Dear Parents & Caregivers

**Principal Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**

On 1st November I will be participating in a Pilgrimage for System Leaders to the Holy Land. I will be travelling with a group of Principals, Mr Greg Whitby, Executive Director from the Parramatta Diocese of Education and the Very Reverend Fr Chris de Souza. We will be travelling across Jordan, Israel, Rome and Assisi as we travel the life of Jesus and the early Church visiting many places of biblical significance.

Throughout my journey I will be thinking and praying for our community of Holy Cross.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Sarah O'Rourke will be Acting Principal and Mr Simon Stennett will be Acting Assistant Principal from 2nd November to 25th November, 2015.

Kind regards,

Marina Hardy

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**School Attendance**

In NSW school attendance is compulsory for children over the age of six years until the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. Students must complete Year 10 and after Year 10 (until they turn 17 years of age) students must be:

- In school or registered for home schooling, or
- in approved education or training (eg. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship)
- in full-time, paid employment (average 25 hours per week) or in a combination of work, education and/or training.

**What if my child has to be away from school?**

If your child has to be absent from school, you must tell the school and provide a reason for your child’s absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may:

- Send a note or email the school
- telephone the school with a follow up note
- visit the school with a follow up note

**A small number of absences may be justified if your child:**

- Has to attend a special religious ceremony
- is required to attend to a serious and/or urgent family situation (eg. funeral)
- is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.

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**Arriving to school late/leaving early**

Supervision of students begins at 8.30 am. If children need to be left before this, arrangements can be made with our Before and After School care service. Students should also be collected at 3.15 pm. Any change in afternoon routine for students going home must be notified in writing to the class teacher.

Children need to arrive to school and class on time. Lateness to school or leaving early from school must be recorded as a partial absence. Any child who arrives late to school needs to go to the school office accompanied by their parent/carer to sign a late note. Once you have signed your child in, they may walk down to class themselves or a teacher will walk them to class. For early leavers, parents are required to come into the office and sign an early note. Students will then be called to come up to the office.
Creative Arts Expo
Next Wednesday 28th October - 6:30pm

A reminder to parents that next Wednesday 28th all students will be involved in a special presentation of learning in our MPLC. Students will need to arrive at school at 6:15pm and be dropped off at their learning spaces. Due to space only immediate family will be able to attend and prams will need to remain outside the hall. The evening presentation is in lieu of a school end-of-year concert so please ensure that you can come along.

Reconciliation - Sacramental Program
This Wednesday 21st October there is a parent meeting for all parents who would like their children in this year’s Reconciliation Program. The meeting begins at 7pm in our parish church and is only for parents. It is essential for all parents to attend who have children in the program.

Wednesday Parish Mass @ Holy Cross
This week Year 3 will be attending our Parish Mass on Wednesday. Mass is at 10am in our school library and all parents are invited to attend. Next week, Year 2 will be helping lead mass.

Build-A-thon
Thank you very much to all the families who have generously supported our 2015 Build-A-thon Fundraising event. We have currently raised $5,500.

This money will go towards the purchase of creative arts equipment.

We would be grateful if all sponsorship money is returned by Friday 23rd October.

ICAS - WRITING COMPETITION

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the ICAS Writing competition and on achieving excellent results this year.

The students received a certificate in recognition of their achievements and to congratulate them on their efforts.

Congratulations to the students who received:

**Credit**
Dylan Fernandez, Sophia Ettehad, Nikita Verghese, Lucy D’Silva, Rosie McAlary, Harbani Kaur, James Kitcher, Allyson Barroga, Jake Christie, Roisen Gallacher, Dylan Prasad, Isabelle Vierboom, Sarah Ettehad & Tiana Latt

**Distinction**
Anika Shetty, Darshanik Aryal, Alexandra Hewett, Leayah Leano & Joaquin Shaub Robles

RAFFLE TICKETS

Congratulations to Mathew Clements from Year 6 for making the NSW state softball team. Mathew will be travelling to Adelaide to participate in the Pacific Games from the 20th - 29th of November this year. To assist Mathew in travelling to South Australia, he will be selling raffle tickets as part of the NSW fundraiser. Tickets will go on sale at a cost of $2 each, tomorrow near the Library daily before & after school, from 8:30 – 9:00 am and 3:10 – 3:30 pm. The prizes are as follows:

- 50 inch Samsung Full HD Smart 3D TV
- Go pro HD Hero4 Action Video Camera
- Apple iPad Mini 32GB Wi-Fi capable
- Olympus TG-3 Waterproof Camera
- Sony Noise Cancelling Headphones

The raffle will be drawn on the 4th of December and the winning details published online 11th December at: www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/psg

Thank you for supporting Mathew.

World Youth Day Raffle
In July 2016, thousands of young pilgrims will follow in the footsteps of Pope John Paul II and walk the streets of Krakow Poland, gathering in the name of their faith. Members of our community and parish will also make this pilgrimage, representing Holy Cross and our Parish of St John XXIII. Each family has received a raffle book to assist in raising funds to support our pilgrims. This is a small investment in the formation, faith development and leadership of our young people through the Diocese. Tickets are $2 each or a book of tickets can be purchased for $20. The raffle will be drawn on Palm Sunday/World Youth Day 2016.

PLEASE RETURN ALL BOOKS BY WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their Birthdays recently
Eva Carceller, Kayleigh Scott, Jacob Farag-Minovski, & Bradley Chigiya,
Holy Cross Primary - Glenwood

Dear Student/Parent/Guardian

Commencing Monday 2nd November 2015, many school bus numbers will be changing as shown below. It is important that you make yourself aware of the new bus number for the morning and afternoon trip, as both will be different.

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This change to 4 digit numbers is required to ensure Busways can meet guidelines set by Transport for NSW in terms of reporting and ticketing functionality.

Detailed school bus timetables (including all connecting services) are available on the Busways website at www.busways.com.au or for further information, please contact Busways Customer Service on 9497 1870 or 9497 1887.

Busways wishes to apologise for any confusion this critical information upgrade may cause.

Yours sincerely

BUSWAYS BLACKTOWN PTY LTD
(20) Holy Cross Primary - Glenwood (19/10/2015)
Facebook Q & A: How do I talk to the teacher about my child’s progress?

Login to Facebook & search for "Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta" then follow the link!

Ask a panel of experts - in your PJ's!
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) have organised for experienced educators to be online via Facebook to answer parent's questions about how to start the conversation with teachers about your child's progress.

You don't need a babysitter. You can sip your coffee in your favourite chair and still have a valuable discussion with an expert!

Don't miss this opportunity! Jump online on Wed 21 October 2015, between 7pm and 7.45pm.

We'll see you online!

Contact: PRC President
Email: prcparrapresident@gmail.com
Join us for the Annual

Girls Craft Afternoon In

We are raising money for Women’s Cancer Research.

The cost of the day is $35, with lots of fun to be had! There will be raffles, games, and we will be making 6 beautiful cards.

Where: Holy Cross Primary, Meurants Lane, Glenwood in the Multipurpose Learning Centre

When: Sunday, 25th October, 2015 from 2pm

Bring along a plate to share for Afternoon Tea. If you would like to promote your business, we will happily take donations for our raffle prizes with proceeds going to the Breast Cancer Foundation. If you are donating prizes, please supply some business cards or flyers to be distributed on the day.

Hope to see you there!!

RSVP: 23rd October, 2015
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