Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary of the Cross,

On Friday we had another of our historical events, our first ever St Mary of the Cross Disco. We had groovers grooving from all different ages…toddlers up to Grandparents. Yes, even some of our teachers have some pretty cool moves. It was a dazzling night kicked off with a shared dinner of pizzas. Everyone quickly stormed the Funky Monkey DJ as she started to bust out some tunes for us all. I’m sure there would have been some very tired little boppers on Saturday morning. Thanks to our already strong and beautifully organised Parents and Friends who coordinated this spectacular event for us. It was a great community event and the feeling across the whole school was one of belonging and a shared sense of fun. Thanks again for the organisers as well as everyone for their great participation.

Regards
Brendan Shanahan

MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA

Once again it would be a pleasure to invite our school community to another music extravaganza filled with songs, dances, stories and poems that cover our Australian repertoire. The students from prep to year six will entertain their audience with the skills they have learnt during the course of this term and gain further experience of performing these skills in front of an audience. The Choir will also be debuting with their first song.

The date will be 17th September, there will be a morning and afternoon performance.

Our morning time will commence at 8:50am and run until 9:50am. Our afternoon time will be 2:20pm until 3:10pm. The students and I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours Sincerely
Ms Kylie Cooper
Music Specialist

Student Absence

If you need to report that your student is absent from school you can do so by sending a text message to the following school mobile number

M: 0497 265 795

Remember we are but travellers here.

Mary MacKillop 1867
Hello St. Mary of The Cross families.

It was again a privilege to meet with some parents at our recent parent conversation sessions, and to be part of a valuable ongoing discussion regarding how to continue to create a sense of community at SMOC.

A big part of my previous work involved supporting parents and carers with a wide range of issues related to caring for children. One issue that parents and carers often sought support for was children who were fussy eaters, in particular, getting children to enjoy healthy food options was a big challenge.

For younger children in particular, adults make many decisions for them. Eating, or refusing to eat something is one of the few things they can exert some control over. It is also something that can cause worry and frustration for parents and carers. Additionally, it has the potential to establish poor eating habits in the longer term.

I thought I would share this article about an author Wendy Blume, who has written the book “Vegie Smugglers”. This may give you some ideas on how to help introduce vegetables in a tasty and creative way. The article has some recipes at the end you may like, or it may just give you some ideas for yourself on how to present vegetables, and help children develop a palate for enjoying a wide range of flavours.

I hope you enjoy it!

Moira Mullumby (Cluster Engagement Leader)


PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

This Friday, 5th September during lunch there will be a sale of all leftover chocolate and popcorn from Friday nights disco.

Items will be .60 cents each.

- Milk Chocolate Freddo
- White Chocolate Freddo
- 100’s & 1000’s Freddo
- Furry Friends
- Popcorn
As a community the St Mary of the Cross families have been offered the opportunity to purchase a Whole School Photo from our foundation year for just $10.

If you would like to purchase this photo, please fill out the slip below and return it in an envelope with your money to the office by Friday, 12th September. All orders will be returned to families within the first few weeks of Term 4.

Whole School Photo Order Form

Student Name:
Class:
Total Number of Photo:
Total Amount Enclosed:
BOOK WEEK

During Book Week next week the children will have the chance to visit the Scholastic Book Fair to prepare their wish lists during class. We stress the idea that this is only a WISH LIST and it is up to the families to decide on what purchases are made. Parents will have the opportunity to come in with their children to browse and purchase books on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday mornings from 8:15am to 8:45am and Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:15pm to 3:45pm.