Parish Mass at School This Week
Mass this week will be in our school library at 10.00am and Year 2 will be attending. Next week, Year 1 will be attending.

Reconciliation Sacramental Program
On Saturday and Sunday, many children from Year 3 began preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They talked about the seven different Sacraments and the symbols that are in them. They talked about the Ten Commandments given by God and the values that each stands for and the stories of The Prodigal Son as well as The Good Samaritan. Lastly, they discussed how Reconciliation helps us become better people by turning back to God. It was great to see so many Holy Cross students there as well as contributing to the lessons. The program continues next weekend. Please remember these children in your prayers during this special time.

October the Month of the Rosary
October is a month particularly devoted to The Rosary. The Rosary is one of the most cherished prayers of Christian faith and has been prayed for hundreds of years. At its heart is a series of meditations on aspects, or mysteries, of the life of Jesus Christ and Mary his mother. The Joyful Mysteries reflect on the early infancy and childhood of Jesus. The Luminous Mysteries (or Mysteries of Light) follow events of Jesus’ Ministry and Teachings. The Sorrowful Mysteries reflect on Jesus’ suffering during the Passion. The Glorious Mysteries celebrate the events surrounding and following Christ’s triumphant Resurrection.

October presents itself as an opportunity to focus on Mary in any family prayer. You could share the Hail Mary before meals or even a decade of the Rosary once a week. Taking a little prayer time yourself individually during October could be a wonderful way to embrace the month and seek a little refocusing.

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION SESSIONS 2017
This week we have been very excited in welcoming our 2017 Kindergarten students for their transition into Holy Cross School. The students visited yesterday and today. They will also be coming in next Monday 31st October and Tuesday 1st November, 2016. All families will return on Wednesday 23rd November, 2016 for Kindergarten Orientation.

During this week’s transition session our staff facilitated a Literacy workshop. At next week’s transition a Numeracy workshop will be facilitated for our parents in preparation for their children commencing school in 2017.

Thank you to our wonderful parents who have kindly volunteered to assist with the transition program.
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Mon 31st Oct
Year 3 Morning Prayer
Kinder 2017 Transition
Tue 1st Nov
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Thank you very much to all of the families who have returned their sponsorship card and money. Students are asked to return their money by Thursday 3rd November, 2016.

So far money raised from the move-a-thon has reached $7,700. Therefore, the next incentive will occur this Friday 28th October. The Whole School incentive for students will be to wear a Crazy Hat to school. Normal school uniform will still need to be worn.

The next Whole School incentive will be at $9,000 where students will be able to wear Mufti (casual) clothes to school.

Friday 28th October, 2016

Choose your favourite crazy hat and wear it to school. If you do not have a crazy hat, feel free to wear your favourite hat!

PARKING
Parents and families are reminded that the carpark at the front of the school is restricted to 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.

LOST PROPERTY
As the warmer weather approaches the students are taking their jackets off in the breaks. There is a lot of lost property at the moment as a result of this.

Please have a look at the items in lost property or have your child look for his/her jacket if they are missing.

School Opal Card
Students progressing from Year 2 to Year 3 2017 are required by the Department of Transport to apply for a new Opal Card.

For more information and to apply for the card please visit www.transportnsw.info/school-students

SCHOOL FEES
Thank you to all those families who have finalised their 2016 School Fees. If your account is still outstanding and you have not contacted Miss Hardy and you are not on an arrangement, you are requested to finalise the account before Wednesday 2nd, November 2016. Please contact the school office if you would like to discuss fees with Miss Hardy.

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