Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Walk a thon update

Thank you to all of our families who have returned sponsorship money for our Walk a Thon. All money raised will go towards purchasing new Ipads for our Learning Spaces. This year the children are working towards incentives for raising as much money as possible.

Last Friday we celebrated our achievements with a "Crazy Hat and Crazy Sock Day".

As we have now raised $5,000 the children are invited to wear their "Favourite Sporting Team hat, jersey, and/or socks" this Friday 19th October 2012. Students are to wear their full sports uniform under their jersey.

Congratulations boys and girls!

Our next incentives include: $6,000- Staff/Student Soccer Game, $8,000- Mufti Day $10,000- Lunchtime Disco.

Please continue to bring in Sponsorship money to your class teacher. Just a reminder when sending in money to the school please place it in an envelope with your child’s name, class and what it is for on the front of the envelope.

Regards

Marina Hardy
Principal
**Parish News**

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 the all. Elvis Presley will be in the building!

I thank those people who have been trained as welcome to our church. Your presence is making a difference. It is a warm welcome that greets us as we come to church. If anyone would like to join this important group then please contact Bart Sarlabus.

To our gardeners thank you for your efforts. With the warmer weather it is all growing again. If you see a weed in the garden, pull it out and throw it in the bin. Don’t leave it all to those who have volunteered. If you wish to look after a garden then please contact Tanya at the parish office.

Please be patient with me about air conditioning. I need to get to you the facts and invite you to a meeting to advise me on possible outcomes. I hope to do this in the next few weeks.

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**CANTENE NEWS**

**New Summer Menu**

A new canteen menu will be sent home with your child today. You will notice new items on the menu including: Macaroni & Cheese & Salad Wraps.

Please note there has been a change in pricing for some items, as we have not had a price rise in 2 years.

**CAN YOU HELP?**

We need to replace one of the fridges in the canteen so we are asking the school community to see if anyone has contacts with electrical retailers or suppliers.

Alternatively if anyone has a large fridge that they no longer need and wish to donate it would be very much appreciated. If you can help please leave your details with the office and we will be in contact with you.

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**CHICKEN NUGGET DAY - WED 31st October**

**ONLINE ORDERS ONLY.** You need to order under SCHOOL SHOP for the special. We are now taking orders. Please order early to assist with catering.

- 6 nuggets, sauce & juice $4.00
- 6 nuggets, sauce & water $4.00
- 6 nuggets, sauce & milk $4.50
- 12 nuggets, sauce & juice $5.00
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ORDERS CLOSE Friday 26th October. NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED.

**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL UNIFORM STOCK SALE**

**30% OFF**

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**Planning for 2013**

We are commencing our plans for 2013 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 in 2013. Please indicate this in writing and send it to the office before the end of Week 3.

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**FAITH AT THE FIDDLER**

Don’t miss the final Faith at the Fiddler for 2012.

Guest speaker is Bishop Anthony Fisher OP.

Thursday, 15th November, 5 – 7pm,

The Greenway Room, The Mean Fiddler, Rouse Hill

**MISSION**

Many classes across the school have begun a focus on Mission – the call to follow Jesus in caring for our neighbours. Often we think of Mission in terms of overseas aid and there is no shortage of help needed for countries in peril. Mission relates to all people though, from those abroad to those who we share our days with.

Jesus asked, “When I was hungry, did you feed me? When I was sick, did you care for me? When I was a stranger, did you welcome me?” We don’t need to perform miracles to achieve this. It is often the little things that we do that make the most difference. E.g. inviting someone to play, recognising when someone is down.

Later in the term we will be organising a specific Christmas appeal for St Vincent de Paul. In the meantime, while classes are discussing Mission at school, talking about the little things that we can for each other over dinner or on the way home from school could be a great way to encourage Mission in our community.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Athletics**

We wish Michael Osei-Adomako all the best as he represents the MacKillop team at the NSWPSSA Championships which will be held on 17th and 18th October at Homebush for the 200m event.

This is an outstanding achievement.

**School Swimming Carnival**

Parents of children in Years 2 – 5 are reminded to return the Primary School Swimming Carnival note to class teachers by Friday 2nd November.

Please read this note very carefully before signing it as to ensure that we have accurate information about your child’s swimming ability. Parents are also invited to assist on the day so that the carnival can run safely and smoothly.

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**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. Please also ensure that all email addresses have been updated.

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**ALL HOLY CROSS STOCK**

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

Laurn, d’Cruz, Claire Szymonecz, Caitlin Dimech, Jack Bradascie, Sinead Lunn, Ronan Tucker, Emmanuel Ntre, Ethan Sitaramayya, Marc Watkins, Lachlan Inglis and Bradley Seib