Parents and Caregivers,

INVITATION TO END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Years 2 - 5 School Swimming Carnival
Thursday 3rd December, 2015

Thanksgiving Mass
Wednesday 9th December at 9.15 am
In the MPLC

DANCEFEVER CHALLENGE
Friday 11th December, 2015

This Term, our children have again had the opportunity of experiencing the Dancefever program. The children are thoroughly enjoying the program and have learnt wonderful new dance skills as well as very good social skills. Dancefever will host an Interschool Dance event, which will involve other schools that have also participated in the program this term. This will be a very exciting event for the children as they have the opportunity of representing our school and perhaps win trophies and prizes.

As this is a school event, parents and families are strongly encouraged to attend to support their children and our school. This is also the perfect opportunity for parents to witness the skills their children have acquired - you will be impressed!

Date: Friday, 11th December, 2015
Time: Doors open 4.30pm for a 5.30pm start - finish 9.00pm
Venue: Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre, Homebush
Cost: $5.00 per person to be paid on the night (including children competing) EFTPOS NOT AVAILABLE

The challenge is open to students from Year 3 to Year 6. The atmosphere will be fantastic and it will be a wonderful occasion for our whole school community. Entry fee has been kept to the lowest price possible.

Remembrance Day - 11th November

Tomorrow the students of Holy Cross will gather at 10:50 to pray and commemorate Remembrance Day. Yesterday Year 5 led the school for our Monday morning prayer, focusing on peace in our world. Let us remember that peace is a seed that is planted in our homes and grows from our love and understanding of one another. Our world is in desperate need of peace so please join us this week in particularity praying for peace in our lives.

Prayer of Remembrance

On this day we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain.

We dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace;
and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Regards,
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John XXIII Mass Times
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday Masses 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am, 6.00pm
Weekday Masses Mon, Wed, Thurs and Sat at 9.00am
Year 6 Sustainability Project: Nude Food Day Wednesday 11th November

In Year 6 we have been looking at environmental sustainability in HSIE and the impact that we can have on both the local and global environment.

On Wednesday 11th November, Year 6 is encouraging everyone to participate in Nude Food Day. This event is a day that tries to reduce unnecessary waste and packaging that pollutes our environment. On Wednesday try and bring your lunch in a reusable container rather than wrapped in plastic, paper or foil that will otherwise be thrown away.

Year 6 will be weighing and recording how much rubbish is produced on the day and comparing this to a normal day at school. In this way we hope to find how much waste we can reduce. We will share our findings with the school.

As a grade we are trying to develop our understanding and appreciation of our environment as well as how we can care for it.

Please support us tomorrow for our Nude Food Day!

Captivate Orchestra Performance

“On Wednesday the 4th of November the Primary Strings Ensemble and members of the Year 6 School Band joined together to perform at a Captivate concert at Nagle College, Blacktown. We took part in the concert with three other schools to perform and to demonstrate what we have been learning. Our ensemble played “Clocks” by Coldplay.

During the day we were all really nervous but as soon as we rehearsed we sounded like professionals. We didn’t realise that we only had time for one rehearsal though! Mr Rooke came along and Mr Komorowski congratulated us on how well we played, so we were pretty pleased with ourselves and our hopes returned.

The Captivate Blacktown Orchestra is made up of students from Year 4 to Year 6, playing various instruments such as violas, violins, cellos, double bases, keyboards and the drums.

Finally it was our time to perform to the audience of excited parents. It was instruments up and away we went. After we finished we got a great ovation which felt wonderful. As we walked off we all told each other the mistakes that we had made. Mr Komorowski and Mr Stennett came over with big grins on their faces saying how proud they were of us.

We all came together as the parents gathered around us to get photos. We all went home with music in our minds. Thank you to Mr Komorowski for teaching us and giving us this wonderful opportunity.” Edward - Year 6
Reconciliation Sacramental Program

Many of our Year 3 students have begun preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is a particularly special time for these students as it is the first time that they have prepared to receive a Sacrament, having been Baptised when just very young. Please remember them in your prayers.

“Last weekend I went to a special lesson where I learnt about receiving Reconciliation for the first time. There were many other children there from St John XXIII, and other schools in the area. Preparing for Reconciliation was at first a bit scary, but when I found out more about it, I felt much better and happy. I learnt that Reconciliation is about learning how to say sorry for the times when we have made wrong choices, as well as asking for God’s forgiveness. I want to learn more about how God forgives.”

Rachel – Yr3

PBS4L Update

The challenge this week for everyone in the Holy Cross community is to...

do their personal best in all your learning.

This challenge was set by Year 5.

Think about the goals you set at the beginning of the year.

What are you working towards?

What have you tried your personal best in?

Why do we teach the agreement, “We do our personal best”?

Listening to others and making good choices helps us to do our best every step of the way in everything we do. By setting goals we are able to realise our strengths and gain input so that we can move to a higher level of success.

What does personal best look like...

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At Holy Cross we learn together – we do our personal best, we are respectful and we are safe.
Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their Birthday
Tyler Minahan, Braxton Criniti, Nicholas Champman, Mia Buckley, Aaron Verhoven, Nayte Odgers, Akeuc Akot Dent, Jack O’Keeffe & Ruby Villiers

November - The Month of The Holy Souls
As we remember those who have gone before us, you may like to include a note of specific reference to a loved one in our school’s book of remembrance. This book will be available in the school foyer throughout November and names from the book will especially be remembered in prayer. Apologies that it was not available last week.

Wednesday Parish Mass @ Holy Cross
Kindergarten will be attending this week’s Wednesday Parish Mass in the library at 9am. We invite all parents and parishioners to come and join us. Next week is a special week for Year 6 as they will be leading their last Monday Morning Prayer as well as assisting in their last Holy Cross Parish mass.

These summer holidays, Mr Whitby, our Executive Director from the Parramatta Diocese of Education, is once again launching the Summer Reading Challenge and is encouraging all students to read, read, read!

Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it’s a comic, play, piece of poetry, book, e-book or graphic novel. This year Mr Whitby has made the challenge easier to enter by removing the minimum number of books to read and provided students with more chances of winning a prize.

How to enter:
It’s simple! Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it. The more material a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of four iPad minis.

To enter go to: www.parra.catholic.edu.au/summer-reading-challenge

Entries open on 2nd November, 2015 and close at 5pm on 5th February, 2016. Terms and Conditions can be found at www.parra.catholic.edu.au/summer-reading-challenge