



# ST MARIA GORETTI SCHOOL Newsletter

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## IN THIS ISSUE

### Inserts:

- ⇒ Easter Hat Parade
- ⇒ Mac Zone Soccer Trials

## LOOKING AHEAD

### March:

- ◆ Friday 31st  
Last Day of Term

### April:

- ◆ Tuesday 18th  
Term 2 begins
- ◆ Wednesday 19th  
Cross Country
- ◆ Tuesday 25th  
Anzac Day
- ◆ Friday 28th  
Mac Zone Cross Country

### May:

- ◆ Tues 2nd—Thurs 4th  
Principals Forum

## TUCKSHOP

24th March

### WORKER

Carla Trevisiol

### HOME COOKING

Sandra Beard  
Paula O'Rourke

31st March

### WORKER

Rochelle Bynon

### HOME COOKING

Zalae Smith  
Sam Hobbs

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday we were privileged to have Suzanne Cavanagh and Jane Murphy visit our school. We talked about what learning has been happening in the classrooms and how we are progressing. Both ladies also visited the classrooms to look at the great work being done by teachers and students. We are on track with our Annual Action Plans for 2017.

Yesterday also Polly drove to Toowoomba for an afternoon professional development topic of Practical Pedagogies for Teaching Sentences workshop. This is one of the aspects of a learning community that it is not just students learning but adults who work at our school as well. We look forward to hearing and seeing what Polly learnt.

We welcomed Casey back today but thank Marianne for stepping into Casey's classroom to keep the business as usual happening.

Tomorrow is our last swimming lesson for term 1. Thanks to the National Schools Sporting program for providing us with funds so that we can employ coaches to teach our students how to swim and do it well.

We wish Ryan all the best at the state swimming titles, Sunday and Monday. May God bless you and be with you!

Don't forget parent/teacher interviews next week. It is important that every family meets with their child's teacher to hear how they are going and what they have achieved this term. If you haven't returned your form, we will be contacting you for a suitable time.

*Mary MacKillop's reflective saying for this week is "God loves those best who help the weak become whole." 2.9.1906*

Yours in God's love

Paula

## Next week at a glance:

Thurs: Assembly  
Library borrowing  
Fri: Tuckshop  
Stations of the Cross



Congratulations to Daniel and Chloe on their achievements this week!

**P and F Meeting**  
**Wednesday 19th April**  
**3:30pm**

**Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday 19th April**  
**5:30pm**

### P and F News

Please return Hot Cross Bun forms to the office by Monday morning at the latest.

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

Sara Price  
 President



2017  
**GOONDIWINDI**  
*picnic races*

Saturday April 8th from 12 noon

[www.goondiwindipicnicraces.com.au](http://www.goondiwindipicnicraces.com.au)



Above: Well done on earning Mathletics Certificates!

Below: Years 4-6 presenting their packaging experiment.



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

Currently no scheduled visits



Well done  
 to Calais on  
 his progress  
 with  
 swimming  
 this term.



# LEARNING NEWS

## Definitions of bullying

Bullying is a pattern of repeated physical, verbal, psychological or social aggression that is directed towards a specific student by someone with more power and is intended to cause harm, distress and/or create fear. Bullying may be carried out overtly eg face-to-face or covertly eg through repeated social exclusion or via technology. It is a sub-category of aggression and is different to, but also related to, harassment and violence. It is not the same as conflict or social dislike even though, in some cases, the outcome of both can be bullying.

## The different types of bullying

*Face-to-face bullying* (sometimes referred to as direct bullying) involves physical actions such as punching or kicking or overt verbal actions such as name-calling and insulting.

*Covert bullying* (sometimes referred to as indirect bullying) is a subtle type of non-physical bullying which isn't easily seen by others and is conducted out of sight, and often unacknowledged by adults.

*Cyberbullying* occurs through the use of information or communication technologies such as instant messaging, text messages, email and social networking sites. It has many similarities with offline bullying but it differs in that the student(s) who is/are bullying can be anonymous, it can reach a wide audience, and the sent or uploaded material can be difficult to remove.

Most students who cyberbully also bully off-line. It is now recognised that many forms of covert bullying appear to have significant potential for serious harm.

*Adapted from: National Safe Schools Framework Resource Manual 18 March 2011*

## For students

What is bullying?

Sometimes you might have a fight or argument with someone. If it only happens once, that's not really bullying even though it can be upsetting.

Bullying is when someone:

- ◆ keeps picking on you again and again and tries to make you feel bad
- ◆ says or does lots of mean things that upset you
- ◆ makes fun of you a lot
- ◆ tries to stop you from joining in or make others not like you
- ◆ keeps hurting you, such as hitting or punching you

Bullying can also happen through a mobile phone or on the internet. This is called cyberbullying.

Bullying is not fair. It feels awful. You have a right to feel safe. If you don't feel safe, get help right now from your Mum, Dad, teacher, or an adult who will listen to you.

*Adapted from: <http://www.takeastandtogether.gov.au/under13/facts/index.html>*



## From the Library...

This term all students have had weekly opportunities to share something about their reading for pleasure. Students from Prep – Year 2 have shared their reflection in a group while older students have been recording their responses so we can track their reading journey this year. All students have made a great start to knowing the library collections, terms and procedures.

In the context of HaSS lessons, Year 3 – 6 students have developed their information skills by locating and using information from books and digital sources to add to their knowledge of the continents and natural and man-made features in Australia and the world.

## Library Loans over the Holidays

Students are able to borrow library books for the holidays. Please make a special effort to read them together and then return them in Week 1 of Term 2. Thank you for all you do to support your students with their free choice reading.

*I am taking long service leave from next Monday until the 2nd May. I wish you all a happy Easter and a restful break. I look forward to a rewarding Term 2 as we continue our learning in the library.*

*Anne Anderson*





# Activities with the School Counsellor







# 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 PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORT



**CHAIRPERSON:** CARMEL SCHAUMBURG GOONDIWINDI SPS  
**SECRETARY:** STAN McDONNELL GOONDIWINDI SPS  
**TREASURER:** PHILLIPA SLY YELARBON SS

## Macintyre Zone Soccer Trial 2017

- Convenor:** Garry Jeffries – Goondiwindi State Primary School  
[gjeff11@eq.edu.au](mailto:gjeff11@eq.edu.au) Ph: 0408 391220
- Venue:** Gilbert Oval - Goondiwindi
- Date:** Friday, 21st April 2017
- Time:** 9.30am – 1.30pm
- Age Eligibility:** Boys/Girls born 2005, 2006 & 2007
- Trial Format:** Schools are asked to nominate up to 10 boys and 10 girls to attend the trial. Schools may also nominate individual players.
- Darling Downs Soccer Trials held at Stanthorpe Soccer Fields  
Boys trials will be held on Sunday 2<sup>1st</sup> May (main trial) and  
Girls will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.
- A team of boys and girls will be selected to attend the DD trials.
- Selection Criteria:** Students must have the following skills to attend the zone trials:-
1. Should have some playing experience
  2. Ball skills – kick and pass
  3. Defensive skills – tackling
  4. Fitness speed and endurance
  5. Knowledge of rules
- Nominations:** Names, D.O.B, preferred position and School will need to be emailed ([gjeff11@eq.edu.au](mailto:gjeff11@eq.edu.au)) to Garry Jeffries at Goondiwindi State Primary School by Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> of April.
- A nomination fee of \$3 per player is payable to your school office. Schools will be invoiced.
- Other:** Tuckshop facilities will be provided by Goondiwindi State School P & C Tuckshop. Students are required to bring water bottles.

**PLEASE COLLECT A MEDICAL PERMISSION FORM FROM OFFICE IF INTERESTED IN ATTENDING AND RETURN BY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH.**