



St Mary of the Cross Newsletter

PRINCIPAL

Mr Matthew Beacroft

Dear All,

Promote Our School Project

In the 90 years of our history our school has continued to provide high quality education to the Windsor and surrounding areas. Over the last couple of years we have completed an education brief which included the development of a masterplan of the physical site, development of school rules and implementation of a social and emotional programme and increased curricular opportunities for all children. This has seen our academic results continue to grow each year and for each child to have individual success.

From this we at St Mary of the Cross are embarking on a Promote Our School Project. In the next few months, you will see some promotion, advertising and marketing of our school in and around the local community. This will include a range of different strategies including promotional flyers, Facebook advertising, social media videos and the production of a promotional video for the School.

As current families, you are in the best position to share the experience of the community, teaching and learning. You will be invited in the coming weeks and months to share your experiences, be a part of photos with your children and teachers (and videos!) and will have the opportunity to contribute to the message that we will be sharing with the wider community. Stay tuned and watch this space! Thank you in advance for your support of our wonderful school.

Happy Birthday Father Jose:

As always we love when Father Jose is able to visit our school. It was made even more special this week as we were able to sing him Happy Birthday. On behalf of St Mary of the Cross we wish you a happy birthday for Friday.

ANZAC Day Service:

Thank you to Mr Dean Estreich who has organised an ANZAC day Liturgy and guest speaker on Friday at 2:30 pm in the Library. Parents and Friends are very welcome to attend.

The Windsor Anzac day service will be held at 9am on Monday. I will be presenting a wreath on behalf of the school and children are very welcome to attend in school uniform.

AFL:

Afl lessons started this week. It was great to see so many children enjoying kicking, catching and remembering how to hold the ball and hands. From our small school we have had four students in recent years sign with Lions Academy and one who has been drafted this year. Who will be the next student?

Cow Project:

Thank you to all staff and students who entered in the cow naming competition. There were any great entries from all year levels and certainly many that were very funny and clever. However there can only be one winner and the winner is **Dairy MacKillop** from Isabella Agulto. Congratulations to Isabella who wins a fun dairy pack next week at assembly. Our cow has some colour after this week's art lessons. The whole school has learnt more about the farm to the table process and together the children's ideas have been collaborated into one design. We have now started to get the background colour on the cow in preparation for next week's art lessons when the students will start adding detail to the cow.

Camp:

On Wednesday, Thursday, Friday May 4-6 our year 4/5/6 children will attend Mapleton Camp. Camp is always a wonderful time for the students as it helps grow their confidence in undertaking challenging and enjoyable group and individual activities like archery and abseiling. The notes went home this week but please contact the office for any further information.

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

22 Apr	ANZAC Liturgy & Ceremony
25 Apr	ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)
27 Apr	Homework Club begins 3-4pm Music Project Performance
2 May	Labour Day (Public Holiday)
4 May	Mothers Day Stall
May 4-6	Yr 4/5/6 Camp

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,

ANZAC Day Prayer

Gracious and loving God,

On ANZAC Day we remember all who lost their lives through Australia's involvement in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

We especially remember the courageous actions undertaken by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps during the First World War.

On this national day of commemoration, we pray for the airmen, sailors, and soldiers who died in battle, sacrificing their lives while on duty. We commemorate their bravery and pray for the families who lost loved ones.

As we strive for peace in our country and world, help us to become instruments of your peace. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We would like to thank the Clayfield-Toombul RSL Sub-branch and especially their treasurer Mr Dominic Beirne. Mr Beirne has this year ensured St Mary of the Cross School students each received a commemorative badge for our ANZAC liturgy and commemoration. We would also like to thank Major Brian Nally for his time and enthusiasm in giving the address to our students this year. It is through the sharing of story that we continue to build a strong understanding and pride in the legend that is ANZAC. The commitment and courage of all those who have served our country in conflict and in peace is so important to us and we are thankful for their sacrifices.

Project Compassion Donations

A reminder that all donations for Project Compassion are to be returned by tomorrow. I sincerely thank all students and families for their generosity in this appeal. Your gift will give important funds needed for people in communities to build their capacity to make for a better life.

The Song Room Creative Communities Project Invitation

At 12.30pm on Wednesday, 27 April, the Year 3-6 cohort are going to be doing a performance in collaboration with students from Mitchelton Special School which we have been working on for the past 8 school weeks. The performance has a strong focus on who we are as individuals within our Australian community, and how we illustrate this through our stories.

The project has been a Song Room initiative, enabling the two school communities to explore and celebrate ways in which they are connected in a creative way, and as the Music teacher, I have been privileged to coordinate this, working with teachers and students in both schools. We have also been very fortunate to have the expertise of storyteller, Meg Philp, who has spent a lot of time working with students on this aspect of the performance, which has been so enriching for them. I am really proud of the way both communities have embraced the opportunity, and despite the short time frame, I think we have come up with a performance that has been really meaningful for both, and will I'm sure be entertaining. So you are cordially invited to join us at our St Mary of the Cross performance at 12.30pm, Wednesday 27 April.

Have a peaceful week,

Dean Estreich

Assistant Principal Religious Education (APRE)



PASTORAL CARE CORNER

Sr Anne Cannon

Dear Parents,

start as soon as your child is able to communicate with you.

1. Allow children to practise making choices

Giving children opportunities to make choices (not the choices that belong to the parents) helps to build their sense of responsibility, as well as their decision-making skills. It is important that the choice really is theirs, so provide options that **you** will be happy with no matter which they choose. Showing interest in their choice helps to reinforce that you see their decisions as important. Don't give endless choices and set a time limit on making the choice!

2. Talk about everyday decisions

Involve children in your own decision-making. For example, you might say, "I'm trying to decide whether to take up a sport to get fit or go to a dance class. Which do you think I should do?" Talk through the advantages and disadvantages of each suggestion so your child can learn how to thoughtfully evaluate different options.

3. Support children to use decision-making steps

As children develop their skills for thinking through decisions, teach them these steps of decision-making and show them how to use them effectively:

- identify the decision to be made
- think of options
- evaluate the options and choose the best one
- put your choice into action and check how it works.

4. Ask questions that promote thoughtful decisions

Asking open-ended questions that prompt children to think through their reasons for choosing a particular option helps them learn how to evaluate options and think through consequences. Some good questions include, "What do you like about that?", "What makes this the best option?", "How would this work?"

5. Encourage children to set achievable goals

Setting their own goals to work towards encourages children to plan and think ahead. It helps them understand the link between making decisions and taking action.

It is important that the goals set are achievable and motivating for the child. In addition, the steps needed to reach goals need to be definite, clear and small enough for the child to manage. Providing praise and acknowledgment for small steps of progress supports children to meet their goals. Appropriate goals for children to choose include developing a new skill (eg. learning to play chess, learning to swim), improving performance in school work or in an area of particular interest (eg. learning to play a particular piece of music, master a difficult skill in sport), or earning pocket money to save for something special.

Mary MacKillop would say: "All will be right with time and a little patience."

Happy decision making!

God bless,
Sr Anne

MINI VINNIES MOTHERS' DAY STALL

Mini Vinnies will again be conducting their Mothers' Day stall on Wednesday, 4 May. Gifts will be available for \$1, \$2 and \$5. Proceeds go to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Encourage your children to start saving or to do odd jobs to earn some money for this stall. We have some surprising gifts this year.

**APRIL**

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

**SCHOOL AWARDS**

Principal	Jada Livermore
Prep	Chanel Skerritt Albie Royes
YR1-2	Baylee Walters Clancy Royes Koormurri Livermore Christopher Simpson
YR3-4	Isaiah Batista Dos Santos Craig Welch
YR5-6	Omarion Clements Jett Parnell
Sr Anne	Lily Crawford Kira Stokes

**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

RECIPE OF THE WEEK - CHOCOLATE SLICE

This is an easy slice to make and can be sent in lunch boxes without the toppings suggested below. If you want to be exceptionally healthy, omit the choc buds.



Ingredients

- 1 can (400g) cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 tablespoons cocoa
- 1/2 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 40 g coconut or sunflower oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/3 cup chocolate buds

Method

- Preheat oven to 160°C.
- Combine in a food processor, beans, eggs, oil and vanilla until smooth. Then add cocoa, oats, sugar and baking powder. Blitz until smooth and well combined. (You can use a regular beater but it takes longer and the slice may be a little crumbly.)
- Stir in the chocolate buds.
- Spoon the mixture into a small 20cm square cake tin lined with baking paper.
- Bake for 25-30 minutes, surface will feel firm to touch, allow to cool in tin. Slice into squares and serve with banana, passionfruit and a dollop of yoghurt.

May be kept refrigerated for up to 7 days. Can be frozen for up to 3 months.

ANZAC 1915 - 2016

Remember them....

Local Service Times:

5.00am	Cameron Rocks Candlelight Service
7.00am	Kalinga Gates March and Service
8.00am	St Colomb's Church Service
8.45am	Clayfield-Toombul RSL

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

Windsor & Districts' Historical Society invites you to the Windsor ANZAC Day Service

Music by the Salvation Army Band - since 1936

Lest we forget

WINDSOR WAR MEMORIAL - 9 am

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