



Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 2! Once again our students returned to school with great excitement to see their peers and teachers and ready for another term of learning.

One of the many highlights of my day is to continue to get to know your children as learners and how energetic, curious, creative and empathetic they are. The students at Holy Cross thrive on challenges that enable them to be engaged in complex problem solving, critical thinking and opportunities to share and reflect on their ideas and thinking with both their peers and teachers. Their initiatives, willingness to learn and desire to be actively involved in our school community is amazing.

Creating our iHUB throughout Term 1 has been very exciting. It has involved numerous conversations and collaboration with students, parents and staff at Holy Cross. The students, parents and teachers have been able to clearly articulate and communicate their creative ideas which has resulted in an additional special learning environment the entire school community will be able to use to think, explore, challenge themselves to what they already know and inspired to look for answers they don't know yet.

Thank you to our wonderful parent community for all your great work in moving the library to create the iHUB learning space. We will hopefully have the Library opened shortly for the students to use and we thank you for your understanding. I know that many students have been accessing eLibrary during this time.

Looking forward to another great term of learning.
Marina Hardy
Principal

PBS4L UPDATE

Welcome back to Term 2! Throughout last term, the students participated in daily learning around our school agreements.

At the end of Term 1, our focus was around how we can be safe, respectful and do our personal best during eating time. During the first few weeks of this term, the students will be re-visiting the expectations of how to show our three agreements during eating time, with a particular focus on keeping our school environment safe.

Some discussion points for home:

- What can you do after eating time to show the school agreements?
- Where can you put your rubbish when you have finished eating?
- How can you help keep our school clean?
- What is the process to follow after eating time and before playtime?



Below is what it looks like to show our agreements during eating time:

	Respectful	Safe	Personal Best
Eating Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eat own food • Give others their personal space • Use 6cm voice • Use kind words • Listen to teacher announcements and then line up • Face the teacher when they are making announcements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eat own food • Ask for permission to go to the toilet • Throw all rubbish in the bin and clean up eating space. • Line up ready to play • Put lunch boxes away safely • Stay with your class and class teacher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eat sandwich and fruit first. • Begin eating immediately • Leave mouth closed when eating • Remain seated until asked to put lunch box away

At Holy Cross we learn together – we do our personal best, we are respectful and we are safe.

CROSS COUNTRY

Thank you to all our amazing parent helpers who assisted at our school Cross Country Carnival held last term. The day ran very smoothly thanks to all our wonderful helpers.

Congratulations, to the following students who will represent Holy Cross at the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday 1 May 2018. The Cross Country will be held at Sydney Motorsport Park (formerly known as Eastern Creek Raceway), Brabham Drive, Eastern Creek.

The Juniors 8, 9 and 10's run 2km

The Seniors 11, 12 and 13's run 3km

Lucas Mortimer, Michael Sekulic, Oliver Zammit, Max Pittendrigh, Asher Pruyn, Joshua Charlton, Sian Manio, Summer Nelson, Isabel Chapman, Cartiah Moffatt, Selina Porracin, Lauren Gavin, Brodie Nelson. Liam Wearing, Lachlan Warton, Erik Rodinone, Aiden Kovacs, Sam Foran, Mya Scott, Tanisha Kumar, Jayda Yammouni, Jasmine Ratcliffe, Patil Balassian, Abuk Akot Dent, Jay Nelson, Taj Pruyn, Tane Tauroa, Patrick Villiers, Nicholas Chapman, Tony Justin, Christina Kiceec, Elisha Kumar, Victoria Fedele, Charlotte Fedele, Oliver Phillips, Talan Manio, Ari Williams, Kye Christie, Christopher Abdelseed, Ava Pelaez, Lara Calabrese & Sophia Etehad



Thank you very much to all our families who have collected Coles Vouchers for Holy Cross. These vouchers allow us to earn fantastic new sporting equipment for all our students.

If you have any vouchers at home please send them into school as soon as possible. We look forward to ordering new equipment over the coming weeks.

Parent Thank you

Thank you very much to our wonderful parent helpers who helped with setting up our school library in the last week of term:

Mrs Chan (Kayden's Grandmother), Mrs Elmasri, Mr Arunram, Mrs Campanale, Mrs McDermott, Mrs Burakowski, Mrs Richard & Mrs D'Cruz



Oscar Ramsay, William Kim, Meera Shailendra, Aaron D'Cruz, Samson Tran, Jack Newsome, Alessia Ruggeri, Euan Williams, Talia Ewald, Pavan Prasad, Patryk Williams, Sehaj Bajwa, Karas Metri, Paige Smith, Kael Lovegrove, Tapiwanashe Rwambiwa, Sara Hartono, Summer Alquillera, Chloe Bailey, Taj Pruyn, Dominic Lim, Tyler Holland, Alexander Halkiadakis, Jordana Locke & Taila Harb

IMPORTANT DATES

Staff Development Days (Term 2 and 3)

Staff Development Days are held for staff to be actively involved in professional learning with a focus on our school goals. These are **Pupil Free days** with no students at school. However our COSHC is open for families who require supervision of their children for the day. **COSHC will be organising for parents to enrol for these days. If you do not use COSHC but would like to use the service for the dates below please contact 0418 115 483**

- Friday 8th June, 2018
(Term 2)
- Monday 27th August, 2018
(Term 3)

School Mass

Wednesday 2nd May (Year 6)

Friday Morning Prayer

Friday 4th May (Year 5)

Mother's Day Stall

Monday 7th May
Gifts \$6 each

Mother's Day Prayer

Friday 11th May, 2018

Naplan

15th - 17th May

School Photos

Monday 21st May, 2018
Full Winter Uniform

Grandparent's Day

Friday 10th August, 2018
Parents and Grandparents are invited to join us for the day. More information to come.



Upcoming Events

Go to the [Events page](#) on the school website to see our upcoming events.

Click on Subscribe or iCal to add school events to your calendar - how easy is that?

Enrolling now for 2019

Applications are now being accepted for Kindergarten 2019. Parents are asked to obtain an Expression of Interest from our school office or [click here](#) to download from our website. Please inform family and friends if they have children who are eligible to attend.



Mother's Day

We will be celebrating Mother's Day with a special Friday Morning Prayer on 11th May. This will be led by students from Year 2 and Year 4. It is always a special celebration and we invite all mums, dads and grandparents to join us. Throughout the term grades will take turns to lead Wednesday Parish Masses and Friday Morning Prayer.

On Monday 7th May we will be holding our Mother's Day stall. We invite any parent who is able to assist with the stall to please meet in the Multi Purpose Learning Centre at 9.00 am.

Students may purchase one gift for \$6.00 on Monday 7th May



Naplan 2018

In May 2018 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's rights to privacy is maintained.

TUESDAY 15 MAY	WEDNESDAY 16 MAY	THURSDAY 17 MAY
Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) Writing Test	Reading Test	Numeracy Test

School Fees

Thank you to those parents who have paid Term 1 School Fees. If you do not have an arrangement and have not paid, please do so as soon as possible.

Term 2 Fees will be sent out by the Catholic Education Office shortly.

Please contact the school office if you require details of the amount owing. Please contact Marina Hardy if you are experiencing any difficulties with the fees.