Dear Parents,

As I write the last newsletter for 2014, I reflect on the wonderful achievements and the highlights of the time in our school life. I sincerely thank our dedicated and committed staff, who work extremely hard to provide our students with a quality education and a caring learning environment; our students who strive to be the best person they can be; and to the parent community who support our school community. The positive contributions continue to build our school faith and learning community.

Year 6 Graduation Mass
Congratulations to our Year 6 students on their Graduation Mass on Thursday evening. We are all very proud of what you have achieved, not only this year but also over the last 7 years at Holy Cross. We wish you every success for your time in High School.

Staffing Arrangements for 2015
I am pleased to inform you of our staffing arrangement for 2015. I would ask you to understand that unforeseen circumstances can and sometimes do arise, meaning that changes may be necessary before the beginning of next year, although this is very unlikely. Included in this newsletter is the 2015 staff.

I would especially like to thank you all for your support, especially in my role as Principal. It has been a privilege to work with you all and I look forward to working with you once again in 2015.

May your hearts and homes be filled with the spirit of Christmas. HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

PBS4L Update

As the year comes to an end, the staff and students at Holy Cross have spent time reflecting on the impact that PBS4L has had on our school community over the past two terms.

Many students were asked what they had learnt from being involved in a range of PBS4L learning experiences. Here are some of their reflections.

I have learnt…

- that following our school agreements helps everyone to work together, Natasha - Year 5
- PBS4L helps us to be safe, respectful and do our personal best, Mia - Year 4
- there are safe places for Kindergarten to play in our school like the boat and the equipment, Allan - Kindergarten
- we need to be safe, respectful and do our personal best so that we can care for our school community, Sebastian - Year 4
- sitting up straight when you are listening to the teacher is showing respect, Anya –Kindergarten
- that I can show respect by standing back and waiting when two people are talking, Frida - Year 1

At Holy Cross we learn together – we do our personal best, we are respectful and we are safe.

Kind Regards,
Marina Hardy
Principal

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St John XXIII Mass Times
Saturday Vigil  6.00pm
Sunday Masses  7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am, 6.00pm
Weekday Masses  Mon, Wed, Thurs and Sat at 9.00am
LEARNING GROUP ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2015

I am delighted to inform you the staff for 2015. The children have also been informed of their grade teachers for 2015.

2015 Staff

Principal                  Miss Marina Hardy
Assistant Principal       Mrs Sarah O’Rourke
Kindergarten              Miss Perri, Mrs Hillard, Miss Leano
Year One                  Miss Sarasola, Ms Porteous, Miss Abela
Year Two                  Mrs Pielago, Mrs Richardson, Mrs TeHiwi (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)
                           Mrs Grubisic (Thursday & Friday)
Year Three                Mr Buckley, Mrs Gilmore, Mrs Bohan
Year Four                 Mrs Clements, Mrs Mustac (Miss McHugh & Mr Lee)
Year Five                 Mr Hughes, Mrs Platt
Year Six                  Mr Stennett (Religious Education Coordinator), Miss Kenny
Learning Support          Mrs Villiers
Reading Recovery          Mr Lee, Miss McHugh
Literacy Support          Mrs Maunder
REC Release               Mrs Fogg (Thursday & Friday)
Visual Arts (*RFF)        Mrs Fowler
Music (*RFF)              Mr Komorowski
Health (*RFF)             Mrs Oxford
Co-ordinator Release      Mrs Beddal (Mrs Whelan is on long service leave during Term 1)
Teacher’s Assistance      Mrs Perrin, Mrs McCully, Mrs Surdich
Administration            Mrs Burke, Mrs Batiste, Mrs Kalogjera
Library                   Mrs Morgan
Maintenance               Mr Robey
Cleaning                  Mrs Rickett

* RFF—Release from face to face teaching

Holy Cross Primary students donate gifts for needy children

The true mission of Jesus and the spirit of Christmas was evident at Holy Cross Primary School, Glenwood last week when Year One students presented gifts they bought for the Kmart Wishing Tree at Blacktown.

The store manager met three representatives from Year One - Arabelle Stennett, Patrick Villiers and Amelia O’Rourke and congratulated them on their generosity towards those in need.

Earlier this term, students made puzzles, packaged them and sold them, to raise money for the gifts. The students then chose gifts and wrapped them in their own art work for children in need this Christmas.

Our students’ generous and thoughtful actions reflect the true meaning of Christmas. We are very proud of our young students who have worked to raise money and buy gifts for those who are not as fortunate.
Year 6 Graduation Mass
Congratulations to our Year 6 students who presented themselves so reverently and with such maturity as leaders of our school at their graduation mass last Thursday evening. The students helped lead the mass, presided by Fr. John. The Year 6 students presented a gift from the grade to the school: a school banner that can be used for future celebrations and special school occasions. The Year 6 students also spoke about leadership and symbolically passed this responsibility onto the current year 5 students.

Congratulations to Sinead Lunn who was presented with the Community Spirit Award by Federal Minister, Michelle Rowland.

Thank you to our Year 5 students who attended and supported Year 6. It was a wonderful community celebration.

Due to the weather, we were unable to share a supper after mass though the Year 5 students helped serve a special lunch to Year 6 on the Friday thanks to generosity of our Year 5 parents. The Year 6 students also cut their graduation cake.

Christmas Eve Mass at Holy Cross
A reminder that this year, the children’s 6pm Christmas Eve Mass will be celebrated at Holy Cross. Please check the parish website for all mass times and details.

Parish Mass This Week
Our last Parish Mass at Holy Cross will be held this Wednesday at 9am in our school library. Year 4 will be attending. Please join us if you are available.

Michelle Rowland Community Award
On Thursday evening at the Year 6 Graduation Ms Michelle Rowland (Federal Member for Greenway) presented the Community Award for 2014. Congratulations to Sinead Lunn for receiving this award. Sinead received this award for:
- demonstrating outstanding study ethics, consistently setting herself increasingly high standards in her personal goals
- demonstrating genuine Catholic values in all that she does.
- being a role model for our school agreements: showing sincere respect for her peers, teachers and younger students each day, demonstrating maturity when given responsibilities, as well as always working toward her personal best in her academic studies and personal goals.
- being an active member of our school social justice group, Mini-Vinnies, a finalist in Voice of Youth and representing the school in the diocesan Captivate Voices choir.

Congratulations and thank you “Sinead Lunn”

2015 Sports Days
Year 6 - Tuesday and Friday
Year 5 – Wednesday and Friday
Year 4 - Wednesday and Friday
Year 3 – Wednesday and Friday
Year 2 - Tuesday and Thursday
Year 1 - Tuesday and Friday
Kindergarten: To be confirmed

Class teachers will be teaching PE during 2015

Creative Arts Showcase
Tuesday 16th December at 9.30am
Many students from across the school have been working on numerous performances over the past term.
The Showcase includes:
K – 2 All children (Hip Hop & Tango)
Years 3 – 6 Dancefever Challenge Group
K – 2 After School Program
Years 3 – 6 After School Program
Year 4 & 5 String Orchestra

PLEASE NOTE: We will commence the Showcase at 9.30, however, there is no set time for these performances. Change of order of events may occur.

KINDERGARTEN 2016 ENROLMENTS
Applications are now being accepted for Kindergarten 2016. Parents are asked to obtain an expression of interest form from the school office or download from our website. Please inform family or friends if they have children who are eligible to attend.
Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week and who will be celebrating their birthdays over the next two weeks:

Aidan Kovacs, Emma Dimech, Sam Foran, Elena Habibzadeh, Katerina Alexandridis, Jayda Yammouni, Daniel George, Andrew Ibrahim, Tane Tauroa, Ethan Manaid, Genaro Castillo, Brock Logan, Isa Wu, Lachlan Fevre, Darshanik Aryal, Jaiden Selvan, Sarah Dowd, Allyson Barroga, Yasmine Oris, Daniella Siljeg, Kyan Bratovic, Jacob Salkovic, Beatriz Matias, Elizabeth Kitcher, Maryanne Constantine, Harout Balassian, Hannah Arevalo, Sophie Caleta, Paige Gornall, Angela Boachie.

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**Uniform Shop Christmas Operating Hours**

**Location:** Holy Cross Primary School  
**Open:** During school term,  
Wednesdays 2.30 pm - 4 pm  
and Saturdays 11 am - 12.30 pm

Additional hours are offered in the upcoming school holidays:

- Tuesday 13th January 12.00 pm - 2.00 pm
- Friday 16th January 9.00 am - 11.00 am
- Saturday 24th January 11.00 am - 12.30 pm
- Saturday 31st January 11.00 am - 12.30 pm

For parents who are working and are unable to get to the uniform shop during the above hours, the following options are available for your convenience:

- Orders can be phoned through on 0421 216 414 or
- Download an order form from our school website [hcglenwood.catholic.edu.au](http://hcglenwood.catholic.edu.au). Click on “Parent” then on the drop down bar select “Uniform Shop”. Once you have completed the order form you can email your order to elle@ozfashions.com.au

*Please note these options are only available if paying by credit card.*

Orders will then be processed and delivered to your child’s classroom during school terms.

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