



St Mary of the Cross Newsletter

PRINCIPAL

Mr Matthew Beacroft

Dear Parents and Friends,

As always it has been a busy couple of weeks at St Mary of the Cross. Last week we attended the beach day with our friends from Gregory Terrace, we have had dance, swimming and music lessons practicing for the National 'Music Count Us In' performance next Thursday. All these wonderful opportunities allow students to experience all areas of the curriculum, to enhance strengths and work on weaknesses. I thank our wonderful staff for making all of these opportunities possible.

This Friday is a free 'dress in red' or 'wear some red' for Day for Daniel. We are not asking for any money but rather wearing red to raise awareness.

'Day for Daniel' is a National Day of Action to raise awareness about child safety and protection. Parents, carers and guardians are asked to start a conversation about personal safety in the real world and in an online environment.

'Day for Daniel' is an opportunity aims to help empower our children to RECOGNISE, REACT and REPORT if they feel something is not right.

What does RECOGNISE, REACT and REPORT mean?

- RECOGNISE encourages students to be aware of their surroundings and to recognise body clues in situations where they don't feel safe.
- REACT helps students to consider choices that may keep them safe or help make them safe again as quickly as possible.
- REPORT encourages students to report unsafe incidents to an adult.

At St Mary of the Cross we talk to the students about five people they could tell if they were not feeling safe or they thought something was not right. We strongly encourage you as parents to talk to your child about who they would tell if something was not feeling right.

Building News:

Over the last four years we have been working on improving our school grounds and facilities. During this time we have been completing our masterplan for now and five years into the future as our areas demographic and number of school age of children increase. This masterplan also includes looking at our strategic plan as we aim to move into single stream classes in the future and includes future building developments.

This process has also seen classroom teachers explore best practice in teaching and learning and how we can best utilise teaching spaces to support all learners. This includes the use of technology in the classroom, colour palettes, flexible furniture and a sense of natural light and contemporary learning spaces.

Have you seen our new reading space? Make sure you go and have a look next time you are at school.

Religious Life of the School:

A big thank you to Mr Dean Estreich and Mrs Vanessa Wick for their hard work on our Religious education documents which we presented across the whole day for Validation with a number of other Brisbane Catholic Education. It highlights the high quality teaching and learning we have in our school.

Thank you to the students and parents who were able to make it to the Multicultural mass on Sunday at Holy Cross celebrated by the Archbishop. They represented the school and parish beautifully as the parish showcased its diversity through dance, language and food.

Have a good week,
Matthew Beacroft
Principal



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Specialist Timetable

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| TUES | PE, Art & Library |
| WED | Spanish & Music |
| THU | Dance Cart |
| FRI | Swimming, Assembly & Sausage Sizzle |

Date Claimers

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| FRI 28 OCT | Day for Daniel Free WEAR RED dress day |
| WED 2 Nov | Homework Club (LAST ONE) Prep Parent Information Night |
| THU 3 Nov | Music Count Us In |
| TUES 8 Nov | Prep Orientation Day |
| FRI 11 Nov | Memorial Mass 2:30pm |
| FRI 18 Nov | Swimming Carnival |
| THU 24 Nov | End of Year Concert |
| TUE 29 Nov | Year 6 Graduation |

2016 Terms

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| Term 4 (9 wks) | Tue 4 October - Fri 2 December |
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UNIFORM SHOP

- **Swimming Caps**
Blue (Tension): \$5
Yellow (MacKillop): \$5



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



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.

APRE

Mr Dean Estreich

Dear Parents and Carers,

Religious Education Program Validation

Today our school will be validating our Religious Education Program. The validation process will allow us to present the story of our school within the context of how we deliver quality learning and teaching in Religious Education. Thank you to our staff for their continued professionalism in planning for and delivering our Religious Education Curriculum so that we understand and live our school motto of 'One in Christ' each day.

Veteran's Health Week

This week is Veterans' Health Week. We acknowledge returned veterans and their families and recognise the ongoing needs that come with service in our defence forces. In particular we ask you to keep both veterans, their families and the Veteran's Care Association in your prayers. Veteran Care Association are a community of committed Catholic veterans working voluntarily to minister to our veterans. Deacon Gary Stone is the founder of Veteran's Care Association and with his small team are making a big difference for veterans and their families through the programs they run.



For more information on the work of Veteran's Care Association visit their website at <http://veteranscare.com.au>.

Have a peaceful week,

Dean Estreich

Assistant Principal Religious Education (APRE)



This term, PREP are collecting the Woolworths World Explorers Cards as part of their 'Around the World' topic.

If you shop with Woolworths and don't have a need for the cards, could you please start collecting today!

Cards can be dropped to the office or Prep classroom.

With thanks,

Mrs Wick, Mrs Curran, Mrs Cooper and Prep Students



PASTORAL CARE CORNER

Sr Anne Cannon

Dear Parents,

This week Queensland celebrates World Teachers’ Day. The rest of the world celebrated at the beginning of October but we are usually on holidays, hence this date. We like to think of it as ‘World School Staff Day’ because our teachers could not teach without all the support staff around them. It may be a good weekend to reflect on your own work. Joan Chittister offers the following reflection.

In praise of work

Scripture is very clear about the place of work in human life. We work to complete the work of God in the world. Work is my gift to the world. It is my social fruitfulness. It ties me to my neighbour and binds me to the future. It gives me a reason to exist that is larger than myself. It makes me part of possibility. It gives me hope. Martin Luther wrote: “If I knew that the world would end tomorrow, I would plant an apple tree today.” Work enables creation to go on creating. Work is meant to build community. When we work for others, we give ourselves and we can give alms as well. We never work, in other words, for our own good alone. Work leads to self-fulfillment. It uses the gifts and talents we know we have and it calls on the gifts of which we are unaware. When we face the work at hand, with all its difficulties and all its rigors and all its repetition and all its irritations and accept it, we do not need to traffic in symbolic penances. Finally, work is the way we really live in solidarity with the poor of the world. Work is our commitment not to live off others, not to sponge, not to shirk, not to cheat. Work is our sign that God goes on working in the world through us. The philosopher wrote, “Do you want a test to know if your work in life is over? If you are still alive, it isn’t.”

Mary MacKillop would say: “God won’t ask how others do the work, but he will ask you how you have done yours”.

Have a good week as you go about your daily work.

God bless,

Sr Anne

School Pastoral Worker

HEALTHY LUNCHES

As we come to the end of ‘Nude Food Month’, I wonder how your lunch boxes have changed. Here is a recipe from their website.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK - Sushi Sandwich Recipes

Here are some nutritious sandwich options that you could make with your child. Just by tweaking the way they are presented can bring a little fun back into traditional lunchbox items.

Ingredients:

Your favourite fresh sandwich combos. Some examples include:

- Chicken, avocado, grated carrot
- Curried egg and lettuce
- Cheese, hummus and salad
- Ham, salad & reduced fat cream cheese
- Turkey, cranberry, cucumber, lettuce
- Tuna, carrot and avocado

Method:

1. Place wholemeal or wholegrain bread slices on a chopping board and using a rolling pin, flatten your bread. Children love to help with this.
2. Arrange your toppings in rows on the bread. Leave a small gap on one side to make rolling easier. Roll your sandwiches and enjoy!
3. Packaging options can include, reusable sandwich bags / containers or recycled brown paper/chemist’s bags.



OCTOBER

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| 11th | Rozlyn |
| 16th | Oliver B |
| 23rd | Isabella |

NOVEMBER

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| 3rd | Sam & Will |
| 8th | Alanis |
| 11th | Aiden A |
| 23rd | Eli & Craig |
| 27th | James |
| 29th | Shelliah |
| 30th | Harry G |



SCHOOL AWARDS

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| Principal | Harry & Flynn |
| Prep | Jada & Flynn |
| YR1-2 | Mallina, Baylee, Seth, Dante |
| YR3-4 | James & Talarah |
| YR5-6 | Lily & Saesha |

In Loving Memory

MEMORIAL ASSEMBLY

Remember to return your form if you have anyone to be remembered in our special Memorial Assembly on Friday, 11 November at 2:30pm.



St Mary of the Cross School has strong links with a number of local independent, catholic and state high schools. Mary MacKillop College at Nundah is an all girls school that a number of our past students have attended.

Mary MacKillop College have as part of their connections to their patron, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph Sesquicentenary Year, launched a new CD featuring a song originally written by teacher Mary Fletcher.

To purchase a copy of the Heartbeat CD please follow this link:
<https://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=216003>

A message from our Adopt-A-Cop, Senior Constable Kristy O'Neil



SUMMER SAFETY EXPO



Sunday 13th November 2016

11am - 2pm

Lower Carpark, Aviation High School, Widdop Street, Hendra

Drinks

Sausage Sizzle

Be Prepared

DISPLAYS FROM:

- SES
- Brisbane City Council
- Queensland Fire and Rescue
- Queensland Water Police
- Queensland Transport
- Queensland Police Road Policing

Multicultural Mass at Holy Cross Church



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P & F CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets for the Christmas Raffle will come home soon, but in the meantime...

DONATIONS to the CHRISTMAS RAFFLE PRIZES will be GLADLY RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE!

Suggestions for Hamper items include:

- CHIPS, BISCUITS, CRACKERS
- SOFTDRINK, COFFEE, TEA PACKS
- NUTS, DRIED FRUIT
- TINNED FOOD
(JAMS, CHUTNEY, PINEAPPLE, BEETROOT etc)
- TOYS
- SPORTING GOODS
- NAPERY, TEA-TOWLS, SERVINGWARE

RAFFLE DRAWN at Graduation TUESDAY NOVEMBER 29TH

THANKYOU

