Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday you received a letter from NSW Bishops “Unprecedented threat to Catholic Schools” outlining the impact of proposed cuts on Catholic Schools. Please find below the following facts about Catholic School Funding.

Catholic schools and funding – what you need to know

1. Choice of schooling is a fundamental right for parents in a democratic and pluralist society

Catholic schools in western Sydney educate over 46,000 students from 30,000 families, which represents over a quarter of all school aged children in this region.

2. Catholic schools provide value for tax payer’s dollar

This is evidenced by the outstanding results achieved by our students and our successful delivery of the Building Education Revolution program

3. Catholic schools operate with 10% less net recurrent income per student than government schools creating a resources gap

The ACARA data shows that even after parent contributions are taken into account, government schools operate at around $11,523 per student and Catholic schools operate with around $10,008 per student

4. Recurrent and capital funding for Catholic schools needs to be maintained in real terms and indexed to the equivalent costs of educating students in government schools

A funding freeze for Catholic schools would be unsustainable and would lead to loss of service and teaching positions. Catholic schools are one of the largest employers in western Sydney with over 5,000 people employed.

5. Funding for students with additional needs and schools in disadvantaged areas in both government and non-government sectors needs to be increased

Catholic schools support calls for both government and non-government schools to be appropriately funded to ensure that they achieve for their students high equity and high quality outcomes.

How much money is spent on your child’s education?

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*Source: NCEC [http://www.fundinginfo.catholic.edu.au/]

For Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta approximately 79% of educational funding is from government sources and 21% is from private contributions.

Please visit our school website for further information regarding this issue.

Regards

Marina Hardy
Principal

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John XXIII Mass Times

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On behalf of the parish and our sick children, I thank Holy Cross Primary School Glenwood for your generous cheque of $972.40 that goes into our Parish Special Needs Fund helping people especially our sick children. May God bless you for your efforts and generosity. It is greatly appreciated. Any other donation to this fund can be made directly through the parish office to the secretary, Tanya Gatt.
Live Jesus in Our Hearts, Forever Father Dave

Parent Helpers required for Kindergarten 2013 Transition
We require parents to assist and work with small groups on our Kindergarten Transition Days. It would be wonderful if you would be able to help and make the transition to school a happy and fun experience for our new children. If you are able to assist on Monday 5th and 12th November and Tuesday 6th and 13th November, please contact the school office.

Summer Uniform
As the weather has warmed up children may commence wearing their summer uniform. Please ensure that your child is wearing the full summer uniform which includes short white socks with one cuff roll over NOT cut off socks that sit below the top of the shoe and black school shoes NOT joggers. Thank you for your attention to these details.

School RE News
School Feast Day – The Triumph of the Cross
This Friday is our school’s feast day: The Triumph of the Cross. The Cross is one of the most universally recognised symbols around the world. Such a simple symbol represents so much for so many: salvation, sacrifice, resurrection.
Before prayer the Sign of the Cross helps us fix our minds and hearts to God. After prayer we make the Sign of the Cross to keep close to God. During trials and temptations our strength and protection is the Sign of the Cross. At Baptism we are sealed with the Sign of the Cross, signifying that we belong to Christ.
In following Christ, there is also a cross to bear. It can be difficult to always follow the path that Jesus shows us. As a community though united under the cross, we can support each other. We can find strength in communion. This Friday, above all other days, we celebrate our community, our shared faith and the gift that we find in each other. Please come and join us if possible in our celebrations on Friday.
O cross, you are the glorious sign of victory. Through your power may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus.
Sacramental Program 2012
Thank you to all parents who were able to come along to last week’s parent information evenings regarding Reconciliation. Please contact Mr Stennett if there was anything that you were unsure about. If you were unable to attend and would like to enroll in the program please refer to the parish website and the information available there regarding the Sacramental Program.

Learning in Action—Student Led Conferences
This week parents continue to have the opportunity to visit their children in our “Student Led Conferences”. This provides a wonderful opportunity to:
♦ hear from your child how they think they are progressing with their learning
♦ view your child’s work – books and classroom displays
♦ participate in a Learning Walk and a learning activity with your child
♦ write a letter of feedback to your child about their experience
♦ share their achievements so far this year

To view more photos of “Learning in Action” at Holy Cross please visit our school website. Click on “News and Events” and then “Galleries”.

[Image of children engaged in learning activities]
Celebrating our School Feast Day Mass, Walkathon and Celebrations

On Friday 14th September our school community will celebrate our school Feast Day commencing with a liturgy at 9.30 am in the Multi Purpose Learning Centre, followed by a picnic lunch with families in the playground, walkathon and fun activities. We will have a sausage sizzle that can be purchased on the day at a cost of $3.00. Any parent who would like to purchase a sausage sizzle will also be able to do so on the day.

All money raised from the Walkathon will assist with purchasing iPads for our students.

Touch Football

On Friday 7th September representatives from Years 3 and 4 participated in the Stage 2 Touch Football Gala Day at St Mary’s. The students played with determination and faced some very competitive teams. Both boys and girls teams learnt the importance of supporting each other and how to stay tenacious in defeat. The chasing down of run-away wingers was as exciting as each of our tries.

Congratulations to Jessica Hope, Hannah Aouchan, Emma Giumelli, Chelsea Davies, Kyah Reibelt, Beatriz Matias, Abbey Mey, Tamara Seckold, Tami Mahachi, Chan Deng, Yash Singh, Joshua Ibrahim, Aidan Irving, Daimon White, Ben Inns, Jack O’Keeffe, Nathan Inglis and Jacob Szymoniczek for their efforts.

Thank you to Mr Irvine for his training and management and also to the parents who supported the teams on the day.

SPORS NEWS INFANTS SPORTS CARNIVAL

The weather was spectacular and the children had so much fun at our Infants Sports Carnival. Thank you to all those parents who came to help out and to Miss Robertson and the teachers for their organisational skills.

To view more photos of the Infants Sports Carnival please visit our school website. Click on “News and Events” and then “Galleries”.

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

Sienna Mancini, Basil Sabri, Kye Christie, Selina Aiello, Ella Montgomery Wynn, Kate Moulds, Joel Pantaleone, Alexandra Hewett, Mika Issa, Abbey Mey and Cassandra Mullard

MacKillop Athletics – Homebush

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing Holy Cross and competing at the MacKillop Athletics Trials on Thursday 13th September 2012.

Boys relay team – Nicholas, Michael, Adam and Lachlan
Michael O will also be in 100 m and 200 m.
We wish them all the best!

Upcoming Events

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Important Information for Parents

*Driving and parking safely near the school including around the school crossing*

Slow down near the school crossing.

Ensure that your child always uses the school crossing – it is the safest point of entry to the school.

Drivers must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross.

Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is completely clear of pedestrians.

The children’s crossing is a part-time crossing that operates before and after school hours, and at times when children are using the crossing, such as for excursions or during lunchtimes.

*Safe driving in 40km/h school zones*

- The 40km/h school zone slows traffic in the vicinity of the school.
- The 40km/h school zones operate between 8am and 9.30am and 2.30pm till 4pm on each school day.
- The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children are not visible.
- Take extra care near the school crossing.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YEARS THREE & FOUR CAPTIVATE PERFORMANCE GROUP**

Last Thursday 6th September our Year 3 & 4 children participated in the diocesan CAPTIVATE Choral Performance at St Dominic’s College. We are very proud of the way in which the children rehearsed, performed and represented our school. They were OUTSTANDING!!! You are invited to hear them sing one or two of their songs at next Monday morning assembly.

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**Dance Fever Commences Term 4**

The Dance Fever Program will commence in Term 4. Dance Fever Day will be each Tuesday. We already have the date for the Homebush Concert. It is a night not to be missed so put Monday 17th December in your diaries.

This means that for term 4 each Tuesday, children in all classes will wear their sports uniforms because they will be participating in Dance Fever workshops. The children will all need to then wear their sports uniform again on either Wednesday or Thursday when they do class sport with Miss Morgan. Please check with your child’s class teacher if you have any questions. Parents are warmly invited to drop in and observe one of these classes any Tuesday throughout the term. The classes are being held in the Multi Purpose Learning Centre (MPLC).