



# St Maria Goretti School

Inglewood

# Newsletter

Term 3 Week 4

8th August, 2019



## OUR SCHOOL STUDENT PROTECTION CONTACTS:

- Mrs Paula O'Rourke
- Mrs Naomi Smith

## IMPORTANT DATES

### August

- 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 Instru-  
mental Music Tour
- Fri 20th—Pupil Free Day  
Last day of term



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

Have courage and patience and God will help you in all things. 15.8.1899

Dear Parents and Carers,

Boy, can we sing! Our talented students took out second place at the Goondiwindi Eisteddfod yesterday, singing 'Song of Australia.' We hope they feel very proud of this achievement. The adjudicator gave us a score of 86 points and wrote positive comments about our song choice, pitch and presentation. I want to extend a huge thank you to Maree, Olivia and Meghan for their hard work preparing the students for this event. I also want to thank all the parents that attended and supported our school. We have a phenomenal cheer squad! I look forward to watching the students compete again next year.

Next week I will be attending the Principals' Forum in St George, so Olivia will be deputising for the week in my absence. Marianne Jordan will be giving both of our teachers release time throughout the week, so they are able to conduct reading assessments on the students. I wish all students the best of luck and I can't wait to hear about your results and growth in reading!

Thank you to the families who have already completed the school survey. We currently have a response rate of 26%. If you haven't completed the survey, an email was sent from the school with details on how to do this. The survey closes this Sunday and we would appreciate if you could take the time to provide feedback. This feedback helps improve your child's experience and education at our school. Please see us in the office if you need to access a computer and internet.

The P/1/2/3 classroom has begun having a fruit break at the start of the day to ensure students are switched on and ready to learn. Please pack some fruit, vegetables, nuts or cheese in your child's lunch box to have during this break. If you have any questions, or need some ideas, please have a chat with Miss Curtin.

Book Week is ahead of us and the theme this year is 'Reading is my Secret Power' and reading **does** indeed give us secret powers: the *power* to walk in the shoes of others through their stories; the *power* to escape into other worlds; the *power* to improve vocabulary and imagination... the list goes on. We will be running a Book Week parade on Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August where students dress up according to the theme.

Lastly, I will be running Under 5's tomorrow from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Please invite any prospective Prep students for 2020 along.

Until next week,

Casey

## Students of the Week



# Tuckshop Volunteers:

**9th August:** Worker  
Home Cooking

**Corinne Anderson**  
Sonya Ferguson  
Melissa Orszczyn

**16th August:** Worker  
Home Cooking

**Christine Apted**  
Sam Hobbs  
Lee Garland

**23rd August:** Worker  
Home Cooking

**Michelle Walker**  
Renee Kiehne  
Jade van Schellen

## Birthdays:



Congratulations to these students on their Mathletics certificates.



Well done to these students on receiving this week's homework award.

## Tuckshop news:

**Please note there are  
no pizza's available  
this week**

**There are still  
chocolates available  
\$2.50**



**Tuesday 27th August**

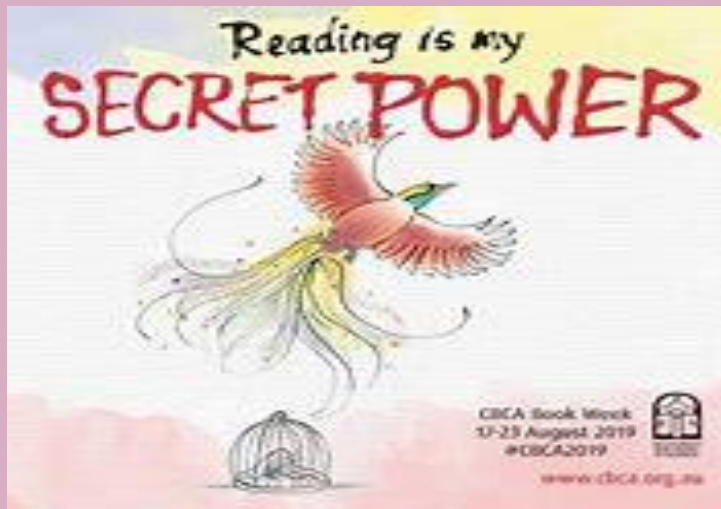
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# APRE News—St Mary of the Cross Feast Day Liturgy



## Reading is my Secret Power!



### How is Reading Powerful?

#### Student's responses to this question

Reading is powerful for me because it helps me be creative with my writing – Samara

Reading allows me to see what happens in other countries – Beau

Reading helps me be confident – Oliver

Reading helps you throughout your life - Tyson

#### Book Week Celebrations

We will hold our dress-up parade after assembly on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.



Winners of the Team Reading Challenge for Week 3



Happy Reading!  
Anne Anderson  
Teacher Librarian





## Queensland Child Protection Week



QUEENSLAND  
**CHILD**  
**PROTECTION**  
WEEK

## Child Protection Week (1-7 September 2019) – Student Protection Surveys

This year one of the major activities we are undertaking for Child Protection Week is to participate in an online student protection survey. The Queensland Catholic Education Commission is coordinating a state-wide project to find out how effective our Student Protection Processes and Guidelines schools are. Parents, students and staff members in schools will be invited to participate in the survey.

Our school is one of 17 in the Diocese of Toowoomba that has been selected to participate in the survey, which will be administered during Child Protection Week. The survey asks questions about student protection and will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Parents will receive an email that will have a link to the survey. Students will complete the survey at school and consent information will be provided closer to the date.

We are pleased to be part of this important project for continuous improvement and encourage your participation. If you have any questions about the survey please contact Barbara Woods at the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office on (07) 4687 4348 or by emailing [barbara.woods@twb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:barbara.woods@twb.catholic.edu.au).



Protecting **children** is  
**EVERYBODY'S**  
**BUSINESS**



GOONDIWINDI  
APEX EISTEDDFOD  
ADJUDICATOR'S REPORT

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DIVISION: 37. Small Schools Choir

CLASS: 370. Primary

COMPETITOR: 7. St. Maria's Catholic School

ITEM: A: Song of Australia

B: \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS

A lovely song: A good start.  
Just as caught to stay exactly together -  
particularly in the verse.  
Some good vocal as you,  
programmed. Fiddt unprioved. - ~~particular~~  
in the show - well done.  
Just you for performing today

Adjudicator: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 7/5/19 MARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

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SECOND

SMALL SCHOOLS CHOIR  
Primary

President CC Kneipp Secretary J. Dunlop

Cathy Kneipp Judy Dunlop

## Parent Partnership Forum

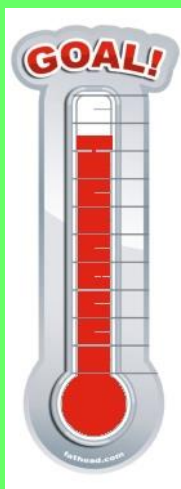
**Chairperson:** Mike Price  
**Secretary:** Zalae Smith

**Do you have an idea for fundraising for our Parent Partnership Forum?**

**Or is there something you would like to see the Parent Partnership Forum purchase for the school?**

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

**Come along to our next meeting to share your ideas.**



**Year 6**  
**Canberra Fundraising:**  
**Year 6's will be having a lunch special on Tuesday 20th August. Order forms will go home soon.**

**\$100 board is still running. See the office for your number.**

**Thank you for all your support**

**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.

### **Toowoomba Catholic Schools Visiting services**

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



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**Prep - Year 6**

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