



St Mary of the Cross Newsletter

PRINCIPAL

Mr Matthew Beacroft

Dear All,

Welcome back to term 2. I hope you all had some quality family time with your children over the break. I have heard from the students some great stories about how much they enjoyed their time away but were so excited to come back to school. I will be away from school next Friday attending the first ever “Beaky Cup” Local Government Golf day in Sydney. I am honoured to be representing my family in a golf day named after my father who passed away during the Christmas holidays from a very short battle with cancer.

Building Work:

Over the holidays there was a number of small building works completed around the school. This included our sports house names, MacKillop (Gold) and Tenison (Blue) being put up and Baratta Stadium name going up as well. Our Electronic sign has been upgraded and I am always open to discussions about sponsorship opportunities from people who would like to advertise on our sign. Please contact the office for more details. The major building work around the school however was not done by us. The two abandoned houses next to the school have been demolished and a clear, safe space created. The school is in discussions about what the land maybe used for and the creation of a new fence along this boundary in the near future.

Our Moovalous Cow:

I was lucky enough to spend some time on my relative’s farm where I did lots of research on cows with my little boy as we get ready to paint our life size cow this term. There are lots of great designs of what we can paint our cow and post it notes on what we will be able to call our cow. The paint the cow is also about an educational experience and to help children have a firm understanding of what farm to the table looks like the whole school will be having an excursion to a dairy farm. This will be on week six Monday May 10th and we really look forward to the experience. More details will come home in the following weeks.

Sport in Term 2:

From next week every child in the school will participate in a 4 week AFL programme which will focus on kicking, catching and game play activities during PE time. All children will then participate in a five week rugby league programme as well. Children will receive equipment from these programmes to continue practicing at home. All children will be involved in our school cross country and our older children will also be involved in a Gala Touch Day against 14 other schools later in the term.

Active School Travel:

Active School Travel will be on every Friday this term starting tomorrow. Staff will be at Windsor Park at 8:15 if you would like to walk with me up to school. If the weather is like it is this morning with showers I will make sure that there is lots of walking down at lunchtime in lieu of the before school walk.

Have a good week,
Matthew Beacroft



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Specialist Timetable

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

Date Claimers

21 Apr	Under 8s Day Shrine of Remembrance
22 Apr	ANZAC Liturgy & Ceremony
25 Apr	ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)
27 Apr	Homework Club begins 3-4pm
29 Apr	Mothers Day Stall
2 May	Labour Day (Public Holiday)

2016 Terms

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,

Over the Easter break my family and I travelled to visit family interstate. During this time my youngest child, Adam was baptised and officially welcomed into the family that is the Church. This celebration allowed for my family to connect and be present for each other. The occasion was special and sacred as each member of the family blessed Adam during his baptism. In the sacrament of baptism the symbols of Easter are used and have special significance.

The symbols of Easter used within the sacraments, particularly the sacrament of baptism are simple elements from life are brought forward and made sacred. Light, water, clothing, oil, and in a unique way, bread and wine are transformed from ordinary objects into the gift of God's grace and presence with us, and we too are transformed into images of Christ.

As we continue into the season of Easter let us be reminded of the importance of family. We look forward to continuing to build our relationships at school, within the parish and community.

An Easter Blessing

Through the resurrection of Jesus,

God has redeemed us and made us his children.

May God bless us with joy.

Our Redeemer has given us lasting freedom. May we inherit everlasting life.

By faith, we rose with Jesus in baptism.

May our lives be holy, so that we will be united with Jesus for ever.

May almighty God bless us,

the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

ANZAC Liturgy next Friday 22nd April

We invite our school community to an ANZAC liturgy in the library next Friday at 2:30pm. We will take the time to reflect on the meaning and importance of ANZAC Day. Each student will receive a commemoration badge at the end of the liturgy.

Have a peaceful week,

Dean Estreich

Assistant Principal Religious Education (APRE)



PASTORAL CARE CORNER

Sr Anne Cannon

Dear Parents,

The start of a new term sometimes requires extra effort as children readjust after the holidays. It is usually short-lived, but KidsMatter - www.kidsmatter.edu.au a Government sponsored site, offers the following tips for building children's confidence: You can subscribe to their regular newsletter which is full of useful family support.

1. **Encouraging them to participate and have a go!**

Encourage children to have a go and value individual Participation is less about winning/losing, and more about valuing individual effort, persistence and improvement. It's important to celebrate with children the experience of participating in something for the enjoyment it creates, rather than for a reward.

2. **Supporting their self-esteem**

Help children feel positive and accept themselves the way they are, not the way others are. When a child says they can't do something that you know they can do, try and motivate the child by making the task fun and interesting. You might set a challenge to help make learning fun, for example: "I wonder how many spelling words you can get through in one minute?" Reminding children of positive goals can also help them to keep trying, for instance: "Keep practising a few more times. Just think how proud you will feel when you can do it."

3. **Dealing positively with disappointment**

Children need to learn ways to deal with disappointment positively, and to feel good about their efforts - win or lose. So...

- respond sympathetically and with encouragement (eg. "that was disappointing, but at least you had a go.").
- help children focus on what they can change to make things better, rather than thinking that the situation is unchangeable or that there is something wrong with them (eg. "What can you try that might make that work better next time?")
- challenge 'I can't' thinking by showing and saying you believe in them and reminding them of what they have achieved.

Mary MacKillop would say: "I ask you to take fresh courage and to renew daily your good resolutions."

Have a great week, encouraging each other.

God bless,

Sr Anne

HEALTHY LUNCHES

This is a great recipe for using left-overs or introducing new vegetables. Almost any vegetable could be substituted for the zucchini and corn. They are great in lunch boxes or can be eaten warm for an afternoon snack.

RICOTTA FRITTERS

- 1 cup self-raising flour (try using at least half wholemeal)
- 2 eggs (ask for some from school if you can't buy them)
- ½ cup buttermilk (use milk that has gone sour or add vinegar or lemon juice to regular milk)
- 420gm can corn kernels
- 1 medium zucchini, grated
- ½ cup fresh ricotta crumbled (or use the packaged variety if necessary)
- 2 tablespoons chopped basil or parsley

**Method**

- Place flour in bowl, make a well in the centre and gradually add the eggs and buttermilk.
- Fold in the vegetables, cheese and herbs. Add pepper to taste.
- Cover the base of a frying pan with oil and heat to medium heat.
- Drop level tablespoons of mixture into the pan and cook for 2-3 minutes on each side. They should look golden and be cooked right through. You may need to open one to check.
- Drain on a tray lined with paper towel.
- Cool completely and then store in the fridge in airtight containers.

**APRIL**

20th	Mallina Fusi
25th	Zali Meggitt
30th	Talarah Simpson

**SCHOOL AWARDS**

Principal	John Dud
Prep	Harry Graham Hayden Simpson
YR1-2	Mallina Fusi Ivy Jewell Oliver Brumpton Dante Matthews
YR3-4	Mia Cameron Zac Duekker
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

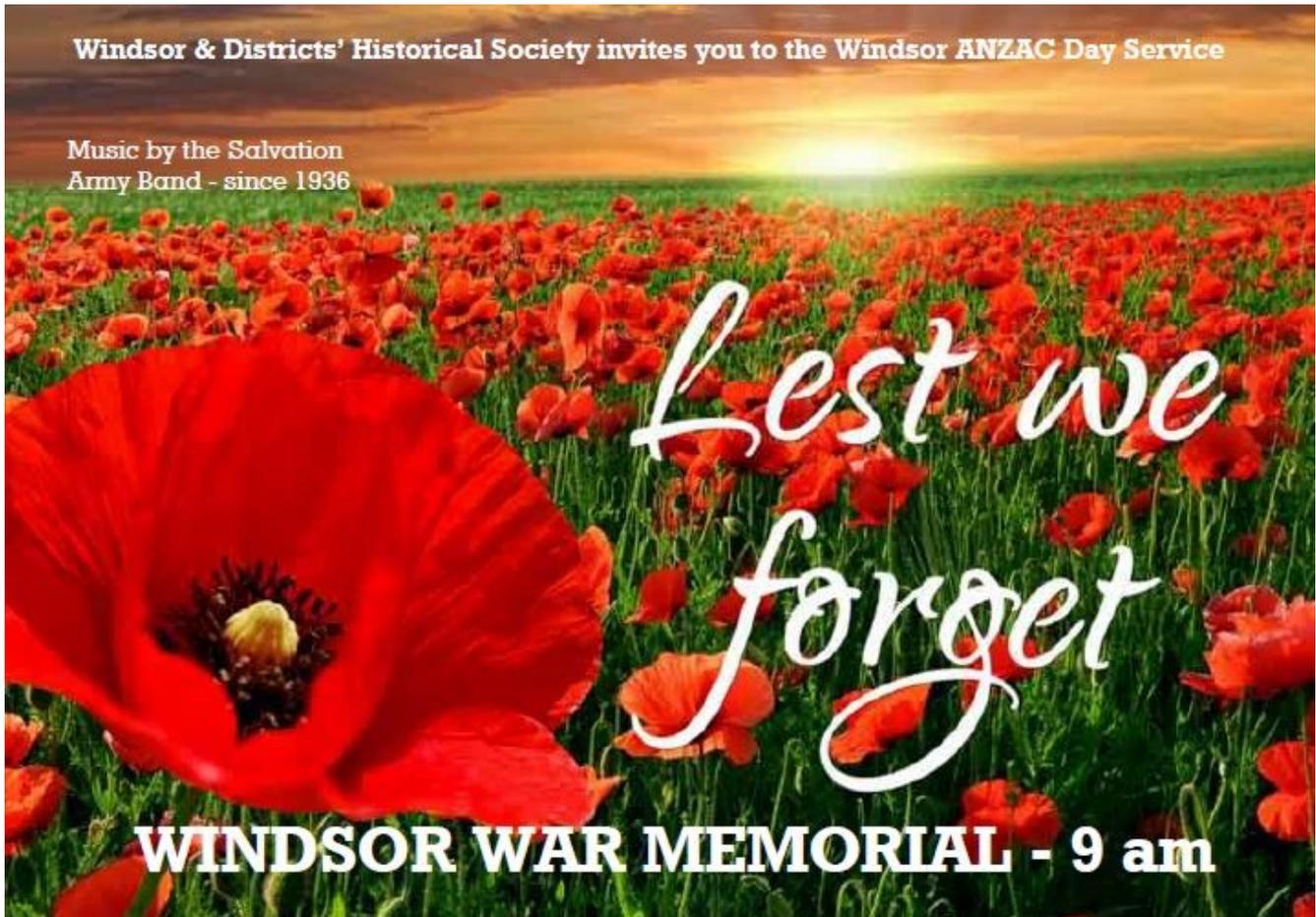
Preparation COMPULSORY

(at 3.30pm-4.30pm)

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

Confirmation

- Sunday 15th – 11.00 am
Pentecost Sunday



Your invitation to

OPEN DAY

Tuesday | 3 May 2016

3.30pm - 6.30pm

54 Prospect Road, Mitchelton

www.mtmaria.com.au

Meet the Principal and tour the Campus



PARISH CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT

The enrolment forms may be returned to the school office or brought with you to Mass on the weekend.

If you do not have a form you must contact Fr Jose on Ph: 3357 5793, or Sarah-Jane Nally as soon as possible.

Weekend Mass times are on your enrolment letter.

Children's Liturgy at St Anne's is especially for these children.

There is also Children's Liturgy at 9:30am Mass at Holy Cross.

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