



St Maria Goretti School

Inglewood

Newsletter

Term 3 Week 3

1st August, 2019



OUR SCHOOL STUDENT PROTECTION CONTACTS:

- Mrs Paula O'Rourke
- Mrs Naomi Smith

IMPORTANT DATES

August

- 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
- Tues 27th—School Photos

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:

Let none be afraid. 10.30.1874

Dear Parents and Carers,

'Many Voices, One Spirit' has been the theme for Catholic Education Week, which we have been celebrating this week. On Tuesday morning we opened our classrooms for visitors to view what teaching and learning looks like at our school during a Numeracy session. Miss Curtin and Miss McNamara delivered some engaging hands-on learning experiences, incorporating investigative learning and technology. Well done! Thank you to all those who attended our Open Morning as well as our Catholic Education Week mass. We appreciate your constant support.

Next Tuesday I will be presenting a break out session to other P-2 teachers at the 2019 Toowoomba Catholic Schools Early Years Forum. The theme of this forum is 'Share Our Voices.' My presentation will be on guided reading in a multi-age classroom, which is an expected and effective practice of the Reading Improvement Strategy (RIS) and has had a positive impact on student learning in the P-3 classroom at our school. I will be explaining considerations for implementation, identifying the impacts it has had on students' outcomes, sharing tips for implementing the strategy and sharing resources to help colleagues implement the practice in their settings.

I would like to extend a thank you to the parents and staff who have completed the RADii survey that was emailed to you. We are aiming for 75% completion. At this stage we have only had 2 out of 35 parent responses. We would really appreciate your feedback as this information is used by the school and PPF to work on improvements.

Eisteddfod is next Wednesday, and final details will be sent home on Monday. We're still waiting for a few permission notes to be returned to the office, please make sure they are returned as soon as possible.

A reminder that tomorrow is a Pupil Free Day and the school will be closed so that staff can attend Bishop's In-service Day in Toowoomba.

Please remember to check our newsletter, website and Facebook page for updates on what is happening and our wonderful school.

Lastly, I will be running Under 5's next Friday on the 9th of August, please invite any prospective Prep students for 2020 along.

Happy Catholic Education Week!

Until next week,

Casey

Students of the Week



Tuckshop Volunteers:

2nd August: NO TUCKSHOP DUE TO PUPIL FREE DAY

9th August: Worker **Corinne Anderson**
Home Cooking Sonya Ferguson
Melissa Oryszczyn

16th August: Worker **Christine Apted**
Home Cooking Sam Hobbs
Lee Garland

Birthdays:



Congratulations to these students who received Mathletics certificates this week! A special congratulations to Connor who received a Gold certificate!



Well done to Daniel on this week's homework award!



This morning on assembly, the Year 4-6's shared their learning of Volcano's.



Tuesday 27th August

Envelopes have gone home this week. Please return orders to the office.

Learning News

Digital Technologies provides hands on experiences using creative thinking to develop original digital solutions. The subject is taught across the whole school and will build students who can resolve our digital needs in imaginative ways; they will be efficient operators of technology and critical users of information.

One of Miss Sly's favourite curriculum areas is Digital Technologies. This week, she taught Year 4/5/6 students how to code our school robots 'Sphero' and 'Ollie' to navigate through a maze.



Queensland Child Protection Week



QUEENSLAND
**CHILD
PROTECTION
WEEK**

Activities for Child Protection Week (1-7 September 2019)

The safety and wellbeing of students is something that we care about deeply. As part of Child Protection Week there will be a number of activities occurring in our school, as well as other schools across the Diocese. These include:

- ◆ Lessons from the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum for students in Prep – Year 9
- ◆ Presentation of a 4-minute video that was filmed with students from our Catholic schools, called "It's OK to Speak Up". This video encourages students to tell someone about any worries they may have.
- ◆ Display of Child Protection Week posters
- ◆ Some schools will be randomly selected to participate in a survey of staff, students and parents about student protection matters. This state-wide project is being coordinated by the Queensland Catholic Education Commission and 17 of our schools will participate.

We encourage parents to use this week to promote safety messages with your children. Further information will be provided closer to Child Protection Week.



Protecting children is
**EVERYBODY'S
BUSINESS**

*Please join us
for
St Mary of the
Cross
Feast Day
Liturgy
after assembly
next Thursday
8th August*

"I longed for
a Religious
Life, one in
which I could
serve God
and his poor
neglected
little ones in
poverty and
disregard of
the world and
its fleeting
opinions."

St Mary of the Cross
MacKillop
Feast Day 8 August



Daughter of Australia

Daughter of Australia, saint for every land,
Mary, we are listening, keen to understand
how God works among us now as in the past.
Speak with us and teach us wisdom that will last.

Mary, what did you see? I saw human need:
in the far-flung places God called me to lead
children to the Father, lost ones to the Son,
driven by the Spirit till the work was done.

Mary, what did you do? I began to teach
with my chosen Sisters, far as we could reach,
all across Australia and beyond the sea,
travelling as pilgrims, always trustingly.

Mary, what was your faith? My trust was in God
who was always faithful as new paths we trod.
In the Cross of Jesus I found love's own light,
casting out all darkness, giving me new sight.

Mary, what was your joy? I saw God's will done,
watching with Saint Joseph over God's own Son,
from whose Heart once wounded flow the living streams,
watering the dry land with love that redeems.

Daughter of Australia, saint for every land,
Mary, we have listened and we understand
how God works among us now as in the past.
Thanks to you for teaching wisdom that will last.



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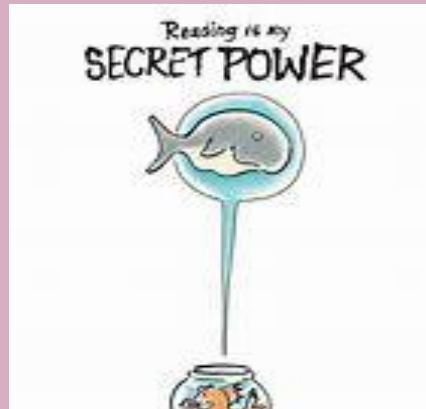
*During August, our
focus for the Mary
MacKillop Award is:
**Make Room in
your heart for all.***



Catholic Education Week Mass



Reading Is My Secret Power!



Students are exploring this idea in various ways in the lead up to our Book Week celebrations on Thursday 22nd August. Please talk to your students about how reading can be powerful in their lives.

We will hold our dress-up parade after assembly on Thursday 22nd August, all adults are welcome to be in the audience. Have fun with the dress-up, there is no particular requirement for the costume.

We are currently running a team reading challenge. Students earn a sticker on their team chart if they can tell an adult something about what they are reading for pleasure. When you are reading together at home, please ask your child to tell you what they remember or what they are wondering about as this is an excellent way to build on what they have heard and/or read.

Anne Anderson
Teacher Librarian



Arts Council Performance— Kitch Culture



Kitch Culture is a unique musical experience combining cultural arts and storytelling with music technology. Presented by award-winning artist, performer, mentor and electronic Samoan Toa (Warrior), Kitchener Wesche, this performance uncovers the power of knowing your history, your culture and your village. Kitch Culture takes you on an interactive journey of discovery as Kitch follows his roots of his family tree, from the rich history of Samoa to the shared cultural history of his children, who are proudly Samoan and Indigenous Australians.

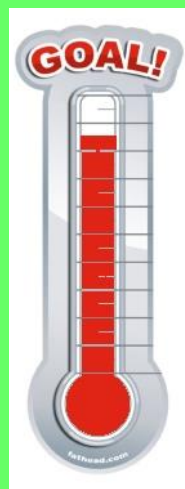
Please note that a charge of \$8 per student has been charged to your account.

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)

Upcoming events:
21st August—PPF Meeting



Year 6
Canberra Fundraising:
Year 6's will be at the
Lions Markets this
Saturday morning. They
will be selling morning
tea, and will also have
the \$100 board.

Thank you for all your support
of our fundraising.

Toowoomba Catholic Schools Visiting services

14th August—Jacquie Graham—Speech Language Pathologist
30th August—Kevin Bailey – HSE Advisor
10th September—Suzanne Cavanagh—SEL
11th Sept—Jacquie Graham—Speech Language Pathologist

Under 5's dates for Term 3:



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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Prep - Year 6

Where Christian values are an
everyday lived experience