Dear Parents,

**Extending Mathematical Understanding**

On Friday 8th June our staff will be involved in a Staff Development Day with the professional learning focus on Mathematics. We are extremely fortunate to have Melissa King and Barbara McHugh, Teaching Educators who are appointed by Catholic Education Office to join us and lead us in our learning.

There are many ways that parents and the home environment can support their child’s mathematics learning at school. Parents can help their child to gain confidence, practise their skills in real life situations and help to develop a positive attitude towards Mathematics.

**How do children learn to count and use numbers?**

Children learn the pattern of counting words by repetition. Initially, this pattern may have gaps where the child leaves out a number in the sequence, or the child may invent numbers.

However, remembering the words for each number in the correct order is only part of the process of counting. To “count” children need to match saying the number words with the correct number of “objects”.

**What can you do at home?**

Children should be given lots of experiences with counting quantities and then providing proof for the total that convinces others. These experiences assist children to notice that the number word represents the quantities and also to develop faster ways of checking the total e.g. grouping and then counting by 5’s, 10’s or 2’s.

When children are counting quantities or objects ask questions such as:

- What is one more?
- What is 10 more?
- What is 100 more?
- What is 1000 more?
- What is one less?
- What is 10 less?
- What is 100 less?
- What is 1000 less?

These questions focus children’s attention on the quantity and ensure that they are paying attention to their mathematical meaning.

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**REMINDER:** Staff development day on Friday 8 June. Please note that there is no school for students on this day. **Mini Miracles (Oosh Services) will be open and has places available for the day. Please contact 0412 358 284**

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Regards,

*Marina Hardy*  
Principal

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**John XXIII Mass Times**

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We celebrate our Five Years Anniversary of the dedication of BJXXIII Church Building. Our parish is 10 years old but our church building has been opened for worship for only five years. Our thanks and prayers go out to Paul V and our pioneer parishioners for your inspiration and hard work in getting us in this wonderful building. Praise God! The weekly planned giving envelopes are available to be picked up from the foyer of the main doors. If you want to contribute to the planned giving then please phone Tanya at the parish office. Our “Special Needs Fund” is up and running. Money raised for this fund will be distributed to families in our Parish and School for children undergoing treatment for serious health problems. At present we have five children ranging from 13yrs to two years who are seriously ill with cancer. Money raised will be distributed to help these families cope with the cost of medical bills. Money raised can be sent to “Special Needs Account”, Blessed John XXIII Catholic Church Stanhope Gardens. P.O. Box 23 Stanhope Gardens NSW 2768. You may also make this donation at the parish office or place an envelope in a collection with the Special Needs Account addressed on the front.

Congratulations to all of the students who completed the 2011 Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Marie Mathew, Anna-Caitlin Assam, Geremy Muhich, Robin Limuangco, Callum Scott, Joshua Sidorovski, Harout Balassian, Nicholas Taylor, Beau Hackney, Benjamin Inns, Brenton Sherry Amelia Miziewicz, Alex Mey, Chelsea Hartley, Campbell Wood, Anna Diaz.

Holy Cross has been listed in the ‘Outstanding Participation’ honour roll on the Premier’s Reading Challenge website. This is a fantastic achievement. Many thanks to the teachers and parents who helped their children with this wonderful result. We look forward to another successful year in 2012.

SPORTS NEWS

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 21st June 2012 at the oval on Glenwood Park Drive (opposite Caddies Creek) and will include all children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and those children in Year 2 who are 8 years old in 2012. The children will leave school at 9 am promptly and walk with their class to the oval and return to school for normal dismissal time.

All permission notes must be returned by Wednesday 6th June 2012.

All parents are welcome to come along and share with us in our school carnival. In order for a smooth running of the day we will require parent helpers to assist with walking children to and from school, marshaling, time keeping or field events. Please contact Mrs Clark if you are able to help on the day.

Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day

On the 29th May 2012, a group of Year 6 boys went to Aquila Reserve at Rooty Hill to represent Holy Cross in a soccer gala day. We faced many good teams that gave us there all, yet we still placed 3rd. We had a great time playing soccer and we all had the chance to play in different positions such as goal keeper. For many of us this was an opportunity we have never had before. We showed good sportsmanship and even made a few friends along the way! Many thanks to Mr. Inns for coaching our students, all the parents and Miss Sheehy who came to support us.

Lachlan Inns & Jacob Aouchan
Year 6

Second hand Uniform Shop

The second hand uniform shop will be open tomorrow Wednesday 6th June at 2.30pm
On Friday 1st June 2012, Year 5 went on an unbelievable journey to Bathurst Goldfields. We had a great time learning and exploring with our friendly guide Barry.

First, we entered the Goldfield Museum. We learnt all about what it was like to work in the mines. Barry explained that quartz is found where gold is and that mines are not flat but can be very steep.

Year 5 also viewed a lot of marvelous tools that were used during the gold rush. Barry explained the use of the tools and we had the opportunity to explore the room. There was a massive Holterman nugget that was taller than some us! After the tour through the museum we were able to participate in a range of hands on experiences. We had the chance of a lifetime panning for GOLD!!! Some of us even struck it rich.

We listened to a story by Barry and Leslie and they helped us understand how the miners and their families used to live. Their houses were made from mud. We then worked through a rotation of activities including cooking damper over a campfire, building tents, making mud bricks and playing games that the children played during the 1850’s.

Year 5 had an extremely busy and incredible day at the Bathurst Goldfields, if only we could do it all again.

By: Jacob Beshai

Upcoming Events

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

Dhruv Shetty, Zoe Soliven, Kassey Mendoza, Roisin Gallacher, Luke Giuimelli, Sarah Ettehad and Elyse Huynh

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The School Photographs will be held on Tuesday 12th June. Please ensure that the students are in their correct full winter school uniform.
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.
- Never double park
- Never undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school

**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.

**Volunteers Needed**
To assist with the smooth running of the “Kiss & Drop Off” area in the bus bay we are asking for adult volunteers to supervise the students as they exit a vehicle in the morning. If you are able to volunteer please contact the school office.
Dear Parents,

Please note the below changes to your PSW Uniform Shop hours.

**Trading Hours**

**Commencing July 1st**

- **Monday:** CLOSED
- **Tuesday:** CLOSED
- **Wednesday:** 9:00am - 5:00pm
- **Thursday:** 9:00am - 5:00pm
- **Friday:** 9:00am - 5:00pm
- **Saturday:** 9:00am - 1:00pm

The key changes for you to be aware of are that we are now closed Mondays and Tuesdays and are open from 9:00am - 1:00pm Saturday.

From,

Your PSW Team

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Note: Peak trading hours revert to the following from September 22nd: Mon - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm | Sat: 9:00am - 1:00pm

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