Dear Parent and Friends,

FASHION NIGHT
Thank you to the parents and friends who have supported our Fashion Night next Wednesday August 31st. Our target was 150 tickets and we have reached 135 at the moment. It will be a great night with wonderful speakers and great raffle prizes.

BUILDING WORKS
Around the school at the moment there are some minor building works occurring as we make safe our boundary fences and entrance space. These should be concluded by early next week weather permitting. This is all part of our continued commitment to providing safe and engaging spaces for all our learners.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE
Coming to school on time and being ready for class when the school bell rings is extremely important. Missing the first 5-10 mins of each day does not allow children to settle and start the day calmly and organised. 10 mins per day is 50 minutes a week and will add up to more than a week of missed school each year. Keeping children at home when they are sick is important. Likewise, it is also extremely important that students maintain regular attendance. Missing a day or two does have a negative impact on learning and social growth.

I encourage all families to make an extra special effort to ensure that attendance is a priority every day. Increased attendance means greater class time, which will result in greater learning and academic progress. More time in school is always a good thing. Of course we are always understanding when a child is unwell or there are special circumstances and we encourage you to contact the office to let us know about your child’s attendance.

Have a good week,
Matthew Beacroft
Principal
### School Notices

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

**EVERY FRIDAY**  
$4 includes a sausage on bread, popper & snack.  
**MAKE LIFE EASY - PAY UP FOR THE TERM BY EFT!**

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

### Uniform Shop

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### APRE

**Mr Dean Estreich**

**Dear Parents and Caregivers,**

**School and Parish Mass**

Thank you to our students, staff, families, Holy Rosary parishioners and Fr Jose for our celebration of Eucharist on Wednesday. Thank you to Mrs McCourt for preparing our school during hymn practise and for accompanying us on Wednesday. We pray for safe travels for Fr Jose and the McCourts as they journey both near and far.

A great surprise after mass was our school being presented with a beautiful print which tells the story of Mary MacKillop's travels in Australia. This print is known as a Commemorative Toile. As part of our renovations next year we will find a special place for this very generous donation. Thank you to Elaine and Noel Sparksman for their generosity and support of our school.

**Parish Social Justice Night**

We look forward to our annual social justice night supported by our schools and parish. We thank all those who have donated the many items for the ‘Basic Bags’ that will be put together on Friday night. In particular, we acknowledge the support and donations from St. Joseph's Gregory Terrace. We thank our parish for providing our simple meal for the night and for all who have given their time.

Have a peaceful week,

Dean Estreich  
Assistant Principal Religious Education (APRE)

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**Prayer for those who are Homeless**

They are on our streets, beside roads and on buses, in doorways, and backyards. Lost invisible, hungry and hurting. Lord give them a home with food something we have everyday. Lord help those who have no relatives or friends who can take them in. Please provide them with shelter, security and hope. Amen  
(From Vinnies Youth Book of Prayers, 2015)
PASTORAL CARE CORNER
Sr Anne Cannon

Dear Parents

I will leave the remainder of Pope Francis’ rules for happiness for next week. Today I will focus on the Olympics – the true ideals of the Olympics. We have seen athletes who stopped to help a fallen competitor, who got up and went on after a fall/injury, who have been cheered when they limped home last after that injury, who were happy without a medal because they had done their best – and so the list goes on. This is what we need to emphasise with our children. As Kylie Lang says, “How we respond to challenges shapes the people we become”. It’s up to us how we manage challenge. We can give up at the first hurdle or expect our parents or partners or ‘the government’ to fight our battles for us, or we can optimistically go on, trying to improve our best selves. Optimism fuels energy of the best kind. It gives us the energy to bounce back, try harder, maybe change our goals. Bronte Barratt reminded us that the Olympic motto is ‘faster, higher, stronger’ not ‘fastest ...’. She said, ‘It’s not about winning but about trying’. Albert Bandura, a renowned American psychologist says don’t be a victim or a passenger on life’s bus, be the driver! As Anna Meares said, ‘I’ve got to ask myself what I want, where I want to go, I need to assess my body.’ Bronte, Anna and so many others didn’t blame the coach or the officials or the venue or other competitors or lack of funds. They just rejoiced in what they had achieved and looked to the future. Michael Johnson is renowned as one of the greatest basketballers ever, yet he missed more shots than he won! He attributes his success to his attitude – “I’ve failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed”. Let us make sure we instil such attitudes in our children. The upcoming Paralympics will give us even more examples to show our children.

Mary MacKillop would say: “Look upon your crosses (problems/failures) as stepping stones to happiness”.

Have a great week, failing over and over and succeeding. God bless
Sr Anne.

HEALTHY LUNCHES

The following might encourage your family to start the day well.

Olympians Eat Breakfast Daily

Olympians consume their first meal approximately 30 minutes after waking up. Our bodies become insulin sensitive after eating breakfast. Insulin sensitivity refers to how well the body responds to the hormone insulin. When you eat most of your calories earlier in the day, the total caloric intake throughout the day actually decreases.

Starting the day with protein is a good choice. When consuming lean protein in the morning choose omega-3 rich eggs or egg whites; low-fat, organic dairy; lean and clean breakfast meats; as well as the high protein, whole grains like oatmeal or quinoa

CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 5/6

We continue to receive ‘thankyou’ and ‘congratulations’ messages from our guests at the Seniors Week/Josephite 150 morning tea. They all mention the great work of the ‘hospitality crew’. Parents, you can take a bow because such skills begin at home.

MINI VINNIES – FATHERS’ DAY STALL

Nest Wednesday the Mini Vinnies will hold their Fathers’ Day Stall. Gifts will be available for $1, $2 and $5. All proceeds are going to the Parish Social Justice Night which was geared to homeless peoples’ needs. If there is anything left, we will sell again on Friday.
Congratulations!

Harry for your performance as the King in Alice in Wonderland and to your Drama Group for placing 1st at the Beenleigh Quota Eisteddfod.

Lutwyche Parish Social Justice Night with Orange Sky Laundry

Heritage Hall, Chalk St, Wooloowin
Friday 26th August
6:30pm - 8:30pm
All ages welcome
(children under 11y.o. must be accompanied with an adult)
$5 entry per person inc. a cup of soup
REGISTER TODAY!
via Parish or School Office or after Mass

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News from the Library

Our Book Week Celebration Day on Friday 9th September is fast approaching. Students and teachers have been working this term to prepare for the day, and we hope you can join us! Here is a run-down of what we have planned so far:

8:30am Indigenous Literacy Café, raising money for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Gold coin donation to attend. 
9:30am Noel Stallard BUSH POET. We have just confirmed Noel will be attending to recite poetry for the students. 
11:30am Class presentations. Each class will share a little about their focus book, as well as singing the song, Story Country.
2:00pm Poetry Competition. The Grand-Final for this inaugural event will be held from 2pm. Preliminary finals will be held on Friday 2nd September.

The children are very excited at the prospect of dressing up! Come as your favourite book character – remember to bring your book to school on the day!

CBCA WINNERS ANNOUNCED!
The Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) announced the Book of the Year winners from the short-list last week. These will be available for borrowing from our library after the 9th September.

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RIVERBEND BOOKFAIR

WHERE: St Mary of the Cross Library
WHEN: 5th-9th September.

Students will have the opportunity to view the Book Fair on Wednesday 31st August. Purchases can be made the following week. EFTPOS available.