Dear Parents and caregivers

Welcome back to school and to a new term. We look forward to a term, which is filled with exciting and challenging new learning. It was wonderful to see the students return refreshed and ready for learning. We also welcome back Ms Porteous, Mrs Salkeld, Mrs Whittle, Mr Robey, Mrs Lang, Mrs Leow and Mrs Attard.

Communication between home and school is vital, if we are to work together to provide the best learning environment for your child. There are many opportunities for regular communication with classroom teachers through parent-teacher meetings, class newsletters, and homework bags.

Here are some other ways we communicate with our families:

VISIT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

EXTENDING MATHEMATICAL UNDERSTANDING (EMU) LEARNING VIDEO

Have you seen our EMU learning videos or followed our school on Twitter?

We have recently added two EMU learning tasks that you can play with your child to improve their learning in Mathematics. These videos explain how to play “Round the Garden” and “Target Game”. We will be shortly adding a new video of an EMU learning task to the school website.

To view the EMU Learning videos please visit our school website. On the right hand side of our home page you will see this photo:

Click on the photo to view the videos.

TWITTER

You are welcome to follow Holy Cross on Twitter: @holycrossglen or click on the following icon on the home page of our school website to see the learning and achievements of our students.

SCHOOL NOTES

To download recent notes that have been sent home click on the link on the right hand side of the school website under “School Notes”.

Click here to download recent notes that have been sent home.

GALLERIES

We are also regularly updating our photo galleries. To view photos of “Learning in Action” at Holy Cross click on the link “Galleries” on the right hand side of the school website.

Click here to see learning in action at Holy Cross.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

If you wish to receive the school newsletter by email or have changed your email address please notify the school office.

Regards,

Marina Hardy
Principal

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John XXIII Mass Times

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Parish News

For those wishing to be **WYD pilgrims** with this parish: there is a very important meeting for you to attend this **Sunday 7th October after the 6.00pm mass** in the church. **28th October at the 10.30am Mass Bishop Anthony Fisher will celebrate mass for us to commemorate our 10 year anniversary.** After mass we will be having a Gala Day in the grounds of St Mark’s College. Please come in national dress, bring food to share. There will be games for the kids and entertainment for all. **Elvis Presley will be in the building!** Thank you for responding in a positive manner to join up with the **Planned Giving Envelopes**. We have a huge task to pay our debt and it continues with making us aware of putting any little extra into the Second Collection. One parishioner already has come forward with an adventurous plan to fund raise. If you would like to put forward a proposition then please contact Bart or myself. If you missed the opportunity to be part of the Planned Giving Scheme, then please take a green form from one of the tables at the back of the church. If you have forgotten to pick up your envelopes from June, they are still waiting for you at the parish office.

**PROFESSIONAL LEARNING**

The staff at Holy Cross has a commitment to ongoing professional learning to improve student-learning outcomes. Throughout the school term teachers engage each week in professional learning before and after school. You are reminded that each Thursday morning this term teachers will be at a professional learning meeting until 9.00 a.m. Teachers before school will supervise children on these days under the COLA not in the classrooms.

**STORY TIME**

Story Time for pre-schoolers will continue in Term 4 every Thursday @ 3.00pm in the library. All pre-schoolers welcome!

**Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day**

On Friday the 21st September students in Year 6 went to the Parramatta Diocesan Touch Football Gala Day at St Mary’s. Both the boys and girls teams played extremely well, remaining undefeated throughout the day. Not only did both teams place first, they had a fun and enjoyable day with Year 6 showing great skill, encouragement and sportsmanship.

The group of year 6 students would to thank Miss Sheehy and the parents for coming along and supporting them on the day. They would also like to give a special thank you to Mr. Woods for giving up his time to coach the week prior to the gala day.

By Olivia Bradasic and Madeline Caleta

School RE News

**October – The Month of The Rosary**

This year, Holy Cross has been particularly learning about traditional Catholic prayers. As we are now in October, which is a month particularly devoted to The Rosary, it could be a great opportunity to focus on Mary in any family prayer. You could share the Hail Mary before meals or even a decade of the Rosary once a week. Taking a little prayer time yourself individually during October could be a wonderful way to embrace the month and seek a little refocusing.

**Mission**

A number of grades across the school will be focusing on Mission in their religion classes. This refers to the Mission that we are each called to actively make a difference in the world that we live. Mission is commonly used as a term for helping the destitute or those going through extraordinary hardship. Mission though can be much simpler: from changing your frame of mind set to consider others or making a point each day to do one small deed for someone else. It is a calling to follow God through the life of Jesus. Observing a simple prayer each day as suggested above could be a good start.

The parish has a community outreach group who are always looking for new helpers. If you are interested in helping care for others, by cooking a meal, driving someone to Mass, occasional mowing a lawn, visiting the lonely and sick please contact Sue Andruskin at the parish. If you know of anyone who may need assistance, please pass on their details to Sue. She can be contacted on 9852 0583 or sacramental@john23rd.org.au.

Our children learn from what they see, and if we want them to grow into adults who consider and come to the aid of others then they need to see ourselves doing the same.

**Walk a thon**

Thank you to all of our families who have returned sponsorship money for our Walk a Thon. We have raised over $2000 towards purchasing new iPads for our Learning Spaces. This year the children are working towards incentives for raising as much money as possible.

This Friday will be “Crazy Hat and Crazy Sock Day”. The children will wear their school uniform with the addition of a crazy sock and hat. Well done boys and girls!

Our next incentives include: $3000- Wear your favourite Sporting Teams jersey.

$ 6000- Staff/ Student Soccer Game

$ 8000- Multi Day

$ 10000- Lunchtime Disco.

Please continue to bring in Sponsorship money to your class teacher.

**When we reach $3,000
OUR FAVOURITE SPORTING TEAM JERSEY!**

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their Birthday in the holidays and this past week

Mihir Bekal, Maya Nepa1, Maya Nepa1, Krish Naidu, Olivia Fedele, Russell Wu, Stefan Fernando, Bowen Wu, Chloe Wearing, Robin Limguangco, Olivia Hofmann, Anthony Ferfiris, Joshua Ibrahim, Joshua Simmons, Apollo Constantine, Kirsten Francisco, Nikhil Pratap, Kevin Abal, Johmann, Cameron Driscoll, Guisa Sison, Emily Harper and Nathan Baylon
**DANCE FEVER**

This term the students will be participating in Dance Fever every Tuesday. Please ensure that the students are wearing their sport uniform on this day.

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**Holy Cross Summer Uniform**

| Girls Summer Uniform | Purple and white check dress  
|                     | Green bomber jacket  
|                     | White ankle socks with one cuff folded over  
|                     | Black school shoes  
|                     | Green school hat  
| Boys Summer Uniform | Green rugby shorts  
|                     | White school shirt  
|                     | Green bomber jacket  
|                     | White ankle socks with one cuff folded over  
|                     | Black school shoes  
|                     | Green school hat

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**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL UNIFORM STOCK SALE**

**30% OFF**

**ALL HOLY CROSS STOCK**

**FROM NOW UNTIL 26TH OCTOBER 2012**

Dear Families of Holy Cross

We will soon be changing our suppliers of uniform as PSW will be closing their uniform outlet

But before that .......

**GRAB YOURSELF A BARGAIN**

At PSW

49/9 Hoyle Avenue
Upper Level, Enterprise Park
CASTLE HILL, NSW, 2154
Ph: (02) 8853 6004

**OPENING HOURS**

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- Dance Fever begins
- Special Canteen Day
- Kinder 2013 Transition 9.00 – 11.00am
- PDCPSSC Sports Award Evening
- Kinder 2013 Parent and Student Orientation
- Thanksgiving Mass 10.15am
- STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
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