Dear Parent and Friends,

As always it has been another wonderful week in our wonderful school.

**Reading Parent Education Night:**
Next Tuesday night I am strongly encouraging parents to come along to our school parent information night about reading in the library from 6 to 7pm. All the classroom teachers will be part of a presentation which will focus on strategies to help you at home and have a greater understanding about what we are teaching at school regarding reading. We will be happy to answer questions, show examples and give you some practical and concrete activities to take away. This talk will last for half an hour and then the book fair will be open for you to peruse and purchase from.

Reading is the foundation of so much of what happens not only at school but all around us. Please encourage your child to see themselves as a reader and to pick up a book.

The website “Best Books for Kids” below lists the 10 top benefits of reading:

1. Kids who read often and widely get better at it.
2. Reading exercises our brains.
3. Reading improves concentration.
4. Reading teaches children about the world around them.
5. Reading improves a child’s vocabulary and leads to more highly developed language skills.
6. Reading develops a child’s imagination.
7. Reading helps kids develop empathy.
8. Children who read do better at school.
9. Reading is a great form of entertainment.
10. Reading relaxes the body and calms the mind.

**Social Justice Night:**
Last Friday night saw a number of our student leaders be part of our combined school and parish Social Justice night. This night was in support of Orange Sky Laundry and saw over 600 Basic Bags of toiletries packed on the night. The highlight of the night however was Mr David Tubb, a board member of Orange Sky Laundry, and a Gregory Terrace teacher, who gave an inspiring speech to over 100 people on how the idea of a mobile laundry developed and the difference it makes to homeless people every day. Importantly David also talked about how the power of conversation being so important as well and that clients of Orange Sky Laundry appreciate the respect and dignity that the over 500 volunteers give them as part of the service. The home sharing of hot soup and crunchy bread at the intermission was timely to allow us to reflect on the magic of a simple idea that makes such a difference. Thank you to all for your donations of both toiletries and time and to Mr Dean Estreich and Mrs Dos Santos who were able to attend on the night with me.

**Fashion Night:**
On Wednesday night we hosted our second school Fashion Night at Victoria Park Ballroom. Last year we hosted this night in our library with 50 people and last night saw 200 people attend at Victoria Park to raise funds for our school. Thank you very much to the parents and staff for their support and attendance on the night as we showcased our wonderful school and all the great things we do. Thank you to Ms Crystal Cooke and Ms Eve Cahut for all their hard work in preparing for the night. A special thank you to Mark and Chelsea Jewell, (Ivy) who donated a large number of prizes for our raffle. As always we thank Mrs Amanda Crocetti for taking amazing photos of the night which we will available on her website wearetwine.com.au late next week. Congratulations to people who won prizes on the night from our wonderful school supporters.

**Fees and Resource Levies:**
The fees and levies collected at St Mary of the Cross Primary School are essential in providing a high quality of education for your child/ren. To be more specific they: Provide teaching, administration and ground staff; Provide essential resources, materials, facilities and equipment. Many resources need to be replenished and upgraded annually; Used for the maintenance and development of buildings, grounds and school maintenance equipment; Pays for essential utilities (water, rate, electricity) and insurance. As always of you have any concerns or questions about payment of fees please come and see me.

Have a good week, Matthew Beacroft - Principal
**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**

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.

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**APRE**

**Mr Dean Estreich**

**Dear Parents and Caregivers,**

**Happy Fathers’ Day**

Happy Fathers’ Day to all dads and those who act as dads to us. **May our dads know how much we appreciate and love them. Have a great fathers’ day.**

**God made**

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle’s flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad

**God our Father,**

bless all the fathers in the world.
Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children.
Help them to be a father like you are.
Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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**Child Protection Week in Queensland**

Child Protection Week (from 4 to 10 September) highlights the message that all children have a right to feel safe and protected, and acknowledges the hard work and efforts of those in the child protection sector who are devoted to this task.

The focus theme for this year is ‘Stronger Communities, Safer Children’. This theme emphasises the importance and value of connected communities in keeping children and young people safe and well. Communities in which children are seen and heard, where their participation is valued and where their families can get the support they need are stronger communities which contribute to keeping children safe and well.

This year some of the main messages of Child Protection Week are:

- Protecting children is everybody’s business. **The responsibility lies with adults in keeping children safe from harm. All members of society need to play a part in ensuring children are nurtured and safe.**

- Listening to children and young people is the number 1 indicator in assisting their safety and well-being.

It may be timely to remind your child about staying safe travelling to and from school, staying safe in public places and staying safe when on the internet. We will remind children of these issues next week.

Have a peaceful week,

Dean Estreich

Assistant Principal

Religious Education (APRE)
Sr Anne Cannon

Dear Parents

I will give you Pope Francis’ remaining rules for happiness.

Find innovative ways to create dignified jobs for young people.

If you want to bless a young person, don’t just tell that person that he or she is wonderful. Work actively to help him or her find meaningful work. This will both bless that young person and bring a special happiness to your own life.

Respect and take care of nature.

The air we breathe out is the air we will re-inhale. We can’t be whole and happy when Mother Earth is being stripped of her wholeness. Christ came to save the world, not just the people in the world. Our happiness, is tied to the way we treat the earth. It is immoral to slap another person in the face and so it is immoral too to throw our garbage at the earth.

Proceed calmly.

Move with kindness, humility, and calm. These are the antithesis of anxiety and distress. We need to make conscious efforts to never let the moment cause panic and excessive hurry. Rather be late than stressed.

A healthy sense of leisure.

Never lose the pleasures of art, literature, and play. Remember that Jesus scandalized others with his capacity to enjoy life in all its sensuousness. We don’t live by work alone, no matter how important and meaningful it might be. In heaven there will be no work, only leisure, we need to learn the art and joy of leisure not just to prepare for heaven but to enjoy some of heaven already now.

Sundays should be holidays.

Workers should have Sundays off because Sunday is for family. Accomplishment, productivity, and speed can not become our most valued commodities or we will begin to take everything for granted, our lives, our health, our families, our friends, those around us, and all the good things in life. That is why God gave us a commandment to keep the Sabbath holy. This is not a lifestyle suggestion, but a commandment as binding.

Mini Vinnies thanks you for supporting the Fathers Day Stall. We raised $245.20 which will go to Orange Sky Laundry.

Mary MacKillop would say: “We must take things quietly and just do what our good God enables us”.

Have a calm, respectful, leisurely week.

God bless, Sr Anne - School Pastoral Worker

HEALTHY LUNCHES

This would be a great one to team with your practise of ‘Sundays should be holidays’. Children can easily help with this preparation. It can also be used for lunches. It also gives you a chance to try a Greek recipe.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK - SOUVLAKI

Ingredients

- 400 g lean lamb, cut into cubes
- 4 small wholemeal pita breads
- 1/4 iceberg lettuce, shredded
- 2 tomatoes, diced 1 red onion, finely sliced
- 4 tablespoons reduced fat natural yoghurt
- Marinade (Use the oil and lemon juice if you don’t have the herbs)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon thyme

Method

1. Mix marinade ingredients together in small bowl. Place meat into marinade and coat well.
2. Thread meat onto skewers, place in shallow dish pouring over remaining marinade. Place in refrigerator for at least 15 minutes (longer if possible). You can also cook this without placing it on the skewers.
3. Preheat grill or BBQ on high and cook meat for 3 minutes on each side.
4. Remove from heat, allow to sit for one minute.
5. Divide lettuce, tomato and onion between pita breads.
6. Remove skewer from meat, place meat on each pita bread salad and top with yoghurt, wrap and serve.

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Next Thursday 8th September is RUOK Day.

Ask a friend, a spouse, a mate, a work colleague, a relative - “Are you ok?”. Mental health experts tell us that often that question is all it takes for a person who is feeling depressed, or worse, suicidal, to start to feel better, to find the courage to tell someone they are not okay, to go and get some help. So, be aware of the feelings of those around you and support them in whatever way you can. Even a smile can help. And make it every day, not just on Thursday, so we can all be ‘one in Christ’, especially as we look at Pope Francis’ ideas for happiness.
Thank you

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News from the Library

Our Book Week Celebration Day is next **Friday 9th September**! It promises to be a fun-filled day. 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](https://www.indigenousliteracy.org.au).  
Gold coin donation to attend.

9:30am Noel Stallard BUSH POET:  
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*. **Special surprise presentation at this time.**

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!**

**RIVERBEND BOOK FAIR**

We are excited to offer you high-quality books from Riverbend. Your child will bring home a wish-list from the Book Fair. All proceeds from sales at the Book Fair will go towards the library.

**NATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK**

It’s all happening in the world of literacy! This week Australia celebrates [Literacy and Numeracy Week](https://www.literacyweek.com.au). The Read for Australia event is this Friday 2nd September. The book chosen is *My Two Blankets* by Irena Kobold and Freya Blackwood, which won the Picture Book category in the CBCA Book of the Year Awards in 2015. Some students may remember the beautiful work done by Mrs Hill and Mrs Seymour to create a Reading Quilt last year, based on this book.

**INDIGENOUS LITERACY DAY**

In more news, next Wednesday is Indigenous Literacy Day! A wonderful song has been written and performed by Josh Pike and Justine Clark, and is titled, *Words Make the World Go Around*. Take a moment to listen to this beautiful song.

We will be raising money for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation at our Café on Friday 9th September. We are fortunate that [NOONGA Reconciliation Group](http://www.noonga.org.au) have kick-started our fund-raising efforts with a donation of $200! We are always grateful for the support NOONGA gives to our school community.

**UP LIT | Brisbane Writers Festival**

And finally...next Friday is the start of the Brisbane Writer’s Festival. The theme is UPLIT: connecting and enriching Queensland through story. If you haven’t checked out the program for this year, go to the [Festival Website](http://www.brisbanewritersfestival.com.au).