Grandparents Day Celebration at Holy Cross!

“The Story of You and I”

Friday 22nd July 2016

You are invited to join us for a special celebration of all our wonderful grandparents.

Before school you may want to visit our annual Book Fair, which will be set up in the library where many wonderful books will be available to buy.

At 9:15 in our school MPLC children from our primary Year 4 “STRINGS” music classes will perform some of their work, along with our infants and primary school bands as well as our Holy Cross Captivate Choir.

Following this all classes will assemble for a very special Grandparents Liturgy led by our Year 1 and Year 5 students.

Grandparents will be invited to enjoy a light morning tea before having an opportunity to visit their grandchildren’s classes and join in some of their activities!

To conclude the celebration students will be able to sit and enjoy a picnic lunch with their grandparents.

On the day we will be taking lots of photos of grandparents and their grandchildren to create a collaborative artwork.

Please make sure the date is marked and highlighted on your calendar so you can come along and join in this special day!

Grandparent’s Day

On Friday 22nd July, 2016 our school will celebrate Grandparent’s Day. As we generally have many grandparents join us, we would be grateful if parents are able to support and assist with providing a morning tea for our Grandparents.

How can parents assist?

Each family is invited to contribute a plate of food for our Grandparent’s morning tea. If any parent is able to assist in making the tea and coffee for our grandparents on the day please complete the slip below:

I, __________________________________ am able to assist with making tea/coffee at the Grandparent’s Day morning tea on Friday 22nd July, 2016.

______________________________________
Parent Name
Hundreds of Western Sydney and Blue Mountains youth to meet Pope Francis

More than 300 young people from the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta are on their way to meet Pope Francis in Poland at the largest youth event in the world.

On pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2016 starting July 20, in Krakow, Poland the youth are Catholic school students and young adults from Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. They will join in the week-long festivities along with thousands of pilgrims from across Australia.

The events will culminate with pilgrims walking more than 14km to the outskirts of Krakow for an overnight vigil and sleep out before the Papal Mass on 31 July that is expected to draw millions from around the globe.

Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta and tour leader, Mr James Camden, said the experience would have a profound impact on everyone who attends.

“The Diocese has spent several years preparing for this journey, encompassing everything from ensuring best practices for the pilgrims’ safety, to learning the songs for World Youth Day,” James said.

“We are encouraging the young people to spend less time on their mobile phones so they can experience the moment and, hopefully, have a life-changing encounter.”

Prior to arriving in Poland, the majority of pilgrims will visit the Philippines where they will take part in a week-long ‘mission-immersion’ experience, working in areas affected by the 2013 Bohol earthquake. More than $100,000 has been raised by the Diocese of Parramatta to directly assist with school rebuilding and other humanitarian projects on the island.

Julia Hoban, a pilgrim from North Rocks, attended the previous World Youth Day in Rio in 2013 and will join the 2016 group from Parramatta. Julia said she was looking forward to experiencing the event again.

“When you see the millions of faces of young people surrounding you, you realise you’re not alone in your faith,” Julie said.

In addition to visiting religious and cultural sites of significance in Poland, pilgrims will visit the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camps on route to Krakow. Pope Francis will also visit the camps.

The pilgrims will be accompanied by the prayerful support of the whole Diocese during their pilgrimage.
Social Justice @ Holy Cross - St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

On behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society, thank you for the great generosity displayed by the school community. Over the weeks leading up to the end of the term we were able to collect a great number of blankets that will go a long way in assisting Vinnies and the many people who are struggling. The children had lots of fun at both our infants slipper disco and our primary pyjama disco. Congratulations to our Year 6 leaders and their initiative in organising the cupcake stall. Particular thanks goes to Leticia and Angelina who led the initiative. Collectively we raised close to $700. Well done and thankyou to everyone who assisted in making this appeal successful.

World Youth Day - Miss McHugh

Miss McHugh set off for the Philippines last Saturday on her first leg of her World Youth Day pilgrimage. She is a part of a large group who will be working with a community to assist in rebuilding their church and school. She says hello to everyone and is keeping us in her prayers each day.

Confirmation Program

The Parish Confirmation program continues this weekend on Saturday and Sunday at 4pm. Please keep these children in your prayers during this special time.

Parish Mass at School This Week

Mass begins again for the term this Wednesday 20th July with Year 1 attending. Due to Book Fair, mass will be in the MPLC and will begin at 9am as per normal. Kindergarten will be coming along to next Wednesday’s mass on 27th July. We invite all parents and parishioners to join us.
Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their Birthdays during the holidays

Tony Justin, Aidan Mulholland, Abhee Arora, Jessica Musso, Nicholas Sharpe, Oliver Moffatt, Amelia Roose, Charlotte Fedele, Victoria Fedele, Marsha Davis, Rynall Singh, Darnell Mobley Watling, Pritika Ahden, Alicia Fevre, Dhruv Shetty, Alexandra Mason, Illakya Kumar, Nathan Pantaleone, Ariscin Williams, Jacelle Adviento, Anabelle Castillo, Joel Finlay, Lauren Franco, Frida Vazquez Vega

**Upcoming dates**

- **Wed 20th July**: Mass - Year 1
- **Fri 22nd July**: Grandparent's Day
- **Tue 26th July**: Netball Gala Day
- **Tue 2nd August**: ICAS - English
- **Fri 12th August**: SSD Pupil Free Day

You are welcome to join us to celebrate Grandparent's Day

**Time:** 9.00 am to 12.00 pm
**Where:** Multi Purpose Learning Centre

**PBS4L Update**

This week Year Six challenged Holy Cross to show respect for our school environment so that we can all enjoy the beauty of God's creation.

Everyone can join in on our challenge by picking up their rubbish and remembering that our world is a special gift from God that we need to take care of.

Jessica and Jazmyn - Year 6 PBS4L Team