



# LINKS

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**Term 1 Week 7**  
**Wednesday 11 March 2020**

*Seek Truth Through Knowledge*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



### **“EVERY CHILD MATTERS”**

#### **Lenten Prayer**

God, heavenly Father,  
look upon me and hear my [prayer](#)  
during this holy Season of Lent.  
By the [good](#) works You inspire,  
help me to discipline my body  
and to be renewed in spirit.  
Amen.



Dear Parents

#### **National Day of Action Against Bullying**

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA) will be held on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020**. The National Day of Action is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools and in 2020, schools are called to imagine a world free from bullying. Classes will be participating in awareness activities during the week.

The aim of the National Day is a positive day of action, bringing school communities together to help find workable solutions that address bullying and violence.

### **Let's Take a Stand Together**

#### **Parents and Carers Information**

Parents and other carers have a key role in preventing and responding to bullying.

You can:

- Learn what bullying is and what it is not. This is the first step in talking about how to prevent or respond to bullying with your child. 'Bullying' is a word that is used for lots of things that are not actually bullying. These other behaviours may be just as serious, but may require different responses.
- Talk about bullying with your child at home to make it easier for them to tell you if something happens. Make sure they know what bullying is and how they can respond. Help prepare your children to prevent online bullying and to know what to do if it happens.
- Start when your child is young to guide them to develop the social and emotional skills they will need to build positive relationships throughout their lives, including problem-solving skills.

- Recognise the warning signs of bullying. Although there may not be an issue, you should talk to your child if you have any concerns. Raise the topic generally if you don't want to ask directly. Be aware that many times children and young people won't ask for help, so it is important to know what to look for.
- Learn about how to respond appropriately if your child tells you about bullying. You can reassure your child by remaining calm and being supportive.
- Find out as much as you can about what has happened by talking calmly with your child. A good understanding about what has happened can also help you in communicating with the school about the situation.
- Contact the school if bullying has occurred and the school needs to be involved. We take bullying very seriously at St Mary's School.

### Parent-Teacher Interviews

An **important reminder** to parents that we are holding our Parent-Teacher interviews on **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March**, from 3.15pm. It is **vital** that every child's parent/carer arrange an interview with their child's class teacher to discuss progress and any concerns. If you are unable to attend on the Monday, please contact your child's teacher and arrange another day for an interview.

### Swimming Carnival

The Prep – Year 2 Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 starting at 9:00am. We would like to encourage every child to swim on the day. All parents/guardians, family and friends are welcome to enjoy a fun morning.

### **Quote of the Week**

***"There is no such thing in anyone's life  
as an unimportant day."***

**Alexander Woollcott**

Have a great week.

Brett Pollard  
Principal

### **FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

#### **Darling Downs Swimming**

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the MacIntyre Zone Swimming Trials last week. Your efforts and sportsmanship were outstanding. Amazing results were achieved including many personal bests and Scarlett Richards, Billy Spicer, Fred Prosser and Wilbur Wood were selected to represent the Darling Downs in Week 9. Good luck and enjoy the experience.

#### **Secondary Building Opening**

Congratulations and thank you to our students, staff and parents for a wonderful Secondary School Building Opening last week. The student's behaviour, dress standard and manners were all impeccable and they should be very proud.

#### **Year 6 Canberra Tour 2020**

As mentioned in the last publication of Links – Pam Walsh from EducaTours will be in Goondiwindi on the 16<sup>th</sup> March for an information evening with parents. During this information session Pam will explain the details of the camp and the itinerary, clothing needed and answer any questions you may have regarding this trip. The meeting will be held in the Library at 5.30pm. I hope to see you all there.

## St Mary's Webpage

Our school internet page is due to be uploaded on Friday morning at 9am. Please use this site [www.goondiwindi.catholic.edu.au](http://www.goondiwindi.catholic.edu.au) to find forms and up-to-date information. If you have any feedback or improvements, please do not hesitate to let me know.

## Mobile Phones and Technology

A reminder that our school policy states that all mobile phones **MUST** be handed into the office and log in at the beginning of the school day and collected at the end of the school day. This is to ensure the safety of the devices and the safety of all students. Students who are wearing any watches that can either send messages or receive messages are required to hand these into the office to ensure the safety of all students. These policies and procedures exist to ensure that measures are put in place to keep all students safe whilst at school. We ask students and parents to support us in this process.

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March beginning at 3:15pm and concluded at 6:00pm. We have lengthened the time to enable as many parents as possible to see their student's teacher. Our online booking system will be emailed to you this Friday. Please log on and select your preferred time and teacher. If the time or the teacher is unavailable, please contact your teacher/school office to arrange an alternative time or to seek assistance.

## FROM THE APRE

### Secondary Building Opening Ceremony

Last week we opened the new Secondary Building – Stage One. We had many special visitors attend the blessing ceremony which was led by Bishop Robert. The students learnt new hymns which were sung beautifully and their behaviour in general was exceptional. There are many people I would like to thank for making the day possible:

- I would like to thank Mrs Klowss for teaching the students the new music in her music lessons and for preparing the choir to sing before and during the liturgy.
- Mr Jessen, Mrs Winter and Mrs Klowss for giving us live music on the day. Many practices went into ensuring we had lovely music to sing and listen to. Their musical talent is an asset to our school.
- Mrs Aylwin for sewing the new Altar cloth and curtains behind the stage.
- Ms Border for completing the mural behind the Prep building.
- Mr Forrest for assisting with the set up and cleanup of the hall and for going above and beyond in preparing the school grounds.
- Ms Jeans for catering the beautiful morning tea for our guests afterwards.
- To the staff, parents and students for their support and participation in blessing liturgy.



### Fish Friday

On Friday, students who have ordered will be enjoying Fish Friday! This is a Project Compassion fundraiser. We look forward to seeing how much money we have raised for Project Compassion. We also thank Ms Jeans for her organisation alongside the Rotary Club. We are so lucky!

## Prep to Year 2 Swimming Carnival

Please be advised that Prep to Year 2 students will be unable to order First Break tuckshop on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March as students will be at the Prep to Year 2 Swimming Carnival.

# Family Mass

**SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**  
**PARISH CENTRE**  
**9:30AM**



CHILD FRIENDLY  
ENVIRONMENT

BIBLE STORY  
ACTIVITY

SAUSAGE  
SIZZLE

# St Patrick's Day

I SEE GREEN!

Come dressed in green!  
Tuesday 17th March



Cost: Silver Coins

This year the prize will go to the  
class with the tallest tower of coins!  
Start collecting your silver coins!



Raising money for...

**PROJECT COMPASSION**  
FOR A JUST FUTURE

Wishing you all a great fortnight!

Karra Suhr

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## POSITIVE EDUCATION

### Communication

*"When you talk, you are only repeating what you already know.  
But if you listen you may learn something new"*

~Dalai Lama

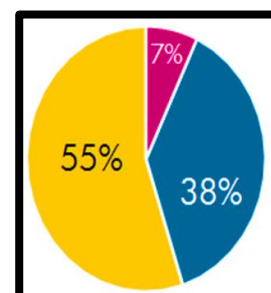
*"Everyone you will ever meet knows something that you don't"*

~ Bill Nye

#### Weight of Verbal vs Non-Verbal cues when judging feeling and attitudes

- 38% Voice tonality
- 7% Word choice
- 55% Body language

It is important we pay attention to, and improve, the way we say what we say to attain the desired effect. This will help to build and nurture relationships.



## **Top 10 Tips For A Better Conversation** ~Celeste Headlee

1. Don't try to multitask while having a conversation (be present)
2. Don't pontificate
3. Use open ended questions (start with Who, What, Where, When, How)
4. Go with the flow
5. If you don't know, then say you don't know
6. Don't equate your experience with theirs
7. Try not to repeat yourself
8. Stay out of the weeds
9. Listen
10. Be brief

*See link below for more explanation*

Feedback is about learning more, rather than making judgements.

### **When giving feedback:**

Firstly, look for what is good about their ideas, then sandwich the not so positive points between two positive points. Avoid saying what you think they want to hear. Finally discuss preferred directions to follow.

### **When receiving feedback:**

Process and appreciate what others are saying and avoid thinking about what you are going to say, just listen.

This link provides more information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6n3iNh4XLI>

## **EXTENSION & ENRICHMENT**

### **MATHS OLYMPIAD**

This year a group of thirty Year 5 and 6 students will compete in the Australasian Problem-Solving Mathematical Olympiad (APSMO). Students will complete problems individually. Their results will go towards a team result.

The aim of the Maths Olympiad is to encourage students to develop important mathematical problem-solving skills in an enjoyable environment.

There will be 5 contests throughout the year. The first contest will be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

Students are encouraged to visit the E&E Classroom on a Tuesday or Wednesday at breaks, to practise their problem solving. Practice will also be part of the Extension and Enrichment time. Don't they look amazing!





## SPORTS NEWS

### MacIntyre Zone Swimming

Congratulations to our swimmers: Bree Bauer, Tom Elmes, Hugo Vukovich, Scarlett Richards, Annabelle Rocks, Ellie Petrie, Matilda MacDonald, Elkie Wood, Chloe Warburton, Riley Spicer, Tom Collyer, Ned Fritz, Jack Wood, Wilbur Wood, Jock Jekyll, Fred Prosser, Kai Goodes, Ned Behrend, Billy Spicer, Ciaran Brennan, Lily Dawson, Lulu Behrend and Harry Dowling who competed as part of the Macintyre Zone Swimming Team at the Darling Downs trials in Gatton last Wednesday. Our team had a fantastic day with many places and PB times for the day.

A special congratulations to Scarlett Richards, Billy Spicer, Wilbur Wood and Fred Prosser for their selection in the Darling Downs swimming team which will compete in the State Titles in 2 weeks!



### Upcoming Trials and Events

Mac Zone Touch Football	March 18 <sup>th</sup> – Inglewood
P-2 Swimming Carnival	March 20 <sup>th</sup> – Goondiwindi Town Pool
Mac Zone Cricket Trials	March 25 <sup>th</sup> – Riddles cricket nets
Mac Zone Netball, Soccer and Rugby League	March 27 <sup>th</sup> – Riddles Sporting Complex
DD Basketball Trials	March 30 <sup>th</sup> – Toowoomba
St Mary's Cross Country P-10	April 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Riddles Sporting Complex

### Darling Downs Golf Trials

Yesterday in Toowoomba Bailey Castle and Ciaran Brennan competed in the Darling Downs Golf Trials.

Congratulations to both boys who played well in tough conditions.

A special congratulations to Ciaran who was selected on the Darling Downs Team to play in the State Titles later this year!



### LIBRARY CORNER



## Picture Books

The library staff are often questioned in regard to students choosing to borrow picture books. Whilst we encourage a range of books, picture books are promoted and encouraged to our older students also. The vocabulary and comprehension opportunities in many picture books are amazing!

The lovely book 'We're stuck' by Sue DeGennaro is one we read today and features vocabulary such as 'ran like clockwork' 'utmost importance' and 'exchange' as in words being exchanged. This provided us with great opportunities to expand our vocabularies.

Taking the time to read picture books with our children provides so many opportunities to connect and learn together. Check out what's in your child's bag next week and make the best of it – there's so much enjoyment in that bag if we can view it as a way of connecting and learning and not a chore.

Enjoy!

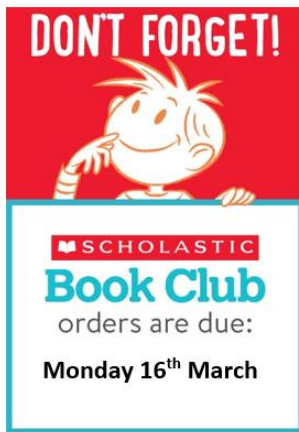
**As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail the library staff at:**

**[goondiwindilib@twb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:goondiwindilib@twb.catholic.edu.au)**

**Have a great week!**

## BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Book club



This issue features:



Due to the ordering system, no late orders will be accepted. Please order online using 'the loop' platform. Information can be found on the order forms. Thank you for your support of Book Club, all purchases contribute to reward points for our school library.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

We are making some changes to our annual Mud Warrior course! We need some help!

We are looking for:

- Hay bales
- Slack lines
- 4 x Colour donations (\$50 for a colour)
- 2 x mini trampolines
- Blower vacs
- Parent helpers

If you could help us with anything, please email Mrs White ([tenille.white@twb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tenille.white@twb.catholic.edu.au))

Veronica, Matilda, Lily & Archie

Student Council Executives





# **Audiology Parent Information Session**

We are holding a Parent Information Session on  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – 5pm – School Library**

...Topics we will discuss...

Feedback you will receive from your child's audiologist appointment

What will happen once your child has been tested

Understanding an Audiogram

Questions

**Duration – Approx 30mins**

# St Mary's Parish Vacation Care Program

## April 2020

### Week 1




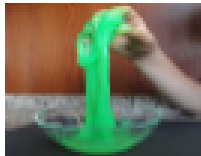
<p><b>Monday</b> 6-4-2020</p> <p>Come and join the <b><u>FNW</u></b> at Vacation Care as we are going to enjoy a book reading on the big screen!</p> <p>Walking to cinema to enjoy Rusty Runs Away book reading on the big screen. Creating Easter egg biscuits to enjoy at afternoon tea. Craft – creating foil Easter eggs. Group games and challenges.</p>  <p>Daily fee - \$48</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b> 7-4-2020</p> <p>Today we will take an excursion to the <b><u>Goondiwindi Custom's House</u></b> and investigate traditions and culture.</p> <p>Cooking and preparing our own damper to take with us for morning tea. Walking to Custom's House. Creating Easter eggs baskets to take home. Games in centenary center.</p>  <p>Daily fee - \$48</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> 8-4-2020</p> <p>Let's go to the <b><u>CINEMA!</u></b></p> <p>Creating rabbit ears Craft- collage Cinema watching Onwards at 12.00pm Minute to win it games</p>  <p>Daily fee - \$38</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b> 9-4-2020</p> <p>Today is <b><u>Disco Day!</u></b></p> <p>Make your own crayon to take home. Craft – Easter egg wreath and woolen chickens. Chocolate making. Ninja Warrior. Games and Disco in the centenary center.</p>  <p>Daily fee \$48</p>

St Mary's Parish Vacation care will be closed Friday 10-04-2020 and Monday 13-04-2020.

# St Mary's Parish Vacation Care Program

April 2020

Week 2

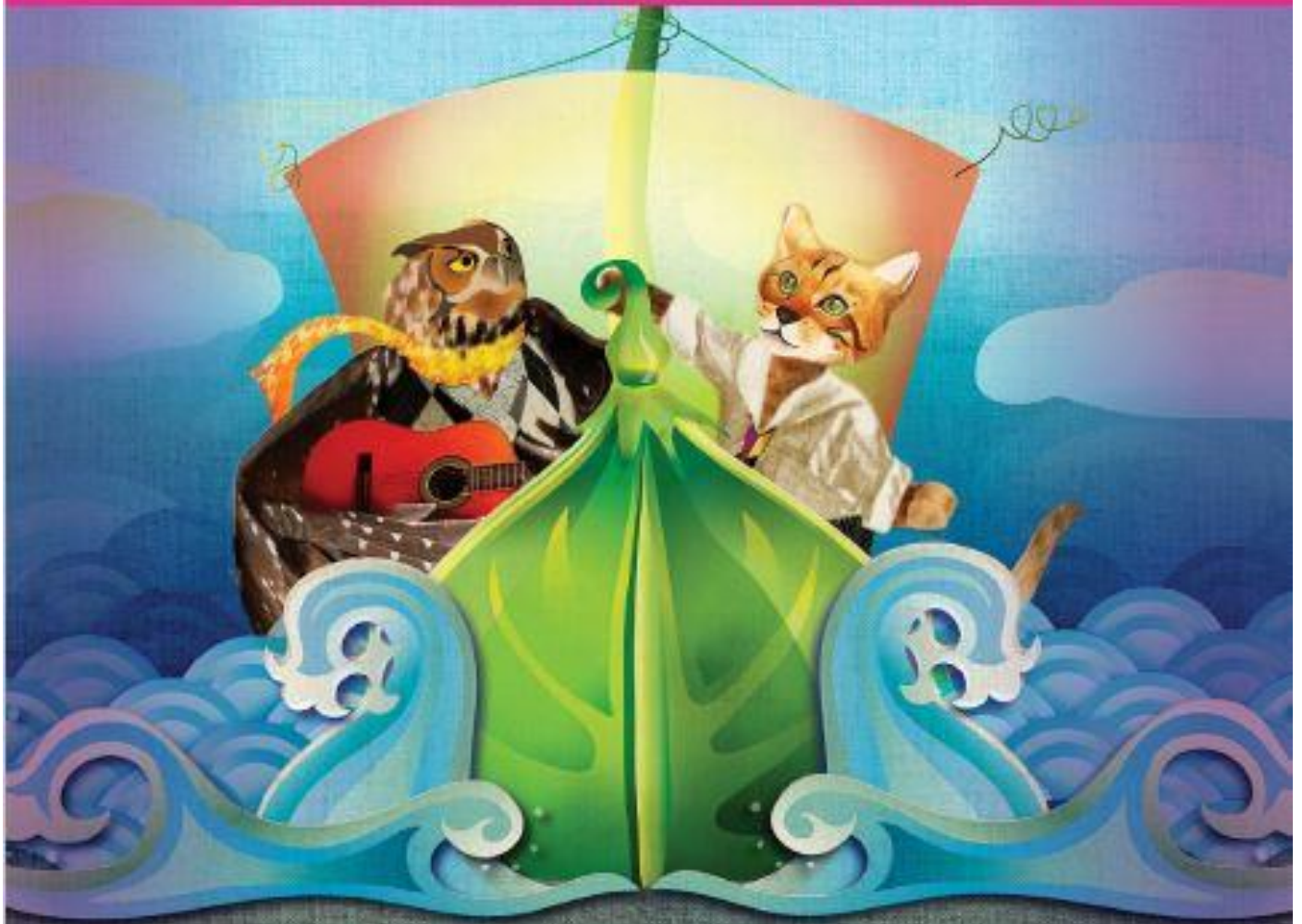
<p><b>Tuesday</b> 14-4-2020</p> <p>Let's go to the <u>Town Park</u> today!</p> <p>Watercolor art. Walking to Town Park. Paint your own money box to take home. Investigating and making volcanos.</p> 	<p><b>Wednesday</b> 15-4-2020</p> <p>Today is <u>CINEMA DAY!</u></p> <p>Group games Walk to the Cinema. We will be creative today with tie dying.</p> 
<p><b>Thursday</b> 16-4-2020</p> <p><u>Cooking Day!!!</u></p> <p>Today we are cooking pancakes for morning tea. Bring you talent and Proform in our OSHC talent show. Colour and decorate your own pencil case.</p> 	<p><b>Friday</b> 17-4-2020</p> <p><u>Let's Make SLIME</u></p> <p>We will make and play with Slime. Create some sensory bottles. Play in our mud kitchen. In the afternoon we will have an end of holiday party.</p> 

St Mary's Parish Vacation Care will be closed Monday 13-04-2020.

For bookings for vacation care please call 0448 292 227.

Tanya Peck  
Coordinator

LITTLE MATCH PRODUCTIONS AND GOONDIWINDI THEATRE PRESENT



# THE OWL AND THE PUSSYCAT

BY LISA CHENEY AND KATHRYN MARQUET

A musical journey for families based on Edward Lear's beloved poem

WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL 2020 - 5.30PM  
CHILDREN \$20 - ADULTS \$35 -FAMILY (2A2C)  
\$100  
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