



Dear Parents & Caregivers,

2018 has been another wonderful year with many highlights and achievements. Thank you to our parents and grandparents for their tremendous support and assistance throughout the year. We are extremely fortunate to have such amazing parents and grandparents who assist our school throughout the day. Parents assist through - Book Club, covering new books, listening to students read, sports gala days, sports carnivals, second hand uniform shop, kiss and drop, school excursions, and much more.

I sincerely thank our dedicated and committed staff, who work extremely hard to provide our students with a quality education and a caring learning environment; our students who strive to be the best person they can be; and to the parent community who support our school community. The positive contributions continue to build our school faith and learning community.



Year 6 Graduation Mass

Congratulations to our 2018 Year 6 students on their Graduation Mass on Thursday evening. We are all very proud of what you have achieved, not only this year but also over the last 7 years at Holy Cross. The Graduation Mass was a cumulative celebration of many weeks preparation and reflection, represented in song, photos, artwork and prayer. Many thanks to our Year 5 students who were exemplary in their efforts to support Year 6 through leading the choir.

2019 Staffing

Included in this newsletter is the 2019 staff. The process of forming new class groups has been completed. As classes have been formed no further changes will be made. I very much appreciate parents' understanding of the enormity of this task. It is important that parents trust the judgement of teachers when they are forming classes for the new year. The teachers work with the students in the classroom context everyday and know your children very well. The students had the opportunity to meet the class teacher today.

Welcome

We welcome Mr Corey Rawlings and Miss Tahlia Tuckwell to our school community in 2019. Mr Rawlings has been a casual teacher at Holy Cross throughout the term and has already made a positive impact with both students and staff. We look forward to them joining us in 2019.

Farewell

Congratulations to Mrs O'Rourke who has been appointed as Principal of Corpus Christi School, Cranebrook. This is a significant appointment and is an indication of the expertise of Mrs O'Rourke and the outstanding contribution she has made as an educator to the faith and learning community of Holy Cross. Mrs O'Rourke has been teaching at Holy Cross for the past 18 years and is truly valued by her colleagues, students and staff.

Thank you and farewell to Mr Joshua Lee who has accepted a teaching position at Our Lady of the Angels at Rouse Hill. Mr Lee has taught at Holy Cross for 9 years teaching various grades, including Reading Recovery. We congratulate and thank him for sharing his gifts and talents over the last 9 years and wish him the very best for the future.

Farewell to Miss Lagudi who will be teaching at Our Lady of the Rosary Kellyville in 2019 and to Miss Amber Brannan who will be teaching in a very small school in Bourke in 2019. We thank them both for all their wonderful work in our school community and wish them every success in the future.

May your hearts and homes be filled with the spirit of Christmas. HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

Merry Christmas
Marina Hardy
Principal

Uniform Shop School Holiday Operating Times

January Holiday Trading

Thursday 15th January 2.00 - 3.30pm

Saturday 19th January 10.00 - 11.30am

Normal trading will commence Wednesday 30th
January 2.30 - 4.00pm

End of Year Reports

End of Year Reports are now available to parents. Parents may collect these reports from the class teachers either before or after school. Alternatively parents may provide written permission for the report to be sent home in a sealed envelope.

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 4 2018 DATES

Wednesday 19th December

Last Day of Term for students

Thursday 20th December

Last Day of Term for teachers

TERM 1 2019 DATES

Monday 28th January

Australia Day Holiday

Tuesday 29th January

Staff Development Day (MAI's administered)

Wednesday 30th January

Staff Development Day (MAI's administered)

Thursday 31st January

Years 1 - 6 return to school

Friday 1st February

Kindergarten commence school
(full day)

2019 Sports Days

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

Our Leadership Team for 2019

Ms Marina Hardy	Principal
Mr Shaun Buckley	Assistant Principal
Mrs Lisa Clements	Religious Education Co-ordinator (REC)
Mrs Jessica Holt	Leader of Learning
Mrs Daniella Merhi	Leader of Learning
Mrs Laura Esposito	Leader of Learning

Kindergarten - Miss Sultana & Mrs Villiers

Year One - Miss Tuckwell, Mrs Fogg & Mrs Merhi

Year Two - Miss Cook & Miss Astbury

Year Three - Miss Bindley & Mrs Esposito

Year Four - Mr Duncan & Mrs Abela

Year Five - Mrs Bohan, Mr Rawlings & Miss Calabritta

Year Six - Miss Garland & Mrs Clements

Diversity Team - Mrs Holt

Mrs Wilson

Mrs McMasters

Mrs O'Neill

Mrs Pielago

Creative Arts (*RFF) Mrs Fowler

Music (*RFF) Mr Komorowski

Teacher's Assistance Mrs Perrin, Mrs McCully & Mrs Surdich

Administration Mrs Burke, Mrs Batiste & Mrs Apap

Library Mrs Morgan

Cleaning Mrs Rickett

**RFF—Release from face to face teaching*

Request for Individual Headphones/Headsets for each students

Years 3 - 6

Bring your own Headphones/Headset (BYOH)

There has continually been an increase in the effectiveness in use of multimedia-enhanced content to enhance the quality of teaching and learning. This includes digital instructional materials that combine text, graphics, audio, and animations. At times, teachers and students use these to demonstrate and explain difficult concepts that cannot be easily explained using text alone. They can also help to improve students' understanding of instructional materials.

At Holy Cross we are very fortunate to have more than adequate amount of devices including chromebooks, laptops and iPads for our students to access to listen to new information as well as record and demonstrate their own learning to present to their peers and others. The use of these devices has increased with the project based and inquiry based learning.

In light of the benefits and in assisting the students in their learning and inquiry and project based learning the students would greatly benefit from being able to use "headsets". We believe that students would also benefit by having their own set. Therefore, we would like to request that in 2019 students in Years 3 - 6 bring in their own headphone/headset which can either remain at school in their tub or that the students bring their headsets to school each day. These do not need to be expensive and may be something they already own.

In 2019, Years 3 and 5 students will be completing NAPLAN online. Each student will require their own headphones for this test. If students are unable to bring in headphones the school will be able to provide this for them.

Zone Swimming Carnival

Last Tuesday students from Years 2 to 5 attended the school's swimming trials at Blacktown Pool. Congratulations to all students for following our school's agreements in doing their personal best. It was wonderful to see our parents supporting and cheering on our students.

Thank you to Mrs Gavin, Lily Foran (former student), Mrs Keeley, Mrs Hanjra, Mrs Ratcliffe, Mrs Wearing, Mrs Pruyn, Mrs Holland, Mr Porracin, Mrs Smythe, Mrs Hanwella, Mrs Jensen, Mrs Lovegrove, Mrs Christou, Mr Moffatt, Mrs Dobson & Mrs Xuereb for your assistance on the day.

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing Holy Cross at the Zone Swimming Carnival in early 2019:

Marcellus Widjaja, Nicholas Supriadi, Asher Pruyn, Kael Lovegrove, Summer Nelson, Abbey Wearing, Isabella Panagiotopoulos, Tyler Holland, Nicholas Sharpe, Hayden Nadwie Smith, Alicia Fevre, Caitlin Yeliseev, Fabiana De Orbegoso, Lachlan Warton, Sanil Tuladhar, Kathy Zhang, Nicole Su, Isabella Javelosa, Christopher Morgan, Noah Reeding, Noah Christou, Montana Sullivan, Olivia panagiotopoulos, Maya Cooper, Max Pittendrigh, Paula Vergara, Jamie Chin, Jessica Ratcliffe, Alan Vazquez Vega, Jugaad Dhillon, Mikaela Jensen & Cooper Dobson.



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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULES

24th DECEMBER

Christmas Eve

6.00pm Family Vigil

9.00pm Vigil

12.00 Midnight Mass

25th DECEMBER

Christmas Day

7.30am

9.00am

10.30am

NO EVENING MASS



DO TRY THIS AT HOME



Do you know what a Hexaflexagon is?

Here is a fun way of explaining some maths history and is a an exciting art/science project that you may like to try at home. We would love to see what you discovered when you return in 2019.

Click on the link to find out more:

<https://youtu.be/VIVlegSt81k>

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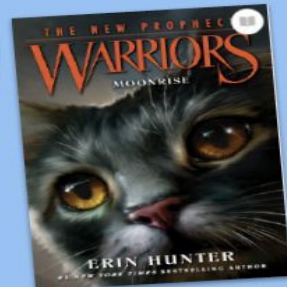
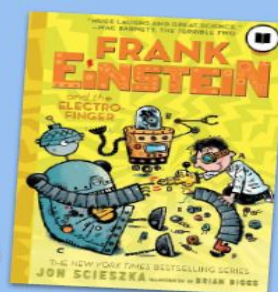
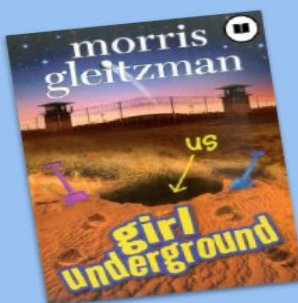
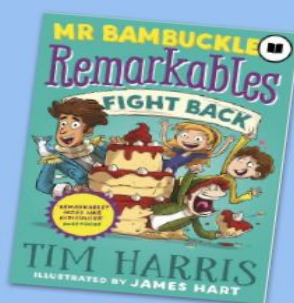
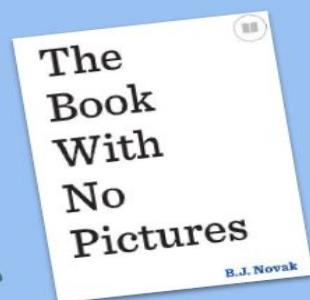
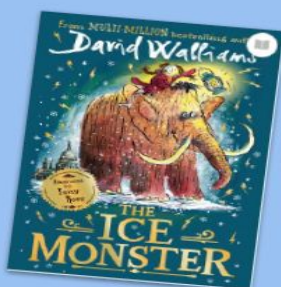
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