SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

St Maria Goretti's Catholic School
To nurture and educate

Week 8 Term 3 Friday 11 September

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Lord
You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people,
so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.
Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice.
Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them.
As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love.
Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand.
Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example.
We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.
Through Christ our Lord
Amen.

Dear Parents & Caregivers

Confirmation

Confirmation will take place for several of our Year 6 students this Saturday (12th September) at the 6.00pm Mass in the Notre Dame Church. Confirmation is one of the Initiation Sacraments of the Catholic Church and helps the candidates to be united more firmly with Christ. I thank Miss N and Miss Bennetts for the work they have done to prepare the students. Please keep our Year 6 candidates in your prayers during this time.

Staffing

This year, we contracted Keyed Up Music to provide a Music Teacher (Dario Jiritano) following the departure of Ms Beth Plint at the end of last year. The Music Teacher position was advertised again recently, and I am very pleased to announce that Jackie Carroll has been appointed to the role moving forward. Jackie is an experienced Music Teacher within the Catholic Education System and is currently working at Christ the King School in Beaconsfield. During her interview, Jackie spoke about her vision for music at St Maria Goretti's and, in particular, how she would work to raise the profile of music across the school. We are excited about the opportunities this will bring for our students and look forward to Jackie joining our school and wider community next year.

Student Free Days

Please make sure you have the following Student Free Days in your calendars:

- Friday, 25 September (Professional Development Day for Staff)
- Monday, 12 October (Professional Development Day for Staff)

The final day of Term 3 for students will be Thursday, 24 September, and the first day of Term 4 for students will be Tuesday, 13 October.

Talent Show

There are lots of very excited students auditioning for our Talent Show, which will take place on Wednesday 23rd September. I'm sure we have many talented students at SMG and I'm looking forward to seeing them showcase their skills and talents on the day. A big thank you to Miss McCollum for organising the Talent Show and giving our students the opportunity to shine!

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Footy Colours Day
The last day of Term 3 for students, Thursday 24th September, will be Footy Colours Day!
For a gold coin donation, students are invited to come dressed in the colours of their favourite footy team, from any code. It will be fantastic to see everyone getting into the spirit and joining in the fun! I'll certainly be doing my part and proudly wearing my Carlton jumper for the day.

Best Wishes
Mr Mark Ryan
Principal

Monday 14 September -
Tuesday 15 September – Y4 AQWA excursion
Wednesday 16 September –
Thursday 17 September – 9am Y5M assembly & gift recognition
Thursday 17 September – Y6 cake stall
Friday 18 September –

Monday 21 September –
Tuesday 22 September – PP Liturgy
Wednesday 23 September – Talent Show
Thursday 24 September -9am Y5G assembly & gift recognition
Thursday 24 September - Wear your Footy Colours to school for a gold coin donation day
Thursday 24 September – LAST DAY TERM 3
Friday 25 September – PUPIL FREE DAY – NO SCHOOL

School commences Tuesday 13 October

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This term in Health, students have been learning about protective behaviours with a focus on recognising safe, unsafe and unwanted touch. Through age-appropriate stories, discussions and activities, students have explored body autonomy, consent, trusted adults and how to confidently say "no" and seek help.

Students in all year groups have responded positively to these important lessons and have remained engaged throughout.

Well done everyone!

Miss Constable

Further information about St Maria Goretti's Catholic School

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