Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Next week we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Each day we will be focusing on a different learning style. We believe that “Every Child Counts”, no matter how they learn or what their gifts are.

**SUNDAY 10TH**: SCHOOL OPEN DAY from 11:30 am – 1pm for new enrolments to Holy Cross.

Please let any family or friends who may be looking for a modern school that provides quality education. The school will be open to tour our learning spaces and grounds as well as meet our teachers.

Fr. Dave will be celebrating a special mass at 10:30am for the students in the parish as we launch Catholic Schools Week.

**MONDAY 11TH**: MORNING PRAYER: Students will lead the school in a special Monday morning prayer at 9am for Catholic Schools Week. Our Yr.6 students will also be presented with a school badge of leadership. Enjoy a coffee or tea and a few biscuits for an early morning tea after our prayer.

**TUESDAY 12TH**: VISIT OUR LEARNING SPACES: Come and visit your child’s learning space during our Literacy block from 9:30 – 10:30am. Students will be involved in a range of literacy activities that you will be able to see and hopefully join in with. During this time, pledge a donation to the school to buy your child’s portrait for our school fundraiser.

Feel welcome to stay and share morning tea with your child at 10:30am.

**WEDNESDAY 13TH**: IMPRESSIONS OF “EVERY CHILD COUNTS”: Grades across the school will respond to this theme in art form throughout the day. All students will also have the opportunity to tour the school as an art gallery, seeing the work of other grades and discussing their impressions.

**THURSDAY 14TH**: SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY: Students from Years 3 to Year 6, as well as students turning 8 this year in Year 2 will participate in this year’s Cross Country. Kindergarten, Year 1 and remaining Year 2 students will enjoy a fun run at school. It should be a great day of sport and fitness.

**FRIDAY 15TH**: MULTIPLYING FOR MISSIONS: Across the school, we are encouraging all students to bring in loose change to collectively create a giant array of coins. In doing so we hope to generate some great mathematical discussion as well as raise funds for this Lenten season’s Project Compassion appeal.

If possible, join us for prayer, visit our learning spaces, support our fundraiser through purchasing your child’s portrait, cheer along our runners and find those loose coins to contribute to our mathematics-mission day. Let’s make this week special as we celebrate our special Catholic School, Holy Cross.

Kind regards,

**Marina Hardy**  
Principal

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**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
RE Contribution to School Newsletter Week 6 Term 1

First Holy Communion Sacramental Program

Parents wanting to have their children enrolled for the preparation of their First Holy Communion are reminded to attend one of the Parent Meetings to be held in the Parish Church this Wednesday March 6 at 7.30pm or Thursday March 7 at 7.30pm. This will be the only time that Enrolment forms will be handed out and the children will then need to lodge them at an Enrolment ritual which will take place at any of the masses on the weekend of March 16/ March 17.

Sowing in Tears – Lenten Pastoral Letter of the Bishops of NSW

Going home today to all families is a copy of the Lenten Pastoral Letter of the Bishops of NSW in response to the Royal Commission on Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Bishop Anthony’s Lenten address can be accessed from the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta’s website: www.parra.catholic.org.au. It is not long and is well worth viewing. Bishop Anthony begins with talking about the nature of Lent being a time of repairing, recovering, renewing and returning. His address is direct as well as hopeful.

Mass This Week

Year 1 will be leading their first parish mass for the year this Friday in their learning space. Mass starts at 9am and, being a mass with infants, will be only short. It is a lovely way to start the day and all parents are invited to join us.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN STICKERS AND COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOL VOUCHERS

THANK YOU to all the families, students and friends of Holy Cross who collected stickers in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion and Coles Vouchers for the Sports for School Program in 2012.

Last year we collected 87 830 Woolworth points and 44 116 Coles Vouchers. WOW!! What a huge effort and great collecting!! Holy Cross students now celebrate the arrival of over $8,000 worth of new educational resources for the learning spaces and sports equipment.

CAPTIVATE NEWS

Combined Primary School Choir
On Friday March 1, 2013, 40 students in Years 4, 5 and 6 visited St Andrew’s Primary School Marayong for the first rehearsal. The students are part of a Choral ensemble, forming a massed choir with other schools in the Diocese. The final performance will be in June at Nagle College, Blacktown South.

Captivate Voices (Stage 3 Chamber Choir)
Congratulations to Caitlin Gallacher, Sinead Lunn and William O’Rourke 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.

SPORTS NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY
The primary Cross Country Carnival will be held on Thursday 14 March 2013 at Exeter Farm Reserve, Glenwood. The students will be walking to and from the reserve to participate in the event. Please ensure that permission notes are sent into school as soon as possible.

SWIMMING
CONGRATULATIONS to the following students for their wonderful achievements at the BLACKTOWN ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

Junior Girls Runner Up
Elizabeth Kitcher and Talijah Tietie

Senior Girls Runner Up
Chanel Assam

On March 1 2013 Talijah Tietie, Chanel Assam and Elizabeth Kitcher also competed at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival at Mt Druitt Pool.

We are all extremely proud of your fantastic achievements
Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their Birthday’s this past week
Angelina Warton, Alex Pantaleone, Vernon Fernandez, Caitlin Gallacher, Timothy Tan, Adrian Musso, Chanel Assam, Jade Jabson & Ashlee Tungol

PARKING SAFETY
Thank you to all the parents for taking care when dropping your children off at school and picking them up at the end of the day.

Parents and families are reminded that the car park at the front of the school is not accessible for parent parking either before or after school. Please DO NOT ENTER the car park even when the gate is open as this puts the safety of all our children at risk.

Kiss and Drop in the Bus Bay Area - Safety Rules for Drivers
Please do not park or leave your vehicle in the Bus Bay area. This is a No Parking Zone. Always drop-off your child from the designated area. Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car. Make sure the hand brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary. Please ensure that you:

♦ Never double park
♦ Never undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school
♦ Never block other vehicles

Safety tips for students
Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped in the “Drop-off” area. Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position in the vehicle e.g. on the floor. Be ready to get out of the car with your belongings when the car has stopped and you have unbuckled your seatbelt. Always get in and out of the backseat of the vehicle through the safety door – the rear footpath-side door.

To ensure the safety of everyone please remember to keep safe and be considerate of other others at all times.

School Fees – Flexible Payment options
Catholic Education Office in Parramatta sent out the School Fees Statements for 2013 recently. If you have not received your statement as yet please contact the school office.

Included with the statement you will find Information regarding “Flexible Payment” options that are offered to all families at the start of the year. This provides families with the opportunity to select a payment plan that best suits their circumstances. Payments can be made via direct debit or BPay on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis at no additional charge.

If you have any queries at all in relation to the above, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Vanessa Burke or make an appointment with Miss Marina Hardy.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
This year our school photographs will occur on Tuesday 2nd April. An information note regarding the packages available for purchasing will be sent home closer to the date. Full summer uniform will be required for the day.

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Dates for your Diary - Term 1 2013

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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

Grand Prize Draw
8 December 2013
$53,500 IN PRIZES

Major Prize Draw
Major Prize Drawn 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):

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

Email address:

Phone number:

Postal Address:

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

Account Number:

Name of Cardholder:

Expiry Date:

Cardholder Signature:

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: ___________________________