Mothers Day Stall
Thank you to all those parents who were able to assist with our Mother’s Day Stalls last week. The children had a wonderful shopping experience and we hope that all our mums enjoyed their Mothers Day gifts. The proceeds of the stall will go towards sending a pilgrim from our diocese to World Youth Day in Madrid.

FACEBOOK AND SOCIAL NETWORKING
It has come to my attention that a number of students at Holy Cross access the social networking site FACEBOOK (some children as young as 8 years old). I would like to draw to your attention that in the Statement of Rights and Responsibilities of Facebook it is clearly stated that an individual will not use Facebook if they are under 13. There are very serious reasons for this being the case – the most important being the safety of young children. If your child is accessing FACEBOOK you are urged to please reconsider your support of this.

PARISH NEWS
Sacramental Program for First Holy Communion
A reminder to our families preparing their children for First Holy Communion. The second session preparing the children will take place on Saturday 14th May at 4.30pm in the school rooms, followed by Mass at 6.00pm. Or Sunday 15th May at the 8.30am Mass followed by the session in the school rooms. The last session to prepare the children will be ‘Understanding our church’ followed by ‘Walk through the Mass’. The families will have the opportunity to attend this on either Saturday May 28 at 4.30pm (followed by 6.00pm mass) or Sunday May 29 at 9.30am (followed by 10.30am mass). The masses on these days will be explained as we go through each of the parts of the mass. The lists of the masses for First Holy Communion are now on the Sacramental notice board in the foyer of the church and can also be found on the parish website www.john23rd.org.au.

Diocese of Parramatta Silver Jubilee Mass: Thursday 19 May
Bishop Anthony Fisher OP will preside at the Silver Jubilee Mass for the 25th anniversary of the creation of the Diocese of Parramatta. All welcome. Where: St Patrick’s Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. Time: 7.30pm.

NAPLAN
Our Year 3 and 5 children will participate in the NAPLAN tests this week.

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Staff Development Day
The last day of Term 2 and the first day of Term 3 will be staff development days. These days are pupil free days. The staff will be reviewing learning programmes and making the final preparations for the school’s Compliance Audit which will be conducted on August 9.
SPECIAL CANTEEN DAY
WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY
We are having a HOT DOG DAY!!!
Online orders only—no bag orders will be accepted.
Orders to be placed under “School Shop”
1/2 Hot Dog options will be available.
No other hot option will be available on this day.
Sandwiches, wraps etc. still available

SCHOOL DISCO
Come along and join us for a night of movin’ and groovin’
WITH OUR GUEST DJ’s
FRIDAY 20TH MAY, 2011
KINDERGARTEN - YEAR 3 5.00PM TO 6.00PM
YEAR 4 - YEAR 6 6.30PM TO 8.00PM
Cost: $5.00 includes disco, food & drink. Chocolates will also be on sale

SPORTS NEWS
Cross Country
Congratulations to the Holy Cross Cross Country Team:-
The children participated with fine sportsmanship and many achieved personal bests. Thank you to the parents who supported our children and to Mrs Clark and Mrs Attard who accompanied the team on the day.

Stage 3 AFL Gala Day
Congratulations to our Stage 3 boys who attended the AFL Gala Day – this was the first time the school has been able to enter such a day and the boys all had a great time.