



St Maria Goretti School

Inglewood

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 8

21st March, 2019



OUR SCHOOL STUDENT PROTECTION CONTACTS:

- Mrs Paula O'Rourke
- Mrs Naomi Smith

IMPORTANT DATES

March

- Fri 29th—Mac Zone Soccer

April

- Thurs 4th—Combined T and F Carnival @ Millmerran
- Fri 5th—Pupil Free Day—End of Term 1
- 23rd—Term 2 begins
- 24th—Yr 4-6 Leadership Retreat
- 25th—ANZAC Day
- 26th—Mac Zone Cross Country

May

- Wed 1st—LIFE Education
- Mon 6th—Labour Day Holiday
- Fri 10th—Mac Zone Tennis
- Mon 13th—Fri 17th—NAPLAN Online

June

- Thurs 6th—School Performance Tours @ YSS
- Fri 28th—Pupil Free Day—End of Term 2



Mary Mackillop's reflective saying for this week is:

May God bless you and keep you strong. 28.9.1875

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you God, for the rain that we have received. We ask that you continue to grant us beneficial rain for our farmers to grow our food and water for our tanks.

Congratulations to all students who received prizes at the show on the weekend. Our prize getters work is on display at school now as well as all other entries. Prize money has also been sent home with students.

Homework seems to be an issue at present! Homework is NOT given to make parents and students lives miserable and more work for teachers. We believe that all students benefit from practising skills at home after they have been taught at school. Each classroom teacher gives a small amount of homework that is not meant to take all afternoon to complete – it is completed over a week.

- ◆ EVERY child needs to read EVERY day. The more you read the better you read!
- ◆ Sounds, sight words or spelling words are taught at school and need practice EVERY day.
- ◆ The maths sheet that is given is a revision of concepts taught in class.

EVERY student has their homework explained to them before going home and generally it is the same tasks every week. If your child is taking more than half an hour each day, then it is too much! Break it into small chunks that can be completed over the week. We believe that homework builds the skills of responsibility, independence and confidence for everyone.

At St Maria Goretti School, the safety and wellbeing of our students and school community is of paramount importance. We have a number of policies, procedures and guidelines to support this commitment, including our Student Behaviour Support Plan. This plan includes specific information around how we will respond to concerns around weapons and other dangerous items on school grounds. Knives and other weapons must not be brought to St Maria Goretti School.

In the event that your child requires the use of a knife for their meals, St Maria Goretti School permits the use of plastic / disposable knives for this purpose. Please contact school administration with any queries around this requirement.

Cases of 'Hand, foot and mouth' have been reported in the town of Inglewood. A fact sheet about how to handle this illness has been included for your information. Please seek medical advice if you suspect anything with your child.

School Cross Country will not be held this term but later in Term 2. We will confirm the date with you early in term 2.

Good luck to Kaylah and Erin who will be attending the State Swimming Championships next week (Mon-Wed). I will be attending with Erin so Casey will be deputising in my place. Marianne Jordan, our regular relief teacher will also be here to support the work of the teachers.

Staff are attending Professional Development days over the next week. Naomi and I, as the Student Protection Contacts, will be attending the Student Protection Symposium today. Next Wednesday, both Casey and Olivia will be attending the Phonics to Spelling workshop in Toowoomba. With Casey attending this, we will have an acting Principal here in her place.

During term 3, I will be taking long service leave for the term. Casey is going to be the Acting Principal during this time and we will be advertising for a teacher for her room.

Yours in God's mercy and love

Paula

Student of the Week



Tuckshop Volunteers:

22nd March:	Workers Home Cooking	Carla Trevisiol Christine Apted Renee Kiehne
29th March:	Worker Home Cooking	Sara Price Kylie Reece Marietta Sumayan
5th April:	NO TUCKSHOP DUE TO PUPIL FREE DAY	

Birthdays:



APRE News

This Sunday's Gospel is the story of the fig tree. The story of the fig tree reminds us of times when things seem hopeless. Nothing went right for this little tree! Yet, with time and care and a little nourishment, the tiny life inside the tree started to respond. Remember a

time in your life when you just wanted to give up. Was there something that happened to kick-start you on the road again? What nourished you?

Prayer:

*God of kindness and mercy,
You heal all in us that is wasted or ill at ease.*

*Your mercy restores us to life and health!
May our lives reflect your loving touch
in acts of justice and kindness to all who are oppressed.
We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus your Son,
And in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen*





21 MARCH

Harmony DAY



**Wear Orange
to
School Day!!!**

**Friday 22nd
March**

**Wear anything orange.... Shorts, T-shirt,
hair, socks, shoes!!!**

EVERYONE BELONGS
www.harmony.gov.au

Wear orange to school tomorrow in support of Harmony Day and the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

Orange items you may like to wear:

- ◆ shirt
- ◆ Shorts
- ◆ Socks
- ◆ Hair tie
- ◆ Bracelet
- ◆ Shoes
- ◆ Hairspray

If you don't have anything orange, we will have items available at school.

**Our school community
is proud to Take a
Stand Together.**

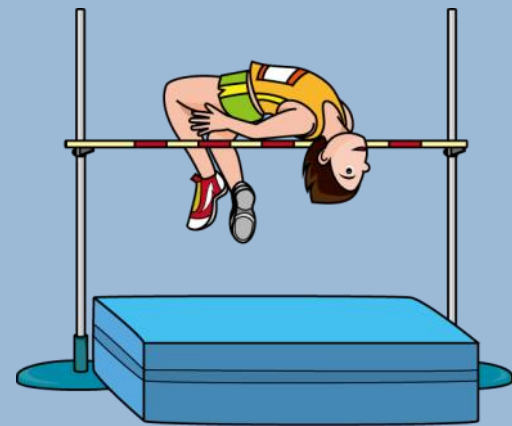
BULLYING. NO WAY!
TAKE A STAND
TOGETHER

Friday 15 March 2019
www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

**National Day
of Action** against
Bullying and Violence

Please note change of date!

Our combined Track and Field carnival will be held at St Joseph's Primary School Millmerran on Thursday 4th April for all students.



More information will go home next week.

Travel to Millmerran will be by private transport. If you are unable to take your child, please contact the office so that other arrangements can be made.

Hand Foot and Mouth Disease

Hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) is usually a mild illness that occurs mainly in young children, but can also affect older children and adults. It is caused by a number of different enteroviruses, particularly coxsackieviruses. People can be infected with these viruses but not develop symptoms of the disease.

Outbreaks of HFMD can occur among groups of children, for example in child care centres.

It is not related to the foot- and-mouth disease that affects cattle, sheep and pigs.

Signs and Symptoms:

Hand, foot and mouth disease usually begins with a mild fever and a runny nose. This is followed by a sore throat and mouth, with the appearance of blisters in the mouth, and on hands and feet. Sometimes blisters may also be seen on knees, elbows or in the nappy area.

The blisters usually last for 3–5 days. Dehydration can sometimes occur as the pain from the blisters may stop the person from eating and drinking.

In rare cases those infected with hand, foot and mouth disease caused by Enterovirus 71 go on to develop neurological disease such as meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain), encephalitis (inflammation of the brain itself), or paralysis.

Treatment:

No specific treatment is required for mild hand, foot and mouth disease. Paracetamol can be given to relieve fever and discomfort.

If fever persists, or if you are worried about other symptoms, consult a doctor.

Transmission:

The virus is spread from an infectious person by contact with

- fluid from the blisters
- their nose and throat secretions (such as saliva, sputum, or nasal mucus)
- faeces.

A person with hand, foot and mouth disease is most infectious in the first week of the illness. Skin blisters are no longer infectious when they have crusted over, but the virus can be spread in faeces for several weeks after the person has recovered.

Prevention:

The best protection against HFMD is maintaining good hygiene measures that prevent contact with infectious substances from the sick person.

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and dry thoroughly before handling food; and after going to the toilet, touching soiled linen and articles and changing nappies.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and soiled items, including toys.
- Avoid sharing cups, eating utensils, items of personal hygiene (eg towels, washers and toothbrushes), and clothing (especially shoes and socks).
- Teach children about cough and sneeze etiquette:
 - cough and sneeze into the elbow (rather than hands) or cover with a tissue
 - put used tissues in the bin straight away after use then wash hands.
- Allow blisters to dry naturally. The blisters should not be deliberately pierced because the fluid within the blisters is infectious.
- Children and staff with hand, foot and mouth disease should be excluded from school and childcare facilities until all blisters have dried.

Health outcome:

Hand, foot and mouth disease is a viral illness common in children. Symptoms are usually mild, and include high temperature and small blister-like lesions on the inside of the mouth, palms of hands, soles of feet, and the nappy area.

Pregnant Women

There is no clear evidence that HFMD causes any problems with pregnancy or the unborn baby. However, pregnant women may pass the virus to the baby if they are infected shortly before delivery or have symptoms at the time of delivery. Newborns infected with the virus can, very rarely, develop serious and sometimes fatal illness.

Other resources:

[Handy facts about hygiene brochure](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0020/444314/handwash-6steps.pdf) (https://www.health.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0020/444314/handwash-6steps.pdf)

URL: <http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/217/68/hand-foot-and-mouth-disease>

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GOONDIWINDI LIBRARY PRESENTS

AWESOME ADAM MAGIC SHOW

Enjoy hilarious comedy, awesome magic
and have heaps of fun!

WEDNESDAY, 10 APRIL

SESSION 1 @ 10:00AM

SESSION 2 @ 12:30PM

FREE EVENT - BOOKINGS REQUIRED
NO TICKETS AVAILABLE AT DOOR

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
GOONDIWINDI LIBRARY**



Do you want to learn
all of the tricks of the
trade?

**MAGICIAN
WORKSHOPS
11 APRIL**

Contact the Library
to book your spot
\$5.00 per person

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AWESOME ADAM MAGIC SHOW

MAGICIAN WORKSHOPS THURSDAY 11 APRIL

- Watch magic tricks and learn what a magicians life is like
- Learn how to make your own magic props and take them home
- Learn about performance and gain the self confidence to perform magic in front of friends and family
- Most importantly have a lot of fun!

MAGICIAN WORKSHOPS

9:30 am
10:30am
12:30pm
1:30pm

\$5.00 per person



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Chairperson: Mike Price
Secretary: Zala Smith

Thank you to those who attended our PPF AGM yesterday. Mike Price was reelected as Chairperson, and in the absence of any nominations for secretary, Zala Smith has kindly offered to remain in the role until a suitable replacement is found. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 15th May at the Inglewood Bowls Club at 4pm.

Upcoming events:

4th April—Raffle tickets to be returned

10th April—Easter raffle drawn

15th May—PPF Meeting @4pm

****Important message regarding tuckshop****

Pizzas, party pies, sausage rolls and nuggets will be limited from now until next term. Your child may be asked to choose something else if we run out.

Toowoomba Catholic Schools Visiting services

March

25th Maxi Maree—EO: Sensory Impairment

27th Rebecca Holmes—School Counsellor



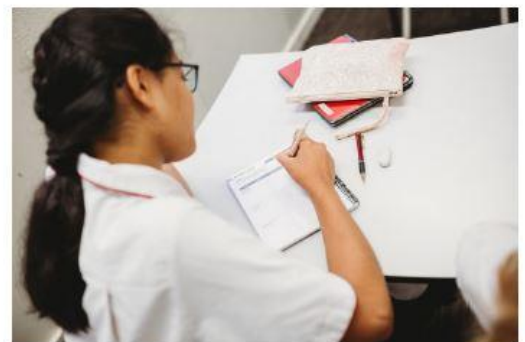
St Saviour's College

Open Evening

Tuesday May 21

3.00pm - 6.00pm

All families are welcome to attend.
For more details please phone the College on
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www.ssctwb.catholic.edu.au



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