Dear Parent and Friends,

As always it has been another exciting and busy week at St Mary of the Cross.

Thank you to the parents and friends who were able to make it to our Parent Information night on Reading. I know everyone took something out of the night regarding strategies and the importance of reading. We believe literacy skills are best taught through modelled, guided and independent learning experiences, based on explicit teaching. We support a differentiated curriculum where the individual needs of students are catered for through a variety of approaches to teaching and it was great we were able to explain some of those on the night.

One resource that I spoke about on the night was a website that gives you free access to online stories: [http://www.storylineonline.net/](http://www.storylineonline.net/). The books are digital and are read by famous actors. There are follow-up activities connected to each book. Parents can choose to just enjoy the stories with their children and engage in discussion about different aspects of each story. Of course just reading a book for pleasure with your child or having them read to you is of far more importance. Just as importantly it was great to get feedback from parents on the night about a number of areas of the school. As a staff we are looking at a numeracy night next term to support parents understanding of how we teach maths.

**Camp: Years 3-6**

On Monday and Tuesday our year 3 to 6 students will be off to their second camp at Camp Maroon with our wonderful friends at Gregory Terrace. This will see the children engage in a number of activities across the two days including archery, low ropes, orienteering, group team work activities as well as star gazing. Most importantly they will all get to put into practice being resilient, persistent, getting along with other people, confident and organised. That is the main purpose of every camp we go on as we build independence in a safe and engaging manner. A note has gone home again today via e-mail and hard copy outlining the clothes they will need to bring on camp. Thank you to the teachers who will be attending the camp and the Gregory Terrace staff for giving their time so freely.

**Book Week:**

Today was the culmination of our Book Week festivities. Thank you to all the staff for their hard work but a very special thank you to Mrs Nena Morgante for all her hard work in the preparation and organisation. Nena has been integral in organising the book fair, the literacy café, Noel Stallard as our bush poet who spoke to the children today, the class song and focus book presentations and all of the other countless things she has done that I am unaware of. Thank you very much to Mrs Madonna Patmore who was our chief costume designer, director and set operator in the staff production.

**Building Works:**

Over the next week the front fence of our school onto Lutwyche road is being replaced with a new 1.8m boundary fence is going up along with a massive sign on the library wall with our school name and logo. This is all part of our commitment to providing safe and engaging facilities. Over the next term we will be continuing with the re-development of our school master plan and will seek feedback from parents and the wider community.

**Gold Medal Visitor:**

Today a student will win a medal for the best poetry recital across the school and grade. In the very near future I am happy to announce that we will have our own gold medal visitor from the Rio Olympics. Gemma Etheridge, a gold medal winner for rugby sevens, will visit our school to talk about her journey to represent Australia and the emotion and excitement about winning a gold medal. As soon as we can confirm a date and time we will send a note and email home inviting parents and friends to come along.

Have a good week,
Matthew Beacroft
Principal

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**Date Claimers**

- **9 Sept**
  - Book Week Celebrations
  - Indigenous Literacy Café
  - Dress Up as Book Character
  - Poetry Grand Final

- **12-13 Sept**
  - Maroon Camp w Gregory Tce

- **14 Sept 9:15am**
  - Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Mass at Holy Rosary Church

- **16 Sept**
  - Prep Excursion—Trevena Glen
  - END OF TERM

**2016 Terms**

- **Term 3**
  - (10 wks)
  - Mon 11 July - Fri 16 September

- **Term 4**
  - (9 wks)
  - Tue 4 October - Fri 2 December
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

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

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

SCHOOL NOTICES

School banking is on THURSDAY.

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Mass next Wednesday 14th September
in Holy Rosary Church at 9:15am

Mass will be celebrated next Wednesday 14th September at 9:15am in Holy Rosary Church. This special occasion is Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. We welcome all St Mary of the Cross families, Holy Cross families and our Parish to this celebration of Eucharist. After mass we will share an icy-pole with Holy Cross School and an opportunity for our students to play at St Mary of the Cross. We look forward to sharing this time in thanksgiving.

Sunday was also an important day in our Church with the canonisation in Rome of Mother Teresa, another great role model of our time. Mother Teresa is well known for her tireless work in helping the poorest of the poor. She spent her life giving, particularly noted for establishing hospitals and attending to the sick. She was the face of God’s mercy to those she encountered, both spiritually and through her deeds. There are many inspiring quotes from and relating to Mother Teresa. In this Year of Mercy and in celebration of her canonisation, let us find ways to follow Mother Teresa and use our “hearts to love and hands to serve”.

Have a peaceful week,

Dean Estreich
Assistant Principal Religious Education (APRE)
PASTORAL CARE CORNER
Sr Anne Cannon

Dear Parents,

We all want success for our children and we don’t just mean academic success. We want them to be good people, first, to live our school motto: ‘One in Christ’. Michael Grose, coming from a non-religious position, offers us a few tips to help achieve this stance. It will help to transform your child and your family and so, our world. Michael says: “There’s no doubt that success in today’s world depends on the ability to understand, appreciate and work with others. In your school you are likely to see children from many different cultural, racial and family backgrounds, children with different needs and diverse ways of expressing themselves. Some children will wear their hearts on their sleeves, while others will be taciturn and quiet. Tolerant children are accepting of these differences. They make friends with children who may look and act differently to them. So …

1. **Help your child feel accepted, respected, and valued.** When your child feels good about him/herself, s/he is more able to treat others respectfully.
2. **Model acceptance.** Children learn what they live so make sure you welcome differences in others, and be sensitive to cultural or racial stereotypes.
3. **Challenge prejudice or narrow-minded views.** Sometimes children, knowingly or unknowingly, can say the cruellest things about others. As a parent respectfully remind your children about the impact that a narrow view can have on his or her own behaviour as well as on those it may be directed towards.
4. **Answer children’s questions about differences honestly and respectfully.** Teach your children that it is acceptable to notice and discuss differences as long as it is done with respect.
5. **Respect individual differences within your own family.** Your ability to accept your children’s differing abilities, interests and styles will go a long way towards establishing an attitude of tolerance in the children themselves. By valuing the uniqueness of each member of your family you are teaching your children to value the strengths in others, no matter how diverse.

Mary MacKillop would say: “Bear with the faults of others as you hope God will bear with you.” Have a wonderful week, noticing and celebrating differences

God bless,
Sr Anne
School Pastoral Worker

HEALTHY LUNCHES

Melissa Tapper has represented Australia at the Olympics in table tennis and is about to do it again at the Paralympics. Melissa has Erb’s palsy, giving her very limited use of her right arm. This is one of her favourite recipes, full of carrot for fibre and beta-carotene (vitamin A) for healthy bodies. These carry well in a lunch box as well as being a great barbecue idea. [Recipe on back page](#).

MINI VINNIES ACTIVITY DAY

Ten of our Mini Vinnies attended an activity day yesterday. They were great ambassadors for their school and their family. Joining about a hundred other Mini Vinnies from around Brisbane they explored the themes of ‘Growing the Future’, ‘Kindness’ and ‘Love Languages’. I’m sure if you asked them they would love to discuss some of these ideas with you.

MINI VINNIES THANK YOU

We want to say again ‘thank you’ for your wonderful support of our Fathers’ Day stall. We raised almost $200 and then received a donation of $50. This appeared in some newsletters last week, but the gremlins got in and it wasn’t in all newsletters.

So, **THANK YOU.**
CARROT AND CHICKPEA PATTIES

INGREDIENTS
- 800g grated carrot, divided into three equal amounts
- 1 small red onion, peeled and chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and roughly chopped
- 400g chickpeas, drained
- 1 tbsp ground coriander
- 3 tbsp fresh coriander, roughly chopped
- 1 large egg
- 2 tbsp wholemeal flour
- freshly ground pepper
- 3 tbsp vegetable or rapeseed oil
- 8 burger buns (if eating these at home)

DRESSING
- 4 tbsp Greek yogurt
- baby spinach
- chopped chives

METHOD
1. Place a third of the grated carrot into the food processor with the onion, garlic, chickpeas, ground and fresh coriander, egg and season well. Whizz to a paste and set aside. (This can be done by hand but is not as successful.)
2. Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil and fry another third of the carrot for about 10 minutes stirring from time to time. Add this cooked carrot to the whizzed paste.
3. Stir in the flour and mix well.
4. Check seasoning and adjust accordingly.
5. With wet hands, divide the mixture into 8 and shaped into burger shapes.
6. Cover and chill for 30 minutes.
7. Preheat the grill or BBQ. Brush the burgers with the remaining oil and cook for about 5 minutes on each side or until golden and crisp.
8. Toast the burger buns or warm on the BBQ. Mix the yoghurt, chives and remaining carrot together. Spread the yoghurt mixture onto the bun, top with the spinach and insert the cooked burger.

MINI VINNIE ACTIVITY DAY

FASHION NIGHT

For more images of the Fashion Night please visit: