



# ST MARIA GORETTI SCHOOL Newsletter

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## LOOKING AHEAD

### June:

- ◆ **Friday 24th**  
*Last day of term 2*

### July:

- ◆ **Monday 11th**  
*Term 3 begins*
- ◆ **Friday 15th**  
*Mac Zone Girls Rugby League*
- ◆ **Friday 22nd**  
*LIFE Education*

## TUCKSHOP

24th June

### WORKER

Sara Price

### HOME COOKING

From the freezer

Term 3 to be advised

Dear Parents and Carers,

St Maria Goretti is a great place for learning!

We have a fantastic school and many of you share my feelings about this and are proud to be part of, so in this time of uncertainty, I would like to create a picture of what we have achieved.

Improving student outcomes is always our focus and always will be. From looking at our data (standardised test and NAPLAN results), in 2014, we were able to identify writing as our focus. When we reviewed our teaching of writing, in 2015, we were able to identify that we needed to change the way we were approaching this as a whole school. This meant a commitment as a team to make changes to the literacy block.

Our whole school approach to the literacy block we then changed what our literacy time looked like. This not only meant changing the resources being used but also teachers participating in professional development through watching other teachers teach. Research has identified this as the best way for teachers to make changes to their practice.

We also engaged experts in their field, like Angela Ehmer, to visit our school and work with staff to demonstrate the best pedagogy for improvements to student outcomes. Staff then must make a commitment to improving the way English is taught in their classroom.

Students' results due to the whole school approach have improved greatly. It has been hard work in leading these changes so that our students are improving and always meeting standards and I am committed to keeping this ball rolling no matter who are teachers are as this is a whole school approach. Our results will continue to improve!

It is sad that we have families leaving us. We wish you the best on your journey! We wish Pam and Sonia all the best. May your journey also bring you many rewards.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our various functions over the past week – athletics last week, NAIDOC day yesterday and our morning tea for Sonia and Pam this morning. Without this support our functions would not have been the success they were.

Congratulation to Goretti House on winning the athletics carnival last week. Other results – new records and age champions are included in the newsletter.

Mary Mackillop's reflective saying for this week is "You must try to be blind to the faults of those around you." 21.5.1877

Have a great holiday and stay safe. If you are travelling may St Christopher keep you safe.

Yours in God's love and mercy

Paula

This week we acknowledge the achievements of Jack, Jai, Abbey, Jacob, Erin and Shenae!



Tuckshop as normal tomorrow. Some items are limited but please order as usual, and if an item is unavailable, the students will be asked to choose something else. Home cooking is from the freezer (left over from last week)



Congratulations to these students who received Mathletics certificates.



We wish both Sonia and Pam luck in their future endeavours. Thank you to the P and F for organising the cake and flowers.



Congratulations to Lachlan Sharpe who won the jelly bean competition with a guess of

**387**

## High Five Anti Bullying Bystanders Hand

Five steps to handling bullies

### Fifth Finger—Reporting

Sometime things are easier with a friend. Tell the victim you will be their reporting buddy and go to see an adult together. If they won't go with you, you should still always report any bullying you see because that is how we tackle bullying together.

Where to get help:

- |                                      |                |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| ✓ Adult / teacher / parent / friends | ✓ Police (000) |
| ✓ Kids Helpline (1800 551 800)       | ✓ Counsellor   |





## Athletics results:

### Runner Up:

**6 years**  
**7 years** Bridie Heeson  
**8 years** Chloe O'Rourke  
 Max Robson  
**9 years**  
 Calais Walker  
**10 years**  
 Thomas Robson  
**11 years** Lily Robson  
**12 years**

### Age Champion:

Rory Alderman  
 Kaylah McPherson  
 Jacob Holmes  
 Erin O'Rourke  
 Tyson Ninness  
 Abbey Shaw  
 Lachlan Campbell  
 Jai Smith  
 Lillian Heeson  
 Goren Trevisiol  
 Mackenzie Bynon  
 Ryan McPherson  
 Breeanna Ninness  
 Jack Campbell

Champion Junior House  
**Goretti**

Champion Senior House  
**Goretti**

Overall Winning House  
**Goretti**



Top left: Our runner up age champions.

Top right: Our age champions

Below left: Our winning house—Goretti!

Below right: Our new record holders.

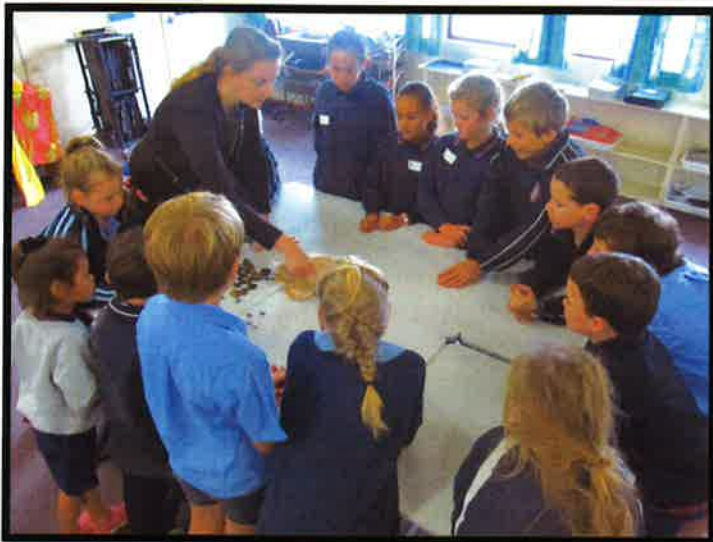




# NAIDOC DAY







**Next P and F Meeting  
Wednesday 20th July at 3:30pm**

**Next Board Meeting  
Wednesday 20th July at 5:30pm**



# CATHOLIC PARTNERS IN AUSTRALIA'S SCHOOLS FUTURE

More than **91,000** teachers and staff  
work in Catholic schools across Australia



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On average, Catholic school parents pay **29%**  
of the cost of their child's schooling



Governments pay the rest

**DON'T take government funding for granted**

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MUSEUM**

# MUSEUM ZOO

**27 JUNE – 8 JULY**

**10AM – 3PM | WEEKDAYS ONLY**



**Take a walk on the wild side  
these winter holidays!**

Catch a Museum Zoo Show, head out on safari,  
make your own wild animals and more.

**Ages: 3-12 | Cost: \$10 per child**

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1	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Term 3 Begins	Suzanne and Sue visiting	Pie Drive closes		Mac Zone Girls Rugby League	
2	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Paula at school visit Eileen Moyle and Jorja Foster visiting		P and F 3:30pm Board 5:30pm	Pie Drive delivered LIFE Education van visit		
3	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Catholic Education Week – Opening the Doors in the Year of Mercy					
4	31	August 1	2	3	4	5	6
			ICAS English		Eisteddfod		
5	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Mary Mackillop Feast Day				Mac Zone T&F	
6	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			ICAS Maths			Bishops Inservice Day Pupil Free Day	
7	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				P and F 3:30pm Board 5:30pm		Arts Council 9:40am	
8	28	29	30	31	September 1	2	3
9	4	5	6 DD T&F	7	8	9	10
				OCPPA Conference - Paula			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				Diocesan Mass		Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off MacIntyre Young Writers closes Last Day of Term 3	