Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary of the Cross,

What an amazing week we have just concluded at St Mary of the Cross! This week we celebrated Book Week, an annual event celebrating books and reading. Activities throughout the week have focused on the books that were nominated for Book of the Year prizes. On Thursday we had our first ever Book Week dress up parade, which was a great success. Nearly all children dressed as their favourite book character, we even had most staff members and some parents who joined in the occasion. Photos of Woody and Clifford working at the front desk will be published on our web page very soon.

Our Book Fair was also a great success with over $3,700 in book sales. The school earns a commission from the Book Fair, and this is taken in books to stock our library shelves.

All in all, a great celebration of books and reading at St Mary of the Cross!

End of Term Three
It is hard to believe but we have reached the last week of term three – our first year of operation has only about 13 weeks more to run. School will finish at 1.00pm next Friday afternoon.

Parking in Drive Through Bay
A reminder to all parents and carers, the Drive Through/Pick Up area can be used to wait for children after school, but you must remain in your car. Please do not ‘Park’ your car in this area.

Science Expo
Congratulations to our senior students who presented a range of science experiments this week as part of their unit of study in Science. Congrats to all our junior scientists.

Three Way Learning Conversations
You are advised that the next round of Three way learning Conversations will take place in week two of fourth term. More information will be sent home next week.

Be calm and full of hope.

Mary MacKillop 1871
CATHOLIC EDUCATION TODAY
The latest edition of Catholic Education Today is available through the link below. Some good articles that are worth a read.


GOOD SPORTS
To celebrate good sports we invite everyone to wear their favourite sport’s team colours, uniform or jumper. Students are welcome to come dressed in the colours or uniform of a sport they already play or of a team they support. On this day we are asking for a donation of non perishable food so we can give these to St Vincent de Paul to help those in need.

PREP/ONE PARENTS
As a part of our Inquiry unit we are holding a Healthy Me, Healthy You Expo we will be running on Thursday 17th September. Children will be rotating through 3 different activities relating to different ways we can stay healthy:

1. Healthy Food
2. Exercise
3. Creative Mind

As a part of this we would appreciate if you could discuss with your child ways of staying healthy and active.

As a part of this day students will be involved in making their own fruit kebabs to eat as their fruit snack. We are looking for some volunteers to help us with some of the preparation of making the fruit kebabs. If you have sometime would really appreciate if you could come in and help us cut up some fruit for the activity on Wednesday 16th September in the afternoon.

If you are able to lend us some of your time, please let Miss Denise know.

Kind regards,
Prep/1 Team

EMMANUEL COLLEGE NEWS
A reminder that the Emmanuel College Open Day will be conducted on Sunday 14 September: St Paul’s Campus from 10.30am-1.30pm and Notre Dame Campus from 11.00am-2.00pm. The program of events will include Meet the Principal, guided tours, updates on the building program, interactive activities to engage and entertain young visitors, performances, subject information and displays.

MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA
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.

Prayer
O God, you call us all to follow you in the way of Jesus. Gift us with wisdom and understanding as you did Mary MacKillop, to be faithful servants of the Gospel.

May your love enfold those who bear the responsibility of leadership in our church. May we rejoice in the gift of Mary MacKillop to our church. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessed Mary of the Cross, gift of God to us today, pray for us.