Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary of the Cross,

Congratulations to all of our community on achieving our first 100 days of school. Huge congratulations to our Preps who have made it to their first milestone in the formal education, and to all other students, teachers parents and carers, congratulations on helping us to reach our 100 days as the St Mary of the Cross Catholic Community.

The children celebrated the day with a range of activities and enjoyed some very ‘old’ teachers who dressed up for the occasion.

Working Bee
We had scheduled a Working Bee for Friday, 2nd August. Unfortunately due to inclement weather conditions over the 24-48 hours prior to the day, we made a decision to cancel this day.

We will schedule a small working bee this Saturday to tidy up the school (mow lawns, sweep paths etc) prior to the Official Opening of the school on Wednesday, 13th August.

If parents are able to assist this Saturday, you would be more than welcome to attend from 8.30am. BYO mowers, brooms, whipper snippers etc.

Carpark
It has come to my attention that a number of parents are using the ‘Drop and Go’ area of the carpark for parking after school (whilst waiting for the children). Can ALL parents who park in the Drop and GO area remain in their car. This area is designed to be a fluid area – not a car parking area.

Prayers and Thoughts
You are asked to keep Brendan Shanahan and his family in your prayers. Brendan’s uncle passed away last week.

Leon Colla
Principal

There where you are, you will find God.

Mary MacKillop 1871

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:
- Wednesday, 6th August – 7.30pm – Parents and Friends Meeting
- Friday, 8th August – 9.15am School Mass - Feast of St Mary MacKillop – School Picnic
- Wednesday, 13th August – 10am Official School Opening
- Friday, 29th August – School Closure Day
- Friday, 29th August – School Disco

Lunch Order - Changes
Please note that due to the closure of the Coast Café on Monday and Tuesday we are not able to offer lunch orders to students.

Lunch orders will only be available on Wednesday through to Friday
OFFICIAL OPENING – ST MARY OF THE CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY

St Mary of the Cross will be officially opened on Wednesday, 13th August, 2014 at 10.00am. Senator Scott Ryan and a number of official guests will be here to mark this occasion. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all parents and friends of our school to join us for this very historic occasion.

FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS

Next Friday is our ‘first’ feast day of St Mary of the Cross Mac Killop that we will celebrate as a school community. Our day will commence with mass at 9.15 am followed by a trip to the Point Cook Coastal Park for a BBQ lunch and activities. Children will be bused back to school by 3.00pm.

Parents are warmly invited to join us for these celebrations. A separate notice was sent home on Friday and we ask that you complete this and return it by this Wednesday. It is purely for catering purposes.

If the weather is inclement and a trip to the park is not possible, a BBQ lunch and activities will be provided at school.

ATTENTION ATTENTION - PREP/ONE PARENTS

Next Thursday the 7th of August all Prep/One students will be showcasing their Inquiry work from the unit “Survive and stay Alive” in an expert exhibition.

The expo will begin at 2:30pm in the Prep/One learning community we encourage parents to come in and explore, ask questions to our student experts and discover what each individual or groups has learnt, discovered and created.

We hope to see you there.

The Prep/One team.

SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM 2014 - GRADE PREP PARENTS

If you haven’t already done so could you please return your School Nursing pack to your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

DO YOU HAVE CARPENTRY SKILLS???

CAN YOU OFFER SOME TIME???

We are asking for anyone with carpentry skills to help us out with making some abacuses (as pictured). If you can assist please leave your details at the front office with Kirsty.

Prayer

O God, you suffer with your people in times of hardship.
You raised up Mary MacKillop as a woman of faith who lived by the power of the cross. May she inspire us to be strong in faith and hope as we carry our cross each day. Deepen within us that love which leads us through death to life. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

Blessed Mary of the Cross, accepting of the cross in life, pray for us.