Dear Parents and Carers.

Welcome back to school for 2017. Welcome to our new students and families. This evening we will have the opportunity to welcome our 2017 Kindergarten students and their families. We know that you will find Holy Cross a friendly community.

Welcome to our new staff members Mr Grant Martin (Year 3) and Mrs Maria Apap who will be working in the school office each Friday. Welcome back to Mrs Hillard who is returning after maternity leave.

2017 Leadership Team

At the end of 2016 Mr Stennett was appointed as Acting Assistant Principal at St Bernadette’s Lalor Park for 2017. I am pleased to announce Mrs Lisa Clements has been appointed Acting Religious Education Co-ordinator at Holy Cross for 2017.

Our Leadership Team for 2017

Mrs Jennifer Richardson  Leader of Learning
Mr Shaun Buckley  Leader of Learning
Miss Daniella Perri  Leader of Learning
Mrs Lisa Clements  Religious Education Co-ordinator (REC)
Mrs Sarah O'Rourke  Assistant Principal
Ms Marina Hardy  Principal
Kindergarten  -  Mrs O’Neill & Miss Sultana
Year One  -  Miss Perri & Mrs Hillard
Year Two  -  Mrs Richardson, Miss Camilleri & Miss Astbury
Year Three  -  Miss Cook, Miss Van Der Burg & Mr Martin
Year Four  -  Mrs Clements, Mr Duncan, Mr Lee & Mrs Fogg (Thursday & Friday)
Year Five  -  Mrs Bohan & Mr Buckley
Year Six  -  Miss Kenny & Mr Bade
Learning Support  Mrs Villiers
Reading Recovery  Miss McHugh
Literacy Support  Mrs Wilson
Creative Arts (*RFF)  Mrs Fowler
Music (*RFF)  Mr Komorowski
PDHPE (*RFF)  Mrs Nasser
Teacher’s Assistance  Mrs Perrin, Mrs McCully & Mrs Surdich
Administration  Mrs Burke, Mrs Batiste & Mrs Apap
Library  Mrs Morgan
Maintenance  Mr Ben Follan
Cleaning  Mrs Rickett

- RFF—Release from face to face teaching

Parent Interviews

This year the teachers will be holding Parent Teacher Interviews in Week 6. These interviews will replace the beginning of year Parent Information Nights. If you need to see the class teachers prior to this time, please contact the class teacher in writing to organise a mutually convenient time.

John XXIII Mass Times

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Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their Birthdays in January

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

Supervision
Supervision starts at 8.30 am in the morning. School commences PROMPTLY at 9 am. School finishes at 3.15 pm. Parents are asked to pick up your children at this time.
We are fortunate to have Catholic Out of School Hours service for before and after school care available for parents who need to drop off their children before 8.30 am or pick them up after 3.30 pm. If you require this service please contact Ben on 0418 115 483 to enrol your children.

2017 Team Sport Trials Nominations
2017 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials Expression of Interests close THIS Friday 3rd February for ALL TEAM Sports: AFL, Hockey, Football (Soccer), Netball, Rugby League 11 Years, Rugby League Opens, Rugby Union, Touch Football. Please go to the website for complete registrations.
Please only register once per sport using the link below by choosing the sport that you are nominating your child for and upon pressing the submit button a reply email should be received to confirm the nomination.
Schools will be notified in approx 10 days after the closing date of nominations.
http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au/rep-selections

UNIFORM SHOP OPERATING HOURS
All school uniform items are sold at the uniform shop which is located near the staff car park. Please park on the street and walk into the car park and please be aware of staff vehicles entering and leaving the car park.

UNIFORM SHOP OPERATING HOURS
Location: Holy Cross Primary School
Open: During school term,
Wednesdays 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm
Saturdays 11.00 am - 12.30 pm

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
The second hand uniform shop is located near the canteen. It will be operating this Thursday, 2nd February from 2.30 pm to 3.15pm and Friday, 3rd February from 8.15 am to 9.00 am. The shop will also be open the same times next week.

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2017 Sports Days
Year 6  Wednesday and Friday
Year 5  Wednesday and Friday
Year 4  Tuesday and Friday
Year 3  Tuesday and Friday
Year 2  Tuesday and Thursday
Year 1  Tuesday and Friday
Kindergarten  Wednesday and Friday

NO NUT POLICY
WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL
At Holy Cross there are a number of children who experience anaphylaxis – in particular a severe allergic reaction when they are exposed to peanuts and nut related products. If those children are exposed to these foods a severe allergic reaction can occur and can rapidly become life threatening. Accidental exposure to these foods can happen at eating times and in the case of some students, the allergic reaction can be triggered when another person has touched or eaten these foods and then that person touches them.
As a community we can assist these children by making our school environment safe. We ask families to:
♦ NOT use peanut, nut and chocolate spreads when making and sending sandwiches to school.
♦ NEVER send nuts to school for your own child to eat.
♦ Continually remind children NOT to share their food with other children at school.
♦ Explain to your children the seriousness of food allergies for those children who are affected by them and that we can help to keep these children safe by the choices we make.

We thank you for helping us provide a safe environment for all the children at Holy Cross

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