

# St Maria Goretti Primary School – Inglewood

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Thursday 21st July, 2016

Fortnightly update ..... Week 2

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Dear Parents and Carers,

St Maria Goretti School is a great place for learning!

This week we welcomed Laurel Lynch to our team. She is learning the new routine that we have established and making her mark on it as well. We trust Laurel will enjoy her time with us.

Other learning experiences are always great and the students have experienced that today with the LIFE Education Van visit. Thank you to Claire for her enthusiasm which ensured the learning was achieved. We have included photos from each session and some learnings from the students.

Tomorrow the children will also have another experience with Brain Talk for Kids. This will be presented by Pathways to Resilience and supported by AngliCare Southern Queensland. The children will go in two groups – P- Yr 3 and Yr 4-6. There is no cost involved.

This Sunday we start our Catholic Education Week with mass with our Parish community. This is at 9 am but children will need to be there at 8:50 so that we can ensure all roles are covered and ready to go. We will be having a "chat and coffee" afterwards under the school. Please bring a small plate to share for this. For the rest of the week's activities please see the flyer included in this newsletter which is the same as the one sent home yesterday with the children.

I invite all parents, grandparents even friends to come and visit our classrooms on the Friday. Our doors will be open to all from 10 am with morning tea to follow. I look forward to seeing many of you.



Eisteddfod is fast approaching! Our costuming this year is all black so children will need black long pants with a black shirt. Long sleeve would be preferable but if short sleeve is the only one you have please send it. The students will then wear black shoes and socks on their feet. The girls' hair needs to be plaited towards the front. We will be having a dress rehearsal on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

MacIntyre athletics forms have been sent home with those that have been selected to go. Congratulations to Jack, Lily, Bree, Ryan, Mackenzie, Goren, Thomas, Lachlan and Jai on their selection. I will be in contact about some training.

This week's reflective saying is "Courage, dear child, and do not yield to sadness". 6.10.1898.

Yours in God's mercy and love

Paula

Congratulations Goren, Thomas, Ryan, Jai, Lily, Breeanna, Shenae, Cameron, Kaylah and Samara for your achievements this week!





**22nd July:**

**Worker: Sara Price**

**Home Cooking: Zalae Smith, Carla Trevisiol**

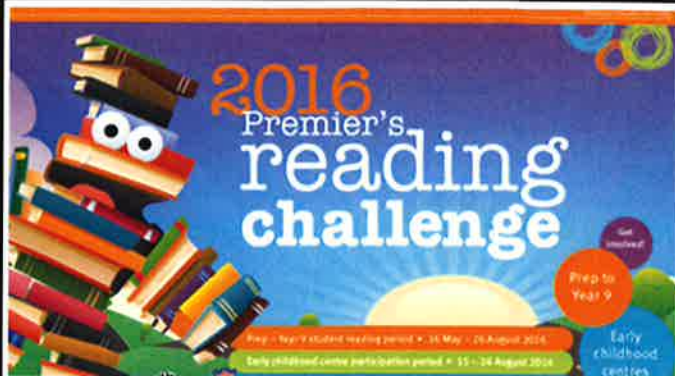
**29th July:**

**Worker: Melissa Oryszczyn**

**Home Cooking: Sandra Beard, Jodie Campbell**

## P and F Cent Sale

A form is going home today to gauge interest in running the cent sale. We will need as much help as possible as we cannot run it with only a handful of people. Please register your interest and return the form to the office by next Friday.



Please return any completed Premier's Reading Challenge forms to your child's teacher. These need to be returned by 26th August.



Well done to these students on their  
Mathletics Certificates!



Mackenzie had a lovely day representing St Maria Goretti at Millmerran Horse Sports. She came home with various ribbons from the day!

**Next P and F Meeting**  
**Wednesday 24th August**  
**at 3:30pm**

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

## Learning News

### **Some more spelling tips.....**

Children need to know how words sound. This is known as Phonological knowledge. Listed below are some skills that students need to know:

- # the names of the letters of the alphabet
- # the sounds they represent
- # Consonants – eg b,f,s,t
- # consonant blends – eg br, fl, st
- # consonant digraphs (buddies) – eg ch, sh, ph
- # short vowel sounds have a short, snappy sound – a, e, i, o, u
- # long vowel sounds say their own name – a,e,i,o,u
- # vowel controllers – final e, letter r
- # vowel teams – eg ai, ou, oa
- # silent letters eg k – knit, w – write, t – listen.

### **Children need to apply what they know to:**

- # blend sounds to form a word eg b-a-t = bat
- # blend sounds “chunks” into words (syllables) – eg croc –o-dile = crocodile
- # understanding rhyming patterns eg my, by, try, fly.

# St Maria Goretti Feast

## Mass 15th July 2016



# LIFE EDUCATION—Years 4—6

## bCYBERWISE



LIFE EDUCATION—Years P—3

## Harold's Mystery Tour





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**Catholic Education Week for Families:  
Prayer Ideas and Ways to  
DO and BE MERCIFUL!**

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## ***An example of a message that might be sent to families in school communication during Catholic Education Week***

*The theme for Catholic Education Week this year is 'Opening Doors in the Year of Mercy.' All Catholic schools in Queensland will celebrate this week giving thanks and praying for God's continued blessing on their staff, students and families. The key message is that God's mercy is never ending. God is always there ready to forgive all and wrap all in everlasting LOVE! As God is merciful to all, so all are called to show the same mercy and loving kindness to others.*

***Remember! The God of Mercy is present in your homes and in your lives loving, healing and embracing you and your precious ones. The sacred is present in the everyday events of family life: soccer games, birthday parties, shopping, dirty clothes, socks that don't match etc. Families experience God in a baby's smile, a child's struggle to learn something new, a simple family meal, a family argument, a tender embrace of a spouse, or the loss of a family member or friend. Everywhere families turn they meet God. In other words God is present in the daily events of your lives.***

Below is a Family Prayer that you may wish to adapt to suit your family. There are also some suggested ways that you might BE and DO MERCY in your family. You may well have others and it might be a good time to revisit these.

### **Family Prayer**

***Turn off all electronic devices and dim the lights or light a candle.***

We light our candle for our own family, for all families in our school and parish community and for families all over our country and world.

May they be strengthened and guided in this Year of Mercy.

*Light candle and pause... watch the flame grow.*



Let us listen to a message from Pope Francis about the importance of prayer to help families be stronger.

### **What Makes the Family Strong?**


*We need simplicity to pray as a family: simplicity is necessary! Praying the Our Father together, around the table, is not something extraordinary: it's easy. And praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And also praying for one another! The husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents....praying for each other. This is what it means*



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*to pray in the family and it is what makes the family strong: prayer. – Homily, October 27, 2013*



Let us respond to these reminders from Pope Francis by taking time to name a member of our family, either living or dead, that we wish to remember and give thanks for.

(Pause)

Let us name them..... and share one thing that we know or remember about them e.g.

*I wish to pray for Pop and I know that he is a very generous person.*

*I wish to pray for Nan and I remember the way she used to always be so excited when we would go to visit her. (Silence for one minute)*

Let us link hands as we pray the Our Father for our family and all families in the world.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name;

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

*Extinguish candle and pause*

## **Simple Ways to DO and BE MERCIFUL**

### ***An idea for each day of Catholic Education Week***

Begin a family Gratitude Journal for all family members to jot down little things that they are grateful for. Younger children could draw what they are grateful for or have an older sibling or parent scribe for them.

Think about ways that your family might be able to practice some of works of mercy like feeding the hungry, helping the homeless, visiting the sick, helping the poor, comforting those who are sad or lonely, forgiving others e.g. donating used toys or clothing; visiting people in nursing homes or aged care facilities and spending time with them e.g. reading the newspaper to them or playing a game of cards with them.

Create a short end-of-day ritual to ask for and extend forgiveness to members of your family. "Do not let the sun set on your anger" (Eph. 4:26).

Make a point to smile, greet or make conversation with others you may meet throughout your day or week.

Before you begin a family dinner, light a candle and join hands with everyone at your table for a moment of silence. Pray silently for peace; peace in your hearts, peace in your families and peace in our world.

This could also happen at the end of a shared meal.



# Texas Kindy Rainbow Run

is on again!

27<sup>th</sup> August 2016  
Texas Golf Club

Registration will be open from 9am  
Courses are 1km, 2km, 4km or 8km  
Run Entry - under 15 years \$10, 15 years and over \$15

Contact Annabel Cleeve for more information....

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## PRIVACY NOTICE

### **Information required to determine the *Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage* (ICSEA) for schools**

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child's school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the *ACARA Act 2008* for one or both of the following purposes:

- formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at [www.acara.edu.au](http://www.acara.edu.au).

# CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK IN QUEENSLAND 24-30 JULY 2016

## What's happening at St Maria Goretti during Catholic Education Week?

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

**Parish Mass at 9am**

**Followed by morning tea  
(please bring a plate)**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

The Launch of Catholic  
Education Week for  
students in the Diocese  
of Toowoomba.

Our Leaders will be  
attending this event in  
Toowoomba.

**Thursday 31st July**

**Under 8's Day**

All under 8's in our  
community are invited to  
spend the morning with  
us from 9am – 10:30am.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July**

## Parents' Day

We thank parents for the contribution  
they make to the life of our school and  
the importance of parental partnership  
with the school community.

*Activities from 10am.*

The School  
Electronic  
Survey will be  
sent out



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