Dear Parents and caregivers

This week we welcome our 2013 Kindergarten students to the Transition Program at Holy Cross. It was lovely to see the smiles on the children’s faces and excitement about visiting our school. The Transition Program gives the children an opportunity to experience some of the exciting learning activities that they will participate in next year and meet other students who may be in their learning group. The parents also have the opportunity to meet other parents and learn more about how they can help their child at home in Literacy and Numeracy.

Thank you Ms Porteous and Miss Robertson for organising the Transition Program.

Thank you also to the following parent helpers who have been a great help and support throughout the program:
Mrs Fevre, Mrs Burakowski, Mrs Villiers, Mrs Kitcher, Mrs Baird, Ms Funnell, Mrs Szymoniczek, Mrs Bebek and Mrs Kiceec

Regards,

Marina Hardy
Principal
Congratulations to all the parish on celebrating our Ten Year Anniversary! What a wonderful day and please if you see those who served you at mass or down at the hall, give them a pat on the back. It was a day that saw our parish come together to celebrate our faith and to celebrate our diversity, coming together to worship our God and to get to know one another. The liturgy, the food, the cake and the entertainment was uplifting and I thank especially those who served our community by preparing the church, grounds, gardens, choir, acolytes, servers, master chefs, those who parcellled the prizes, those who stayed behind to clean the hall, those who served the food, the entertainers, those who came in national dress and brought flags and processed into the church, for those who prepared the mass book, for our DJ, for my office staff who worked with you and for your spirit of community for just wanting to be there. Well done!

November Envelopes are on the back tables. Just place them on any collection.

Free Financial Seminar is on Wednesday 7 November at St. Mark’s College Staff Room, commencing at 7:30pm. Thanks to Jasone Crosdale for organising this for our parish.

Blessed John XXIII Prayer Group NOVEMBER - 17 “I am A People Builder” - Priest Speaker for the night is Father Michael Gimena .

Live Jesus in Our Hearts, Forever Father Dave

Sacramental Program

Congratulations to all the children in the parish and across our school who began their preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Close to 200 hundred children began the program over the weekend, which is a testimony to the wonderful parish community that we belong.

A special congratulation goes to Bayley Hawthorne from Year 2 who was welcomed into the Catholic Church during mass on Sunday morning: a very special day indeed.

World Youth Day 2013 – Rio!

Preparation has been in full swing for a while now for next year’s World Youth Day in Rio. Parishioners, secondary students and teachers are invited to apply to join the pilgrimage. All Catholic schools are asked to support their local parish pilgrims through fund raising to assist in costs. Raffle tickets have been distributed, so make an effort to promote the raffle and assist the cause. Information on Rio 2013 can be found online at www.wyd.org.au or through the diocesan website at www.parra.catholic.org.au

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

All swimming notes were due at school last week. Miss Morgan will now be organising heats for the children. Parents are encouraged to offer assistance on the day so that the carnival can run safely and smoothly. If you are able to assist please ensure that you have completed the Child Protection Module.

SCHOOL UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Parents are asked to ensure that their children adhere to wearing the correct school uniform. This includes:

♦ Black school shoes – not joggers or slip on shoes as they are not an appropriate or safe school shoe for either sport or everyday wear.
♦ Short white sock with a one-cuff roll down.
♦ No jewellery

Thank you for your attention to this detail.

Say no to funding cuts

Catholic schools provide value for money... This is evidenced by the outstanding results achieved by our students and our successful delivery of the Building the Education Revolution. Operating with significantly less government support than public schools, Catholic schools provide quality learning and teaching to ensure the best learning opportunities for students. We won’t let funding cuts diminish our capacity to providing quality Catholic schooling for our families. Contact your state MP and Barry O’Farrell to oppose NSW schools funding cuts.

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

Lorenzo Ferguson, Nayte Odgers, Carol Gonzales, Jack O’Keeffe, Emma Agius, Madelyn Agius and Kristian Oreskovic

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