Holy Cross Community News Update

“Learning Together”

Staff Development Day
Friday 23 September 2016

Term 3
Week 5
Tuesday 16th August, 2016

On Monday 22nd August, we will be hosting our annual Book Week celebrations. The theme for 2016 is “Australia: Story Country”. In our classrooms, we have been reading the Australian Children’s Book Council short-listed books. Students are invited to dress as a favourite character from a book.

The day looks as follows:
9 - 9:40 am     K-6 performances
9:40 - 10:15 am Book Parade
10:15 - 11 am   Parents are invited to visit classrooms
11 - 11:45 am  Family picnic lunch

Please come and join us for a celebration of reading!

By Michael Makarous and Jacob Salkovic

2017 Kindergarten Children

On Wednesday evening 31st August at 6.30pm a special event is being held in our Library for those children who are attending Kindergarten in 2017. Parents and their children can enjoy an evening story time in the library “Reading Under the Stars”. All 2017 Kindergarten children and their parents are warmly invited to attend.

To secure your child's position in COSHC please contact Ben on 0418 115 483

John XXIII Mass Times

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Feast of the Assumption

Yesterday, Monday 15th August was the Feast of the Assumption. On this day we celebrate the raising of Mary to heaven, body and soul, at the end of her earthly life. Within the celebration of the Feast of the Assumption, we can reflect on the role of our Blessed Mother Mary, in the mystery of our own salvation.

We believe that Mary was free of all sin. The Archangel Gabriel recognized her as “full of grace”, “blessed among women” and “one with the Lord.” Mary had been chosen to be the Mother of our saviour. By the power of the Holy Spirit, she conceived our Lord Jesus Christ, and through her, true God became also man, “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” We see Mary’s life as the faithful servant of God who shared closely in the birth, life, death and resurrection of our Lord. We can see that the promises our Lord has given each of us, of sharing eternal life, including a resurrection of the body, were fulfilled in Mary.

Prayer for the Assumption of Mary

Father in heaven,
all creation rightly gives you praise,
for all life and all holiness come from you.

In the plan of your wisdom
she who bore the Christ in her womb
was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.

May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness
and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

School Feast Day - The Triumph of the Cross
Diocesan Mercy Cross Visiting Holy Cross

On Wednesday 14th September the school will join for a very special celebration of our feast day. This year in particular will be special as we will receive the Diocesan Mercy Cross as well as relics. This cross is travelling from parish to parish, and schools, on the Way of Mercy. We have been given special privilege to have the cross with us for our feast day celebration and the whole parish are invited to be a part of this significant event. We will celebrate a whole school mass in our Multi Purpose Learning Centre at 9am.

Parish Mass at School This Week

Mass this Wednesday 17th August will be attended by Year 2. This week mass is back at 9am in our library. Next week Year 3 will be coming along to Wednesday’s mass on 24th August. We invite all parents and parishioners to join us.

Father’s Day Wrapping

To assist with our special Father’s Day Stall, we would appreciate your assistance with wrapping gifts. Any parents who are able to assist with the Father’s Day gift wrapping on Monday afternoon, 22nd August after the Book Week Day activities from 12pm onwards. Please contact the school office or reply email if you are able to help. Many hands make light work.

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their Birthdays this week
Ari Sutcliffe, Tobias Jensen, Matilda Connolly, Daniel Driscoll, Gurshaan Bhangu, Jessica Ratcliffe & Lyle Keith

NO MORNING PRAYER

Thu 25th August - Author Visit

Are you moving in 2017

To assist with enrolments for 2017, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified in writing of any children who may be leaving Holy Cross at the end of the year from grades other than Year 6.

You are reminded that the Diocese of Parramatta, Catholic Education Office policy is that families need to give the school one full term’s notice in writing in these circumstances. Thank you for your assistance.

CANBERRA VISIT

We would like to wish our Year 6 students the best as they travel to Canberra and undertake an education tour of the national capital this week. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs.