Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week - “Every Child Counts!”
From Sunday 10th to Friday 15th March Schools across NSW will celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

This week at Holy Cross we celebrate Catholic Schools Week with the theme “Every Child Counts”. At Holy Cross we believe that every child counts and that we are all uniquely made in the image of God, and in this way we all learn in different ways. Therefore, at Holy Cross we strive to meet this need by making sure that all different learning styles and intelligences are catered for.

As outlined in previous communication, during this week, we are celebrating a different intelligence for each day of the week.

On Monday morning it was wonderful to see so many parents & grandparents join us for our Catholic Schools Liturgy led by our Year 2 students. We acknowledged and presented our Year 6 student leaders with badges. These badges were passed on from last year’s Year 6 students and blessed by Fr Dave as symbols of leadership for our school community.

You are invited to visit our learning spaces, support us in our fund raising as well as take part in some of our activities. For more information about how you can celebrate the week with us please visit our school website: www.hcglenwood.catholic.edu.au or Twitter: @holycrossglen

TERM ONE STUDENT PORTRAITS - FUNDRAISING EVENT
Student portraits will be on sale to parents as one of our schools’ fundraisers.

For sale: Student Artwork
When to purchase: Before or after school during Catholic Schools Week (10 – 15 March 2013)

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS PURCHASING IPADS FOR OUR STUDENTS

Regards,
Marina Hardy
Principal
Year 2 Mass This Friday
Year 2 have been learning about Lent as a time for reflection and prayer, just as Jesus took refuge in the desert and would often find quiet spaces to talk to God. This Friday, Year 2 will lead our parish mass in their learning space. Please feel welcome to come along. Mass starts at 9am.

Reconciliation at Blessed John XXIII
This Wednesday evening, 13th March, Bishop Anthony will be taking Reconciliation at our parish Church. Please see the parish newsletter or website for details.

Catholic Schools Week Mass
Last Sunday, to begin Catholic School's Week, Fr Dave devoted mass to the students and teachers of our parish. Thank you to all students and parents who were able to attend.

The Cinque Cento Club will not begin at this time. We needed 250+ but only managed to get 135. We hope to go back to the drawing board and come up with another fund raiser to help pay our debt. I thank those who wanted to do their bit to help the parish. I respect the decision of those who could not join knowing that it is a difficult time for all of us to make ends meet. However we are lucky to have parishioners on the Parish Council who will outline some exciting ventures to bring our community together and to fund raise by using creative and innovative projects. I hope that you can get behind them. More about this in the weeks to come. Bishop Anthony Fisher and the Vicar Generals of our diocese with neighbouring priests will be here next Wednesday to offer us the Second Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7.30pm. I hope that you put this in your diary and make the sacrifice to come along for this wonderful sacrament.

Could families please put your name down to Bart or Bob to portray a station of the cross at Glenwood School on Good Friday.

Dance Fever
Dancefever is asking for an Expression Of Interest in introducing its After School Dance Program to Holy Cross Primary School by Friday 22nd March. Our very own experienced Dancefever instructors will be running the extra-curricular dance program for children who desire the opportunity to advance their dance skills to a more technical level.

Written by Adrian and Joshua Mini-Vinnie’s

Kinder 2014 Enrolments
Applications are now being accepted for Kindergarten 2014. Parents are asked to obtain an expression of interest form from the school office or downloaded from our website. Please inform family or friends if they have children who are eligible to attend.

QUALITY CATHOLIC SCHOOLING (QCS)
All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta will be participating in Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS) in 2013, which 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 11-22 March all staff, approximately 50 students from Years 5 and 6, and 60 randomly-selected parents will be asked to complete an online survey. Staff and students will complete the survey online at school. Parents will be sent home a paper survey but will also be able to complete the survey online if preferred. The survey will take about 20-30 minutes to complete.

A survey consultant (Insight SRC) has been engaged to manage the data collection. The survey data will be kept strictly confidential and no individual will be identified to the school or the Catholic Education Office. Each school will receive an information report in June to inform their planning.

If you are nominated to complete the survey, I 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 either Marina Hardy or Sarah O’Rourke.

MINI VINNIES: CARITAS AUSTRALIA
In Mini Vinnie’s we have been focusing on Project Compassion. As a school we would like to reach $2000 dollars. Just $5 can provide chickens for the Matuba Children’s Center in Mozambique, which would provide extra food. $10 can provide a family with fresh water for cleaning plates and cups. $30 can provide materials such as reference books and resources for skills to train one person for a whole year! $50 could provide a bicycle for a young person to travel to school or work. $100 could buy a box of materials for students to learn carpentry and building. $250 can provide training for a teacher in Bolivia.

So please, for the sake of Caritas Australia, and all those they help, help us just to donate some spare coins. Just a small silver coin will help.

Written by Adrian and Joshua Mini-Vinnie’s Year 5

Staff Development Day 29th April, 2013