CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YEAR FOUR CAPTIVATE PERFORMANCE GROUP

Last Friday 9th September our Year 4 children participated in the diocesan CAPTIVATE Choral Performance at The Hills Centre. We are very proud of the way in which the children rehearsed, performed and represented our school. They were OUTSTANDING!!!!

NAPLAN STUDENT REPORTS

Yesterday the children in Years 3 and 5 took home their NAPLAN Reports. A Parent Information Meeting will be held in Week 2 of Term 4 to discuss these reports with parents. In the meanwhile please do not hesitate to make an appointment to discuss the reports with your child’s teacher.

WALKATHON RAFFLE

Our community has raised $7,800 through the School Walkathon. This is a fabulous effort and will help us to replenish our Home Reading Stock for the children to borrow. The Winner of the WALKATHON RAFFLE was Tyler Portelli KG. Thank you to all the Holy Cross families and friends for contributing to this event.

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 Ms Porteous and the teachers for their organisational skills.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Katrina Matias and Georgia Corrigan who competed in the State Gymnastics Competition at Homebush. Both girls achieved great results in a number of gymnastic events.

Congratulations to Madeleine O’Rourke who competed at the State Physical Culture Competition. Madeleine’s performances were so successful she now advances to the National Competition.

The Our Lady of Mercy Parramatta 2011 Tournament of the Minds Team has been successful in the State Tournament of the Minds competition and now advances to the National Competition to be held in Tasmania – Aoife Lunn a former student of Holy Cross is a member of this team. Well done Aoife!

RE NEWS

School Feast Day Mass and Celebrations

On Friday 16th September our school community will celebrate our school Feast Day commencing with a liturgy at 10.00am in the Multi Purpose Learning Centre, followed by a picnic lunch with families in the playground, a DISCO and an activities afternoon. We will have a Special Canteen Hot Dog Meal Deal that can be purchased on the day – the children just bring along $5.00 and hand it to their teacher on Friday. Any parent who would like to purchase a hot dog will be able to do so for $2.50 at the canteen window when their child’s class has its lunch.

PARENT SUPPER

Thank you to the parents who supplied supper for the Trivia night. We were able to raise $48.00 which will be sent to CARITAS.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We congratulate Samantha Reyes, Karina Gatt and Jessica Clements who were confirmed in our parish church last Friday night. We hope the Holy Spirit will remain with them always guiding and inspiring them in all they do.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Parents who wish to present their child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation need to attend one of the parent meetings this week Wednesday, 14th September or Thursday, 15th September at 7.30pm in the Church.

HOLY CROSS SPECIAL FEAST DAY CANTEEN MEAL DEAL FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

$5.00 HOT DOG MEAL DEAL
includes hot dog, drink, iceblock and lollipop
(Children just bring their $5.00 to school on FRIDAY)
Family Members can purchase Hot Dogs for $2.50 from the canteen on Friday

FRIDAY CRAZY HAT/CRAZY SHIRT FEAST DAY DISCO

Children are invited to bring a crazy hat/shirt to change into and wear at our school disco
SLAPPED CHEEK
It is very important for you to seek medical advice if your child presents with any of the symptoms of this illness - runny nose, fever, aches and pains, a rash and red cheeks. Please keep your child home from school if they are sick.

WHOOPING COUGH
There have been 2 reported cases of Whooping Cough in the school. If your child has any of the symptoms of whooping cough, such as a dry or persistent cough, which may be especially bad at night, a runny nose and fever, please see your doctor. If your child has whooping cough, your doctor will arrange a course of antibiotic treatment. Antibiotics given early in the illness are effective in stopping the cough and in preventing spread to other people. If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough please advise the school and keep your child at home until they have taken at least 5 days of antibiotics. Vaccination is the best protection against whooping cough. For further information please visit www.health.nsw.gov.au

General Hygiene
Parents are asked to remind their children regularly to

- Wash their hands after using the toilet
- Use tissues when they have colds and to throw these in a garbage bin

School Fees
Term 3 school Fees are overdue. Please resolve all outstanding accounts by Wednesday 21st September. Fees can be paid by EFTPOS, direct debit, BPAY, cheque and cash. If you would like to discuss outstanding accounts with Mrs Nettleton please also make an appointment prior to Wednesday 21st September 2011.

HOLY CROSS TRIVIA NIGHT
Thank you to the following sponsors who so generously donated prizes to our annual trivia night which was a great success and enjoyed by all.


STRANGER DANGER
You are reminded to regularly discuss with your children the importance of STRANGER DANGER. Please be particularly mindful that your children have a safety plan should they be approached by a stranger when they are on their way to or from school.

Helping your child with additional needs to make the transition
For parents with children starting school, moving into a new grade or starting high school.

Guest speakers: Representatives from Catholic Education student services team, Amy Gill, Learning Support Teacher at Marian College, Kenthurst and ucann parents

13 September 2011
7.15 pm for 7.30 pm start
Diocesan Assembly Centre
Cnr Marion St and Flushcombe Rd
Blacktown

Enquiries to
Marie Coddington – 0407 121 967 or
Venessa Ward – 0408 100 909

SUPPORT FOR THOSE WIDOWED, SEPARATED OR DIVORCED: Recovery Program
The Solo Parent Ministry (Catholic Care Social Services) is offering its next “Recovery” Program for those who have suffered the loss of their spouse through death or through the breakdown of their relationship. The seven week program helps people to move through their pain and hurt, and to recover some self-esteem, strength, self-confidence, courage and hope as they move into the future. The Program begins on Wed 20th Oct. at the Diocesan Assembly Centre, Blacktown. For further details and registration contact Sr. Eileen Quade at 99330205 or eileen.quade@ccss.org.au.