Education’s bCyberwise module

What is it about?
‘bCyberwise’ focuses on cybersafety, cyber ethics and building positive relationships with friends online and offline. Key learnings include:

- Responsible and respectful behaviour when using communication technology
- Skills for building positive relationships with friends
- Keeping personal information safe online
- Deleting or blocking unwanted messages
- Strategies to deal with bullying and cyber-bullying

Why is this module so important?
Young people use the internet more and more these days - for learning, for fun and for connecting with their friends and family. It’s vital to teach them skills and values that will keep them safe, develop self-respect and promote responsible digital citizenship.

- **82% OF AUSTRALIAN TEENAGERS 14-17 YEAR OLDS** see the internet as very important in their lives, while **50%** see it as extremely important
- Young people access the internet predominantly via a computer, increasingly they are accessing the internet via mobile phones - **69%** of mobile phone users have a smart phone and **56%** use their mobile phone to go online.

So what next? Your child’s teacher has ‘bCyberwise’ resources to use in the classroom and you can continue the learning at home with all the family.

To do:
Download our free, fun, educational and interactive game bCyberwise Monster Family. You and your children will learn how to use the internet safely, protect your personal information, recognise a safe website and be positive and respectful online.

Check out our Tech Tips and brand new Cybersafety for Parents Podcasts on the Life Education website - with tips to help families be safe, responsible and informed digital citizens.

www.lifeeducation.org.au/cybersafety-for-parents-podcasts

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### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

**2018 Term One**

“The cross appears lighter when carried with Jesus.”

*(Mary MacKillop 1887)*

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Lenten Reflection Program will be offered during Lent. (See Paula)
Beginning Year Mass
Reptile Workshop

Tuesday 27th February
2pm

100% SAFETY RECORD

INTERACTIVE & ENTERTAINING

AGE APPROPRIATE DISPLAYS

REPTILE AWARENESS SAFETY & FIRST AID

ANIMAL ETHICS APPROVED

REPTILE AND INVERTEBRATE WORKSHOP

Did you know Australia is home to an impressive 140 different types of snakes?

Get up close and personal with our interactive workshops, featuring a range of venomous and non-venomous snakes and pythons, lizards, crocodiles and all your favourite creepy crawlies.

You'll learn how to identify different types of reptiles and invertebrates, discover their life-cycles, habitat and how they survive in the wild; and most importantly, learn what to do if you ever come face-to-face with a venomous one!

SAVE THE DATE!
Tuesday 27th February
2pm

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Easter raffle tickets have gone home this 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. Tickets are to be returned (even if unsold) by Monday 26th March.

All was going well on the hike until…
...a scary snake jumped out of the forest. (Regan)
...a tiger snake bit me. (Carlo)
...a shark jumped out of the water and ate the girl fish! (Connor)
...a tree fell on me. (Daniel)
...a barracuda jumped up and bit my finger off! (Maddie)
...a massive, large stingray jumped on my brother, then jumped on me. (Kaylah)
...a humungous creature jumped out of a big, frightening, dark cave. (Jacob)
...a shark jumped out of a river. (Riley)
...a tiger jumped out of nowhere and gave me a fright. (Collette)
...a snake bit me on the leg! (Eli)

This week on assembly, our Prep—3 class shared what they have been learning in writing. They have been learning about **sizzling starts** to grab the readers attention. All students were given the same start to their sentence. Read below their sizzling starts!

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**COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE**
**23 FEBRUARY 2018**
**PH 46520777 FOR AN APPOINTMENT**

**Toowoomba Catholic Schools**
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**February**
**28th Speech Therapist**