Dear Parents,

Professional Learning for Teachers
Focusing on our school goals to improve the outcomes of all students in numeracy

On Tuesday 9th June, 2015 our staff were engaged in a Professional Learning day (Staff Development Day) in the area of Mathematics, specifically in the area of Multiplication and Division.

Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days) coming up in Term 3
Our next two Staff Development Days will be held on:

Friday – 31st July 2015
Friday – 11 September 2015

Supervision will be available from Catholic Out of School Care.
Please contact Ben on 0418 115 483 to book your child/ren in.

Mid-Yearly Reports
Student Progress Reports are now available for collection. 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.

Please keep in your prayers
It is with deep sadness that I inform you that Mr Arifin Hendra, a parent in our community, with children, Karen in Year 6 and Kezia in High School passed away. We keep Karen and her family in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

On behalf of the school community, staff, students and parents, I will send our condolences and support to the family.

Grant eternal rest to Arifin Hendra O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Regards,
Marina Hardy
Principal

Kindergarten 2016 Enrolments

Please complete and return Expression of Interest forms to the school office. Expression of Interest forms can be found on our school website. Please inform family or friends if they have children who are eligible to attend.

John XXIII Mass Times

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Grandparent’s Day - Save the date!

On Friday 24th 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!

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal and Pyjama Day

Each year at this time we run an appeal to support the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Every year the need for community assistance rises and the strains put on charities such as St Vincent de Paul increases. As a community we have an enormous capacity to help so as of next week we will be collecting donations of coffee, tea and hot chocolate for Vinnies. Last year the Vinnies Van visited Holy Cross and we learnt how they serve hot drinks each night to the community. Our assistance could really help this resource and help give many people a hot drink to warm them up.

Our Mini-Vinnies student group will help promote the appeal over the next two weeks and help lead a special pyjama day prayer on Friday 26th June. Students will be able to wear appropriate pyjamas to school to participate in the appeal. They will need to wear appropriate foot-wear such as joggers. Any student catching a bus to or from school will need to wear their school uniform with the option to get changed into pyjamas once at school. If you have any questions please see your child’s class teacher.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

This year the parish sacramental committee have been working to improve the sacramental programs. With this in mind the structure of this year’s Confirmation program has been slightly changed as well as the age of students. You will see that instead of two children’s sessions over two weekends, there will only be one though it will be longer. We hope that this will benefit parents by minimising the disruption to weekends.

Confirmation will be offered for children who are in Year 6. They must have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation as well as Holy Communion.

The dates for the program are:

Wed 1st July: 9am Enrolment forms available on/at Parish website and Office
Sat 18th & Sun 19th July: Enrolment Ritual Masses (Sat 6pm, Sun 9am, 10.30am, 6pm)
Thurs 30th July 7:30pm: Parent’s Meeting - St John XXIII School Hall
Sat 8th or Sun 9th 3pm - 6pm: Children sessions - St John 23rd Staff Lunch Room
Weds 12th August (Time TBC): Confirmation Ceremony Practice
Fri 28th August 7:30pm or Sat 29th August 2pm: Confirmation Ceremony

Refugee Week 2015

Refugee Week will be held from 14-20 June 2015. The theme of the week is ‘with courage let us all combine’. Why this theme? Taken from the second verse of the national anthem, the theme celebrates the courage of refugees and of people who speak out against persecution and injustice. In many ways refugees need to be shown courage: the courage to not deny their identity in the face of persecution, the courage to leave what is familiar and step into the unknown, the courage to persevere in the face of difficulty and often despair, and the courage to begin again and to maintain hope.

During this week we are encouraged to understand who refugees are, why they come to Australia and the many challenges they face, to celebrate the contribution they make to our community and to reflect on how we can provide a safe and welcoming environment for refugees.

There are many misconceptions around refugees. This link provides access to much more information around refugees and may answer any question that you have. [http://www.refugeeweek.org.au/](http://www.refugeeweek.org.au/)

Prayer for Refugees

Lord God, no one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness, watch over refugees and victims of war, those separated from their loved ones, young people who are lost, and those who have left home or who have run away from home. Bring them back safely to the place where they long to be and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and to all in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Parish Mass at School This Week

Mass this Wednesday 17th June will be attended by Year 3. Mass is at 10 am in the library and all parents are invited. Year 1 will join our parish mass the following week on Wednesday 24th June.
Year 3 Rocks Walking Tour

Last Thursday Year 3 went on an excursion to the Rocks in the city. We had a fantastic day learning all about the early life of convicts, settlers and Aboriginals way back in the 1700’s. We even got to walk over the Harbour Bridge! Throughout the day we were able to visit the places we have been learning about and we were able to reenact the way the convicts lived 200 years ago. When we heard the stories of the convicts at the time we were blown away! It was a fantastic day. On the way back to school everyone could not wait till the next excursion!

By Sophia and Nikita

Year 5 Bathurst Excursion

It was a very early start for the children (and parents) who were at the school before 6am! The long bus ride there was broken up with a quick and cold stop in the Blue Mountains before continuing on to Bathurst.

It was beautiful weather all day which was very lucky as the week before Bathurst had experienced some snow fall! Our tour guide for the day explained to us lots of information about how the gold rush began and what the miners would have used to find the gold. We also learnt about the machines that some of the companies were using to help find the gold.

After we did a lot of listening and questioning we got a chance to have a real hands on experience. The children were participating in traditional games from the mine fields, they experienced building tents and mud bricks. They even got to bake their own damper on a real fire!

Once all the damper had been eaten and the children had a short break it was time to find our fortunes. Our guide gave us a look at how to pan for Gold and then it was up to us. Although many children did find real gold there was no fortunes made. It was a wonderful experience and one that the children will remember for a long time.

A big thank you must be made to our wonderful parent helpers, Mr De Castro and Mrs Hawthorne. They were such a huge help. Thank you for your amazing support. Also a big thank you to Mrs McCully who came along as well. It was great to share the experience with so many wonderful people.

Year 5 Teachers.
Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their Birthdays this past week

Izzabella Ayala, Madeline Kavanagh, Aaron Wong, Jasmine Kharoufeh, Tru Hagens, Anika Shetty, Cameron Gornall, Thomas Porracin, Benjamin Murray, Ryan Pacchini, Isabella Capps & Karen Hendra

Fri 19th June Athletics Carnival
Mon 22nd June Year 3 Monday Prayer
Wed 24th June Year 1 Mass
Fri 26th June Last day of Term 2
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Mon 13th July Staff & Children return

Fizzics Education Visits Holy Cross!
On Friday 12th June K-2 enjoyed an interactive science show presented by one of our dads, Mr Ben Newsome from Fizzics Education. After the show some of the children were interviewed and asked what they learnt and what their favorite thing was.

“I really enjoyed seeing the smoke machine when Mr Newsome put some fog into a bin and hit the red lid. It made some donut shape fog.” Anya - Yr.1

“I enjoyed seeing the smoke machine because it made air donuts that floated toward the roof, plus the straw flute where Mr Newsome made different sounds just by cutting it.” Simon - Yr.1

“I learnt how to make static electricity. Mr Newsome had a big machine with a big silver ball that made electricity by rubbing rubber.”

Tyler - Kindergarten

“I enjoyed doing all the activities because it was really interesting to learn.” Matilda - Kindergarten

“I liked watching the rainbow wheel turn, thinking that it would have a rainbow colour, but it turned out to be greyish white.”

Lucy - Kindergarten

“I like learning about negative and positive with the big electricity ball. It had two rubber bands that rubbed together to make static electricity.” Nicholas - Kindergarten

“Today I learnt about friction. Friction happens when we rub two things together”. Lucas - Kindergarten

“The scientist taught us lots of things, he even taught us how a space station turns. My favourite part was when he taught us how to make a smoke gun with a bin, cable ties, scissors and a plastic sheet. At the circus all the tricks aren’t real it is just science”. Eric - Year 2

Photos and article by Ysabella, Hannah, Karen and Michael - Yr6

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Primary Athletics Carnival
Our Primary Athletics Day will be held this Friday 19th June 2015. 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 online Child Protection Training prior to the day if you would like to assist.

The website is http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training

Please ensure permission notes have been returned to your child’s class teacher.

Please note that 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.

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Uniform Operating Hours
The uniform shop will not be opened during the July holidays. Our last day of trading for Term 2 will be Wednesday 24th June 2.30pm-4.00pm and we will reopen on Saturday 11th July 11.00am-12.30pm. Normal trading will continue as is for Term 3. If there is any enquiries please contact:
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