Thank you parents for the way in which the children have changed over into their evening of entertainment. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Inns, Mr & Mrs Surace & Mitchell children have a safety plan should they be approached by a stranger when they

I am delighted to hear the many positive comments, which new families have heard about Holy Cross. This speaks strongly about the very high reputation, which we enjoy in the wider community.

Family Bingo Evening
Congratulations to our organising committee- this event was a fantastic family evening of entertainment. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Inns, Mr & Mrs Surace & Mitchell Surace, Leanne & Alex Mey, Anne Szymoniczek, Sophia Ferguson, Michelle Burakowski, Mary Harper, Frances & Lachlan Inglis, Janelle and Jessica Hope, Sue O’Neill, Heidi Assam, Alex Reetov, Lachlan Inns, Samantha & Campbell Wood

Thank you to our generous sponsors – McDonalds, AMF Bowling Blacktown, Taronga Zoo, Blockbuster Stanhope, Daniela Zec - Pepsi, and to all the families who donated items for raffle prizes.

Winter Uniforms
Thank you parents for the way in which the children have changed over into their winter school uniforms. They really do look very smart. A few reminders: *Boys uniform includes the school tie. This can be purchased from the school office. *Girls uniform includes a tab tie that can be purchased from PSW.

NAPLAN
We wish our children in Years 3 and 5 the very best during their NAPLAN testing this week. The NAPLAN assessments provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement later in the year.

STRANGER DANGER
You are reminded to regularly discuss with your children the importance of STRANGER DANGER. Please be particularly mindful that your children have a safety plan should they be approached by a stranger when they are on their way to or from school.

Year One Parent Meeting
In preparation for the half yearly reports a meeting has been arranged for the parents of children in Year One at 6.30pm on Wednesday 16 May 2012. All parents of students in Year one are urged to attend so that they have a full understanding of the reporting format used in Years 1 – 6.

KINDER 2013 ENROLMENTS
Applications are now being accepted for Kindergarten 2013. If your child turns 5 on or before the 31st July, 2013 and you 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

School RE News
May – the Month of Mary
Over the recent weeks, our Monday morning prayer has been focused on Mary and in particular, prayers of devotion to Our Lady. Learning about traditional Catholic prayers, their tradition as well as their practice, is one of our school goals this year. Ask your child what particular prayer their class is learning about. Do you have a set of Rosary beads that they could bring to school? During May, instead of saying grace before dinner, you could say the Hail Mary together. Next Monday morning, Year 1 will lead the school in the Rosary. If possible come along and join us.

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
Soccer Gala Day
Congratulations to all our Year 5 and 6 girls who attended the Diocesan Soccer Gala Day last Wednesday. The girls did a fantastic job of representing our school and received many compliments on the day for their outstanding sportsmanship. The girls also enjoyed success on the day, winning 5 of their 7 games and finishing second in their pool. Well done girls.

Upcoming Events

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EARN & LEARN 2012
Thank you for your wonderful support with collecting the Woolworth stickers for our school. Here are a few reminders about how to collect the stickers:

How can I collect Earn & Learn stickers?
Simply shop at a Woolworths store (or Safeway or Woolworths Online) and for every $10 spent, you will receive one Earn & Learn sticker. (Liquor, tobacco and gift cards are excluded.)

Will I receive Earn & Learn stickers at self-serve checkouts? Yes. The self-serve attendant will hand out stickers for all self-serve checkout purchases.

When can I start to collect stickers?
Stickers can start to be collected from Wednesday 9th May until Sunday 1st July.

What do I do with the stickers? Place the stickers onto a sticker card and when the card is full, put it into the sticker collection box in our school foyer.

Where can I get more sticker cards? Sticker cards are available in our school foyer or at the Woolworth stores.

Your support will certainly assist us in purchasing some mathematics resources for our classrooms.

Happy Birthday to all students who have celebrated their Birthday
Olivia Hanna, Corey O’Neill, Julian Chalhoub and Oliver Phillips

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Information Required to Help Determine Funding Arrangements for Non-Government Schools

Privacy Notice

This notice is from the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), to advise you that DEEWR has requested your child’s school to provide the following three pieces of information to DEEWR:

- Students’ residential addresses (not student names)
- Students’ level of education (primary or secondary)
- Students’ boarding school status (boarders or day students)

DEEWR is bound by the provisions of the Privacy Act 1988 (the Privacy Act). Section 14 of the Privacy Act contains the Information Privacy Principles, which prescribe the rules for handling personal information about individuals. DEEWR will not use or disclose the information provided by your child’s school other than in accordance with the Privacy Act.

Purpose of collection

DEEWR is collecting this personal information for the purpose of administering funding to non-government schools, and to determine payments of Australian Government assistance to non-government schools, including under relevant legislation such as the Schools Assistance Act 2009 (Cth). DEEWR will only use this information for this specific purpose.

Disclosure of information

The information provided by your child’s school may be disclosed by DEEWR to contractors working for DEEWR for the purposes of verifying the information. The contractors will not use the information for any other purpose.

DEEWR may also provide this information to the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). ACARA will use this information in developing and evaluating Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) formulas and school values.

In other instances the information will not be disclosed without your consent, unless where authorised or required by law.

Contact

If you have any questions regarding the Privacy Notice please phone the DEEWR SES Funding hotline on 1300 077 027 (free call) or send an email to: S4EMailbox@deewr.gov.au