You are invited to our HOLY WEEK School Reflection

This Thursday at 9:15 in our MPLC, the school will gather for a very special enactment and reflection on the events of Holy Week.

Children from across the school are taking lead roles to recreate Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday, stopping in prayer in the light of the many faces of Jesus that we see, the love he gave and the sacrifice he made.

EASTER MASS - Wednesday 30th March

This Sunday we celebrate the most important event in our Church calendar: the Resurrection of Our Lord at Easter. **Our school will gather and celebrate with a special mass on Wednesday 30th in our MPLC at 9:15am.** This will replace the normal parish mass in the library.

Students from different grades will help lead the mass. All parents and friends are warmly invited and encouraged to join us for this important occasion.

Project Compassion: THREE WEEKS TO GO!

With the end of this term approaching we really encourage everyone to remember this year’s Project Compassion appeal. Loose change and silver coins can make a big difference when we all contribute.

Hamara Haq - India

Dhaniram from India is driven to help create change in his village. Through the grass-roots Hamara Haq (‘Our Rights’) project, run by Caritas India and supported by Caritas Australia, he’s gained the skills to help his community claim what’s rightfully theirs and develop their plan for a better future.

Wednesday Parish Mass

This week, Year 1 will attend Wednesday mass in the library at 9am. We invite all parents who are able to stay to come along. Next week will be our school Easter mass - please come along.

Watch his story here: https://goo.gl/5XtOqK

We will be commencing enrolment interviews for Kindergarten 2017 shortly. If you are intending to enrol any sibling/s of students already at Holy Cross for Kindergarten in 2017, please submit an enrolment form at the school office. Completed forms need to be returned as soon as possible. Thank you.
Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their Birthdays this past week:

- Cameron White, Sebastian & Aaron Stefanovski-Abarzuza, Zara Chand, Ellie Whitton, Ashlin de Salis, Amelia O’Rourke, Yalaina Oris, Sebastian Elmasri, Jay Nelson, Sebastian Kiceec & Asher Pruyn

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Andre Scott on being selected in the Parramatta Diocesan Soccer Trials. Andre will now present Parramatta at the NSWCPs MacKillop Trials. We wish Andre all the very best.

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Our school Cross Country Carnival for Primary students was held last Friday 18th March. The track wound its way around the school grounds.

- Under 11, 12’s and 13 ran 3km
- Under 8, 9 boys & 10’s ran 2km

Unfortunately, due to the inclement in the weather the Under 8 and 9 girls were unable to compete on the day. However, for those girls wanting to compete in the cross country we will be running the event on Thursday 24th March, 2016 after our Holy Week Reflection at approximately 9:45 am. If your child would like to compete in this event they are asked to wear their sports uniform.

Thank you to all our wonderful parent helpers listed below. Your help and support on the day was greatly appreciated.

Mrs Jensen, Mrs Kitsos, Mrs Bivona, Mrs Gavin, Mrs Lim, Mrs Burakowski, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Walton, Mrs Jones, Mrs Christou & Mrs Adhikary

Quality Catholic Schools Survey

All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta are once again participating in the Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS) project.

QCS will provide data from students, staff and parents about our school’s cultural behaviour, relationships and learning community and will assist us to focus our efforts for improvement by building on our successes to date.

From 21st March to the 1st April all staff, students from Years 5 and 6, and 60 randomly-selected parents will be asked to complete an online survey. The survey will take about 20-30 minutes to complete.

The survey data will be kept strictly confidential and no individual will be identified to the school or the Catholic Education Office. Our school will receive an information at the end of May and we will use this to inform our planning.

If you are selected to complete the survey, we would encourage your participation as this will help our school to identify our strengths and areas in which we can focus our improvement.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs O’Rourke.

Upcoming Events

- Wed 23rd Mar: Year 1 Morning Mass
- Thur 24th Mar: Holy Week Reflection 9:15am
- Fri 25th Mar: Good Friday
- Mon 28th Mar: Easter Monday
- Tue 29th Mar: Students return
- Wed 30th Mar: Easter Mass at 9:15am
- Fri 8th April: Student’s last day Term 1
- Tue 26th April: Students return Term 2

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AUTUMN 2016 VACATION CARE

The closing date for bookings and full payment must be received by Monday 4th April, 2016. Booking forms can be returned in person or by email coschcholycrossglenwood@parra.catholic.edu.au. For any enquiries please contact Centre Supervisor on 0418 115 483