



# St Maria Goretti School

Inglewood

# Newsletter

Term 3 Week 2

25th July, 2019



## OUR SCHOOL STUDENT PROTECTION CONTACTS:

- Mrs Paula O'Rourke
- Mrs Naomi Smith

## IMPORTANT DATES

### July

- Fri 26th—Under 5's
- Sun 28th—Catholic Education Week begins
- Tues 30th—Open Morning
- Wed 31st—Catholic Education Week Mass

### August

- Thurs 1st—Arts Council @ ISS
- Fri 2nd—Pupil Free Day for Bishops Inservice Day
- Wed 7th—Goondiwindi Eisteddfod
- Fri 9th—Under 5's
- Mon 12th—Fri 16th—Principals Forum
- Fri 23rd—Under 5's

### September

- Sat 7th—Canberra trip leaves
- Fri 13th—Canberra trip returns
- Tues 17th—Wed 18th Instrumental Music Tour
- Fri 20th—Pupil Free Day  
Last day of term



*Mary Mackillop's reflective saying for this week is:*

I am full of hope in God who has been so good to us all. 28.11.1898

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're nearing the end of a very busy Week 2! I have been lucky enough to spend some time in the P-3 and 4-6 classroom over the past 2 weeks. Students have been working hard in many different learning areas. The P-3 classroom have been highly engaged during their Literacy block; playing sight word games, reading with Miss Curtin and producing impressive writing. In 4-6, students have begun their exciting unit on volcanoes in Science, are exploring visual literacy in English and have been enjoying learning the skill of coding through the program Pencil Code. I am looking forward to seeing our students learn and grow this term.

The 2019 theme for Catholic Education week is 'Many Voices, One Spirit.' Catholic Education week is celebrated across Queensland from the 28<sup>th</sup> of July to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August. This week is an opportunity for all 306 Catholic schools in Queensland to celebrate and promote their distinctive mission and ethos. Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society. We invite you and your family to join us at mass on Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> of July at 10:00am. On Tuesday of next week, we will be holding an Open Morning, where the community is invited to a guided tour of the school. Our classrooms will be open and visitors will have the opportunity to observe how our multi-age teaching is delivered in Mathematics. Please come along!

Next Friday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August, is a Pupil Free Day and the school will be closed so that staff can attend Bishop's In-service Day in Toowoomba.

The Eisteddfod is just around the corner, and boy do our students know how to sing! Several parents have kindly offered to take students to Goondiwindi, so a bus is not required. Please return Eisteddfod forms as soon as possible so that we can arrange transport.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work that our staff do each day at St Maria Goretti. Our staff is composed of people who are highly qualified experts who truly love their work. Thank you for planting the seeds of knowledge in our students and for the support you have given me in my new role this term.

Until next week,  
Casey

## Students of the Week



# Tuckshop Volunteers:

26th July:	Worker Home Cooking	Paula O'Rourke Paula O'Rourke Carla Trevisiol
2nd August:	<b>NO TUCKSHOP DUE TO PUPIL FREE DAY</b>	
9th August:	Worker Home Cooking	Corinne Anderson Sonya Ferguson Melissa Orszczyn

## Birthdays:



Well done to these students on their sight word certificates!



Congratulations Erin on this week's homework award.

Dear St Maria Goretti,

Thank you for welcoming me into your community and to the school.

I am super excited to be here and look forward to getting to know every one of you. I am very keen to get to know my class as we learn new and wonderful things together. Firstly, a little bit about myself. I grew up in Inglewood and have a passion for the early years. I have just completed my bachelor of primary at the University of Southern Queensland. In my spare time, I love to cook and play netball.

In the classroom, this term P/1/2/3 will be looking at a variety of literacy and numeracy tasks that involve some interactive picture books. We will also be looking at a unit of dance to tell a story, in PE we will look at multicultural games and for HASS we are exploring the history of Inglewood. Along with many other engaging activities the children and I will continue to grow and learn together. I look forward to seeing what the term brings.

Please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any further questions.

Miss Meghan Curtin





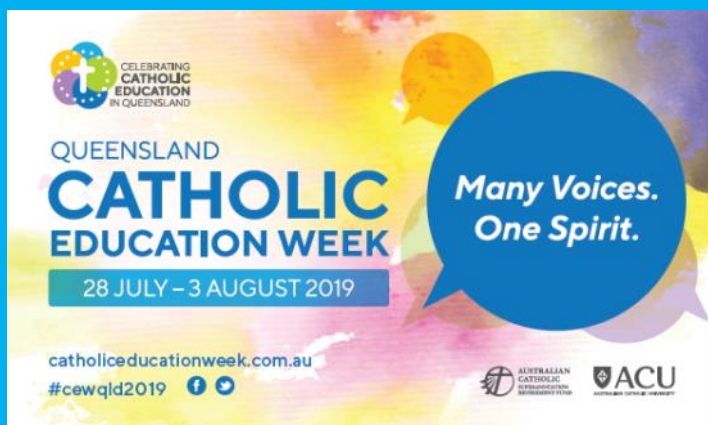
This term, we have begun the Phonics to Spelling approach across the school.

This is a Diocesan recommended approach to the teaching of spelling and phonics, developed by Pat Edgar. This approach is research based, student centered and linked to the Australian Curriculum: English.

As a part of Miss Sly's role as Middle Leader, she has the opportunity to model lessons for teachers and school officers to support their teaching. Last week, Miss Sly modelled a Phonics to Spelling lesson in the 4/5/6 classroom.



### Catholic Education Week



Wednesday 31st July  
**Catholic Education  
Week Mass**  
10am

Tuesday 30th July  
**Open Morning**  
9:30am—10:30am

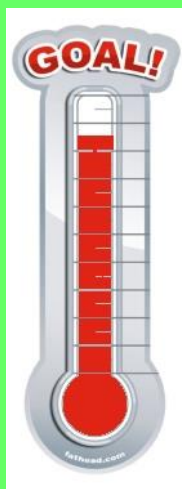
Friday 2nd August  
**Pupil Free Day**  
**Bishops Inservice  
Day**

**Chairperson:** Mike Price  
**Secretary:** Zalae Smith

## SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATIONS

The parents/carers of all students at the school are automatically members of the parent association at their school. The association provides a medium to inform and support parents in becoming better engaged with their children's education, it develops collaboration between parents and teachers, and works to build a positive Christian community based on the school. It is the centre of co-operative parent involvement in the life of the school. Every P&F association (Parent Partnership Forum) is also affiliated with the State P&F Federation. (taken from [https://cspqld.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/10/introductory-booklet.pdf](https://cspqld.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/10/introductory-booklet.pdf))

**Upcoming events:**  
**21st August—PPF Meeting**



**Year 6**  
**Canberra Fundraising:**  
**Congratulations to the**  
**winner of the last \$100**  
**board:**  
**Bob Morrish**

**We have started another \$100 board. See the school office for your number.**

**Thank you for all your support of our fundraising.**

**Toowoomba Catholic Schools Visiting services**

New dates to be confirmed

**Under 5's dates for Term 3:**



**26th July**  
**9th August**  
**23rd August**  
**6th September**

**Funding towards the Canberra trip from Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)**

Year 6 students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



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