Dear Parents and Caregivers,

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

CAPTIVATE Ensemble and Choir

Over the past two years students at Holy Cross have been privileged to take part in CAPTIVATE a Creative and Performing Arts initiative of the Catholic Education Office. CAPTIVATE offers students a wide range of quality learning and performance opportunities for the children to showcase their creativity and talents beyond our school.

This year our school will continue to be involved, however we will also participate in two additional CAPTIVATE programs:

1. Combined Primary School Choir

This year our students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to be involved in CAPTIVATE – Combined Primary School Choir. Participation of the students in this program is voluntary. Under this program our school will be part of a Choral ensemble, forming a massed choir with other schools in the Diocese.

In order to learn the songs, the students will travel by bus to nearby schools for two half-day rehearsals. The final performance will be in June at Nagle College, Blacktown South.

An information and permission note was sent home last week and is to be returned by Thursday 21st February 2013. Please contact Mrs Sue Gilmore or Miss Marina Hardy for further information regarding this program.

2. Captivate Voices (Stage 3 Chamber Choir)

Congratulations to Caitlin Gallacher, Sinead Lunn, William O’Rourke and Ronan Tucker who have been selected in the newly formed program Captivate Voices – Stage 3 Chamber Choir. These students were selected following an audition by Mr David Russell (Artistic Director, Music CAPTIVATE PROGRAM, Catholic Education Office). The students will have the opportunity to perform throughout the year with other students in the Diocese.

These ensembles rehearse after school every three weeks with other students from across the diocese at three different locations.

We are looking forward to these students performing over the year.

Kind regards,

Marina Hardy
Principal

OPEN DAY

Sunday 10th March, 2013

11.30 am to 1.00 pm

KINDER 2014 ENROLMENTS

Applications are now being accepted for Kindergarten 2014. Parents are asked to obtain an expression of interest form from the school office or downloaded from our website. Please inform family or friends if they have children who are eligible to attend.

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John XXIII Mass Times
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday Masses 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.00pm
Weekday Masses Mon, Wed, Thurs and Sat at 9.00am

www.hcglenwood.catholic.edu.au email: holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au
Year 4 Grade Mass This Week

Year 4 has been learning about prayer as an important part of Lenten reflection. They will be leading our parish mass this Friday in their learning space. Mass is usually only 30 minutes and begins at 9am as school starts. Even if your children are not in Year 4, it is a lovely way to start the day and everyone is welcome to join us.

Project Compassion

This Monday, all children across the school received a Project Compassion money box to take home. Project Compassion is run by Caritas Australia and has become a tradition in Catholic Schools (for many years). Project Compassion is the single largest fund raising initiative of Caritas and is their largest source of income. Without Project Compassion, Caritas is unable to provide the relief and aid that they do.

The work of Caritas touches the lives of people right across the globe, empowering communities in need to raise living standards, nutrition and health, employment and happiness.

During Lent, alms giving is a significant way in which we can help others and in doing so help us reflect on our own lives in preparation for Christ’s coming at Easter. I encourage everyone to place your Project Compassion box somewhere visible at home, as a reminder to be charitable. The loose coins floating around under car seats, in the cracks of the lounge or in the bottom of our pockets may make no difference to us although it can help change the lives of others.

Sacramental Date Reminder

The first two parent information sessions for First Eucharist are on Wednesday March 6th as well as Thursday March 7th from 7:30pm. Children who have received Reconciliation are eligible to receive First Communion. Please contact the school or parish office if you have any questions.

Parish News

I am calling a meeting of all Cinque Cento Members and any interested parishioners to discuss a preferred cooling system for our church next Friday 22nd at 7.30pm, next Saturday 23rd at 7.00pm and next Sunday 24th at 7.00pm. So Cinque Cento Members and any interested parishioners will be informed of two choices and your input at these meeting times will help me make a decision. I want you to have your say, so please turn up and put your view forward. The time has come to do something!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRI: 7.00PM.

The Cinque Cento Club now has 42 members! We need about 250 members to operate as a fundraiser this year. Two weeks to go!

Remember new mass times during the week: Now there is a 9.00am Tuesday Mass and a 7.15am Friday mass in the church on a trial basis. I thank Fr Kevin Walsh for offering to write a weekly Lenten reflection that will go into the bulletin each week during lent. Also Fr Kev will be directing a Lenten Retreat, on the 23 February at 9.00am titled “Lenten Food for thought”. Please put your name on the sheets in the foyer if you are coming. Also, please put your names down for the Lenten discussion groups.

Live Jesus in Our Hearts, Forever Father Dave

Lenten Reflection

During the season of Lent, we are invited to the “Wilderness” by the spirit, so that we can be strengthened through our prayer, reflection and struggle with the challenges of life that can draw us away from God. During the week ahead, what steps will you take to remain faithful to God?

Clean Up Australia Day

On Friday March 1, our school will join with over 2,000 other schools around Australia to remove rubbish from our precious environment. At 2:15 pm on Friday March 1, all classes will participate in cleaning up our playground as part of Clean Up Australia Day. Students may bring in gloves to wear if they wish. We look forward to taking part in the nation’s largest community based environment event.

Parent Information Night

Thank you to all parents who attended the Year One and Two Parent Information Night last night. Looking forward to seeing our Year Three and Year Four parents tonight (Tuesday) and Year Five and Year Six on Wednesday evening at 7 pm. Thank you to all the staff involved in making these nights a wonderful success.
Technology News

Twitter:
Last year Holy Cross joined Twitter. From time to time we will show pictures from events here at school and also updates and news items. To see all recent activity you can follow us on Twitter: @holycrossglen or alternatively you can access information from our twitter feed on our school website. You will notice on the left hand side of our school website page there is a twitter icon - click on “twitter icon”. The twitter icon looks like this:

Parent notes sent home
In the interest of making life easier for all of us, any school notes that have been sent home, emailed and require parents to follow up will also be available from the school website. For these, you can go to... http://www.hcglenwood.catholic.edu.au/

And click on ‘parent notes’... and select from the category.
SPORTS NEWS

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Congratulations to the following students who will be representing Holy Cross at the Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival on Friday 22nd February, 2013 at Mt Druitt Pool.


CONGRATULATIONS ETHAN
Congratulations to Ethan Sitaramayya who has selected to represent Parramatta Diocese at the Combined Parramatta/Sydney/Wollongong Cricket Trials to be held on Tuesday 6th August, 2013.

We are very proud of you all!

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
The students have started training for our school Cross Country that will be held on Thursday 14th March 2013. This carnival will be for students in Years 3 to 6 and students who will be turning 8 this year in Year 2.

CANTEEN
Chicken Nugget Day Wednesday 6th March.
Online orders only no paper bag orders accepted. Order under SCHOOL SHOP. ORDERS CLOSE FRIDAY 1ST MARCH AT 11.30am. No late orders accepted. Sandwiches/wraps/drinks etc still available no hot food items available on this day.

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their Birthday’s this past week
Noah Ta, Charlotte Moriarty, Ella Wood, Michael Makarous, Jessica Thomas, Alistair Gleeson, Oviya Kumar, Branden Lawson, Madeline Said, Brianna Zaia, Maanav Naidu, Emma Baird and Oliver Velmonte McInroy

Dates for your Diary - Term 1 2013

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No Nut Policy
As you are aware, Holy Cross School has adopted a nut free policy to protect its students. Due to the presence of children who have anaphylactic reactions, nuts represent a considerable threat to the well-being of some of the school community. An anaphylactic reaction can be fatal. Could parents please further assist us by making sure that their children do not bring any nut products to school e.g. peanut butter, Nutella and other nut spreads, chocolate bars with nuts in them like Snickers, some muesli products, some cake or biscuit products-the list is extensive. If parents could check the labels carefully before buying products for school lunches it would be greatly appreciated.

Staff Development Day 29th April, 2013
2013 CINQUE CENTO CLUB

Join the Cinque Cento Club

You are invited to join this exciting fundraising initiative of the Catholic Parish of Blessed John XXIII to assist us with the funding requirements of our Parish.

So how does it work?

- Club limited to a maximum of 500 members
- Each member contributes $50 per month (January 2013 to December 2013—$600 per year)
- Individual or syndicate membership
- Membership closing date: 3rd March 2013
- Chance to Win one of three $500 ANZ Prepaid Visa Cards if you are a full renewing member or sign up a new full member
- Monthly Prize Draw of $500 ANZ Prepaid Visa Card

Major Prize Draw

Major Prize Draw 8 December 2013 consisting of:
- 1st Prize $25,000 ANZ Prepaid Visa Cards
- 2nd Prize $15,000 ANZ Prepaid Visa Cards
- 3rd Prize $10,000 ANZ Prepaid Visa Cards
- 4th Prize $2,500 ANZ Prepaid Visa Cards
- 5th Prize $1,000 ANZ Prepaid Visa Cards

To join, just complete the section below and return it to a committee member or the Parish Office.
Remember, it is limited to 500 members only. So don't miss out. Apply NOW!

Application for membership: (Please tick appropriate box)

☐ Individual Member ☐ I have formed my own Syndicate ☐ I want to join as 50% syndicate member

Name of Member/Syndicate:

______________________________________________________

Name of Syndicate Members
(if applicable)

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Tick box if you consent to your name being published if you are a prize winner.

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Email address

______________________________________________________

Phone number

______________________________________________________

Postal Address

______________________________________________________

Credit Card details (Visa & Master Card
Only, No Amex)

Account Number

______________________________________________________

Name of Cardholder

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Expiry Date

/ __________________

Cardholder Signature

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I have read and accept the terms and conditions of the Cinque Cento Club. I confirm that I (and all syndicate members) are over 18 years of age. Where credit card details have been provided I authorise 12 monthly payments of $50 (or $25 for joint syndicate membership) to be debited from my account on the 1st of each month or the next business day. I understand that any membership arrears would be immediately debited from the account.

Signature ____________________________________________

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