



# ST MARIA GORETTI SCHOOL Newsletter

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## STUDENT PROTECTION

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## LOOKING AHEAD

### March:

- ◆ **Fri 10th—Sat 11th**  
*St Josephs College Visit*
- ◆ **Tuesday 14th**  
*GRIP Leadership*
- ◆ **Wednesday 15th**  
*P and F Meeting 3:30pm*  
*Board Meeting 5:30pm*
- ◆ **Friday 17th**  
*Inglewood Show*
- ◆ **Friday 31st**  
*Last Day of Term*

## TUCKSHOP

10th March

### WORKER

Rochelle Bynon

### HOME COOKING

Jodie Campbell

Sam Hobbs

17th March

**NO TUCKSHOP DUE  
TO INGLEWOOD SHOW**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We can be 'A community of care' this weekend and say 'Thank you' to St Joseph's College for their continued support of our school. We can show our gratitude for their support by attending the free BBQ tomorrow evening at 6 pm. It is great to meet and talk to the students and watch them interact with our students. On Saturday morning, 8 am, the Joey boys will then go through a footy coaching session with our students followed by a quick bite to eat. I look forward to seeing you all there.

We are busy preparing for our local show next weekend. Students are completing entries for writing and art, while staff are busy putting together our school display of 'What we are learning'. Next week students will be cooking, decorating for kids kitchen entries and creating vegie critters – look out for what they may need to bring to school.

"Thank you" to Justin Smith for solving our door handles and locks issues and doing some carpentry work. We really appreciate your time and effort!

Thank you to those who have returned the form with expressions of interest in parent workshops. If you haven't returned it and would like to, please give it to Mandy in the office by the end of next week. I will review them and organise the necessary workshops for term 2.

After the visit from Lee Denton, Literacy Solutions, last week, we have made three new goals in our classrooms. These goals are still fitting within our overall goals for writing success.

1. Stamina Reading needs to be more focused.
2. Teachers will be using every opportunity to gather data about students' reading.
3. Vocabulary needs to be tightened - Tier 1 and 2 words will be a focus.

Another catch phrase that Lee used, which we have adapted is...

***If I can say it, then I can read it! If I can say it, I can write it! If I can read it, I can write it!***

During Lent there are opportunities for everyone to pray – Lenten reflection program on Wednesdays, 4pm followed by mass at the church, Stations of the cross on Friday mornings, 10 am and of course weekend masses – 9 am this Sunday. It gives us a great opportunity to reflect on our lives and how we can live a life like Jesus, Mary MacKillop and St Maria Goretti.

*Mary MacKillop's reflective saying for this week is "The cross appears lighter when carried with Jesus". 3.5.1874.*

Yours in God's love

Paula

## Next week at a glance:

Tues: GRIP Leadership  
Wed: P & F Meeting 3:30pm  
Board Meeting 5:30pm  
Thurs: Assembly  
Library borrowing  
Fri: Inglewood Show



**Congratulations to Tyson and Millah  
on their achievements this week!**

**P and F Meeting**  
**Wednesday 15th March**  
**3:30pm**

**Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday 15th March**  
**5:30pm**

**P and F News**

Pie drive forms have gone home. Please sell as many as you can and return to the school before the 27th March. The Albert Street Bakery are being very generous with their donation to our school.

Also please continue to sell raffle tickets in our Easter raffle. These need to be returned by Thursday 30th March.

P and F meeting next Wednesday at 3:30pm in the library.

Sara Price  
President



**Rite of Christian Initiation**

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Religion?

We will present a six week program to enable anyone who is interested in learning more about the teaching and obligations of the Catholic Church starting next week for those who are interested.

This is for Catholics and non-Catholics without having to make any commitment.

Knowledge is powerful and enlightening.

If you are interested contact Fr. Sean at 0421325805



Congratulations Calais on a Mathletics certificate this week.

**Friday 10th March**



**BBQ with**  
**Joey boys 6pm**



**Saturday 11th March**

**Footy Skills session 8am**

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

Currently no scheduled visits

**Women's Health Clinic**  
**24 March 2017**  
**Community Health Centre**  
**Ph. 46520777 for an appointment**



# LEARNING NEWS

## Growth Mindset

Miss Crawford has introduced Year 4 to 6 classroom to 'Growth Mindset'. It is about developing a positive approach to life but specifically to learning. Here are some examples that you might like to encourage your child to say and do to support what is happening at school.

### Summary of Dweck's *Mindset*

#### Fixed vs Growth

##### ability is static

avoids challenges

gives up easily

sees effort as fruitless

ignores useful criticism

threatened by others



##### ability is developed

embraces challenges

persists in obstacles

sees effort as necessary

learns from criticism

inspired by others' success

#### DEVELOPING A GROWTH MINDSET



INSTEAD OF.....	TRY THINKING....
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
I give up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
Plan A didn't work	There's always Plan B
My friend can do it	I will learn from them

## MEDIA RELEASE

March 8, 2017



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### HIGH-GAIN SCHOOLS CAN HELP DRIVE STUDENT PERFORMANCE

National Catholic Education Commission acting executive director Danielle Cronin says the identification of schools where students have experienced significant improvement in literacy and numeracy can help support teachers and students in other schools.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) today released updated information on Australian schools, including details on schools where year 3 students have made significant progress by year 5, or year 7 students by the time they reach year 9.

The analysis examines groups of students as they move through school and assesses their results on NAPLAN testing.

"We need to remember that NAPLAN is a snapshot in time, and a narrow measure of the teaching and learning that is taking place in schools across Australia," Ms Cronin said.

"But for students in their formative educational years, NAPLAN is the best nationally consistent tool we currently have to assess their progress in the foundational areas of literacy and numeracy."

Ms Cronin said the almost 400 schools ACARA identified as experiencing high gain are in the Catholic, government and independent sectors, in all states and territories and in all geographical contexts.

"Great things are happening across the country in terms of seeking – and achieving – improvement in student outcomes, and that success should be celebrated," she said.

Ms Cronin said while there was deep concern expressed last year about Australian students' performance on international standardised testing, the high-gain schools show that there are local examples of how to support student progress.

"There can be a temptation to consider how educational improvements in other countries can be replicated in Australia," she explained. "But observing the programs and techniques that support learning in Australian schools of similar profiles is significantly more likely to lift outcomes than trying to mimic the strategies of vastly different educational and societal contexts."

The identification of high-gain schools was one aspect of today's release of updated data on the My School website. A range of information, including 2016 NAPLAN results, 2016 profile and population data for each school and the 2015 financial information for each school, including capital expenditure and sources of funding, was also updated today.

Ms Cronin said the My School website is one tool families, teachers and educational leaders use to consider how schools are performing.

"My School is one reference to help educators and parents understand where focus should be put," she said. "The website offers only part of a school's story, though. It is personal engagement between students and families and the teachers, school leaders and the school community that provides a true insight into that school."

The understanding of the importance of NAPLAN results is similarly balanced with other educational factors in Catholic schools, Ms Cronin explained.

"Catholic education's focus on the development of students – academically, socially, morally, physically and spiritually – means NAPLAN is understood as one measure among many of a student's learning journey," Ms Cronin concluded.



# EASTER HAT PARADE

**Thursday 30th March after assembly**

**Make a hat for the Easter hat parade.**

## **Categories:**

- 1. Best use of recycled material**
- 2. Best reflection of the Easter story**
- 3. Best in the Prep-Year 3 class**
- 4. Best in the Year 4-6 class**

**Followed by a visit to Casa Mia  
At 10am for morning tea.**

**Parents are most welcome to attend!**

# 2017 ICAS

ICAS stands for International Competitions and Assessments for Schools.

Each year the school offers students (with parent permission) the opportunity to participate in some international tests. All students who participate are given a certificate according to their results. These certificates are presented to students at Assembly.

There are practice questions that the students can complete before the time as well.

Listed below are the different tests available and their costs. Could you please return this form with an indication of which tests your child will be participating in and payment (to the office). It is a voluntary basis and we don't force children to participate.

TEST	TEST DATE	COST	TOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> Digital Technologies (Years 3-6)	Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May.	\$8.80	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Science (Years 2-6)	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May.	\$8.80	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Writing (Years 3-6)	Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> June.	\$18.70	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Spelling (Years 2-6)	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June.	\$12.10	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> English (Years 2-6)	Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> August.	\$8.80	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics (Years 2-6)	Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> August.	\$8.80	_____

TOTAL COST: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parents signature

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Date



# **MACINTYRE ZONE 12 YEARS AND UNDER SCHOOL SPORT**



**CHAIRPERSON: CARMEL SCHAUMBURG**  
**SECRETARY: STAN McDONNELL**  
**TREASURER: PHILLIPA SLY**

**GOONDIWINDI SPS**  
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**YELARBON SS**

## **Macintyre Zone 12 and Under School Sport** **Cricket 2017**

**What: Macintyre Zone Cricket Trial – Boys and Girls**  
**Who: Born 2005/2006**  
**Where: Redmond Oval Cricket Nets**  
**When: Wednesday 22nd March 2017**  
**3.30pm – 5.30pm**

### **Other Details:**

Boys will be nominated from this trial to attend the DD Country trial in Stanthorpe on Friday 1st September and girls will be nominated directly to the DD trial in Toowoomba on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Only nominate students to attend this trial who can demonstrate genuine cricket skills and knowledge. Playing in a regular competition is essential.

A nomination fee of \$3.00 will need to be paid to your school office. Macintyre Zone will forward a tax invoice to your school at the completion of the trial.

School nominations will need to be forwarded to the zone convenor, Stan McDonnell, by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 on the nomination sheet supplied by return email.

If you have any queries please contact me on 0474464104, or by email([smcdo8@eq.edu.au](mailto:smcdo8@eq.edu.au)).

Cheers

Stan McDonnell  
Macintyre Zone Cricket Convenor  
Goondiwindi SPS

Warwick (Waringh Waringh)

# Bunya Festival

Saturday March 18 2017

**Come and have a fun day with us in  
Githabul country**

Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal people are welcome to  
help celebrate Aboriginal heritage

This is our second Maryvale Bunya Festival. It is run  
jointly by Cicada Woman and Waringh Waringh, a group  
of Warwick Aboriginal people and their families

## Entry includes

- Live music by Aboriginal musicians incl. Roger Knox
- Ceremony with traditional owners, the Githabul people,  
incl. dances
- Displays about the Bunya Festival
- Guided walk about plants and animals
- Aboriginal stories in Bunya Cave & games for kids
- Aboriginal short films in evening, Black comedy; big  
outdoor screen Debra Mailman, Aaron Pederson...
- Art exhibition by local artists
- Singing by school group from St Mary's in Warwick
- Native animal show by Geckos Wildlife
- Discussion forum with Grant Sarra

## Available

- Food stalls incl. with Bunya Nut and other traditional  
ingredients
- Hot food stall in  
evening
- Aboriginal craft stall



Warwick Development  
Group acknowledges  
the assistance of Black  
Screen, an initiative of  
the National Film and  
Sound Archive



The Bunya Festival was a  
large gathering of people  
in traditional times in the  
Bunya Mountains west of  
Toowoomba. The  
Githabal/Geynyan people  
from around Warwick  
used to go and share  
music, stories, & goods.

We are re-constructing  
this event locally because  
we now know that  
Aboriginal people had a  
complex culture with  
many valuable ideas  
which were not  
understood by early  
European settlers.

**Venue: 49 Mailmans Rd  
North Branch (Maryvale)**

**From Noon to 8 PM**

Adults \$10, Hi School \$5, kids under 12 free

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Proceeds of gate to Waringh  
Waringh (Warwick Development  
Group Inc.)

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