



St Mary of the Cross Newsletter

PRINCIPAL

Mr Matthew Beacroft

Dear All,

We have made it through a very busy and very quick first term. I hope you have an opportunity to have a peaceful and hope filled Easter Break with some down time from our very busy lives. This week each class is presented a part of the Holy Week Story. Thank you to Mr Estreich and the classroom teachers for their efforts in preparing the children. The reverence upon which each class performance has been undertaken has made the experience very meaningful for all involved. A big thank you as well to the parents and friends who have been able to make it to these performances the children very much appreciate it.

One of the many wonderful things about our little school is the many opportunities where I get to be part of classroom life and interact with students during class time and lunchtime. I love when children talk excitedly and with enthusiasm about something they did on the weekend or last night with mum or dad or grandparents. Sometimes we as parents forget the little things we do that can make a big impact.

Picasso Cow

I hope that these holidays are a time that allows you to do something little that will make a big impact with your children. If it is a short break, reading a story, kicking a football or drawing a picture. Something you could do over the holidays is be part of designing what could be painted on our own life size cow. The Picasso Cow program has been running for several years and is about encouraging children to learn more about the importance of the dairy industry and dairy in our diet, creation of a life size cow art work and the opportunity via technology to interact with around 80 schools around Australia who are also competing in this competition. If you google Picasso Cow you will see hundreds of previous entries which are all completely different. Luckily during art time Mrs Crocetti will be leading the process about how and what we will paint but we do need some input from parents and children.

- ⇒ Can you name our cow?
- ⇒ What do you think should go on our cow?

Start drawing on the template that has been sent home today and bring back at the start of term 2.

You can look up www.dairy.edu.au/discoverdairy to learn more about our cow and the process and play some of the interactive games.

Next Term News

Next term we welcome Zac into Year 4 and Will and Sam into year 2. We will also welcome Mrs Kathryn Bishop as Mrs Jenny Johnson's speech pathologist replacement for term 2.

Additions to our Specialist Timetable for next term include:

- ⇒ Auskick
- ⇒ Rugby League
- ⇒ Cross Country

Have a restful break,

Matthew Beacroft

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Specialist Timetable

TUES	PE, Art & Library
WED	Spanish & Music
FRI	Assembly & Sausage Sizzle

Date Claimers

25 Mar	Good Friday
11 Apr	Term 2 begins

2016 Terms

Term 1 (9 wks)	Wed 27 January - Thu 24 March
Term 2 (11 wks)	Mon 11 April - Fri 24 June
Term 3 (10 wks)	Mon 11 July - Fri 16 September
Term 4 (9 wks)	Tue 4 October - Fri 2 December





IMPORTANT School Reminders PLEASE READ!



- SAUSAGE SIZZLE**
FRIDAY - \$4 includes a sausage on bread, popper & snack



- Due to Work Place Health & Safety - We DO NOT reheat food for Students.



- School banking is on THURSDAY.



- School shoes**
Children: \$65.00
Adults: \$99.00



- Pinkberry Kisses**
Bows & Clips \$5 each

APRE

Mr Dean Estreich

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



On Monday our Preps took us to the streets of Jerusalem, where Jesus was welcomed with palms and cheering. The story of Palm Sunday was enhanced as the Preps sang: 'Sing it Hosanna' as Jesus and the donkey were brought through the streets and celebration rang out.

On Tuesday the Year 1 and 2 students retold the story of Jesus being a servant leader and how he washed the feet of his disciples. The celebration of the Last Supper was re-enacted with the importance of the blessing of the bread and wine being transformed in the Body and Blood of Christ.

On Wednesday the Year 3 and 4 students set the scene of what would happen to Jesus as they revisited the Garden of Gethsemane and the betrayal of Jesus. It reminded us that we all fall short from time to time but that we can be forgiven. The students then took us to the trail of Jesus under Pilot and how Jesus was condemned to death.

On Thursday the Year 5 and 6 students enthralled us with a journey done in silhouette and voice. They gave us a glimpse of the path Jesus took to the Cross. These 14 stations were done as freeze frames and so effectively brought us to where Jesus and his friends and family journeyed to his crucifixion. We are all given continued hope through this story as we continue the Easter story through to the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

We remember that Easter is the most sacred time in the Catholic Calendar. The story and message of Easter are central to what we believe as Catholic people. Please take the time to remind your children of this during the Easter period.

Have a safe and happy holiday,

Dean Estreich

Assistant Principal Religious Education (APRE)





PASTORAL CARE CORNER

Sr Anne Cannon

Dear Parents,

Holidays were originally ‘holy days’ and were for resting and relaxing as we contemplated the wonders of God reflected in whatever feast was being celebrated. I know many of you will work most of the school holidays, but, even if it’s only for one day, make sure you do take the time to rest and relax and give thanks. If you have a little more time, relax by being creative and give your children the chance to do the same – away from noise and screens. I’ve borrowed from Michael Grose in saying:

Creativity is messy. Creativity is full of mistakes - from which we learn. Creativity is make-believe.

Whether the creator is six, sixteen or sixty, managing creativity starts with sharing the value we hold for the arts and new ideas. It’s about taking trips to an art gallery, a science show or museum – see the freebies listed below. It’s about travelling to different places – where in Brisbane, even on the northside, haven’t you been? -, trying different foods and learning about different cultures. It’s about reading and sharing books, and talking to our children to encourage an ongoing sense of wonder and curiosity about their world.” So ...

1. **Give permission for freedom of expression** – not what you (or they) think it SHOULD look like!
2. **Encourage play** away from the screen.
3. **Foster originality by being accepting of difference** – as long as it is safe.

Mary MacKillop would say: “*I hope it will be a bright and joyous Easter for all.*”

Enjoy your holy-day time and travel safely.

God Bless,

Sr Anne Cannon
School Pastoral Worker

HEALTHY LUNCHES

I trust you all to eat healthy lunches during the holidays. I also expect you to eat lots of Easter eggs – that’s allowed for a special occasion!

Try cooking with your children over the holidays, even just once. When you go shopping look for one new vegetable or fruit that you haven’t tried before. Buy a small quantity and let the whole family try it.

HOLIDAY FUN – for FREE (mostly) Check your local paper for more.

- Visit APT8 at GOMA (South Bank, near the Art Gallery)) and enjoy all the wonderful things there, especially the children’s section. Google APT8Kids for more information.
- Visit your local Library and borrow some books as well as videos and games.
- Boondall Wetlands – April 3 – ride along 12km of the wetlands. Call 0413253366.
- Roma Street Parklands 29 and 31
March, 5 and 7 April 9:30am-11:30am (\$2 per child) for art, craft and gardening activities.
- Drama Workshops 5-8 year olds, 20 March, 1, 6, 8 April 1:30pm-3:30pm, Roma Street Parklands Amphitheatre
- Lego Workshop, Museum of Brisbane, any day in the holidays, 10:00am-4:00pm



MARCH

3rd	Dante Matthews
5th	Isaiah Batista Dos Santos
8th	Ivy Jewell
10th	Cooper Lyndon
13th	Jada Livermore
20th	Bebo Deng
27th	Trefena Reju
28th	Seth Watson



SCHOOL AWARDS

Principal	Aiden Alcantara
Prep	Declan Raftos Hayden Simpson
YR1-2	Celiya Batista Dos Santos Jack Webber
YR3-4	Halle Wild Shelliah Wilkie
YR5-6	Kira Stokes Jenny Woodsford



Parent Info Sessions

COMPULSORY

- Tuesday 12th April 2016
7-8pm

Enrolment Weekend

- Sat/Sun 16/17 April at weekend masses

Preparation COMPULSORY

(at 3.30pm-4.30pm)

- Friday 29th April;
- Friday 6th May;
- Friday 13th May

Confirmation

- Sunday 15th – 11.00 am
Pentecost Sunday



Ceremony Times for Holy Week 2016

DAY	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	CEREMONY
Thursday:	24th March	7pm	Holy Cross	Holy Thursday Evening Vigil of the Lord's Supper
Friday:	25th March	9am	Holy Rosary	Good Friday Morning - Stations of the Cross
Friday:	25th March	9am	Holy Cross	Good Friday - Proclamation of the Lord's Death
Saturday:	26th March	7pm	Holy Cross	Easter Saturday - Evening Vigil of the Lord's Rising
Sunday:	27th March	8am	St Anne's	Mass - Easter Sunday - Day of the Lord's Rising
		8am	Italian, Holy Cross	Mass - Easter Sunday - Day of the Lord's Rising

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