MY TEACHER WAS AWAY TODAY.....

Occasionally teachers are not in their classroom for a number of reasons. Professional Learning is vital in keeping our teachers up to date and to assist them to provide vibrant, dynamic, engaging learning for students. No one questions professionals like doctors if they are not available but you would expect doctors to stay updated on all medical advances and contemporary practices. Teachers also need to be current and contemporary in their own profession.

Teachers might also be on administrative release. This may involve programming or planning and some teaching roles, like Leaders of Learning, attract extra time to assist in the organisation and agendas of the school.

Some teachers are asked to coach or supervise various sporting occasions, like football or basketball carnivals. We expect a lot of teachers… to be the very best in their profession. Of course, other entitlements such as long service, sickness or family leave are also available, as you know. Schools are extremely busy and demanding workplaces and we are blessed to have very dedicated and committed staff that care a great deal about their students’ learning and wellbeing.

Hopefully if your child’s teacher is away, it is only for the betterment of Holy Cross students.

IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION

Late last week there was an unidentified man seen in the school playground. To ensure the safety for all at Holy Cross, the police were informed and visited the school. The teachers spoke to the children about stranger danger and reminded them about our school policy - when leaving the classroom to visit the bathroom or going on a message always do so in pairs.

Another safety measure that has been put into place is the gates both at the front and back of the school are locked during school hours.

Please take this opportunity to talk to your children about not talking to strangers. No doubt, it is a very important issue that all parents must address – and one that requires ongoing, open communication.

The single most important thing to remember when teaching your children about stranger danger is to instil confidence, rather than fear.

Parents wanting further clarification regarding the incidence last week are more than welcome to contact me.

God bless you and your family,

Jenny Bellenger
Acting Principal

Kate Daly has resigned her position as Chairperson of the Parish Finance Committee. Kate has been an active member of this committee for over seven years and in recent years has chaired the meetings and steered us in the right direction. Her energy and expertise has been invaluable in giving advise to Fr Paul, Fr Kevin and myself. On behalf of the parish I thank her for her love of this parish and caring for the people in it. Paul Worthington also leaves this committee after one year. During this time Paul was a great support to me and he gave sound advice. Kate and Paul take up new positions with the Diocese and we wish them well. I welcome the appointment of Henry Prui as the new chair and Henry’s experience and talents will be a great benefit to the running of the finances of BJXIII. He is joined by Nicole O’Grady, Jean McCartney, Mila Llamas, Neville Zamitt, Rodi Oranta and Mary Galea. I thank these parishioners for accepting the invitation to join this committee and wish them well.

A big thankyou to Tim Gilmore, Anthony Zec and Neville Zamitt for getting the Cinque Cento Club up and running. I will now put the process of installing Air conditioning into motion.

National Year of Reading

As I’m sure you are aware, this year has been designated as National Year of Reading.

We plan to offer the students many opportunities to experience the pleasure and satisfaction that comes from reading.

On Tuesday afternoons at 3 pm, we invite parents and pre-schoolers to join us in the library for Story Time. This will be a great opportunity to hear some wonderful stories, chant some rhymes and see our wonderful library.

The Story Time will commence on Tuesday, 6th March at 3pm.

KINDER 2013 ENROLMENTS

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

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GLENWOOD NSW 2768

Postal Address: PO Box KL 927
KINGS LANGLEY NSW 2147

Phone: 9629 8742
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John XXIII Mass Times

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Quality, Catholic Schooling Project 2012

All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta will be participating in the Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS) project in 2012. QCS will provide data from students, staff and parents about our school’s cultural behaviour, relationships and learning community and will assist us to focus our efforts for improvement by building on our successes to date.

From 12.-23 March all staff, approximately 50 students from Years 5 and 6, and 60 randomly-selected parents will be asked to complete an online survey. Staff and students will complete the survey online at school. Parents will be sent home a paper survey but will also be able to complete the survey online if preferred. The survey will take about 20-30 minutes to complete.

A survey consultant (Insight SRC) has been engaged to manage the data collection. The survey data will be kept strictly confidential and no individual will be identified to the school or the Catholic Education Office. Each school will receive an information report at the end of May and will use this report to inform their planning.

If you are selected to complete the survey, I would encourage your participation as this will help our school to identify our strengths and areas in which we can focus our improvement.

If you have any questions please contact Jenny Bellenger

ARRIVING LATE

At Holy Cross we value and protect learning time. Punctuality assists children to settle in the morning and reduces the amount of interruptions to a class. However, there are occasions when children arrive late for a valid reason. If your child arrives late, parents are asked to please call into the office to sign their child into the school. Let’s look after the learning and others in the class.

PICKING UP EARLY

The end of the day is an important time of the day for children and their teachers. Teachers give out information regarding homework and reminders about things happening the next day. It is important that children do not leave school early unless absolutely necessary.

If you need to collect your child during school hours you will need to call into the office to sign them out or send a note with your child to give to their class teacher.

Congratulations to the students who represented Holy Cross at the Zone Swimming last Friday

Maddison Pritchard, Campbell Wood, Ryan Garay, Ethan Sitaramayya, Emma Giumelli, Jack O’Keefe, Elizabeth Kitcher, Talijah Tiette, Dylan Faint, Elia Joaquin, Lachlan Inglis, Adam Mrzek, Liam Bowles, Madeleine Caleta, Emmanuel Almonte, Elizabeth Murray, Nicholas Gasson, Hayden Laurence and Jacob Mulholland

Parents Meeting for First Eucharist 2012

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 (BJXXIII), 160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens on Wednesday March 14 at 7.30pm or Thursday March 15 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 31/ April 1.

These children will have already been baptised in the Catholic Church and have already received their First Reconciliation (Confession).

For full details of our Sacramental Calendar please see the notice board in the foyer of the church or visit the parish website at http://www.john23rd.org.au. If there are any questions or concerns please contact Mr Stennett at school or Sue at the parish office.

Pastoral Planning Meeting – An Opportunity To Be Heard

This Thursday night, at 7:30pm there will be a special meeting in the St Mark’s staff room (enter from the middle of the large car park). Bishop Anthony has initiated a process of pastoral planning for our future as a Diocese and is asking for the input of all parishes. This is an opportunity that seldom comes in such scale. Not only it is an opportunity for everyone to share their ideas or concerns, but it is also a good opportunity to hear the shared vision of fellow parishioners.

Please read through the “Diocesan Information Guide” made available in the February Catholic Out-look and available at www.faithinourfuture.org.au and come along and be part of our planning for a faith- filled future.

Project Compassion

Last week, Project Compassion money boxes were distributed to all students. If you did not receive a money box for this Lenten initiative please ask your child’s class teacher and we will send one home. Money from Project Compassion goes towards Caritas who work throughout the world aiding communities in crisis. Please consider supporting this appeal through this Lenten season.

Year 2 Parish Mass

Our Year 2 students will lead this week’s parish mass in their learning space at 9:00am on Friday. Please join us if possible.

Happy Birthday to all students who have celebrated their Birthday

Nicholas Saad, Angelina Warton, Vernon Fernandez, Caitlin Gallagher, Timothy Tan, Adrian Musso, Chanel Assam, Max Kwok, Ben Kwok, Maddison Pritchard, Christine Dalusag, Cooper Nadwie Smith, Noah Ta, Charlotte Moriarty, Bethany Wu and Ethan Caruana
Maths-a-thon

Our 2012 Maths-a-thon is fast approaching as it will take place next week on Monday 12th March. This is one of the school’s major fundraisers for the year. We encourage all parents to support the school raising as much money as we can, and thank you in advance for your ongoing generosity. It is hoped we can reach a sizable target with all money raised going towards purchasing maths resources for the school.

The children will participate in fun engaging maths activities throughout Monday morning. Some of the activities the children will participate in will include maths games, puzzles, technology and lots of problem solving.

The aim of the Maths-a-thon is to provide opportunities for the students to engage in mathematical related activities and to generate an overall love of Mathematics.

We are looking forward to a wonderful day!

Cross Country

Next Thursday 15th March all students from Years 3 to 6 as well as students from Yr 2 who are turning 8 this year will be walking to Alwyn Lindfield Reserve to compete in our school Cross Country. Kindergarten, Year 1 and the remaining Year 2 students will participate in an infant run at school.

Permission notes for students participating in the cross country are due, so if your child has not returned their permission they will need to ask for a second note from their class teacher.

Thank you for parents who have indicated that they are able to assist. A note will be sent home letting these parents know what is needed for the day.

If you are unable to assist, please feel welcome to come, watch and cheer along the children as they run.

We will keep an eye on the weather and inform the students if we need to postpone the day. Otherwise students are to come to school in sports uniform and with appropriate footwear.

Mrs Clark and Mr Stennett

Wednesday, 7 March - WORLD READ ALOUD DAY

Why not take the opportunity to have some fun and share some favourite stories on Read Aloud Day.

What a great way to relax after dinner or before bedtime. Parents, this could be the perfect opportunity to show off those acting skills!

CHICKEN NUGGET DAY - WED 14th MARCH

Our 1st special day will be on 14th March. It is ONLINE ONLY so if you don’t have a munch monitor account sign up now so you participate. You need to order under SCHOOL SHOP for the special. We are now taking orders. Please order early to assist with catering.

6 nuggets, sauce & juice $4-00  6 nuggets, sauce & milk $4-50
12 nuggets, sauce & juice $5-00  12 nuggets, sauce & milk $5-50

NO BAG ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THE SPECIAL. No other hot option available this day. Sandwiches/wraps etc will still be available to order online or by bag.
Glenwood Cafés
Child and Family Education Sessions
Holy Cross Primary School

Entrée
Hills Family Centre, together with the Families NSW Transition to School Program, are offering parents of Kindergarten and Year 1 children the opportunity to participate in Glenwood Cafes - Child and Family Education Sessions. This will be a series of three sessions focused on key topics relating to the commencement of the school journey. The relaxed environment will allow for lots of discussion and questions, so we invite you to come along to have a cuppa and a chat! Please note, these sessions are not suitable for Children to attend.

Main Menu

Session 1: Beginning the School Journey (For Kindergarten Parents)
Exploring the parent perspective on children starting school. Ideas to support your children as they begin their school journey.

Session 2: Helping Your Child Learn (For Kindergarten and Year 1 Parents)
Practical ideas for parents to enhance their child’s learning. Free resources will be provided!

Session 3: Recipe for a Happy Family (For Kindergarten and Year 1 Parents)
Ideas and strategies to build positive relationships with your children.

Opening Hours

Session 1
Wednesday, 14 March
7.30pm - 9.30pm

Session 2
Wednesday, 21 March
7.30pm - 9.30pm

Session 3
Wednesday, 28 March
7.30pm - 9.30pm

Where: Holy Cross Primary School Hall
RSVP: Friday, 9 March 2022

To register, please contact:
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