



Holy Cross Community News

“Learning Together “

Term 1
Week 8
Tuesday 17th March, 2015

RE News

Celebrating Holy Week at School

In two weeks time we enter into Holy Week - one of the most important weeks of the liturgical calendar. Across the week, various grades will be responsible for preparing celebrations and reflections to mark these significant feast days.

On Monday 30th March, Kindergarten with the assistance of Year 3 will lead a special Monday morning prayer at 9am, commemorating Palm Sunday and Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Through the week, a special prayer space will be prepared for classes to visit and reflect on the events of Holy Thursday and the Lord’s Last Supper.

On Thursday 2nd April, our Year 5 and Year 6 students will lead a special commemoration of our Lord’s Passion on Good Friday. This will be in the MPLC at 9:15am.

As always, all families are invited to join us.



Lent - Project Compassion



As the last couple of weeks of Lent draw near, our annual Project Compassion appeal will be coming to an end.

With the devastation of cyclone Pam across Vanuatu in the last few days, the need for aid relief continues to grow. It is surely timely that our privileged country responds to the call of our international neighbours. In these last couple of weeks of Project Compassion, please consider what you are able to do to help. Teaching our children the value of empathy and the rewards found in charity is a gift in itself. We will start to collect money boxes during the last week of term. Thank you to all families who are working to support this cause.

Parish Mass This Week

Week 8 - Year 5 will assist in leading mass. Mass is at 9am in our library space.

Next week, Wednesday 25th March, Year 3 will celebrate mass. Please join us if you are able.



First Eucharist (Holy Communion) Enrolment

This weekend parents wishing to enrol their child in this year’s Holy Communion Sacramental program will need to bring their completed enrolment form to mass. Mass times are: 6pm Saturday as well as 9am or 10:30am on Sunday.

Following this, the parent meeting for the Sacramental Program is on Tuesday 24th March, at 7:30pm in the St John School XXIII / St Mark’s school hall.

It is important that enrolment forms are returned and parents attend the information evening.

Although this is primarily for students in Year 4 who have received Reconciliation, children who have not previously participated in the Holy Communion Sacramental Program and are in Year 5 or Year 6 are also able to enrol.

If you have any questions regarding the Sacramental Program, please contact the parish office 9852 0580 or Mr Stennett at school.

Kindergarten 2016 Enrolments

Applications are now being accepted for Kindergarten 2016.

Parents are asked to obtain an Enrolment Form from the school office or downloaded from our website.

Please inform family or friends if they have children who are eligible to attend.

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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

www.hcglenwood.catholic.edu.au email: holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au

At Holy Cross we agree to learn together



During the season of Lent, Year 5 have been discussing how they can relate our school agreements to their everyday lives. They have spoken about their Lenten promises and ways that they can do their personal best to fulfill them. At Monday Morning Prayer this week Year 5 set Holy Cross a challenge. They challenged the students, staff and parents to do their personal best at achieving their Lenten promises. They asked us all to reflect on some questions to help us in achieving this challenge:

- What can you do during Lent to remember Jesus' 40 days in the desert?
- Will you spend some time alone praying to God?
- Will you be able to restrain from having a treat?
- Will you be able to be generous and give to others who are less fortunate?



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

Up Coming Events

Wednesday 18th March—Year 5 Mass
Wednesday 25th March—Year 3 Mass
Monday 30th March—Kindergarten/Year 3 Morning Prayer
Thursday 2nd April—Last Day of Term
Monday 20th April—First day Term 2

WINTER UNIFORM

All winter uniforms are now available for purchase at the Uniform Shop on Wednesday 2.30 - 4.00pm and Saturday 11.00 - 12.30pm until the end of Term 1. Wednesday 1st April will be the last day of trading and the Uniform Shop will reopen on Saturday 18th April from 11.00 - 12.30pm.

Uniforms may be ordered via email and via the phone. For enquiries please call Elle on 0421 216 414 or email elle@ozfashions.com.au

Staffing update

I wish to advise you that Mrs Heather Oxford has resigned from her teaching position at Holy Cross as she has decided to spend more time with her family. Mrs Oxford was teaching Health during Release from Face to Face (RFF) time. We thank Mrs Oxford for all her hard work over the many years at Holy Cross and we wish her all the very best. I am pleased to advise you that Mrs Nasser has been appointed in this position and therefore will be teaching the Health K – 3 for 2015. We look forward to Mrs Nasser being part of our school community this year.

School Fees for 2015

Term 1 school fees were due to the school by
6th March 2015.

Please note that all arrangements will now need to be made at the school. If you need to discuss your account, please contact the school office between 8.30 am and 3.30 pm Monday to Friday.

NSW STATE ELECTION

With less than two weeks before the state election, I urge you to contact your local MPs and candidates to talk to them about the importance of capital works funding for Catholic schools in western Sydney. Without capital works funding for Catholic schools, it will be difficult to meet growing enrolment demands for Catholic schooling. This will place an even greater burden on the tax payer if places for these children need to be found in government schools.

Recently, our Executive Director of Schools, Greg Whitby met with Minister Adrian Piccoli to urge him to consider the needs of the 25% of children and young people who attend Catholic schools in western Sydney. Although the meeting was positive, no commitment to capital works funding was made. I urge you to email your local STATE member, and STATE opposition candidate, to tell them that capital works funding is an important issue for you in the upcoming election

DID YOU KNOW?

According to the most recent figures available (2012), the average net cost of educating a student in a NSW Catholic school was \$11,532 per year. This is less than the cost of educating a student in a government school (\$12,118) or in an independent, non-government school (\$16,654). Catholic schools still rely on Federal and State Governments for more than 75% of our funding needs. This is why funding support from Federal and State Governments must keep pace with rising education costs - to maintain education quality and to ensure a Catholic education remains affordable for all families.