



St Maria Goretti School

Inglewood

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 6

7th March, 2019



OUR SCHOOL STUDENT PROTECTION CONTACTS:

- Mrs Paula O'Rourke
- Mrs Naomi Smith

IMPORTANT DATES

March

- Fri 8th—St Joey's Visit
- Fri 15th—Show Holiday
- Wed 20th—Deadly Australians Show

April

- Wed 3rd—Combined T and F Carnival @ Millmerran
- Fri 5th—Pupil Free Day—End of Term 1



Mary Mackillop's reflective saying for this week is:

I would rather be judged for any other sin than for uncharitableness. 3.5.1874

Dear Parents and Carers,

"Take your marks!" Bang! They're off! Our three swimmers yesterday had a cracker of a day! We had PB's and new record set – what more could you ask for! Congratulations to Kaylah, Chloe and Erin on their wonderful results after many hours spent in the pool training. This hard work will continue now for Kaylah and Erin after being selected in the Darling Downs team to compete at the State titles from 25th March. The community is very proud of the efforts and results for these girls.

This week, we have had visitors from the Catholic Schools Office working with us on some teaching and learning. Suzanne Cavanagh, SEL, Sue Keefer, EO: Reading Coach and Jane Murphy, EO: Inclusive Coach have reviewed our strategic plan and annual action plan for this year and looked at how they will be supporting us with our educational needs. We are very grateful for their expertise and time. Our annual action plan (AAP) has now been refined. This will be available for viewing on our school website by the end of the term.

I look forward to seeing many of you at a BBQ tomorrow night with St Joseph's College from Toowoomba. The Joey boys will be building a 'dinosaur play' area next to our sandpit to encourage imaginative play for our students. Come along and have a chat as a sign of saying 'Thank you' for this wonderful service that they do. Could you please bring a salad and your own drinks for the evening. There will also be a short footy skills session on Saturday morning at 8 am with the teachers and boys from Joeys.

Reminder that this term's fees are due by tomorrow. Thank you to those who have arranged full payment of fees or set up regular payments this term. If you haven't had a chance to pay this term's fees and you are experiencing some difficulties, could you please arrange an appointment at the office to see me.

Great to see so many people at the Ash Wednesday mass yesterday. From all accounts, it was a reflective time for all. This now starts our journey to Easter. The students have made promises that they will try to keep over Lent which we have put onto a hand. These hands will form part of the cross that sits near the tuckshop for everyone to see and be reminded about.

Thanks to Olivia and Carla who accompanied the Year 6 students to the GRIP Leadership conference last week. The students have shared one thing they learnt on assembly this morning. We will now continue to use the ideas and learnings from the conference to support the students in their leadership roles for the year.

This week's reflective saying is "Let me walk beside you; I'll not ask you to support me. I only want to know I'm not alone." Louis Weber, New Seasons, Publications International.

In God's mercy and compassion

Paula

Students of the Week



Tuckshop Volunteers:

8th March: **Worker** **Jade Marrinan**
 Home Cooking Paula O'Rourke
 Jade van Schellen

15th March: **NO TUCKSHOP DUE TO SHOW HOLIDAY**

22nd March: **Workers** **Carla Trevisiol**
 Home Cooking Christine Apted
 Renee Kiehne

Birthdays:



Congratulations to these students on their sight word certificates.



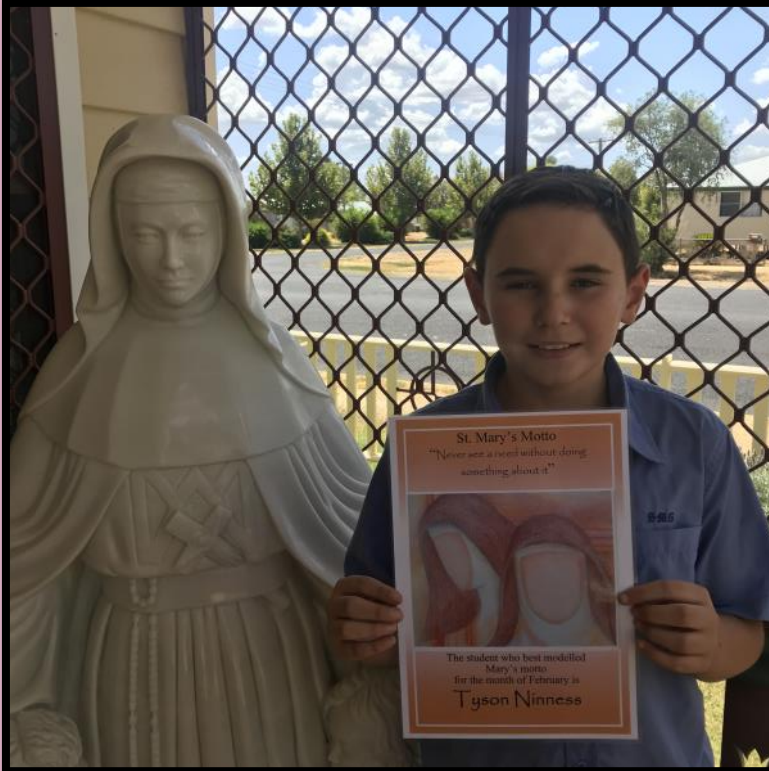
Well done to these students on their Mathletics certificates.



The leaders presented what they had learned from last weeks GRIP Leadership conference on assembly this morning.



Congratulations to these 3 superfish on their amazing efforts at Darling Downs swimming in Gatton yesterday!



Congratulations to Tyson on receiving the **Mary MacKillop** award for February. Tyson was recognised for 'never seeing a need without doing something about it', especially for helping our new students with settling into school routine.

Keep up the great work Tyson!

Please join us for our:
Leader's Mass
 Thursday 14th March
 9:15am after assembly



On **Friday 8th March** students and teachers from St Joseph's College Toowoomba will be visiting to complete a small project for our school. Everyone is invited to a **FREE BBQ** at 6pm.

On Saturday morning at 8am the St Joey's boys will be running a footy skills session for our families.

Everyone welcome to this fun morning!



HOMEWORK

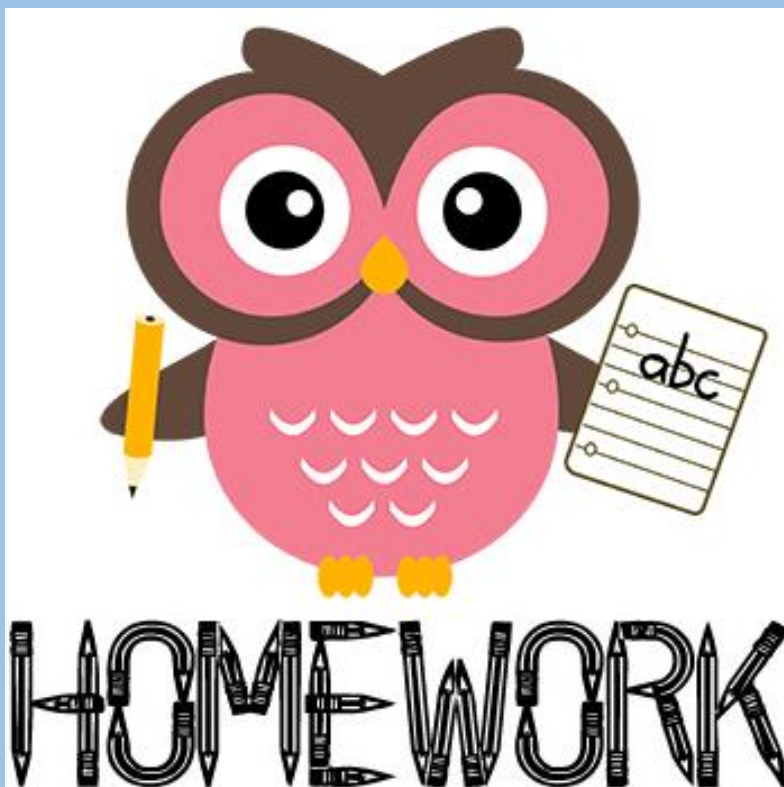
The dreaded word for some families! Why is that? It is also a huge concern for our staff when they see the lack of completion of homework.

Research by John Hattie indicates that homework only has an effect size of 0.29% on student achievement. Other research says that if homework is specific to practicing learnt work it does have results in school.

At St Maria Goretti School, we have homework guidelines. We firmly believe that homework needs to be reflective of what learning is happening in the classroom so we set only a few activities. Reading every night, sight word or spelling practice and maybe one other activity. This is not meant to take hours upon hours to complete as we understand that children need down time as well after school.

Research also indicates that when parents play an active role in their child's education then that child is more likely to have academic success. We firmly believe this through our school results and records of completed homework for each student. Students need parental input and support to complete homework tasks.

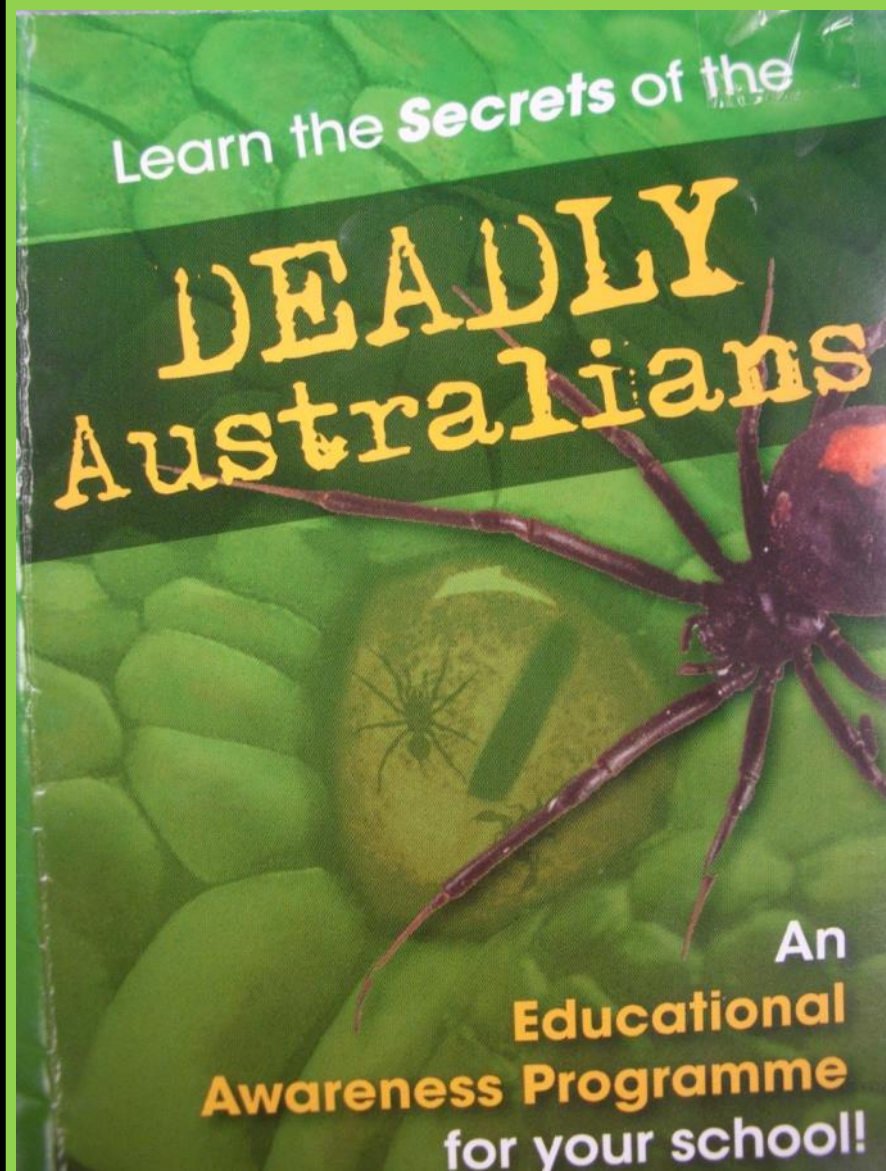
So, what is your contribution to your child's academic success?



Darling Downs Swimming



A huge congratulations to our three swimmers who represented Mac Zone at the Darling Downs trials in Gatton yesterday. Best of luck to Erin and Kaylah at the State titles later this month!



**Deadly
Australians**
will be visiting
our school on
**Wednesday
20th March**
at 1:45pm

Australia's most dangerous venomous wildlife, e.g. snakes, spiders, and marine creatures are discussed in turn, including classification. Interesting facts, curious habits and little known 'secrets' fascinate this age group, making learning both fun and easy.

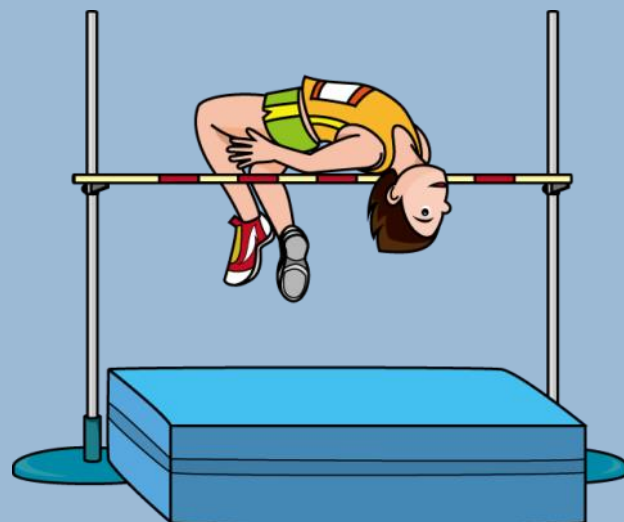
The roles of these creatures in our ecosystem is discussed, as is conservation.

Students learn how to avoid bites and stings, and if bitten: The most important part of the session, First Aid. First Aid is demonstrated for each bite and sting situation.

Viewing and question time, where the students are encouraged to ask questions and view the exhibits more closely.

Save the Date

**Our combined Track and Field carnival
will be held at St Joseph's Primary
School Millmerran on Wednesday 3rd
April for all students.**



Chairperson: Mike Price
Secretary: Zalae Smith

Raffle tickets have gone home this week to all families. Please try to sell the tickets, and return by the end of term. All unsold tickets need to be returned to the office.

Upcoming events:

20th March—2019 PPF AGM

4th April—Raffle tickets to be returned

10th April—Easter raffle drawn



Next Friday 15th March is the Inglewood Show Holiday. The school will be closed. Head along to the show to see our students entries in art and photography. There will also be a whole school display.

An advertisement for the Rural Minds Workshop. It features a man in a hat and a horse. The text reads: 'RURAL MINDS', 'Join us to have a chat about mental health and wellbeing in rural Australia', 'This Rural Minds Workshop is a relaxed way to learn about mental wellbeing and resilience for you, your family, friends and community. Specifically designed for rural and remote communities, and delivered by people who know what it's like out here, Rural Minds is just good, solid, practical, information without all the bull...dust.', 'SPONSORED COMMUNITY WORKSHOP', 'TEXAS QLD & FREE BBQ lunch', 'Monday 11th March 2019 - 9:00am - 12:00pm', 'Texas Sport Complex, Middleton St, Texas QLD', 'RVSP: e: debbiesmith@rrmh.com.au m: 0428 983 011', 'This program is supported by funding from the Darling Downs and West Moreton PHN under the Australian Government's PHN Program.', and logos for RRMH Rural Minds, Lions Club, Rural Minds, and Rural & Remote Mental Health.

Toowoomba Catholic Schools Visiting services

March

13th—Rebecca Holmes—School Counsellor
18th—Jane Murphy—EO: Inclusive Education
Joanne McMaster—Speech Therapist
19th—Jane Murphy—EO: Inclusive Education
20th—Occupational Therapist
27th Rebecca Holmes—School Counsellor

Mobile Women's Health Service

Will be in Inglewood
Thursday 21st March
9am—1:30pm
At Inglewood Community Health
Phone 07 4652 0777 to book.



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