Dear All,

As always it has been another busy week in our wonderful little school. As I have wandered around classrooms this week I have seen so many wonderful things happening in our classrooms. From children having their questions answered about Antarctica by a scientist working in Antarctica, to children creating their memory and story boards with our resident story teller, to children practising their part in for the Holy Week performances next week, to children asking Brisbane Lions star Allen Christensen his favourite meal, (steak and vegetables for those wondering) and all the other wonderful things that happen in all our classrooms.

Active School Travel:

Last week we launched our Active School Travel Program with almost the whole school actively travelling to school. Tomorrow is our Active School Travel day and we encourage all children to actively travel to school. If you actively travel to school already there is no need to meet at Windsor Park but there will be staff there from 8:15 to walk up to school for a healthy start to the day.

All children who actively travel to school will receive a stamp in their Passport. If children are able to get to 4 stamps they will receive a prize.

Sport in School:

During school time next term all children across the school will be involved in age appropriate AFL and Rugby League skills sessions in their class groups. The AFL programme will see all children have 4 weeks of lessons and receive a Sherrin football at the completion. The rugby league program will be 5 weeks of lessons and involve kicking, catching and passing drills as well as tag games and the children will receive a Steeden football upon completion. Both programmes will see the school receive extra sporting gear for the school. In third term we will be undertaking netball and tennis sporting lessons during school time.

Homework Club:

This week was the last week of Homework Club. Thank you to all of the St Mary of the Cross staff and the students from Terrace who were involved to make this possible. Next term homework club will run from weeks 3 to 8 and will involve ten year ten boys each week. Permission forms will go home next term about this.

School Photos:

School photos have gone home this week. Please contact the office if you have not received your photos. You still can contact Silver Rose photography and purchase photos by giving them a call on 3262 5788

Have a good week,
Matthew Beacroft
APRE
Mr Dean Estreich

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Brisbane: Celebrating Sesquicentenary of the foundation of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart**

The Sisters of St Joseph began in 1866 at Penola, South Australia. This year is the celebration of 150 Years of the Foundation of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart at Penola.

This Saturday 19th March there will be celebrations recognising 150 years for the Josephites with Mass at 10:30am, in the Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane. A warm welcome is extended to all for this celebration.

**Door to Forgiveness**

This week I was given a gift. It was a quote that speaks of forgiveness. “Forgiveness is unlocking the door to set someone free and realising that you were the prisoner.” This quote from Max Lucado speaks about how we are called to forgive others in order to allow ourselves to be forgiven and move on with our own lives.

```
We are each called to be the one
Who forgives the stumbling self
And celebrates the efforts of the other
Amen.
```

**Project Compassion – Learning More, Creating Change**

Thank you to those who have been able to give during our Project Compassion Appeal. Students have been bringing in donation boxes to class and these are then collected at the office. I encourage boxes to be returned over the next few weeks and we will have a final call to bring in donations by the end of week 2 next term.

Have a peaceful week,
Dean Estreich
Assistant Principal Religious Education (APRE)
PASTORAL CARE CORNER
Sr Anne Cannon

Dear Parents,

We are continually being reminded of the need for children to be active if they want to be healthy, but we are not often reminded of the life lessons that go with being active. Fe Taylor, in a recent edition of ‘Haven for Families’, offered some tips for ensuring participation in sport or other physical activities will lead to the learning of ‘valuable life skills’ as well as having fun. Here is my summary of her ideas.

- Remember your manners – shake hands after a game, thank referee/coach/adults involved/other players, friends.
- Always have fun. Make sure the adults are also having fun. If the child tumbles/fumbles laugh it off and help them try again.
- Be realistic. Don’t expect perfection or participation from a five year old in the same way you’d expect it from your teenager.
- Don’t review the game over and over. Play it and then forget it. It’s not the only thing in life.
- Let children make choices with guidance but not pressure. If they want to drop out of something after a financial or competitive commitment, then it’s a good time to talk about commitment and responsibility. But, if they want to play x today and y tomorrow and there has been no commitment involved, then let them. The wider their experiences, the better able they are to make choices where commitment is involved. Be sure it is their needs and likes that are being met, not yours.

Mary MacKillop would say: “Encourage those confided in your care.”

Have a wonderful week, encouraging those in your care, just as St Joseph did.

Happy St Joseph’s Day, tomorrow.

God bless
Sr Anne
School Pastoral Worker

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

This year, CONFIRMATION will be the only sacrament celebrated. This is in response to a new policy from the Archbishop which states that children receive only one sacrament each year. So, this group will receive First Communion next year, while a new group will begin with Confirmation, and so on. In Lutwyche Catholic Parish, the program will be as follows:

1. **Parent Meeting** – Tuesday, 12 April at 7-00pm at Holy Cross Church, Morris Street, Wooloowin. This is compulsory for parents.

2. **Enrolment Ceremony – one** of the following Masses (compulsory for parents and children)
   - 6:00pm Saturday, 16 April, at Holy Cross Church
   - 8:00am Sunday, 17 April, at St Anne’s Church, Nelson St, Kalinga
   - 9:30am Sunday, 17 April at Holy Cross Church
   - 5:00pm Sunday, 17 April at Holy Rosary Church, Windsor

3. **Preparation sessions** (compulsory for children)
   - Friday 29 April, 3:30pm-4:30pm at Holy Cross Church
   - Friday 6 May 3:30pm-4:30pm at Holy Cross Church
   - Friday, 13 May, 3:30pm-4:30pm at Holy Cross Church

4. **Confirmation ceremony** at 11:00am Mass on Sunday 15 May, at Holy Cross Church

MINI VINNIES

Congratulations to Louisa, Kira, John, Isabella, Roslyn, Omarion, Jenni, Saesha, Bebo, Lily and Georgia, who committed themselves to be hard-working and compassionate Mini Vinnies for this year. Thank you to Mrs Bernice Heron, from the Parish St Vincent de Paul Society, who accepted their commitment and presented them with their badges.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE NEXT THURSDAY— MARCH 24TH
$4 includes a sausage on bread, popper & snack

MARCH

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>3rd</td>
<td>Dante Matthews</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5th</td>
<td>Isaiah Batista Dos Santos</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8th</td>
<td>Ivy Jewell</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10th</td>
<td>Cooper Lyndon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13th</td>
<td>Jada Livermore</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20th</td>
<td>Bebo Deng</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27th</td>
<td>Trefena Reju</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>28th</td>
<td>Seth Watson</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

SCHOOL AWARDS

**Principal**
Daniel Sibanda

**Prep**
Hayden, Declan

**YR1-2**
Cellya, Jack, Koormurri

**YR3-4**
Shelliah, Halle

**YRS-6**
John Dud, Kira Stokes

Parent Info Sessions

**COMPULSORY**
- Tuesday 12th April 2016 7-8pm
- Sat/Sun 16/17 April at weekend masses

Enrolment Weekend

**PREPARATION COMPULSORY**
(3.30pm-4.30pm)
- Friday 29th April;
- Friday 6th May;
- Friday 13th May

**Confirmation**
- Sunday 15th – 11.00 am
- Pentecost Sunday
HEALTHY LUNCHES
This is a great Easter recipe and could be made on Good Friday, with your children, giving you an opportunity to speak about the significance of the day.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK - Hot Cross Buns

Ingredients
- 200 grams (1 ½ cups) whole meal flour (or spelt flour)
- 125 mls (½ cup) milk
- 85 grams (¼ cup) sweetener of your choice (maple syrup, honey, rice malt syrup)
- 60 grams (¼ cup) butter, melted
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon of baking powder
- ⅛ teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda
- 1 teaspoon of acid (lemon juice or apple cider vinegar)
- 1 teaspoon of
- 1 teaspoon of mixed spice
- ⅜ teaspoon of vanilla powder, extract or essence
- 80 grams (½ cup) currants, sultanas or raisins (or a mixture), and preferably preservative and vegetable oil free.

Method
- Preheat your oven to 160 degrees Celsius
- Place your flour in a big bowl and make a well in the middle
- In a blender or food processor mix your milk, sweetener, butter, egg, baking powder, bicarbonate of soda, acid, cinnamon, mixed spice and vanilla for about a minute until well combined and a little frothy (using a regular mixer will take longer)
- Gently mix in your dried fruit
- Add this to the flour and fold through gently until just combined. Don’t over mix it.
- Spoon into the muffin cases and place your cross
- Bake for 15 minutes or until cooked through (firm to touch in the middle) Brush over the glaze whilst hot
- Enjoy hot out of the oven or toasted in a sandwich press