Celebrating Catholic Schools Week at Holy Cross

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

NAPLAN

2012 NAPLAN: Tuesday May 15, Wednesday May 16 and Thursday May 17.
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is
an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. On Tuesday 15,
Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 May, our students will undertake the 2012
NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of
Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and
punctuation) and Numeracy. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and
numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum.
All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Students with
disability may qualify for special provisions that reflect the support normally
provided to them in the classroom. An individual student NAPLAN
report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this
information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any
areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to
discuss progress with teachers.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at:

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School RE News

Whole School Mass – Celebrating Easter and Catholic Schools Week
This Friday morning, the school will gather for mass to celebrate Easter as well as Catholic Schools Week. The mass will also be significant as we formally welcome Miss Hardy to our community. We invite all parents and friends to join us for mass and then, if able, stay to visit classes.

Mother’s Day Celebration – Change of Date!
Instead of Friday 11th as previously stated, we will be celebrating Mother’s Day on Monday 14th May with a special whole school liturgy. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause. We hope that many of our mums are able to join us.

First Eucharist Sacramental Program
The Sacramental Program for First Eucharist at Blessed John XXIII begins this week with parent information evenings on this Wednesday 2nd May as well as Thursday 3rd May. It is important that parents with children in the program attend one of the sessions. Sacramental sessions for children attending on Saturdays begin on 19th May at 4:30pm followed by 6pm mass. Children attending Sunday sessions begin on 20th May at 8:30am followed by 9:45am mass.
Full dates are available from the Blessed John XXIII website.

May – The Month of Mary
This year, Holy Cross will be particularly learning about traditional Catholic prayers. As we enter into May, which is a month particularly devoted to our Lady, it could be a good 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.

KINDER 2013 ENROLMENTS
Applications are now being accepted for Kindergarten 2013. If your turns 5 on or before the 31st July, 2013 and would like them to attend Holy Cross Primary School, you are welcome to collect an expression of interest form from the school office. Please inform family or friends if they have children who are eligible to attend

John XXIII Mass Times

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Minimiracles OOSH
Parents are invited to enrol their children in this service.
Supervision for children before school commences at 8.30am therefore the Minimiracles service is a great onsite option for parents who need care for their children before 8.30am.

Winter School Uniform
The following 2 weeks are a uniform transition period. The children can continue to wear their summer school uniform or choose to change into their winter uniform. The official changeover date is Monday of Week 4 of this term. Please do not send your children to school in a blend of the two uniforms – if girls wish to wear tights then they should be wearing winter uniform. If boys want to wear long pants they should be wearing their full winter uniform which includes the long sleeve shirt and tie. Ties and winter jackets are available from the office. All other uniforms are available at PSW Unit 49/9 Hoyle Ave Castle Hill.
The second hand uniform shop will be open this Wednesday 2nd May at 2.30pm.

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 am. Children will be supervised by teachers before school on these days under the COLA not in the classrooms.

READING UNDER THE STARS
On Wednesday evening 9th May 2012 at 6.30 pm a special event is being held in our Library for those children who are attending Kindergarten in 2013. Parents and their children can enjoy an evening story time in the library “Under the Stars”. ALL 2013 Kindergarten children and their parents are warmly invited to attend. So that we can cater for the evening please RSVP your attendance by contacting the office (02 9629 8742) by Friday 4th May 2012.

Happy Birthday to all students who have celebrated their Birthday
Jack Miller, Alicia Hartley, Dominic Lim, and Chloe Bailey

Family Bingo Night Update Friday 11th May
5.30pm for Sausage Sizzle
6.30pm Start Bingo

This Family Bingo Night is shaping to become a great family night, not only will there be Bingo, there will be raffles, guessing competitions, games and a wonderfully entertaining Bingo caller. The night is fast approaching, so to reserve your seat please complete and return last weeks note to your child’s class by 9th May.
All Bingo books will be sold on the night. Adult Bingo books will be $5.00 and smaller books for children will be $2.00. Bingo pens will also be available to buy on the night.
Thank you to all the families who have donated items for the night. The parent helpers will be able to make up some fabulous hampers.
If you have any baskets or gift boxes you would like to donate to make up these hampers this would be very helpful.
Helpers will be needed to make up the hampers, on Monday 7th May, after Monday Morning prayer. If you can spare some time to stay and help we would be very grateful.