Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the families who were able to join us in celebrating Catholic Schools Week -

I Belong, You Belong, We Belong

Last week students from every grade were represented at our special Catholic Schools Week Monday Morning Prayer. Children came in their traditional dress, representing many countries and cultures from around the world.

As a whole school community, students, parents, grandparents and staff worked on a Collaborative Art Project to reflect the theme of Catholic Schools Week, “I Belong, You Belong, We Belong”. Everyone decorated a pop stick with different colours, patterns, symbols or a word that reflected a unique aspect about themselves, their family or cultural heritage (see photos on next page). All of our paddle pop sticks are now coming together to form a large montage that reflects who we are.

Celebrating Holy Week at Holy Cross

This coming Sunday is Palm Sunday marking the beginning of Holy Week - the most significant time in the Church’s calendar inclusive of Easter.

You are invited to join our school’s celebration of Holy Week on Thursday 24th March at 9:15 am in our MPLC.

Students from across the school will recreate the events of Holy Week, telling the story of Jesus from Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

EASTER MASS

On our return to school, all grades will gather for a special Easter school mass on Wednesday 30th March. Mass will be at 9:15 am in the MPLC.

Easter is the most important liturgical celebration of the year and we are hoping that mums and dads are able to come along to celebrate Christ’s Resurrection.

Applications are now being accepted for Kindergarten 2017. Parents are asked to obtain an Enrolment Form from the school office or download from our website. Please inform family or friends if they have children who are eligible to attend.
Project Compassion: Knowledge helps our children grow

As a school we will be encouraging support for Project Compassion until the end of the term. Money boxes can be returned beforehand otherwise please send them back in Week 11. Thank you for your support.

Mondulkiri Community Health - Cambodia

Education and training have helped Sreymom transform from an inexperienced young midwife into a confident healthcare worker. Now she has the skills to provide vital healthcare, support and information to indigenous mothers and children in remote Northeast Cambodia.

Watch her story here: https://goo.gl/LuZR4z

Wednesday Parish Mass

This week, Year 2 will attend Wednesday mass in the library at 9am. We invite all parents who are able to stay to come along. Next week Year 1 will lead the Wednesday parish mass.

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It is by coming together as individuals with our own unique gifts that we truly create something that is rich and beautiful.

Coming Together to Belong - Collaborative Art Project
Last Tuesday our school held its Open Day for 2017 families. As in previous years we had a lot of interest in our school from new families.

Congratulations and thank you to all of our dancers and musicians who entertained our visitors; students who shared their learning experiences and to William O’Rourke and Alex Surdich (Ex-students) who shared their journey of their time at Holy Cross.

Thank you to the following students for their outstanding assistance with our Open Day.


Thank you to the parents for allowing some students to remain after school for our Open Day.

Thank you also to our dedicated staff who ensure our students are provided with great learning experiences each and every day.

Child Protection Online Training Course for volunteers

Reminder for NEW parents and those who are required to ‘UPDATE’ their child protection It is a Diocesan requirement that parents who volunteer at school must complete the Child Protection Module ONLINE. This training is available online at: http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training and MUST be completed every two years. All parents must have completed the above prior to helping in the classroom, sports days, excursions, uniform shop or any help around the school.

WINTER UNIFORM

In Term 2, Weeks 1 and 2, students are permitted to wear either full summer uniform or full winter uniform depending on the weather. In Term 2, Week 3 (Monday 9th May) we ask that all students be in full winter uniform. The winter uniform is available now to purchase from the Uniform Shop. Please note that the shop will be closed on Easter Saturday and will re-open Wednesday 30th March. The last day of trading for Term 1 is Wednesday 6th April and will re-open Saturday 23rd April.

Sports shoes

A reminder that students are to wear predominantly white joggers on sports days, including white shoelaces.

OUR SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 18TH MARCH
YEAR 2 EXCURSION
On Friday 11th March, 2016 Year Two went to Rouse Hill House and Farm. Year Two went on two buses to get there. When Year Two arrived, there were people dressed up in clothes from the 1800’s. Year Two were able to experience what life was like for children in the 1800’s. We went into an old school and did lots of different lessons. We sewed a picture of a house, wrote the letter ‘S’ using olden day writing, marched all the way to the Maypole where we held onto the ribbon and danced around the pole.

Some Year Two fed the chickens and put the clothes on the line. We pretended that we were doing the washing on an old washing board.

We sat together for lunch and recess at Rouse Hill and we thought it was a really fun day.

Sara Hartono, Mya Scott & Simon Tangarorang
Year Two

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their Birthdays this past week
Joshua Capps, Raizel Tuladhar, Matilda Newsome, Jack Cameron, Ashton Williams, Khloe Kharoufeh, Elia Burakowski, Isabel Chapman, Poppi Hollings & Miguel Matias