Dear Parents and Carers,

**Voice of Youth – Semi Finalist**


The Voice of Youth Contest encourages students to express their ideas clearly in ways that are meaningful to the listener and gain skills in researching information for their speech. The students also develop their skills in planning, organising and outlining a speech based upon a central idea that communicates a message.

**Congratulations to Chelsea Hartley** who received the Social Justice Award. Chelsea spoke about “Bullying” and shared the different ways that we can all prevent this from happening. Jessica Clements spoke about “Homelessness” reminding us how we can assist those who are in need, just like Mary MacKillop.

**Quakers Hill Fire Brigade Visited Year 1**

On Thursday the 16th of August Quakers Hill Fire Brigade visited the Year 1 students as Year 1 are learning about ‘Our Community’ and the services the community is made up of and why we need them.

The students learnt about fire safety. This included, stop, drop, cover and roll! Get down low and go, go, go! They were able to see what a full firemen’s uniform looks like, why it is made out of a certain material and why they need to wear it when called out to emergencies. The Year 1 students were even lucky enough to sit in the fire engine and learn about all the tools and gadgets.

Year 1 would like to thank Quakers Hill Fire Station for taking the time to come visit us and tell us about what their job entails in the community.

Regards,
Marina Hardy
Principal

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**John XXIII Mass Times**

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The Consecration of our parish to The Immaculate Heart of Mary will take place at the 10.30am Sunday Mass this weekend. Thanks to everyone for your feedback. On the first Saturday of each month following we will have at the 9.00am mass the consecration prayer and rosary finishing on January 1st the Solemnity, Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

Anyone wishing to be involved in the GTK Youth Group being formed in the parish for 10yr olds to 15yr olds then please contact me. Thus far I have had a positive response. A meeting will be called for all interested helpers on Tuesday 28th August at 7.30pm in the Parish Church Kitchen. We are hoping to have a youth group running every weekend, with YFC 1st and 3rd weeks and GTK 2nd and 3rd Sundays. More information will come out after our meeting.

Next week is Migrant Sunday and we celebrate the diversity of our parish by asking you to come to masses in national dress. After the 10.30am mass there will be an international food stall. Please bring a plate and join in the festivities. Money raised goes to the Special Needs Fund.

Congratulations to the following students who represented our school at the Blacktown Zone Carnival on Tuesday 14th August 2012.

Eliah Joaquin, Georgia Corrigan, Maddison Pritchard, Daniel Sekulic, Samantha Hewitson, Gideon Boachie, Chanel Assam, Nicholas Taylor, Anthony Shalala, Angela Boachie, Lachlan Inglis, Nicholas Reetov, Michael Osei-Adamako, Callum Scott, Benjamin Reetov, Hayden Laurence, Elizabeth Murray, Isabella Valenti, Beatriz Matias, Anna Diaz, Joshua Szymoniczek, Ester Bockarie, Madeleine O'Rourke, Mikelah Cauchi, Keziah Hendra, Adrian Musso, and Jaden Arnold.

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing the Blacktown Zone at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival on Friday 25th August 2012. We wish them good luck!

Congratulations:
Eliah Joaquin (800m)
Michael Osei-Adamako – (100m, 200m & Relay team)
Nicholas Reetov, (Relay team)
Adam Mrazek (800m and Discus)
Lachlan Inglis (Relay team)

Special congratulations to Michael Osei-Adamako who received 11-Year-old Age Champion. Michael also broke the records for 11 Year old boys 100m and 11 Year old boys 200m – what a wonderful achievement!

Thank you to Mrs Inglis and Mrs Reetov, for your time and hard work with assisting at the carnival.

Happy Birthday to all students who have celebrated their Birthday
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Friday September 14th - School Feast Day Mass and Walkathon
On Friday September 14th Holy Cross will be celebrating our school Feast Day with Mass, picnic lunch, activities and a walkathon.