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Last Friday our students used their creativity and participated in a variety of tasks to complete their "Create-a-thon" to raise money for additional literacy resources. Congratulations to all the students who were amazing throughout the day working collaboratively with students from other grades, sharing their ideas and problem solving.

The students were involved in the following tasks throughout the day:

Create-a-certificate, Create-a-video, Create-an-obstacle course, Create-an-instrument and Create-an-artwork



Create-a-thon Update

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School Feast Day Mass - The Triumph of the Cross

Thank you to all families who were able to join us for our Feast Day Mass last Wednesday. Congratulations to our students who helped lead the celebration through music and singing, liturgical movement, reading, leading processions, creating the next part of our altar cloth and Altar Servers. The readings from the mass spoke about our faith. While the cross points upwards, showing that we look to God in heaven above us, the cross also goes across, showing that we should look to each other next to us in relationship. It is a simple but powerful way of reflecting on our faith in our school's symbol. It was a wonderful celebration. Thank you to everyone who joined us.



Altar Cloth - Symbols

Our Holy Cross Feast Day gives another opportunity for us to pause and reflect on how we can continue to spread the love of Christ in our community. We once again place a part onto our 2018 symbol of a heart. This heart represents how we are a loving community that grows together. On our Feast Day at Holy Cross, we spread the love.

Purple

Purple is a cool, calming colour and is one of our two school colours. To us it represents hope. Purple is the colour of royalty and reminds us of the Kingdom of heaven. Purple is the colour of creativity, wisdom, dignity and peace.

Beaded String

If you look closely, you will notice a string of beads that weaves its way around the heart.

This reminds us of the path that we all share.

It reminds us of the thread that binds us together.

It reminds us of the vine that we are all part of.

The vine, like the one that is on the walls around us now, symbolises our growth throughout the year and that we are part of the family of God.

The big beads represent our teachers, parents, carers and helpers. Basically, everyone that guides us to be better people. The small beads on the string represent the children at Holy Cross. We are all different and beautiful just the way we are. Everyone's different but we are all connected.

Symbols

The other symbols on the purple part of the heart also hold special meaning for us. The flowers represent our growth and how we bloom when we come back to God again.

Also, when we follow our school agreements we can help each other blossom and grow.

All flowers are different like us. We have different personalities and we are special in unique ways and yet we all belong to the family of Holy Cross.

The leaves remind us of the green in our uniform. Green also represents growth. Throughout the season the leaves change in colour and tone which is like our age and how we change throughout time.

The cross reflects our Feast Day and represents our school. It reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice for us and of new life because he resurrected from the cross.

Finally, the heart means love. We can open our hearts and share God's love with our friends, class, school, families, communities and the world.

We can share our love today.

We can share our love in every moment.

We can share our love now.

Written by Jason, Janice, Sara, Izzabella, Simon, Ria, Alan and Nicole (Year 4)

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTAL OF CONFIRMATION

Last Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th September, a number of Year 6 students from Holy Cross received the sacrament of Confirmation at St John XXIII Church. Families and the Church community came together to support the children.



An update from iHelp

For the past few weeks several members from the iHelp Holy Cross Helping Hands Social Justice Group have been learning how to crochet around face cloths. This has been a very BIG challenge for these students as many have not crocheted before - including the teachers! We are continuing to persevere with our task of making nice gifts for the Stanhope Gardens ARV nursing home that we will be visiting later this year.

It has been lovely to see students during lunch times and after school continuing to crochet as well as other students from different grades helping each other. It has been a real community atmosphere.

We are looking forward to visiting the ARV Retirement Village on Saturday December 1st to sing Christmas carols with these wonderful people in our community.

A special thank you to Mrs Chapman who has spent many afternoons after school teaching the teachers how to crochet and by donating wool, face cloths and crochet hooks for the students to crochet!



TERM 4 SPORTS DAYS

DANCE FEVER

Next term all students will participate in the Dance Fever program for dance. This is a part of the children's PDHPE learning. Children will need to wear their full Sports Uniforms on the following days.

Grade	Day 1	Day 2
Kindergarten	Monday	Friday
Year 1	Monday	Friday
Year 2	Monday	Friday
Year 3	Monday	Friday
Year 4	Monday	Thursday
Year 5	Monday	Friday
Year 6	Monday	Thursday

K- 2 SPORTS DAY

On Friday 28th September, students from Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two will be participating in a Tabloid Infants Sports Day. This is always an exciting and enjoyable day with the students being involved in a number of activities coordinated by Dance Fever Multi-Sports. To make the day successful, we require parents who can assist the teachers in supervising various tabloid stations.

If you are able to assist from approximately 9.00 am – 1:00 pm please complete the form below or contact your child's class teacher as soon as possible

Where: Holy Cross Oval

Time: The Tabloid Infants Sports Day will take place between 9.00am – 1:00 pm. The children are to arrive at school at the normal time.

What to wear: Sport uniform including school hat

What to bring: All children will need to bring their lunch and recess in their school bags as they would for a regular school day. Please ensure that your child has a drink in their bag and sunscreen.

**All parents are welcome to come along and share in the fun and excitement of our school carnival.
Parents are also welcome to have a picnic lunch with their children.**

In order for the smooth running of the day, we require lots of parent helpers. If you are able to help on the day, please complete the form below and return it to your child's teacher. Please ensure you have completed the **'Building Child Safe Communities - Undertaking for Volunteers' Form** which can be located on school website.

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Kindergarten to Year Two Tabloid Infants Sports Day

Yes I am able to assist on Friday 28th September.

Name: _____

Child's Class: _____

I am available from 9.00am – 1:00 pm please tick

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Composers Concert

Come and hear original music by the Composer's Crew – premiere performances.

Thursday 20

September in the MPLC.

Guest appearances - Holy Cross Jazz Band, School Bands, individual musicians and Mr K!

School Summer Uniform

Due to the change in weather, students may wear their Summer Uniform from Wednesday 19th September. Please make sure that students continue to wear their full school uniform for whichever they choose to wear. School hats are available from the uniform shop.

In Week 1 Term 4 all students are to wear full summer uniform. During the holidays – please make sure that names are on all school hats, lunch boxes and drink bottles.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open this Friday 21st September from 8:30am - 9:00am and Monday 24th September 2:45 -3:15pm. Thank you to Mrs Burakowski for volunteering her time.

School Holidays Uniform Shop Operating Hours

The last day for the Uniform Shop is Wednesday 26th September 2.30 - 4.00pm. The Shop is re-open on Saturday 13th October 11.00am - 12.30pm. Normal trading hours for the uniform shop in Term 4 will be Wednesdays 2.30 - 4.00pm. **Saturdays will be by appointment only.**

Are you moving at the end of 2018

To assist with 2019 enrolments we would be grateful if the school could be notified in writing of any children who may be leaving Holy Cross at the end of the year from grades other than Year 6.

If your child is changing schools for 2019, please let us know. **You are reminded that CEO policy is that families need to give the school one full terms notice in writing in these circumstances.**



Please return the raffle booklets (sold or unsold) as soon as possible.

The raffle will be drawn on 27th October 2018.
Prizes are as follows: 1st Prize: Mazda2, 5 door Automatic, Registered 2nd Prize: \$2000 Cosmos Gift Card 3rd Prize: New iPhone X 4th Prize: New iPhone X 5th Prize: New iPhone X 6th Prize: Apple iPad mini 7th Prize: Cash Prize of \$500 8th Prize: \$500 Westfield Gift Card 9th Prize: Apple Watch 10th Prize: \$100 Event Cinemas Gift Card

Payton Oakley, Amjad Mousa, Lillie Kolatis, Christian Elmasri, Olivia Panagiotopoulos, Kye Christie, Ty Lovegrove, Madison Elkor, Timothy Jo, Lachlan Charlton, Jonathan Shuker, Tala Magpantay, Mikaela Jensen, Selina Aiello, Jamie Chin, Neha Kumar, Patrick Howley, Chloe Howley, Matilda Trofa, Maira Boncato & Felicity Smythe



IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 19th September

Year 2 will attend the Parish Mass. Mass is at 10am.

Friday 21st September

Year 1 will be leading us in Friday Morning Prayer.

Sponsorship money to be returned

Wednesday 26th September

Year 3 will attend the Parish Mass. Mass is at 10am.

Friday 28th September

K-2 Infants Sports Carnival
Last day of Term 3

No Friday Morning Prayer due to Infants Sports Carnival

Monday 15th October

Staff and students return Term 4

Monday 29th October

Kindergarten 2019 Transition

Tuesday 30th October

Kindergarten 2019 Transition

Monday 5th November

Kindergarten 2019 Transition

Tuesday 6th November

Kindergarten 2019 Transition

It's a Boy

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Buckley on the birth of their son Finn who was born last Thursday. It is wonderful news. Everyone is going really well.



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.