Dear Parents and Carers,

We again come to the end of a very busy term and have much to celebrate – the learning; the relationships; the celebrations; the opportunities to work together. I thank the staff, students and parents for their contributions and wish you well for the holidays. May they be a time of rest and family fun for all.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all the students who have received their First Holy Communion over the last few weeks.

Please note the times for Reconciliation on the front cover of the Bulletin. Come back home to Jesus and be reconciled by a loving and forgiving God through the healing powers of this wonderful sacrament. The weekly planned giving envelopes are available to be picked up from the foyer of the main doors. Those who have not done so please make an effort to pick them up! I would like to thank those who clean our church every week. However, the seats, inside windows and ledges need a good clean. So on Saturday 14th July from 9.30am—10.30am come along bring dusters, spray and wipe, old rags to dust down windows, ledges, seats etc. 10.30am Morning Tea and go home. Come as a family or come as one and join in the fun. If anyone has any idea on how to make an extension pole to clean the upper ledges, then let me know. I have been told not to go up any more ladders! If you can spare a couple of hours then let Tanya at the Parish Office know of your availability and numbers coming for catering purposes! If you would like to claim a garden patch to keep our church beautiful then please phone Tanya at the parish office.

Tuesday nights are special nights in our church. Every Tuesday people come and sit a while with Jesus from 6.30pm-8.30pm. The first hour is Exposition, Evening Prayer of the Church and Rosary. The second hour is that beautiful Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual help during mass. Petitions are written down and read out for our sick, those who have died and for thanksgiving. This Friday and every 1st Friday is the Mass and Benediction to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 7.30pm. Saturday and every First Saturday of each month we have the Sacrament of the Sick during the 9.00am mass and remember those deceased on the Remembrance Wall.

Farewell and Welcome

We farewell Mrs Samantha Clark who will be leaving our school community at the end of this week. Mrs Clark has been accepted into a Mathematics Retraining Program which commences in Term 3. On behalf of the students, parents and staff of Holy Cross I would particularly like to thank Mrs Clark for all her hard work and expertise that she has shared with our school community. We wish her all the very best for the future.

This week we welcome Miss Samantha Pepin to our school. Miss Pepin will be teaching Year One during Term 3 while Ms Porteous is on leave.

John XXIII Mass Times

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Pyjama Day @ Holy Cross and Staff Winter Sleep-Out
Holy Cross will be having a Pyjama Day this Friday 29th June. Each student will be encouraged to bring in a gold coin and either wear their pyjamas or a tracksuit on the day. Money raised will go towards supporting a special fund that has been set-up by our parish to assist a number of families in the community with seriously ill children. Some of our school staff will be sleeping-out at school on the night before. Through this, and by wearing our pyjamas, we hope to raise awareness of those in our community and society who are experiencing hardship. Classes will gather in prayer and focus on this initiative throughout the day on Friday. Please support us in this appeal. We hope to raise a lot of money to help our community as well as have a lot of fun.

Year of Grace
The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people. Amen. (Revelation 22:21)
In this ‘Year of Grace’ We are being invited on a journey of the heart seeking an experience of Jesus, to deepen our relationship with Him, rather learning more about Jesus.
How can we best reflect the Face of Christ to our family, neighbours and work colleagues?
As you wash the dishes, mow the lawn, cook a family meal or spend time with your work colleagues, reflect on the love that brings you to do these everyday tasks. What may sometimes seem drudgery is often borne out of our deep love for those around us. Sit with children and other family members at the end of the day naming the things and people they are thankful as being part of their lives.

Parish Sacramental Program
Congratulations to all children who have received their First Holy Communion over the past two weeks. Congratulations to their families and friends who have supported them throughout their preparation in the Sacramental Program.
The next Sacramental Program will be Reconciliation. The parent meeting for this will be held in the Parish Church Blessed John XXIII on Wednesday September 5 at 7.30pm or Thursday September 6 at 7.30pm. More specific details will be forwarded early next term or can be found on the Parish web site.

Athletics Carnival
On Thursday 21st June we held our annual school Athletics Carnival. Despite the cold weather we all enjoyed a fun day of tabloid events, which included the 100m, 200m and 800m races. Congratulations to the following students who will be competing for our school at the Blacktown Zone Carnival on Tuesday 14th August 2012.

Adam Mrazek, Emmanuel Almonte, Elijah Joaquin, Georgia Corrigan, Maddison Pritchard, Daniel Sekulic, Samantha Hewitson, Gideon Boachie, Chanel Assam, Nicholas Taylor, Anthony Shalala, Angela Boachie, Lachlan Inglis, Nicholas Reetov, Michael Osei-Adomako, Callum Scott, Benjamin Reetov, Hayden Laurence, Elizabeth Murray, Isabella Valenti, Beatriz Matias, Anna Diaz, Jacob Szymoniczek, Ester Bockarie, Madeleine O’Rourke, Mikelah Cauchi, Keziah Hendra, Adrian Musso, and Jaden Arnold.

Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who assisted on the day. This support certainly helped with the day running smoothly.

Mr Whiteley, Mrs Mrazek, Mrs Dowd, Mrs Giumenti, Mrs Pritchard, Mrs Irving, Mrs White, Mrs Irving, Mrs Hope, Mrs Lim, Mrs Zaia, Mrs Hofmann and Mrs Gleeson

A special thank you to Mrs Samantha Clark for co-ordinating the Athletics Carnival.

Upcoming Events

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Happy Birthday to all students who have celebrated their Birthday
Anthony Christiansen, Marcus Jones, Sharnie Fernando, Lara Calabrese, Isabelle Laurence & Rachel Crowe

PWS Uniform shop
An information flyer will be sent home today with changes to their trading hours at their retail stores commencing 1st July 2012.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY FRIDAY 10th AUGUST
THIS IS A PUPIL FREE DAY