Dear St Mary of the Cross Families,

Welcome back to school!

It was such a great pleasure to see all of our beautiful children return to school this morning. The big smiles, the stories and excitement were a wonder to behold.

It was truly great to welcome all of our new Prep children to school. What a fantastic start their journey of learning and development. Their mums and dads (and some grandparents too) took them to their learning areas and then returned to the café for some morning tea. The whole morning had a wonderful ‘feel’ to it.

It was also great to welcome our new students who have started with us in other grades Tilly M, Sarah M, Aluat L, Noela T, Vernancio T, Hayden T, Sebastian C, and Theresia G.

We are very pleased to welcome our new teachers Jennifer Ryan (Pep/One), Hannah Pearce (Prep/One), Nicole Barber (Prep/One), Vivian Lau (Two/Three), Pauline Knowles (Four/Five/Six) and Tess Righetti (Music/Art). We wish them well as they begin their journey with us in 2015.

In addition to our new students, families and teachers, we need to welcome our new Parish Priest Fr John Healy to the Laverton parish. Fr John replaced Fr Ian Ranson who was posted to Newport at the end of last year. Fr John was a teacher (as part of a religious order) and then studies for the priesthood.

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
He spent some time at Corio parish before commencing a seven year stint as Chaplain in the Air Force. Fr John has also seen action in Afghanistan. Fr John has indicated that regular weekly masses will become a feature at St Mary’s, with the likely time being Wednesday mornings at 9.15am.

This year is shaping up to be a wonderful year, with a new building program getting underway in March and many other new initiatives. With 60 more children in the school, our population has grown to 215 students. We have 10 home groups operating this year and we will begin the process of naming them in the coming weeks.

All in all, we are in for a very exciting year that will keep everyone actively involved and on their toes! Please visit our web site regularly to ensure you are up to date with all the news about St Mary of the Cross.

Regards and Best wishes,

LEON COLLA
PRINCIPAL

SPORTS DAYS

All students will be required to wear their sports uniform every week on a Monday & Tuesday

SCHOOL TIMES

Gates open 8.30am

School Begins at 8.45am

School Finishes at 3.15pm