Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome you all back to Term 2. It was wonderful to see students with smiles of their faces, energetic and eager to learn. During this term we have many events that parents may wish to attend. The teachers have many activities planned for the children and we all look forward to the variety of opportunities we will have to work together with our families, as well as the opportunity for me to meet you all. A parent term planner is included on the back of this newsletter to assist families with the dates for Term 2.

We warmly welcome back Mrs Heather Oxford who has joined our Learning Support Team.

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week at Holy Cross

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated this year from 29 April to 5 May.

The theme for 2012 is 'Faith in Every Student'.
This year, more than 611 Catholic schools will take part in the celebrations, involving about 264,000 students. This is an ideal opportunity to showcase the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day, and to celebrate the many achievements of our students.

We are immensely proud of our Catholic heritage, and are committed to offering children in our schools the opportunity to follow Jesus as members of the Catholic community.
Our school is planning a number of activities during Catholic Schools Week that highlight the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place, as well as the many other exciting opportunities that Holy Cross provides for its students.
This is a fantastic opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of our school community.

We would also like to celebrate Mass with members of our parish and the wider Catholic community. I encourage you to participate in this spirit of celebration.

You are all warmly invited

Friday 4 May
9am Mass
Held in our Multi Purpose Learning Centre
10.30 – 11.00 am Visit our learning spaces and see “Learning in Action”
11.00am – 11.45am Please bring along a picnic lunch to have with our students

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to seeing you during Catholic Schools Week.

Regards,

Marina Hardy
Principal
Parish News

So, this is Term Two, I hope that you all had a wonderful Easter break to renew yourselves in body, soul and spirit. I would like to invite you to join one of our Youth Groups to meet new people and to be supported in your faith. The following dates in May give you an opportunity to do this.

6th May: YOUTH GROUP: 12yrs-18yrs: 4.30pm - 7.30pm Meet in Church Kitchen at 4.30pm for afternoon tea. 5.00pm Break open the word. 5.30pm Welcome others to mass. 6.00pm is the Youth Mass and after mass veg out and something to eat till 7.30pm.

20th May: YOUTH FOR CHRIST 2.00PM-5.00PM FAITH DEVELOPMENT FOLLOWED BY FELLOWSHIP AND YOUTH MASS.

ENROLMENTS

2013 enrolments are now being taken. If you have a child commencing school next year it is important that you come and collect your Expression of Interest Form. Our families are the best source of advertising for our school. If you know of any families seeking a Catholic education for their children it is time for them to come and collect the forms now.

ANZAC RE News

ANZAC DAY Prayer

Anzac Day marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War at Anzac Cove.

Commemorated each year as a national public holiday Anzac Day remains one of the most important national occasions of both Australia and New Zealand and is considered one of the most spiritual and solemn days of the year in Australia.

You are all welcome to join us our Anzac Prayer on Thursday 26th April 2012 at 12.00.

Easter Mass

Next Friday 4th May we will be celebrating Easter with a whole school mass at 9am in the MPLIC. Easter is the most important celebration in the Catholic calendar as we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord. This will form a major part of our Catholic School’s Week celebrations. Please check your availability for joining us as we also welcome Miss Hardy to our community.

FREE PARENT WORKSHOP – HOW TO BULLY PROOF YOUR KIDS

The Parent Representative Council Parramatta Diocese proudly presents Brett Murray, leading Anti-Bullying Authority and Youth Speaker. This Power of Parenting seminar:

** Gives the keys back to the parents

** Keys that unlock the tools to PREVENT BULLYING and protect our children

This seminar is a MUST for parents of children both primary and high school age who have been bullied, have bullied others or those who want to prevent their children from being bullied. All welcome – parents, grandparents, interested carers and school educators and staff.

Tuesday 1 May 2012 – Our Lady of the Way Hall, 49 Forbes St, Emu Plains

Thursday 3 May 2012 – The Holroyd Centre, 17 Miller St, Merrylands

Friday 4 May 2012 – St Paul The Apostle Parish Hall, 40 Buckleys Rd, Winston Hills

Tea and coffee from 6.30pm. Seminar starts at 7pm sharp.

Bookings essential – limited seats! Please email your venue choice with your name, school and contact number precparraevents@hotmail.com.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Tuesday 8 May. Cost of each gift will be $5.00.
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - FRIDAY 8 JUNE 2012

Holy Cross Primary Bingo Night
Come along for a night of family fun
Lots of games and Loads of prizes to be won for everyone
When: 11th May Where: Multipurpose Learning Centre
Games will begin at 6.00pm.

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their Birthday in the holidays and this past week
Nathan Baird, Orlando Pawlik, James Kitcher, Cassandra Sastrillo, Lucas Searles, Jake Christie, Ethan almonte, Mikelah Cauchi, Prabhnoor Dhillon, Ben Inns, Yash Singh, Ned Connolly, Jayden Faint, Jerrick Bravo, Jonathan D’Cunha, Brody Battese, Crystal D’Cunha, Lester Villanueva, Jared Artillaga, Riley McDougall, Faith Bockarie, Marco Tupaz, Taj Pruyn, Tapiwashe Rwambiwa, Jasmine Lam, Summer Alquillera and Chloe Bailey

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: A weekend for married couples. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . Your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!
Weekend date: 20 – 22 July at St. Mary’s Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, NSW
Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au
Information: website www.wwme.org.au

Entertainment Fundraising Books
The Entertainment Book has arrived and is on display in the front office. The book contains some fabulous reductions across a number of services and entertainment facilities within our local area and Australia wide. Holy Cross receives $13 for each book sold. Please contact the office if you would like to purchase one of these books. The vouchers in these books are able to be used immediately.

Cross Country
A large number of students will be attending the Diocesan Cross Country on Tuesday 1st May. Travel is by bus with all children needing to be at school by 8.00am
All children competing need to return their permission note and money by Friday 27th April. We wish all our children the best of luck on the day.

We are asking for your assistance with prizes for the night.
Each grade are asked to bring the following items, that will be made into hampers by a team of parent helpers.
Kindergarten Lollies
Year 1 Chocolates
Year 2 Biscuits
Year 3 Things for Kids *For Example: playing cards, travel games, dominos, Uno cards, puzzle books etc.
Year 4 Things for Dad *For Example: car cleaning products, gardening gloves, tools etc.
Year 5 Things for Mum *For Example: candles, nail polish, hand cream, coffee cup etc.
Year 6 Tea, Coffee or Hot Chocolate
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