



2019 marks a significant year for Holy Cross, as we prepare to recognise and celebrate twenty years since our wonderful learning community was established. To celebrate this milestone we have a number of events/celebrations scheduled to coincide with our Feast Day celebrations in Week 8 of this term. The table below outlines what the week will look like.

	What is happening at Holy Cross on this day?
Monday 9th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Monday Morning Prayer - 9am - Celebrating 20 Years</b></li> <li>• Whole school writing challenge - Telling the story of Holy Cross</li> </ul>
Tuesday 10th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whole School Specialty Photo - All students to wear full school uniform</li> <li>• Student Science Expo</li> <li>• <b>Student Led Conferences - 3:15pm</b></li> <li>• <b>Student Art Gallery in MPLC - Open from 3:00pm</b></li> </ul>
Wednesday 11th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Feast Day Mass - 9:30am in MPLC</b></li> <li>• <b>Morning Tea and Picnic Lunch - Following Mass</b></li> <li>• K-2 Disco - 4:30pm - 5:30pm</li> <li>• Years 3-6 Disco - 5:45pm - 7:30pm</li> </ul>
Thursday 12th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers v Students Soccer Match</li> <li>• <b>Music and Dance performances in MPLC from 2:30pm</b></li> </ul>
Friday 13th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skip-a-Thon</li> </ul>

We warmly invite all parents to join us for the events in bold. In particular, our Feast Day Mass and picnic lunch on Wednesday 11th, which will be led by Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen O.F.M. Conv. and Rev. Fr. John McSweeney.

We look forward to sharing this significant time in our school's history with you,





HOLY CROSS PRIMARY, GLENWOOD

# CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF HOLY CROSS

1999 - 2019



Date: Wednesday 11th September, 2019

Time: 9.30 am

Venue: Multi Purpose Learning Centre

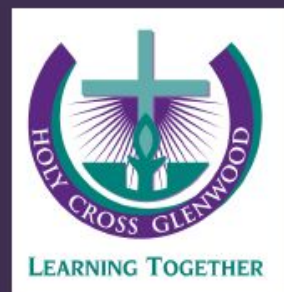
Celebrant: Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen O.F.M. Conv (Diocese of Parramatta) & Fr John McSweeney (Parish Priest)





**HOLY CROSS PRIMARY**

# **SCHOOL DISCO**



**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

**K-2 DISCO - 4:30PM - 5:30PM**

**YEARS 3-6 DISCO - 5:45PM - 7:30PM**

**\$5 ENTRY PER STUDENT - TICKETS TO  
BE PRE PURCHASED BEFORE FRIDAY  
6TH SEPTEMBER (PLEASE SEND  
CORRECT MONEY IN AN ENVELOPE)**

**BOTH DISCOS WILL BE  
FACILITATED BY DANCE  
FEVER INSTRUCTORS  
AND SUPERVISED BY  
TEACHERS**



# LAUNCH OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS!

Monday 9th September students from every grade will be leading us in Monday Morning Prayer. Gathering as a school on Monday will launch us in our festivities, celebrating both our 20th anniversary and our school Feast Day - The Triumph of the Cross.

It would be lovely if you could join us.

## RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This week, many of our Year 6 students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. They have been preparing for this over the last few weeks both at the parish and at home. Confirmation strengthens and seals the blessings of Baptism as well as calls on the Holy Spirit to empower and gift the candidate (person being Confirmed). Confirmation marks the final stage of initiation into the Catholic Church that began at Baptism and continued through Holy Communion. The Confirmation celebrations will be at 7:00pm on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th September at the Church.



## PARISH MASS

Wednesday 4th September, Year 6 will attend Parish Mass at 10am in the Library.

Wednesday 11th September, everyone is invited to celebrate our Feast Day mass with Bishop Vincent and Fr John. Mass will begin at 9:30am in the Multi Purpose Learning Centre.

## FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER

Friday 6th September Year 2 will be leading us in Friday Morning Prayer.

Monday 9th September students from every grade will be leading us in Monday Morning Prayer.

## FATHER'S DAY

Thank you to Kindergarten and Year 3 who lead a very special Father's Day liturgy on Friday. It was lovely to see so many fathers, and grandfathers join us in celebrating our dads. We hope that all of our dads had a lovely Father's Day.

### **A Prayer for Our Fathers**

May God bless and guide all fathers in their very special role as dads.

May it always be for them a joy and a privilege.

May they treasure their children from birth through to adulthood as unique precious gifts from God.

May they always love and forgive them, as God loves and forgives.

May they be quick to praise and slow to find fault.

And may they be wise in all their decisions.

May God reward them richly for all their fatherly love and care.

Amen.





# ACARA

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). CEDP is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW. Data collected is de-identified of personal information.



Parents and caregivers must advise their school if they don't want their child's data included in this report by 4th September, 2019

Copies of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) Standard Collection Notice and Privacy Policy can be obtained from the school office.

## ICAS Assessment Dates

If you have registered your child to sit one or more of the University of New South Wales ICAS Assessments these will be completed over the next few weeks. This year all assessments, except for Year 3 and 4 Writing Assessment, will be completed online.

The assessments will be administered on the following dates:

ICAS Science	Thursday 5th September
ICAS Writing	Monday 9th September
ICAS English	Tuesday 17th September
ICAS Maths	Thursday 19th September

## Thank You to our Parent Helpers

We are very fortunate here at Holy Cross to have so many parents and grandparents who volunteer their time.

We would like to thank Mrs Williams (Euan), Mrs Richard, Mrs Moriarty, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Dao, Mrs Elmasri, Mrs Kumar (Neha), Mrs Prodromakis, Mrs Wearing, Mrs Halkiadakis, Mrs Mc Dermott, Mrs Xerri, Mrs Chapman & Mrs Hunt (Toby) for the cutting and wrapping of the Father's Day gifts.

Thank you to Mrs Shuker, Mrs Nasr, Mrs McDermott, Mrs Mitchell & Mrs Kumar (Neha) for assisting with the Father's Day Stall.

We would also like to thank Mrs Holland, Mrs Williams (Sienna & Zac), Mrs McGie, Mrs Tran (Eliza), Mrs Christou, Mrs Kumar (Neha), Mrs Elmasri, Mrs Chapman, Mrs Smith (Fabiana & Federico), Mrs Chapman, Mrs Dobson, Mrs Gavin, Mrs Tangarorang & Mrs Yunon for their help in covering books.

## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Wednesday 11th September</b>	20th Anniversary Mass 4.30 - 5.30pm 5.45 - 7.30pm K-2 Disco 3-6 Disco
<b>Thursday 12th September</b>	Dance Performance 2.30pm
<b>Friday 13th September</b>	Skip-a-Thon
<b>Friday 27th September</b>	K-2 Sports Carnival Last day of Term 3
<b>Monday 14th October</b>	First day of Term 4



Happy Birthday to the following students who have celebrated their birthday recently.

Maddison Rowland, Noah Howlin, Aria Shaban, Ava Christou, Alex Carter, Sophia Moriarty, Ellie Moriarty, Joseph Harb, Tahlia Nadwie Smith, Mischa Dissanayaka, Ebony James, Ellie Mortimer, Elijah Lintag, Gabriella Nasr, Grace Dao & Alana Withanage

## ARE YOU COMING?



In order to help us prepare for our school Feast Day Mass and 20th Anniversary celebrations, we would like to know roughly how many people will be joining us on Wednesday 11th September from 9:30am - 12:00pm.

We ask that you please RSVP to indicate whether you will or will not be attending our Feast Day Mass and picnic lunch using the following slip **by Thursday 5 September 2019**.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family members attending: Yes / No

Number of family members attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of family members attending: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2019 SKIP-A-THON

One part of our 20th Anniversary celebration during the week will be our school Skip-a-Thon on **Friday, September 13th**. This will involve the students participating in various skipping challenges and routines that will build upon the skills being taught in our Monday skipping program led by MultiSport. The aim will be on fun and fitness with a focus on the skills our students have been learning this term.

Students are encouraged to arrange sponsorship for the Skip-a-Thon. A sponsorship card has been provided where students can ask family members and friends to be a sponsor. The school asks that students only approach adults that are known to the family. Sponsorship cards can be returned with the sponsorship money **after the Skip-a-Thon has been completed**.

As an incentive, students who return their sponsorship money by **Wednesday 18th September** will be invited to enjoy 15 minutes of extra playtime that will be supervised by Miss Hardy on Thursday 19th. As a further incentive for all students a Footy Fever Mufti Day will be held on Friday 27th September for all students who have returned their sponsorship cards along with their sponsorship money.

Money raised from the Skip-a-Thon will be used to purchase more reading resources for our school and our students. We thank you for your support in improving the learning opportunities for our students.





# Free hearing test for schoolchildren.



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## Potential consequences of undetected hearing loss:

- Speech & language issues
- Difficulty reading
- Trouble in social situations
- Increased risk of academic failure
- Disruptive behaviour
- Depression

## Signs of hearing loss in a child:

- Speaks louder than others
- Turns the TV up too loud
- Frequently say 'what' or 'huh'
- Has trouble pronouncing words
- Struggles at school
- Has trouble hearing in noisy places
- Loses focus in noisy places