



# St Mary of the Cross Newsletter

## PRINCIPAL

Mr Matthew Beacroft

Dear All,

### Promotion Video

On Tuesday we filmed our schools promotional video around the whole school from 7am until 4pm capturing all elements of school life. Congratulations and a big thank you to all the parents (volunteers/people who were just volunteered on the morning), staff, students and friends of the school who participated in the filming of our video. From drones, to interviews, to playing in the sandpit, along with Spanish, music, pe, art and library lessons and running on Windsor oval we captured the energy and engaging lessons that occur every day of the week in our school. This finished product will be available for the school and wider community in the following weeks and after seeing a couple of rough cuts it really captures what a special place we have.

### What is NAPLAN?

NAPLAN has benefits in allowing us to track student's progress and see real growth in academic areas. It allows us to see areas of strength and weakness for individual students and enables us to drill down to look at the reasons why we have gone so well or how we can get improvement.

With the Year 3 & 5 students completing NAPLAN next week, we remind families that the more importance you place into NAPLAN the more stressed your child will be on the day/s. To help prepare your child for NAPLAN ensure that they have a good night's sleep, a healthy and enjoyable breakfast and plenty of water to drink. It is also important to ensure your child has pencils, erasers and any other equipment they may need for the test to ensure they feel comfortable and ready, like reading glasses. Emphasis on reviewing and reflecting on their work is always important and helps ensure that they can get the result that is reflective of their ability.

### Camp

On Wednesday our Year 4-6 students left school for camp at Mapleton. Camp is about challenging yourself, teamwork, learning new skills and eating vegetables. I very much appreciate Mrs Dos Santos, Ms Boysen, Mr Estreich and Mrs Hearne for being away from their families and loved ones to allow our children to have these wonderful experiences. I look forward to joining the children and staff this afternoon and tomorrow.

### Homework Club

With our older students away on camp homework club participants yesterday enjoyed one-on-one support with the Terrace boys on writing, reading, sounding out magic words and working on our surface pros. We very much appreciate the support from Gregory Terrace for this initiative and it is lovely to see our children and the boys interacting so well. A special congratulations to the year ten students who picked up on my mathematical errors explaining counting in tens.

### Fundraising with the Brisbane Lions

A date claimer for your diaries, Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup> for the Brisbane Lions vs GWS game.

Prior to this date the school will offer tickets for purchase to this game at a discounted rate. These tickets will allow you admission to the Lions vs GWS game including travel for free on public transport to and from the game. All money raised from these tickets will go to supporting the school. All family and friends are very welcome to purchase these tickets when available. More information to follow later in the term.

### ANZAC Day

The St Mary of the Cross Community wishes to thank the staff, families and students who were able to attend the Windsor ANZAC Day Ceremony. I very much appreciated the effort to represent our school on this very special day of the year. Lest we Forget.

**Active School Travel** will not take place this Friday, due to camp.

Have a good week,  
Matthew Beacroft

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## Specialist Timetable

<b>TUES</b>	PE, Art & Library
<b>WED</b>	Spanish & Music Homework Club
<b>FRI</b>	Assembly & Sausage Sizzle

## Date Claimers

<b>6 May</b>	<b>NO ASSEMBLY</b> <b>NO Active School Travel</b>
<b>8 May</b>	Mothers Day
<b>10-12 May</b>	NAPLAN
<b>16 May</b>	Dairy Farm Excursion
<b>20 May</b>	Cross Country
<b>25 May</b>	School Mass

## 2016 Terms

<b>Term 2</b> (11 wks)	Mon 11 April - Fri 24 June
<b>Term 3</b> (10 wks)	Mon 11 July - Fri 16 September
<b>Term 4</b> (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,

Happy Mother's Day for this Sunday. We show our appreciation and love for our mothers this Sunday. Thank you to all women who care for us and show us unconditional love.

*Loving God,*

*We thank you for mothers – for all they mean or have meant, for the love they have shown and the care they have given.*

*We thank you for the qualities of mothers – their patience, their kindness, concern and understanding.*

*We thank you for the part they play in our lives, and we thank you for this day of saying 'thank you' this opportunity to say what we so often mean to say but so rarely do.*

*For mothers and motherhood, for children and families*

*we bring you this day our grateful praise.*

*Amen.*

Have a peaceful week,

Dean Estreich  
Assistant Principal Religious Education (APRE)



**PASTORAL CARE CORNER**

**Sr Anne Cannon**

Dear Parents,

We all want the best for our children and we have been told many times that we should read to our children if we want to improve their academic outcomes. Recent research from the University of Technology in Sydney indicates that reading also does much more. – “it also improves health, socio-economic status and creativity. ... introduces young people to new ideas, and new vocabulary.” Karen Brooks, from the University of Qld says it helps us to make sense of the senseless, teaches empathy, compassion, courage, acceptance of differences and tolerance. Once our imagination is fired up, dreams can take flight. What more could we want for our children? Carl Sagan, scientist, says “One of the greatest gifts adults can give to their offspring is to read to children”. Use the school library, use the Council libraries, use the second-hand bookshops and charity shops to be kind to yourself and your children by ensuring a plentiful supply of books both for you and your children to read and so enhance their mental health – and yours at the same time. If you haven’t bought a Mothers’ Day gift yet (Dad’s, that is!!) go and buy a book for the wonderful women in your life.

Mary MacKillop would say: “the good of our Australian children, is alone what we seek”.

Make this a ‘readers’ week for you and yours. Happy Mothers’ Day to all you wonderful women who mother our children so well.

God bless,  
Sr Anne

**HEALTHY LUNCHES**

A balanced diet is also a ‘rainbow’ diet. That means you eat as many different coloured food items as possible across your day. Find ‘healthier.happier’ at [www.healthier.qld.gov.au](http://www.healthier.qld.gov.au) for a spinning wheel that would make it fun for children to help you choose a menu with many different colours. The following is great for orange and green. It can be eaten cold for lunch or hot for the vegetable serve of the main meal. This quantity would serve four people.

**RECIPE OF THE WEEK - POTATO FRITTATA**

**Ingredients**

- 250g potato, peeled and sliced thinly
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 1 bunch baby spinach, washed and drained (or use wombok)
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg



**Method**

1. Preheat grill. Boil potato for 4-5 minutes until tender, or microwave on HIGH (100%) in a covered dish with 1 tablespoon water for 5-6 minutes, stirring after 3 minutes. Drain well.
2. Heat oil in a non-stick frypan, add onion and cook for 2 minutes until golden.
3. Add potato, toss to combine and brown.
4. Stir in spinach and stir-fry until wilted and moisture has evaporated.
5. Mix eggs, cheese and nutmeg in a small bowl and pour into pan.
6. Cook over low heat until set.
7. Place under hot grill for 2 minutes to brown the top.
8. Cut into slices to eat while warm or refrigerate, ready for lunches.



**MAY**

2nd	Jett Parnell Summer Poed- Newell
15th	Chanel Skerritt
18th	Dominic Deng Halle Wild
27th	Clancy Royes



**SCHOOL AWARDS**

Principal	
Prep	
YR1-2	
YR3-4	
YR5-6	



**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



## Pictures from the week... Homework Club, Video Shoot & ANZAC Day!



it's a  
**BOY!**  


**CONGRATULATIONS** to Rachel, Xavier & Wyatt on the safe arrival of baby River.  
- All the best from St Mary of the Cross Staff and Families

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