Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary of the Cross,

Welcome back to our last term for 2014. I hope that all of our families had a relaxing break filled with many exciting activities for the children.

During the holidays, I spent time in the USA visiting schools and community organisations. The study tour, organized by the Catholic Education Office, visited schools in New Mexico and Los Angeles. The focus of the tour was on community engagement in schools. I was very fortunate to share many wonderful insights with 16 other Principals, teachers and community workers.

I will share a range of ideas and activities with parents, teachers and children over the coming months.

School Closure day
A reminder that the school will be closed on Monday, 3rd November. There will be no classes on this day.

CERES visit
Yesterday our middle and senior school students visited CERES, an environmental facility in Brunswick. The focus of the visit was on sustainability, and we look forward to the students generating many new sustainable projects from their work. Congratulations to all our students who were great ambassadors for our school.

Trivia Night
We hope to see you all at our Trivia Night on the 25th October at 7pm. This should be a great night, and all proceeds go to providing outdoor furniture for our children. Hope you can come along and offer your support – BYO Drinks, nibbles and friends!!

TERM 4 - NO HAT, NO PLAY
Please note that during Term 4 the children are to wear their hat at snack and lunch times. Children without hats will be required to play indoors with a quiet activity.

There where you are, you will find God.

Mary MacKillop 1871
PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS - TRIVIA NIGHT

The P & F are asking for donations of any medium to large gift baskets that you are no longer using to make up some prize hampers for the trivia night.

Have you booked your table yet? Up to 8 people per table for $80 or $15 for an individual ticket.

Tickets must be pre-purchased and ticket Sales will CLOSE Friday, 17th October

Raffle Tickets will be on sale in the SMOC cafe on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays in the morning and afternoon (8.30am - 9.00am and 3.00pm - 3.30pm) Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5.

Lucky Number Bingo tickets will also be on sale. Purchase a lucky number (between 1-100). The lucky number will drawn on the night. There are $1 per number with a prize of $50 cash for winning number, $2 per number with a prize of $100 cash for winning number and $5 per number with $250 cash for winning number. All 100 numbers to be sold prior and drawn at the Trivia Night.

BOOK CLUB

Please note that Book Club orders are due no later than this Friday, 17th October.

EMMANUEL COLLEGE NEWS

The Graduation Mass for the Class of 2014 was held this week at St Patrick’s Cathedral, followed by the Graduation Dinner at the Sofitel. Congratulations to our graduands on the growth and learning achieved over their years at Emmanuel. We wish them all success as they prepare for their VCE exams with the English exam on 29 October heralding the start of the exam period for most students.

POINT COOK FRENCH CLUB

Mondays 4.00pm-4.45pm Pt Cook Community Learning Centre Cheetham St, Pt Cook

French for kids through games, song, story and role-play

Experienced, native-speaking local teacher

4 yrs at capacity in Williamstown-now in Pt Cook

Intimate and engaging language learning

Prayer

God, you call us through our Baptism to give witness to the Gospel in word and action.

May we, like Mary MacKillop, teach by example that you are a God of love and forgiveness.

May your word be on our lips and in our hearts as we proclaim your Gospel.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

Bless Mary of the Cross, witness to the Gospel, pray for us.