



## Jeremy Rings the Celebration Bell at The Children's Hospital, Westmead

Jeremy is in Year 3 at Holy Cross Primary Glenwood. In June 2017 a tumour was found in his arm. Since then Jeremy has been undergoing intensive treatment and has been hospitalised at various times at The Children's Hospital, Westmead.

Surrounded by two loving parents, two siblings, a wonderful extended family and the community of Holy Cross, Jeremy has received amazing support through everyone having the welfare of Jeremy in their prayers and hearts.

Jeremy has just completed his treatment with fantastic results. He has done brilliantly throughout all his challenges and was extremely excited to celebrate his achievements. On Wednesday 9th May Jeremy celebrated by Ringing the Celebration Bell as loudly as possible at The Children's Hospital with his family and friends around him.

Marina Hardy was so proud to attend and represent the Holy Cross School Community to celebrate with him.

### *The Celebration Bell*

RING THE BELL  
WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT  
RING THE BELL  
REMEMBER YOUR FIGHT  
RING THE BELL  
RING YOUR FEARS AWAY  
RING THE BELL  
CELEBRATE TODAY

*Congratulations Jeremy for being so brave we are all proud of you.*



# Mother's Day Liturgy

Last week Year 2 and Year 4 students led the school in a special Friday Morning Prayer giving thanks to all the mothers in our lives. It was great to see so many mums, dads and grandparents come along to join us. Congratulations to all students who prepared and had special roles in the celebration. Thank you to all the wonderful parents and grandparents who assisted with the Mother's Day stall. The students loved purchasing a gift!







# Why my mum is a Superhero!

My mum is clearly a superhero. She gives me one of the most warmest hugs in the world that it makes me forget what just happened! She knows what is happening on Mars! That's how good her eyes are! She always cooks food that I love. She should be on a fabulous super-mum T.V. show. She is the perfect mum for jokes that make you fall to the ground. She is TRULY the BEST mum. She always gives me massive hugs on Valentines Day. She should totally receive the best mum award. That's my mum.

By Shanaya Year 2



She flies with her capes to school with us. She cooks dinners like the Flash. Her dinners are winners like Wonder Woman! She supports me at sport and the zone. My mum keeps me safe like Batman. She washes my clothes like Flash. She tucks me into bed like BatGirl. She cooks me good food like Wonder Woman! She loves me like no other superhero!

By Lauren Year 2



My mum is a superhero and I love her so much! She does a lot of things for my sister and me. She cooks delicious food, works hard and she makes me laugh.

My mum's cooking is so yummy! She could win MasterChef. She cooks amazing mash potatoes and delicious pasta bake. I love her cooking.

My mum works so hard around the house. She cleans as fast as Flash. She doesn't stop cleaning. She cleans the kitchen and playroom and she even has time to make dinner.

My mum makes me laugh when I am sad. She tells me to think positive like Wonder Woman. She can sense when I am sad like Spider Man and tells me to think positive.

My mum is a superhero that can cook like a professional and she can clean as fast as Flash and she is positive like Wonder Woman. I love her so much!

By Grace, Year 4



I know that my mum is secretly a superhero who is working with the Avengers. She can cook amazing dishes even if she's using vegetables, she works so hard that I'd have thought her brain might have exploded by now, she keeps me safe, even if I've been exploring the most dangerous part of the world and I even heard her calling the Avengers a week ago (or was it the cupboard delivery service? How would I know?)

My mum is so great at cooking that she could win Masterchef 101 times in a row. She has 1001 dishes up her sleeve and all of them are equally delicious. The best part is that she can make them all in the blink of an eye.



Anyone who really knows my mum knows that when it comes down to working, she takes it seriously. In less than a minute she can water the plants, drive to the supermarket, buy me a tub of ice-cream, drive home, drive back to the supermarket because she left her phone there, drive home once again and do much more that is too numerous to list.

My mum keeps me so safe that I might as well be in those balls you put hamsters in. She gives me a magical force field that protects me from all harm, whether it's a black hole, a waterpark or an angry neighbour.

My mum is the best in the world. She has all the powers of any superhero you can think of. Whether she's shopping, cooking, helping me with homework or making me laugh, she does it perfectly, regardless of how hard it is. But I've been saving my favourite superpower for last. Only mum has this superpower. My mum loves me like no other. My mum is a real superhero. She's MY superhero.

By Simon, Year 4

My Mum is the best superhero.  
She taught me how to cook.  
She spends her time on my homework  
and always reads me books.

When I started to cook my food  
my sister says it smells like my shoe.  
So my Mum always helps me  
So I can cook her morning tea

At the age of 5 I started school.  
We got homework everyday it was so not cool.  
But my Mum would come into my domain  
And help me fix my homework pain.

I wasn't a big fan of books  
I'd always get an E.  
So my Mum would read me books everyday  
So the knowledge can come to me.

Now I hope you understand  
That my Mum she is very grand  
She's better than all you rest  
And of course she is the best.

By Marcellus, Year 4



## FAMILY DAY

Pope Francis in AMORIS LÆTITIA, March 2016 discusses the importance of families in our community. There are many diverse families in Parramatta Diocese all of who can experience the Joy of Love. The human family is made by God with faith, love, grace and is called into relationship with the divine Trinity.



*"The Joy of Love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church.( para1)*

*With a gaze of faith and love, grace and fidelity, we have contemplated the relationship between human families and the divine Trinity. The Bible is full of families, births, love stories and family crises. Jesus himself was born into a modest family that soon had to flee to a foreign land. Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Its daily life had its share of burdens and even nightmares, as when they met with Herod's implacable violence. This last was an experience that, sad to say, continues to afflict the many refugee families who in our day feel rejected and helpless. Freedom of choice makes it possible to plan our lives and to make the most of ourselves. Yet if this freedom lacks noble goals or personal discipline, it degenerates into an inability to give oneself generously to others. We must be grateful that most people do value family relationships that are permanent and marked by mutual respect. The lack of dignified or affordable housing often leads to the postponement of formal relationships. It should be kept in mind that "the family has the right to decent housing, fitting for family life and commensurate to the number of the members, in a physical environment that provides the basic services for the life of the family and the community". Families and homes go together. This makes us see how important it is to insist on the rights of the family and not only those of individuals. The family is a good which society cannot do without, and it ought to be protected.*

[AMORIS LÆTITIA OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS Mar 19, 2016](#)

### HOW CAN I HELP SUPPORT FAMILIES WITHIN MY COMMUNITY?

CatholicCare's vision is a society in which we all feel supported and that we belong. They provide services across Sydney to help people live and thrive, irrespective of beliefs and abilities.

#### Gold Coin Donation - Mufti Day

**On Tuesday 22nd May, Holy Cross will be fundraising for CatholicCare. Therefore we ask students to bring in a gold coin donation for CatholicCare and as a thanks for your donation, students may wear multi to school on Tuesday 22nd May.**



*Gracious God,  
Thank you for blessing me with my family.*

*Bless them and provide for their needs.*

*Protect them from harm and bring Your peace to their hearts.*

*Help us to be the family You intend us to be.*

*May we be a blessing to one another and to others.*

*We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.*



## PENTECOST CELEBRATING THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

On Sunday we will celebrate Pentecost. This is a significant feast day as it marks the coming of the Holy Spirit and the end of the Easter season.



We see the disciples huddled in a room and afraid to venture into the world. With a wind and marked by fire, they are blessed with the Spirit and strengthened to follow Christ. In sending us the Holy Spirit, Jesus breathes his own life into us. It is the Holy Spirit who lives in us and keeps us faithful to Jesus and able to do anything that following Jesus requires. In Confirmation we are blessed and sealed with the Holy Spirit, received beforehand at Baptism. We talk about the gifts of the spirit: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, right judgement, awe and wonder, courage and reverence. When we use these gifts we see that there are good things that happen as a consequence. St Paul refers to these as the fruits of the spirit. Remembering that the Holy Spirit is with us is a great source of comfort and a reason to celebrate.

This Spirit breathing from deep within us, is a great nourishment to us and those around us. This Holy Spirit is not something designed for our own pleasure alone. Rather it becomes our gift to all whose lives engage with ours. Jesus is risen and has returned to the Father. Somehow he is still with us through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Some deep, prayerful breathing in and out this Pentecost may well open us anew to God's best gift.

*May you and your families breathe well and truly this Pentecost time.*



## DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 42 students from Years 2 - 6 went to Eastern Creek to represent Holy Cross at the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country. The course was very challenging but all students did their personal best with their running.

The students who attended on the day were: Lucas Mortimer, Michael Sekulic, Oliver Zammit, Max Pittendrigh, Asher Pruyn, Joshua Charlton, Sian Manio, Summer Nelson, Isabel Chapman, Cartiah Moffatt, Selina Porracin, Lauren Gavin, Brodie Nelson, Liam Wearing, Lachlan Warton, Erik Rodinone, Aiden Kovacs, Sam Foran, Mya Scott, Tanisha Kumar, Jayda Yammouni, Jasmine Ratcliffe, Patil Balassian, Abuk Akot Deng, Jay Nelson, Taj Pruyn, Tane Tauroa, Patrick Villiers, Nicholas Chapman, Tony Justin, Christina Kiceec, Elisha Kumar, Victoria Fedele, Charlotte Fedele, Oliver Philips, Talan Manio, Ari Williams, Kye Christie, Christopher Abdelseed, Ava Pelaez, Lara Calabrese, Sophia Ettehad

Congratulations to Brodie Nelson (3<sup>rd</sup> – 10 years boys), Sian Manio (4<sup>th</sup>- 8/9 years girls), Lucas Mortimer (8<sup>th</sup>- 8/9 years boys), Christina Kiceec (8<sup>th</sup>- 11 years girls), Michael Sekulic (10<sup>th</sup> 8/9 years boys) and Christopher Abdelseed (9<sup>th</sup> 12/13 years boys) who will attend the State Cross Country on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June. We wish them all the best on the day.

Thank you to all the parents and family who came to Eastern Creek to support our students. A special thank you to Mrs Pittendrigh and Mrs Gavin for their help and assistance on the day!



## IMPORTANT DATES

### Staff Development Days (Term 2 and 3)

Staff Development Days are held for staff to be actively involved in professional learning with a focus on our school goals.

These are **Pupil Free days** with no students at school.

However our COSHC is open for families who require supervision of their children for the day. **COSHC will be organising for parents to enrol for these days. If you do not use COSHC but would like to use the service for the dates below please contact 0418 115 483**

- Friday 8th June, 2018  
(Term 2)
- Monday 27th August, 2018  
(Term 3)

### Naplan

15th - 17th May

### Wednesday Mass 16th May

Kindergarten attending

### Friday Morning Prayer 18th May

Hosted by iHelp

### School Photos

Monday 21st May, 2018

Full Winter Uniform

### Mufti Day - Gold coin donation

Tuesday 22nd May

### Grandparent's Day

Friday 10th August, 2018

Parents and Grandparents are invited to join us for the day. More information to come.



## 2018 MacKillop Sports Trials

Congratulations to Christina Kiceec in being selected to represent the Parramatta Diocese at the MacKillop Trials - Football (soccer) which was held on Friday 11 May in Canberra.



Congratulations to Christopher Morgan in being selected to represent the Parramatta Diocese at the MacKillop Trials - Softball which will be held on Friday 22 June at Milperra.



***These are outstanding achievements for Christina and Christopher and we very proud of them.***

## NAPLAN 2018

TUESDAY 15 MAY	WEDNESDAY 16 MAY	THURSDAY 17 MAY
Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) Writing Test	Reading Test	Numeracy Test

## School Photos Monday 21st May

Each child is to have their own individual envelope on the day. However, you can pay for all children in one envelope. If paying by cash please enclose the correct money as NO CHANGE IS GIVEN. No cheques accepted.

Credit card payments can be made online (please follow instructions on envelope) or by calling MSP on 9499 6555 prior to the day.

**Students will be wearing their full school winter uniform. No students will be wearing sports clothes.**

## Enrolling now for 2019

Applications are now being accepted for Kindergarten 2019. Parents are asked to obtain an Expression of Interest from our school office or [click here](#) to download from our website. Please inform family and friends if they have children who are eligible to attend.





### Written by: Year Six PBS4L Team

This fortnight, the students at Holy Cross have been focusing on our school agreement of being safe in the classroom and on the playground. The way we have been looking at this school agreement is by referring to our school matrix which is found in every classroom and around the school. We have been focusing on being safe by being in the right place at the right time, keeping our hands and feet to ourselves, cleaning up after ourselves on the playground and following the 3 step plan.

Here are some photos of students being safe in their play areas and classrooms.



Save the Date!

Grandparents  
Day

Week 3 of Term 3  
Friday 10th August

Holy Cross Primary  
Glenwood







## Year 1 Excursion

On Wednesday May 9, Year 1 went to the Royal Botanic Gardens to learn all about living things.



We dug in the dirt and discovered living things beneath the bark. We found ants, earthworms, curl-grubs, slaters, centipedes and nematodes. Did you know curl-grubs curl up when they are in danger? Year 1 learnt all about the important role earthworms have in our gardens. Did you know once earthworms eat vegetable and fruit scraps they create new soil that help plants grow?





At the pond we caught a Diving Beetle, Damselfly Nymph and Black Fly Larva. We used nets to catch these living things.



In the classroom we saw stick insects. Did you know stick and leaf insects camouflage with their environment to protect themselves from predators? Stick insects have an exoskeleton. We drew creatures, looked at life cycles and searched for stick insect in the leaf litter.



Year 1 would like to thank the parent helpers that assisted on the day. Thank you Mrs Christou, Mrs Withanage, Mrs Williams, Mrs Ettehad, Mrs Moran, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Holland and Mrs McDermott.

Written by Year 1 2018



## Dogs are prohibited on all School Sites

The Companion Animals Act 1998 states that there are certain public places where dogs are prohibited and schools are one of them. It is important that NO dogs are onsite unless approved by the school principal. This is whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled or carried by a person. Thank you for supporting the Companion Animals Act.

Kyden Chand, Jasmine Battle, Kai Samson, Ava Steain, Sophia Acosta, Isabella Javelosa, Jaidan Chand, Isaac M. Tomy, Joel Reyna, Theodore Hunt, Raymond, Haykal, Alyse Webb, Oliver Phillips, Charbel Tannous, Savil Garg, Sophia Ettehad, Patrick Villiers & Micah Cruz



Our iHub learning space is up and running! We now want to create an investigation space in the K-2 learning area. If any family has a fish tank that they no longer use, we would love to add these to the K-2 space so we can observe things. Please deliver them to Literacy Resource room located next to Kindergarten or contact Mrs Lynette Wilson.



### Upcoming Events

Go to the [Events page](#) on the school website to see our upcoming events.

Click on Subscribe or iCal to add school events to your calendar - how easy is that?



## 1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE

### 123 Magic and Emotion Coaching

For parents with children aged between 2 - 12 years

The 123 Magic and Emotion Coaching Program provides parents with a balanced approach to managing their children's behaviour while teaching their children skills to better manage their emotions, understand boundaries, and take responsibility for their own behaviour.

**Limited childcare, Bookings are required**

**MONDAYS 14/05/18– 18/06/18**

**10:00am - 12:00noon**

**The Hills Family Centre, T1, Level 4, Unit 437, [14 Lexington Drive, Bella Vista](#)**

**Contact: Tanya on 8805 7207**

**AND**

**Chinese/ English**

**WEDNESDAYS 23/05/18– 27/06/18**

**10:00am - 12:00 noon**

**Kings Rd Preschool, [1-3 Kings Rd, Castle Hill](#)**

**Contact: Imelda on 9626 6620**