Parents and Caregivers,

**Celebrating Book Week 2015**
The theme for this year's Book Week focused on how Book’s Light Up Our World. The students have been engaged in activities to encourage them to have a genuine love of reading and writing.

**Book Parade**
Kindergarten to Year 6 students dressed as their favourite book characters in a colourful Book Week Parade. Thank you to all our students, teachers, staff, parents and pre-school children who made last week an exciting 2015 Book Week. The students and staff looked absolutely amazing. Thank you to Mrs Alison Maunder for arranging and coordinating this wonderful celebration of reading and writing.

*Please see our school website under the “Galleries” section for more photos.*

**Author Visit**
On Thursday 3rd September, author Oliver Phommovanh will visit our school to spend time with our Year 3 to Year 6 students. Oliver describes himself as a funny children’s author, comedian and primary school teacher. He writes stories that make you laugh and cry (because you’ll be laughing too much).

**Celebrating the Special Gifts of Fathers**
You are welcome to join us for our Father’s Day prayer on Monday 7th September 2015 at 9:00 am in the Multi-Purpose Learning Centre.

Kindergarten and Year 3 have been preparing a special Father’s Day Monday Morning Prayer to celebrate all our fathers and for all those who are fatherly figures in our lives.

We will gather together to thank God for the gift of our fathers and ask for God’s help in being thankful for all that they do for us. We ask for help to follow the example of Jesus so that we can grow in love for our fathers as he did.

Let us pray:

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for our fathers who care for us.*

*For their patience, generosity and love.*

*For their nurturing and gentle care.*

*For their time, attention and listening ear.*

*For always being there for us.*

*Amen*

Regards,

Marina Hardy
Principal

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**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**
Friday 11th September, 2015
THIS IS A PUPIL FREE DAY

**John XXIII Mass Times**

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Year Five students have been looking at the work of poet Shel Silverstein over the last few weeks. The students have been looking at structured poetry and imagery whilst composing their own poetry. Here are some examples of their fantastic poems!

**I Think**

By Allyson

I am all alone

and I wish I can call Ghostbusters on the phone

I think there's someone over there

I think there's something in my hair

I think I need to go and run

I think this isn't any fun

I think there's something in my room

I think I heard a spooky vroom

I think there's something over here

I think that something I should fear

But after all it's just a mouse

Inside my lovely cosy house.

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**Twinkles and Blinks**

By Alexandra

What are stars? I tell myself that I will never know,

for their twinkle looks so bright, I think they might blow

I look up into the sky on a very clear night

Where their formation is so unreal it gives me a tiny fright

I see astronomers peer through telescopes and look very, very hard

But why waste time when I can study very well just in my backyard?

They say stars are different gasses burning millions of miles away

But I won't believe this false theory for just another day

It's pretty obvious that it's pixies trapped in big balls of glass

Or maybe bright torches that are just about to blast

But if my theories are wrong, I know one thing for sure

It's puppies with sparkling eyes, which is something everyone would adore

But if I am in a very false race

It's definitely people in a very fast chase

But the one I believe the most

It's just like a juicy roast

It's bright fireflies caught up in this big, black smoke

So what are stars? Well you'll see,

They're the 100% true facts told by me.
Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their Birthday
Giselle Kharoufeh, Sophia Moriarty, Ellie Moriarty, Grace Dao, Alex Carter, Andre Cerasani, Cameron Quiamas, Nicholas Taylor, Nik Valdmanis

FATHER’S DAY STALL
Thank you to our wonderful parent community for your help and support with our Father’s Day stall. The children were excited to purchase a gift for their father. Thank you to Mrs Irving, Ms Keady, Mrs Lim, Mrs Carceller, Mrs Kitsos, Mrs Scott, Mrs Inns, Mrs Burakowski, Mrs Bebek for helping with our stall.

Any child who has not purchased a gift is able to do so tomorrow at lunch time.

Vacation Care COOSHC Enrolments Closing Date
Catholic Out of School Hours Care will be operating during the school holidays. If you would like to enrol your child/ren during the holidays please contact COOSHC as soon as possible. Applications close 9 September, 2015.

Holy Cross Build-a-thon Weds 11th September
Last week students brought home a “Build-a-thon” Sponsorship card. As part of our School Feast Day celebrations the children will participate in a “Build-a-thon” consisting of a number of activities across a range of intelligences. This is our most important fundraising initiative for the year so please support the students in collecting sponsors from friends and family.

Parents are invited to a special whole school mass that will begin the celebrations for the day at 9:15am in our MPLC.

10am Wednesday Parish Mass @ Holy Cross
This week mass will again be at 10am in our school library. Year 2 will be attending mass. Next week Year 6 will help lead mass. Please come along if you are able.

Confirmation Congratulations!
Last Friday evening and on Saturday a number of our Stage 3 students were confirmed at St John XXIII. They have been preparing for this Sacrament for a number of weeks and presented themselves with maturity and reverence to Fr Chris De Souza for this special blessing. Congratulations to Michael, Hannah, Nikolajs, Daimon, Anna-Caitlin, Robin and Ronan.

Social Media, the Internet and Cyber Safety
In our Week 6 Newsletter we started a series of short excerpts around Cyber Safety. This is to increase the general awareness of potential risks that exist when using the internet and to maximise our children’s safety. This week we are looking at:

10 Top Tips for Cyber Safety and Youth
1. Always use a strong password containing combinations of characters
2. Use a secure web browser: those where the URL begins with http and has a padlock when sharing sensitive information
3. Update your operating system regularly and use antivirus software
4. Avoid opening or responding to emails you don’t know
5. Don’t give out private information over the internet
6. Only accept friend requests from people you know and trust
7. Think before you post! You can’t get it back once you have pressed send.
8. Set social media accounts to private or friends only
9. Tell your friends to ask for permission before tagging you in photos
10. Don’t post inappropriate or illegal content

Diary Events
Wed 2nd Sept Year 4 Excursion
Fri 4th Sept K-2 Athletics Carnival
Fri 4th Sept Stage 2 Touch Football
Mon 7th Sept Father’s Day Morning Prayer
Fri 11th Sept Pupil Free Day
Wed 16th Sept School Feast Day
Fri 18th Sept Stage 3 Girls & Boys Touch Football

This year our school is participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school and all we need you to do is collect your stickers when you shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers

Over the years, through your support, we have been able to purchase some wonderful resources.