Parents and Caregivers,

Last Wednesday evening over 80 parents joined us for a Parent Workshop with a focus on “How to help your children at home in Numeracy – Linking Multiplication and Division to everyday experiences”. Parents participated in learning tasks that the students experience at school and also that they will be able to use to help their children at home.

Parents were also provided with information about ways children develop positive maths mindsets, which included a short video. Five main messages from the video:

- Your brain is growing and changing all the time
- Everyone can learn maths at a high level
- Believing in yourself changes the way you learn
- Mistakes help grow your brain - struggle and challenge are really good for you
- It is important to think deeply and creatively

Thank you to the parents for providing feedback from the workshop. This gives us information about what was helpful as well as areas we can provide further support to families. Overall, the feedback from parents was extremely positive with most parents now feeling more confident in helping their children at home in Mathematics.

Here are some of our parent comments from the workshop:

- Better understanding of the purpose behind what is being taught and daily techniques used in the classroom and how we can apply this at home.
- Demonstration of working with arrays to use in multiplication.
- Thanks to all the staff who put on the presentation together. Very knowledgeable and having so many staff present indicates the importance that the school places on whole school practice.
- Doing the tasks in different ways and knowing how to make things make sense.
- Hearing the language and terminology that is used in the classroom and also seeing the strategies used.
- To use different ways of thinking and building on what the students already know.
- To identify the different strategies we can use to achieve the end results.
- Using arrays or partial arrays to solve the problem.
- Thank you for the session. I found this very supportive and it is lovely to see the dedication by all involved.
- Always encouraging to see the commitment of the teachers at the school.
- Thank you for taking the time about how our children learn and how we can support them at home.

Regards,
Marina Hardy
Principal

Here are some questions that parents may use to Develop a Growth Mindset in Children.
St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal - Blanket Appeal
This year we will supporting St Vincent de Paul and our local community by collecting blankets. While families may be able to retain their homes, heating is expensive and many people resort to living in the constant cold. Blankets can do a lot to help people keep warm and sleep better, and they are also something that can be kept.

Please consider our appeal and if you have either an unused blanket that you can donate or are able to buy one to send in, it would be much appreciated and go to a worthy cause.

Blankets can be brought to student classrooms and they will be collected by Mini-Vinnies members.

Confirmation Sacramental Program
Due to a clash with the Captivate choir performance an additional information evening will be held on Thursday 23rd June. So the two nights of Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd June will be offered for parents at 7pm in the Church. It is essential that parents attend one of the information sessions if they would like their child to be Confirmed.

Parish Mass this week
Year 4 will be attending mass this week. Mass is at 9am in the library and all parents are welcome. Year 3 will be celebrating mass next week on Wednesday.
2016 Primary Athletics Carnival

Our Primary Athletics Day will be held on Friday 24th June 2016. Parents are invited to attend the Athletics Carnival, to assist the teachers to walk the children to and from the park and to assist with activities at the athletics carnival. You are reminded to complete the Working With Children prior to the day if you would like to assist.

Please go to the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage [http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au), then click on ‘Child Protection Training Forms’ (halfway down page on the right hand side). You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering.

If you misplace or have lost the permission note, the note is available on our website [http://hcglenwood.catholic.edu.au/notes-sent-home](http://hcglenwood.catholic.edu.au/notes-sent-home). Please ensure permission notes have been returned to your child’s class teacher. Students who are attending the carnival are NOT ABLE to order from the canteen, as we will not be returning to school in time for lunch. All students must take their own lunch to the carnival. In the event of the carnival being postponed due to wet weather or park closure, parents will be notified via our school sign as well as twitter: @holycrossglen on Friday morning.

Mid Year Reports

Reports for the first semester of the year will be distributed as from Monday 20 June 2016. As the reports contain confidential information about your child, parents are asked to collect these in person from the class teacher otherwise send a note addressed to the class teacher requesting that the report be sent home with their child.

Kindergarten will receive a report where the level of achievement is reported on using a scale of: Emerging, Developing, Achieving and Extending

Years 1 to 6 have an A to E reporting system using the following scale:

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Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent and Teachers Interviews will begin on Tuesday 21st June, 2016 in regards to your children’s learning. Parents are invited to book a 10-minute appointment with teachers. As other parents will be waiting it is important that the interviews do not go any longer than 10 minutes. If you require more time for special circumstances please contact the class teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

ONLINE BOOKINGS WILL CLOSE Monday 20th June at 3:15pm.

Go to [www.schoolInterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolInterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

Simply enter the code and press "Go"

CODE IS: cdjy5

THIS CODE CHANGES – DO NOT USE YOUR LAST EVENT’S CODE

Please note: Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will have a Sports Fun day in Term 3.
Grandparent’s Day - Save the date!

On Friday 22nd July our school community will be celebrating a special day in celebration and thanks of all our grandparents. Please mark it on the calendar and make sure that all our grandparents are aware and able to come along!

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their Birthdays this past week

Mantra Baral, Sehajpal Randhawa, Oliver Gill, Prasad Ellyse, Angelina Sekulic, Izzabella Ayala, Thomas Porracin, Aaron Wong, Connor Domagala, Jasmine Kharoufeh, Aneet Charan, Ben Murray, Tru Hagens & Ryan Pacchini

Upcoming Events

Wed 15th June  Year 4 Mass
Mon 20th June  Year 1 Monday Morning Prayer
Tue 21st June  Parent Teacher Interviews
Wed 22nd June  Year 3 Mass
Fri 1st July  Last Day of Term 2
Mon 18th July  First Day of Term 3

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WINTER 2016 VACATION CARE

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Care is available each day from 6:30am-6:30pm. All excursions will depart by 8:00am and return by 4:30pm
unless otherwise specified

Please return booking form in person or email to: coscholycrossglenwood@parra.catholic.edu.au
Contact Centre Supervisor on 0415 115 483

CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKINGS AND FULL PAYMENT: Friday June 24, 2016