“EVERY CHILD MATTERS”

Continuing on our Lenten journey

Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone’s face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits – here in this world and in the world to come.

Dear Families

We are already at the halfway mark of the term and the children are beginning to tire easily. A good remedy for this is to endeavour to make sure that they are getting enough sleep and are eating healthy food. A “no event” weekend, is also a good way of letting them recharge their batteries. Many children arrive at school exhausted on Monday mornings, trying to recover from hectic activity-filled weekends.

School Master Plan

Thank you to the Parents who attended the presentation on Monday night. We will place a copy of the Masterplan on the notice board in the undercover area for parent perusal. We will also present the master plan to the Year 4-9 classes for their comments and ideas.

Kindergarten Survey

The Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office is currently investigating the feasibility of offering Kindergarten services to Diocesan Schools. The TCSO is still in the early phases of this planning and research and as part of this research, we will be sending out a short electronic survey on Kindergartens and encourage all parents to please complete the survey.

Uniform Committee

We have received nine nominations from parents to sit on this committee. I will be contacting them soon to arrange a meeting time and date.

ENROLLING FOR PREP 2019 – Please enrol now.

As part of our forward planning, we are currently accepting enrolment applications for students to commence Prep 2019. Children born between 1 July 2013 and 30 June 2014 are eligible for enrolment. I particularly urge parents with older children already at the school not to delay, as we are currently fielding a great deal of interest for places in this cohort.

Quote of the Week:

“I was thinking one day and I realized that if I just had somebody behind me all the way to motivate me I could make a big difference. Nobody came along like that, so I just became that person for myself.”

God Bless, Brett Pollard
Welcome to Week 5! This week students are in the middle of most units of work. Working in and walking around classrooms, it is evident that all students are engaged in learning and trying their best. As we mark the middle of the term, some students are becoming increasingly tired and this too is evident in their school work and interactions with others.

We ask that you help us manage your child’s level of tiredness by ensuring:

- Routines are set up and adhered to
- Bedtime is the same each night and a routine before bedtime is constant
- You communication with your child’s classroom teacher if your child is feeling tired/exhausted. This then allows us to put steps in place to assist your child during the day
- That your child has some form of downtime during the week

Please remember we are here to help you! Students will become increasingly tired towards the end of term, especially if this heat continues.

Reading

Students are continuing to read each and every day in the classroom. We place great importance on reading at both home and school. Reading is a life skill which is why so much emphasis and time is dedicated to the teaching and practice of reading each and every day. This table below shows the benefits associated with a solid reading habit (Monday to Friday).

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The benefits of a regular reading routine speak for themselves. The skills of a confident and competent reader extend into every other area of the curriculum. If you have questions about your child’s reading progress or development, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher. This information was intended to be food for thought which I hope you all find useful.

Meals on Wheels

Last week was our first Meals on Wheels delivery for the year. The Year 8 and 9 boys helped Mrs Bigg and I distribute meals to 12 residents across Goondiwindi. This form of outreach is well received by the students and they feel the warmth and kindness that comes with giving to others. I would like to thank Zach, Jordan and Jett for their assistance last Wednesday. They
were warm, sincere and very polite in their interactions and represented the school with distinction.

**6F Prayer Assembly**
Year 6F will be presenting a prayer assembly around the theme of Lent. This will take place on Friday assembly at 8.45am.

**STAR LAB**
Next Week STAR LAB planetarium will be visiting our school. All classes have a 45 minute curriculum linked presentation in which they will attend. Students thoroughly enjoy this experience and we’re sure they will come home talking about this!

On Wednesday evening (28th February), we will be hosting a family evening. Families are invited to participate in a telescope viewing of the moon, planets, stars and galaxies accompanied by an outdoor laser guided tour of the sky. We ask that you meet behind the school Administration Block at around 7.30pm (last light). A gold coin donation will be collected which will go towards purchasing new science equipment for the school.

**Swimming Carnival**
Our afternoon/evening swimming carnival is set for Friday 2nd March. After feedback from last year, this Carnival will see our Year 3 – 9 students participating. Our Junior Carnival (Prep – Year 2) will be held after the students six-week block of lessons on Friday 16th March from 9am. Students in Years 3 to 9 are currently nominating for events.

Have a great week,
Karra Nosworthy
Karra.nosworthy@twb.catholic.edu.au

**Swimming Timetable**

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**MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS**

We would like to wish all our students competing in the Border District Winter Trials the very best of luck. A reminder that all students are to wear their sport uniform (netball students may wear a navy netball skirt). All students will need to meet at the front of the school at 5.45am to be ready for a 6am departure.

Last week saw some of the Middle School students help with Meals on Wheels, to say they were excited was an understatement! We are so grateful for the opportunity to be involved.

A reminder to all Middle School students that Camp will be here before you know so please start organising your equipment list (all students have received these).

Have a great week.

Mrs Emma Farrow
Middle School Coordinator
Emma.Farrow@twb.catholic.edu.au
The students are invited to participate in a school reading challenge throughout this year. The list for the challenge is attached to today’s Links and has a number of criteria that each book read needs to fulfil. Many students are excited to participate in the challenge and are searching for particular books to fit the challenge during borrowing. Please take a look and encourage your child/ren to participate. The more we read the better!

It’s returns week! If your child is in Yr 1 to 5 please return library books this Friday (always the same day that homework is due).

Our goal is for Yr 6 students to become more independent with their borrowing habits and they are to return books as they finish with them or by the start of school on a Tuesday morning.

Please e-mail Emma at goondiwindiLib@twb.catholic.edu.au if you have any queries or concerns about the library and/or borrowing of books.

Meaning and Purpose

This week we shift our attention to “Meaning a Purpose”. By taking ownership of our time every day, and therefore week, becomes purposeful. The blank timetable is to help you create your weekly schedule (commitments, routines and protected learning sessions).

By taking responsibility for how we use our time we:
- Provide meaning a purpose to what we do
- Can create a timetable which acts as a contract with ourselves to help organize our week and in doing so make it a productive one
- Can schedules the time to strengthen the brain pathways (mentioned last week) to build a faster brain

NB:
- Please aim for between 4 and 14 half hour slots (study sessions)
- This timetable (self-contract) can be placed on the fridge for everyone’s convenience

Thank you in advance for your time and support.

Informative link
This is a funny video on procrastination you may enjoy?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=arj7oStGLkU&t=3s
Bevin Goodes  
Well-Being Coordinator  
Bevin.Goodes@twb.catholic.edu.au
MAKE IT MOVE MONDAYS!

PREP TO YEAR 9

BUILD, CREATE, PERFORM

Make it move is a voluntary program for all students at St Mary’s. Individuals and groups welcome.

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**OPTION 1**

**RUBE GOLDBERG MACHINE**

*RECycled ITEMS!*

Examples - Food tins with both ends off, bottles, newspaper, magazines, funnels, plastic containers, interesting items from the garden, old light bulbs, old CD’s, marbles, dominos, cereal boxes.

*Attend MIM with a named box to store materials*

**OPTION 2**

**DANCE/DRAMA PERFORMANCE - ST MARY’S GOT TALENT**

Interesting clips to watch!

TOP 7 Dance performances from America’s Got Talent 2017 - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rw4kbsQhSds](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rw4kbsQhSds)

Synchronised Swimming - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SS9NcIUfng](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SS9NcIUfng)

Hand Clip Skit – The Original! - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDvlo_LRIZ4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDvlo_LRIZ4)

James Bond Theme for Boomwhackers - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gED3rn2Tc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gED3rn2Tc)

Pipe Guy - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0qED3rn2Tc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0qED3rn2Tc)

Have fun!

Anna Scudamore

Extension and Enrichment Teacher

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[www.goondiwindi.twb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.goondiwindi.twb.catholic.edu.au)
Makerspace Day Camp
YEAR 5 & 6 students
Concordia College, Toowoomba
21st March, 2018

Following the success of the Makerspace Day Camp last year Concordia College are again holding a day camp for Year 5 and 6 students on the 21 March.

This year the theme is Lights, Camera, Action – The Making of Mechanica the Movie.

The whole day is based around the amazing “Mechanica” book and Concordia are so fortunate to have author and illustrator Lance Balchin as one of the guest presenters. Concordia College also have some other amazing presenters including Scott Millar from BOP Industries and Junior Engineers.

Please e-mail Anna Scudamore when you have enrolled your child into this fantastic STEM Day Camp and received confirmation of placement. Only 50 student placements available.

To register visit www.concordia.qld.edu.au/makerspace

Please find attached to LINKS the Makerspace Day Camp 2018 Brochure.

Good luck!

Anna Scudamore
Extension and Enrichment Teacher
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To set up online ordering for Tuckshop please visit the Flexi Schools website: www.flexischools.com.au

The menu can be found on the School’s website
Darling Downs Swimming Championships
The following students will compete next Wednesday 28th February, at the Darling Downs Swimming Championships in Gatton. We wish the following students the best of luck:

NB – Mac Zone swimming caps can be purchased from the office at a cost of $10 each.

Table Tennis Competition
Table tennis competition is concluding for the Year 5’s. Congratulations to Riley Hegarty who won the boys competition. Year 5 girls will be on this week. Year 4’s need to sign up for next week please.

Mac Zone Basketball and Rugby League
Calling nominations for the above sports. Please sign up on the PE Noticeboard.

Queensland Triathlon Championships
A huge shout out to Harry Dawson (Aquathlon) and Lucinda Richards (Triathlon) who took part in the All Schools Queensland Championships over the weekend. You should be very proud of your efforts.

REMEMBER Coles and Sports for Schools
Please support St Mary’s and drop all your shopping ‘Sports for Schools’ tickets into St Mary’s Parish School box at Coles Supermarket OR the School Office.

Kathy Spicer
Sports Teacher
Kathy.Spicer@twb.catholic.edu.au

YEAR 6 CANBERRA TRIP

There will be a Year 6 Canberra Trip fundraising meeting on Monday, 26th February to answer all questions and discuss fundraising events. Start time will be 6pm in Anita Roberts’ classroom, Aquinas 2.
We hope to see you there.
DUE this Friday, 16th February.

- General Permission and Sunscreen Use Forms are now due. If you have not already done so, please submit these forms asap.
- Thank you to all those that have submitted student forms either electronically or in paper form at the front office.
- This year we are trialling the signing and collection of our General Permission and Sunscreen Use Forms electronically and would encourage you to either download St Mary's Parish School Skoolbag App to access these forms and submit them with no downloading or by following this link to download and upload these forms.

http://www.goondiwindi.catholic.edu.au/
Ensure you are kept in the loop with events and important student information here at St Mary’s!
Download the SkoolBag App and stay connected!

For iPhone and iPad users:
Click on the "Download on the App Store" button above, or go to the Apple App Store, search for "SkoolBag" and download the free SkoolBag app. After opening the app, add your school(s) and you are ready to go!

For Google Android Users:
Click on the "Get it on Google play" button above, or go to the Google Play Store, search for "SkoolBag" and download the free SkoolBag app. After opening the app, add your school(s) and you are ready to go!

Don’t forget to download our school’s SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:
- School newsletters
- Notices
- Events
- Cancellations
- Reminders
- ...and more!

Just download the “SkoolBag” app on your phone, open the app and add our school!

Please feel free to email danielle.edwards@twb.catholic.edu.au if you would like more information or assistance.
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HELP WANTED

Looking for parent help on
Monday
12th March, 9am

Please help our Parish Op-Shop
volunteers sort out all the winter clothes
shed ready for the change in season sale

If you can help for even an hour it
would be greatly appreciated
Please text or call your support
Kath Nolan
0417 793 532

DO-RE-MI CLASSES
FOR GRADES P-2
start Monday FEB 28

LIMITED SPOTS REMAINING
TO ENROL, OR FOR MORE DETAILS:
benita.greg@bigpond.com
https://www.facebook.com/doremigoondiwindi/
Rococo Song Troupe will help young voices flourish through teaching good vocal technique, sight-singing, harmony and performance skills through a program of singing, musical games and performance opportunities.

INCLUDED:
- Sight Reading Book
- Sheet Music
- Performance Opportunities
- Performance Shirt

- Learn great singing technique
- Build confidence
- Become musically independent

Friendly Audition
Free Trial

Rococo singers will practice Kodaly-based music reading, sight-singing and harmony using a varied program of songs in unison and parts from all music genres.

Weekly Rehearsal
Goondiwindi
Grades 3 - 12
Mondays 4-5:15pm
International Women's Day
8th March 2018

Guest speakers: Kate Woodhead, Fitness Instructor
Sandie Wilson, Artist & Farmer

WORKSHOPS & SPEAKERS START AT 10AM:
RURAL SKY PRESENTS "BREATHE" WELLBEING FOR WOMEN
VANESSA MENDES, TAX CHIC PRESENTS "MONEY & YOU"
NATASHA BENSON ART WORKSHOP - WOMEN ARE THE ROCKS OF
FAMILY & COMMUNITY
ENJOY YOUR LUNCH & BE INSPIRED BY TWO FABULOUS LOCAL
WOMEN, SANDIE WILSON & KATE WOODHEAD, AS THEY TALK ABOUT
THEIR LIFE'S PASSION.

COST: $15.00
Light lunch & tea/coffee available or BYO Picnic & wine. Don't forget to pack a
picnic rug or camping chair. Tickets are limited so get in fast!
Care Goondiwindi buses leaving from Care Cdi at 9.30am or self drive to
"Mundine" Goondiwindi (20mins out on the Boomi Road turn right before the
Telstra tower.) Please RSVP to Kirsty or Virginia at Care on
ph 07 46 700 700 by COB 6th March 2018.
PLAYGROUP IN THE PARK

TUESDAY 6th MARCH
2018
TOWN PARK

FEATURING:
The Bozo Bus
Jumping Castle
Goondiwindi Library
Games & Craft
Face Painting
FREE Morning Tea.
Gold Coin donation

Theme:
ANIMALS!

From 9:30AM-
12MIDDAY

If it is raining on the day, we will proceed to the PCYC