Dear Parents & Friends,

Community Association Meeting

Next Tuesday we are having a Community Association Meeting in the Library from 6pm until 7pm. This meeting which all Parents and Friends are very welcome to attend has the following items on its agenda. Children are able to come along and sit in the library.

* Building and Facility News
* Parents and Friends Planned events
* Parent Education – Reading
* General Business

Fashion Night

As you would all be aware we are hosting a Fashion Talk night at Victoria Park from 6:30 on Wednesday August 31st. On the night your ticket gets you 4 great speakers, a glass of wine, 4 canapes and entry into the lucky door prize. There will also be some pop up shops and raffle prizes on the night. You also are supporting your school. We are aiming for 150 tickets sold and would love support from the local community. Get some friends and come along for a wonderful night helping our school community.

Change of Athletics Carnival Date

Due to a double booking for Windsor Park our Athletics Carnival date will now change to Monday 15th August. We apologise for this change but it was out of our hands.

Rugby League World Cup

One of the many benefits of our small school is the many wonderful opportunities our children have. Last week our children were part of the launch of the Rugby League World Cup and the filming of advertising that will promote the event next year. Below is a link to a clip which highlighted some of the wonderful experiences our children had on the day.

Go to: https://www.facebook.com/rugbyleagueworldcup/videos/
Watch: Brisbane launches #RLWC2017 Official Draw Video

Our Cow has Students over the Moon!

She may be made of fibre-glass, but Dairy Milkillop has certainly made a name for herself at St Mary of the Cross since she was primed, painted and primped as part of Dairy Australia’s Picasso Cows program. As part of our classroom’s inquiry topic students have spent the last two months learning all about the Australian dairy industry and the benefits of consuming dairy foods such as milk, cheese and yogurt for good health and wellbeing.

Armed with paint and loads of enthusiasm, our students chose their dairy learning focus, which saw Dairy Milkillop transformed from a blank life-size fibreglass cow, into a piece of art with an important educational message. We showcased our cow at the Picasso Cows presentation day on together with other participating schools in the region.

While we didn’t win the title, our students thoroughly enjoyed showing off their new creation and all of their hard work. We are exceptionally proud of their effort and thank you to Mrs Crocetti for leading the process. Dairy Milkillop is now a permanent member of our school community. If you haven’t seen in the flesh she will be moo-ving around the school grounds in the near future.

Have a good week,
Matthew Beacroft
Principal

Date Claimers

2 Aug  Community Association Mtg
8 Aug  150th Celebration at St Stephens
10 Aug  EKKA HOLIDAY
15 Aug  Athletics Carnival
18 Aug  Zone 6 Carnival
24 Aug  School Mass
26 Aug  Parish Social Justice Night
30 Aug  Book Fair begins
31 Aug  Father’s Day Stall Fashion Night
9 Sept  Book Week Celebrations
12-13 Sept  Maroon Camp w Gregory Tce

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**APRE**

Mr Dean Estreich

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Catholic Education Week**

This week, our school, along with other Catholic schools in Queensland, have celebrated Catholic Education Week.

The theme for Catholic Education Week this year is 'Opening Doors in the Year of Mercy.' All Catholic schools in Queensland will celebrate this week giving thanks and praying for God’s continued blessing on their staff, students and families. The key message is that God’s mercy is never ending. God is always there ready to forgive all and wrap all in everlasting LOVE! As God is merciful to all, so all are called to show the same mercy and loving kindness to others.

Catholic Education Week in Queensland is an opportunity for all Catholic schools to celebrate our distinctive mission and share the things that are special about our schools and ethos with families, parish and the wider community.

Our school community will celebrate this important week with class based activities, our liturgy in the library from 2:30pm on Friday afternoon and finally we will wrap up our week with a schools and Parish mass on Sunday 31st July at 9:30am in Holy Cross Church, Wooloowin. We invite all families and friends to share this time with us in thanksgiving.

When Jesus had finished praying, he went on to say to his disciples,

I say to you, ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

For everyone who asks, receives, and everyone who searches, finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened (Luke 11:9-10).

God of Mercy, you are with us.

You know us and listen to us.

You love us and forgive us.

Help us to know your mercy and show your mercy to others.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Have a peaceful week,

Dean Estreich
Assistant Principal Religious Education (APRE)

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

- **Winter Uniform**
  - Jumper: $22.00
  - Jacket: $50.00

- **School shoes**
  - Children: $75.00
  - Adults: $110.00

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**SCHOOL NOTICES**

- **School banking** is on **THURSDAY**.

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

- As the weather cools, a reminder to all families that due to Work Place Health & Safety - We DO NOT reheat food for Students.

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Eucharist means thanks giving.

To give thanks to the Almighty God for the gift of our wonderful school and to conclude the Catholic Education Week we gather around the Eucharistic table of the Lord on this Sunday 31 July at 9.30 am at Holy Cross Church, Wooloowin.

Dear Students, Parents and Staff of St Mary of the Cross School, I invite you all as we are 'One in Christ' to 'celebrate the Joy of the Gospel.' See you on Sunday.

God bless you.

Fr Jose
PASTORAL CARE CORNER
Sr Anne Cannon

Dear Parents,

One of the jobs of parents is to help their children tap into their capacity to be kind, to be helpful and to be generous to others. The capacity to be nice is there. It just needs to be developed, encouraged and nurtured. Some children need more reminding than others, so you may need to persevere and keep reminding your children to do the right thing by others. Michael Grose, child psychologist offers the following tips to help you do this.

1. **Develop a 'No put-down' policy:** Help children understand the potential destructiveness of putting others down because of their weight, looks, intelligence or other personal attributes.
2. **Help children identify friendly behaviours:** Help your children understand how good friends act. Being a good friend means many things such as being loyal, keeping confidences, accepting mistakes and a whole lot more. Refer back to them when they are being unkind.
3. **Hypnotise your children:** My dad used to say, ‘If you haven’t anything nice to say about someone, don’t say anything at all.’ Like many parents he passed on his wisdom using memorable phrases, slogans and platitudes. He tried to live by the values they conveyed, so they carried significant weight. (I still open up my mouth sometimes and my dad jumps out!) Find a way to package up your personal wisdom around ‘niceness’ and start hypnotising your children...just like your parents hypnotised you!

Friendliness has been identified as a basic skill that will contribute to children’s overall success at school and beyond. (Organisation, confidence, persistence and resilience are some of the others.) So helping children tap into their niceness is not just a nice thing to do; it will assist them to work better with others, be more accepting and be happier.

Mary MacKillop would say: “ Reject no-one. You never know what love can do.”

Have a hypnotising week!

God bless
Sr Anne

HEALTHY LUNCHES

These are great hot or cold. They can be served with salad or veges to make a main meal. They can be eaten alone for lunch or snacks. They will freeze well.

**Ingredients**
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/3 cup reduced fat milk
- 2 tablespoons reduced fat cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 spring onion, finely sliced
- 1 tablespoon parsley, finely chopped
- Black pepper, freshly ground
- 1 cup mixed vegetables, chopped (leftovers, frozen or fresh broccoli, capsicum, corn, baby mushrooms, tomatoes, spinach)
- 6 slices day old multigrain or high fibre bread
- Spray oil or 2 teaspoons olive oil

**Method**
1. Preheat oven to 200ºC
2. Remove crusts from each bread slice.
3. Roll each slice flat using rolling pin or bottle
4. Grease muffin pan with spray oil or using pastry brush lightly brush with olive oil
5. Press the bread slices firmly into each patty tin in the muffin pan.
6. In a large bowl, combine eggs, milk, onion, and cheese, mixing well.
7. Add vegetables and mix.
8. Pour mixture into each prepared bread case ensuring each pan has equal amount of vegetables.
9. Bake for 20 minutes at 200ºC, if using fan forced reduce temperature to 160ºC after 10 minutes.
10. Remove muffin pan from oven and gently remove quiches from each patty tin

**SENIORS’ MORNING TEA**

Attached is our invitation to our Seniors - Sisters of St Joseph 150 anniversary morning tea. If you would like more copies, just ask at the Office. Please let us know how many are coming. We want to have a seat for your guests and enough food!
The Principal and Students of

ST MARY OF THE CROSS SCHOOL

with Sr Anne invite YOU
to morning tea to celebrate

150 Years of the Sisters of St Joseph
in Seniors Week
on WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST
9:45am – 11:00am
RSVP: 3857 4803 or pwindsor@bne.catholic.edu.au by 10 August

News from the Library

Following our marvellous NAIDOC celebration with Dr Aunty Ruth Hegarty in the library, the students and teachers are now turning their minds to Book Week 2016 – Australia: Story Country. Our Book Week Celebration Day will be held on FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9th. We will kick-off the day with our annual Indigenous Literacy Café, followed by class presentations and St Mary of the Cross Idol. Sr Anne Cannon is working on the menu for the Indigenous Literacy Café. Each year, Sr Anne bakes goodies for the café, drawing inspiration from their focus book. Mrs Biddy Seymour has sourced a wonderful song, which has been written especially for Book Week. Mrs Amanda Crocetti is working with students on Media Arts with a Book Week focus. In the library, we are working on Literature-Based activities from the class focus books. The books chosen for each class this year are:

Happy Reading! From the Library Team
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