Welcome Back for term 4

It was lovely to greet each of our children as they returned yesterday. We welcomed 5 new children and their families to our community:- Christian & Jeremiah Albina, Fernanda Dedic, Hayden Laurence & Kate Moulds. We also welcomed Mrs Alex Meredith to the Year 3 teaching team. Mrs Meredith is replacing Mrs Oxford during her sick leave this term. Please continue to keep Mrs Oxford and her family in your prayers. We hope that these new children and their families, Mrs Meredith and all our continuing children and their families enjoy learning together at Holy Cross in Term 4. We all look forward to an action packed term with exciting programmes and activities already planned for the children including many opportunities that parents will have to share in their children's learning and to be a part of our school community throughout this term. Some of these include the excursions for Years 3 and 6, a Blacktown City Library visit for Year 2, the Dance Programme for all the children K-6 throughout the term, the School End of Year Concert on Thursday 1st December, the Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 7th December, the End of Year Mass at Stanhope on Friday 9th December, the Dance Fever Performance for Years 3-6 at Homebush on Monday 12th December and of course the Year 6 Graduation Mass on Wednesday 14th December.

A Milestone in our school’s History

In a little over a week the first group of Kindergarten children that commenced at Holy Cross Primary School will sit for the 2012 HSC. At the end of term 3, I was able to attend some of the Graduation ceremonies for these young people and I can only say I was extremely proud of each of our ex students and congratulate their parents and their secondary school teachers on the way in which these students conducted themselves. Congratulations to Jessica Fanous and Emily Ford who achieved high academic recognition. We wish the very best to all our ex Holy Cross Students who will be sitting for their HSC and we will keep them in our prayers over this time. The Kindergarten group of 1999 sitting for the 2012 HSC includes:-


STAFF SPIRITUAL FORMATION DAY

On Friday 18th November 2011 the staff will be lead by Father Dave through a Spiritual Formation Day to be held at Mamre House Mulgoa. This will be a pupil free day. Each year the Catholic Education Office asks schools in the Diocese to set aside one of our staff development days for religious and spiritual formation. This year Father Dave will be guiding the staff in an approach to scriptural reflection called “Lectio Divina”.

RE News

This term a number of our Year 2 students will make their first Reconciliation. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Parents and Guardians are reminded of the Parent evening on Wednesday 19th October or Thursday 20th October. This is the second information evening for parents.

Religious Literacy

In the first two weeks of term 4 our Year 4 students will take part in the Part A Religious Literacy Assessment. This is an online assessment and all students in Year 4 in the Parramatta Diocese will take part.

Friday Mass

This Friday our Mini Vinnies students will attend mass. We hope parents are able to join us.

Summer Uniform

Thank you to all parents for the fine way in which the children returned to school in their summer uniforms. Both children and parents are reminded that the appropriate hair style for the children is neat and tidy –

• no radical hair cuts or hair dye
• the correct shoe for the uniform is a black school shoe – not a jogger. Rabens or slip on canvas shoes are not an appropriate or safe school shoe for either sport or everyday wear.
• the correct sock is a short white sock with a one cuff roll down
Dance Fever - Tuesdays for K-6 Throughout Term 4 and Sports Uniform
Parents are reminded that throughout Term 4 the children in all classes will be participating in the Dance Fever Programme. This means that for Term 4 each Tuesday, children in all classes will wear their sports uniforms because they will be participating in Dance Fever workshops. The children will all need to then wear their sports uniform again on either Wednesday or Thursday when they do class sport with Mrs Clark. Please check with your child’s class teacher if you have any questions. Parents are warmly invited to drop in and observe one of these classes any Tuesday throughout the term. The classes are being held in the Multi Purpose Learning Centre (MPLC).

Term Four Concert
The date for our End of Year School Performance is Thursday 1st December. We will be holding a night of dancing, singing and instrumentals in the MPLC. Place this date in your diary so that you do not miss out.

Parking in and around the school
Over the course of last term a number of parents persistently entered the carpark to drop off or pick up children. The carpark is a restricted area for safety reasons. Once again parents are reminded that the carpark is not accessible for parent parking. Please do not enter the carpark or ask your children to meet you in the carpark EVEN WHEN THE GATE IS OPEN as this puts our children’s safety at risk. Should you park in the carpark at the beginning of the school day or at the end of the school day when the children are arriving or leaving the school, please expect that you will be approached to move your car.

Council Rangers will be booking drivers who park illegally. This includes the bus bay and areas such as private driveways and footpaths. Parking in these areas endangers the safety of our children and makes it extremely difficult for our neighbours. Parking fines are very expensive and the school cannot do anything about having these waived for you when you are breaking signage regulations.

WHOOPING COUGH
If your child has any of the symptoms of whooping cough, such as a dry or persistent cough, which may be especially bad at night, a runny nose and fever, please see your doctor. If your child has whooping cough, your doctor will arrange a course of antibiotic treatment. Antibiotics given early in the illness are effective in stopping the cough and in preventing spread to other people. If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough please advise the school.

PSW Uniform Shop
We have received a communication from PSW that uniform prices will rise this term due to increased manufacturing costs.

Planning for 2012
We are already commencing plans for the 2012 school year. Please assist this process by letting us know if you are moving out of the area and that your child will not be attending Holy Cross. Please indicate this in writing and send it to the office before the end Week 2.

Change of Family Details
Please ensure that your family details, especially contact numbers are updated at the office when they change. This is very important in cases of accident or illness when we need to urgently contact parents.

Date to Remember:
Friday 18th November - 2011 Staff Spiritual Formation Day (Pupil Free Day)
Friday 16th December - Last day of school for students in 2011

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN WHO CELEBRATED THEIR BIRTHDAYS:-
Russel Wu, Stefan Fernando, Bowen Wu, Beau Hackney, James Khalife, Apollo Constantine, Kirsten Francisco, Emily Harper, Chloe Wearing, Mike Issa, Joshua Ibrahim, Jack Bradasic, Nikhil Pratap, Kevin Abal, Sinead Lunn, Emmanuel Ntreh, Nathan Baylon, Marc Watkins, Claudia Moffatt, Alyssa Rhind,

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