Pentecost Sunday

“It is love, then, that you should strive for. Set your hearts on spiritual gifts, especially the gift of proclaiming God’s message.” 1 Cor. 14:1

Coming Together to Belong

Exploring creativity through art

Last term as a whole school community, we worked on a Collaborative Art Project that aimed to reflect the theme for 2016 Catholic Schools Week: “I belong, You belong, We belong”. Students, parents and teachers decorated paddle pop sticks to form a large montage that reflects who we are. A variety of colours, patterns, symbols and words were used that also reflected a unique aspect about yourself, your family or your cultural heritage. It is by coming together as individuals with our own unique gifts that we truly create something that is rich and beautiful.

The collaborative art project provided the opportunity for students, parents and staff to work on something together. It was really exciting to see what was achieved together from this piece of art.

This artwork will be on display over the coming weeks!

Thank you to Mrs Fowler (Art Teacher) for co-ordinating this Collaborative Art Project and to all our Parents who contributed.
World Youth Day 2016!

In July millions of young Catholics from across the globe will join Pope Francis in Krakow, Poland for World Youth Day. Representing our own Holy Cross school community as a pilgrim will be Miss McHugh. Along with a delegation of other young adults she will be joining the pilgrimage of a lifetime to have a mission experience to Bohol Island in the Philippines which was devastated by an earthquake in 2013. The pilgrims will spend four days working with young people in parishes, schools and orphanages. Following this mission experience, the group travels to Krakow, Poland to participate in and celebrate World Youth day week with millions of young people ready to pray in solidarity with Pope Francis at World Youth Day. Over the coming weeks we will be running a number of fund-raising initiatives to support Miss McHugh and this special pilgrimage.

This Thursday the 19th May
MUFTI DAY GOLD COIN DONATION

Students will be able to come to school in the colours of the Polish Flag (Red and White). A gold coin donation will assist in raising funds for this World Youth Day Pilgrimage.

2017 Enrolments

If you are intending to enrol your child for Kindergarten next year, please contact the school office as soon as possible as enrolment interviews have commenced. Thank you.

Please inform family or friends if they have children who are eligible to attend.
An Intriguing Interview with Mel Mclaughlin

Channel 7 Presenter

Last Thursday, Mel Mclaughlin from Channel 7 News visited Year 5 and Year 6. She told us what made her interested in becoming a news reader and her career as well as the many jobs that she’d worked in to get her to where she is now. We were a bit star struck because she is such a popular face on television and loves her sport like we do. We thought that she was really cool because she goes for the Eels, the Western Sydney Wanderers and Manchester United. She’s mad about football and always has been.

Mel Mclaughlin taught us how important it is to always be nice to everyone and that the people you meet are most important. In that way you will receive this back. We learnt that she started with a small 6 month job and gradually worked through Fox Sports and many other roles. We learnt that you need to work hard and follow your heart and what you love. Mel said that when she started she was a nervous speaker. She still gets nervous when she has to speak in front of people though she has got better over the years.

Mel has done some amazing things. She has been to two World Cups, A-League soccer games, the Russian Winter Olympics as well as sporting events held in Brazil. Her favourite football match of all time was the World Cup qualifier in 2005 between Australia and Uruguay.

We were very thankful that she was able to join us and we will always remember her visit.

Sebastian and Isabella - Year 6
Pentecost - Celebrating The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Last Sunday we celebrated Pentecost. This is a very significant feast day as it marks the coming of the Holy Spirit and the end of the Easter season. We see the disciples huddled in a room and afraid to venture into the world. With a wind and marked by fire, they are blessed with the Spirit and strengthened to follow Christ. In sending us the Holy Spirit, Jesus breathes his own life into us. It is the Holy Spirit who lives in us and keeps us faithful to Jesus and able to do anything that following Jesus requires. In Confirmation we are blessed and sealed with the Holy Spirit, received beforehand at Baptism. We talk about the gifts of the spirit: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, right judgement, awe and wonder, courage and reverence. When we use these gifts we see that there are good things that happen as a consequence. St Paul refers to these as the fruits of the spirit. Remembering that the Holy Spirit is with us is a great source of comfort and a reason to celebrate.

This Wednesday’s Mass – Year 3

Year 3 will be helping lead this Wednesday's Mass. Mass is held in our school library at 9am. All parents and friends are invited as always.

PARKING

Parents and families are reminded that the carpark at the front of the school is staff parking only. Please do not enter the carpark even when the gate is open as this puts the safety of all our students and teachers at risk. Parents are also urged to obey the parking signs in our local area and be mindful of neighbours.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The 2nd Hand Uniform Shop will be open from 2:30 - 3:30pm on Thursday 19th May.

Boys & Girls Winter Shirts from size 4 - 14

Girls Tunics sizes 4 - 12

Boys Trousers sizes 12, 14

Sports Uniforms

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

Charbel Tannous, Raymond Haykal, Hamish Jensen, Keira Whinwray, Isabella Javelosa, Issac M. Tomy, Oliver Phillips & Harrison Capps

School Fees Term 2

For parents not on an approved CEO payment plan, Term 2 school fees are due by 30th May 2016. Please finalise this term’s account by this date. If you would like to discuss your account please call the office to make an appointment to meet with Miss Hardy.

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Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)

Our staff will be involved in a Staff Development Day THIS Friday 20th May, 2016