Welcome back to Term Four!
We hope that everyone had an amazing holiday and enjoyed a restful break. Lots to do in term four as we lead up to the end of the year.

We will be trialing an electronic news feed (Newsletter) during term four. We hope to get this out to all parents via email on a Thursday afternoon, so please keep an eye out for it in your inbox! This document will also appear on our web site so you can reference it easily if you need to.

No Hat No Play - Sunsmart Policy
Term 4 is No Hat! No Play! No Fun for you today! Please ensure your child has their school hat at school every day this term. We are currently investigating having a supply of hats to sell from the office to make purchasing a hat easier. PLEASE CLEARLY LABEL YOUR CHILD’S HAT. Please note, school hats only!

Three way Learning Conversations
Three Way Learning Conversations have moved through the four seasons this week. With Monday and Tuesday being quite warm and then back down to earth with the cool change on Wednesday! We will be sending out an electronic form to all parents to gain some feedback about our change to the timing of the 3 Way Learning Conversations.

School Closure Days
School closure days - next Thursday 15th and Friday 16th October. Staff will be learning about THRASS, a phonetics based approach to English which will be used at St Mary of the Cross across all grade levels from 2016

We NEED your help! The more who know the more your children will learn. Parent training is an essential component of the success of this training...

THRASS Parent information session 5 - 7 pm on Thursday, 15th October at St Mary of the Cross...
Babysitting available for Kinder and school age children on site!!!

Parents and Friends
The Parents and Friends met on Wednesday, 7th October in the Staff Study. Many issues were discussed including the Closet Clean Out fundraiser, the end of year celebrations and the Trivia Night.
Please support the Trivia Night by booking a table. Your children directly benefit from the money raised by the P&F.
Canteen 2016
The new extension to the building includes a canteen which will be operational in 2016. This gives us the opportunity to provide children with lunch orders and walk up sales (if we require). As parents would appreciate there are many issues, and points of view to be considered before making any decisions about the canteen. We will be establishing a working party to investigate these issues and consider options before recommendations for the future of the canteen are made. If this is of interest to you, please consider nominating for this committee when the nominations open next week.

Active Travel Plan Committee
This Committee has met twice and are investigating how to promote active travel to school (not just by car). You will receive a request to complete a survey which will assist us in gathering data for this project. Please consider spending a few minutes completing this survey.

Green and Gold Day Friday 23rd October
To celebrate the fifth anniversary of the canonisation of Mary MacKillop on 17 October, we will be celebrating this by holding a green and gold day. On this day, your child can wear green and gold and bring a gold coin donation. As part of Change4Better, students will also learn how the Mary MacKillop Foundation is helping create a better Australia by seeing a need and doing something about it, and how students and individuals can do the same too. All money raised will go to the Change4Better Mary MacKillop Foundation.

For more information please visit: http://www.mackillopfoundation.org.au/change4better/

More Info next week.

Coming Up Next Week – 12th -16th October, 2015

Tuesday, 13th
Prep One (Learning Community 1) Community excursion

Thursday 15th
School Closure Day THRASS Training
THRASS Parent Training – 5.00-7.00pm

Friday 16th
THRASS training – School Closure

Saturday 17th
Parents and Friends Trivia Night

And the week after………

Wednesday 21st
Board of Management meeting (6.30pm)

Thursday 22nd
Active Travel Committee (5.00pm)

Sunday 25th
First Eucharist mass – RAAF Base Point Cook (9.00am)