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Term 1 Week 6
Tuesday 5th March, 2019

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2020

Holy Cross

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OPEN DAY

Tuesday 5 March
9:30am – 10:30am &
4:30pm – 5:30pm

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Holy Cross Primary is a high-quality Catholic school, supporting your child to become the best learner they can be.

We offer:

- caring, skilled and dedicated teachers
- an education that focuses on the whole child
- relevant, interesting and enjoyable learning
- specialist music and art programs
- modern, air-conditioned learning spaces that are resourced with the latest technology
- spacious grounds with large, grassed playing areas and shade-covered paved areas
- Before and After School and Vacation Care with Catholic Out of School Hours Care (COSHC)

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY TODAY TO OPEN
THE DOOR TO THE FUTURE!

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Blessed John XXIII Parish

Perfection Ave
Stanhope Gardens NSW 2768
tel: 9852 0580

Parish priest: Fr John McSweeney

For info on School Mass times and Friday Morning Prayer, click here <http://john23rd.com/>

Mass Times:

Saturday (Vigil) 6:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 6:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am at Holy Cross Primary

iHELP SOCIAL JUSTICE CREW MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO OTHERS

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On Sunday 23rd February the iHelp (Social Justice) students participated in mass at St John 23rd, Stanhope Gardens. We had students involved during mass in many different ways: welcoming the parishioners, reading, offertory, and taking up the collections. We had so much fun sharing our gifts with the parish.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, begins the period of Lent - a time of preparation and self reflection leading up to Easter. The name of the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, comes from the old custom of blessing ashes and marking the foreheads of the people with ashes on this day. The ashes are prepared by burning palms from the preceding Palm Sunday. The idea comes from the Old Testament times when mourners or penitents clothed themselves in sackcloth and sprinkled their hands and faces with dust or ashes.

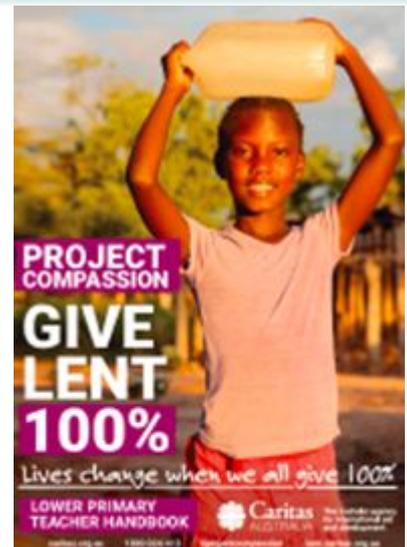
As we receive a cross of ash on our forehead we are encouraged to “turn away from sin and follow the Gospel” - both a good motto to follow throughout the 40 days of Lent as well as further through the year. Lent is a time in the liturgical year when the Church encourages penitential practices of prayer, self-denial and almsgiving.



LENT & PROJECT COMPASSION

This week families will receive a Caritas Project Compassion money box. Project Compassion fundraising has been a foundation of Social Justice awareness in the diocese for many years. Project Compassion is run by Caritas Australia and is the single largest fundraising initiative of Caritas and is their largest source of income. Without Project Compassion, Caritas is unable to provide the relief and aid that they do.

The work of Caritas touches the lives of people right across the globe, empowering communities in need to raise living standards, nutrition and health, employment and happiness. During Lent, almsgiving is a significant way in which we can help others and in doing so help us reflect on our own lives in preparation for Christ's coming at Easter. We encourage everyone to place your Project Compassion box somewhere visible at home, as a reminder to be charitable. The loose coins floating around under car seats, in the cracks of the lounge or in the bottom of our pockets can help change lives.



PARISH MASS

This week: There is no mass due to Ash Wednesday. The students will be participating in their own grade liturgies.

Next Week: Year 4 (Wednesday 13th March) will be attending the parish mass. Mass will begin at 10 am in the Library. All are welcome to attend.

FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER

There will be NO Friday Morning Prayer this week due to Cross Country.

Next week, Friday Morning Prayer will be lead by our Year 2 students in the Multi-Purpose Learning Centre. Everyone is welcome.

SPORTS NEWS

CPS SWIMMING NSWCPs CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to all the students who represented Blacktown Zone at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival last week.

Congratulations to Marcellus Widjaja and Nicholas Supriadi who achieved amazing results and will now represent the Parramatta Diocese at the CPS Swimming NSWCPs Championship which will be held at Sydney Aquatic Centre Homebush on March 27 2019.



MACKILLOP CHAMPIONSHIP TRIALS - AFL

Congratulations Max Pittendrigh and Nicholas Chapman who have been selected to represent the Parramatta Diocese at the MacKillop Trials (AFL) in Wagga Wagga on Friday 5 April.



Happy Birthday to the following students who have celebrated birthday's recently.

Joseph Kiceec, Oliver Zammit, Christian Adviento, Robert Nasr, Selina Porracin, Rajvi Parmar, Lucas Szymoniczek, Vherra Sivakumar, Jacob Catabay, Andrew Soosaipillai, Anya Douglas, Jason Arevalo, Sapphire Richards, Krish Verma, Cayden Chan, Amber Hanjra, Mia Korman, Jacob Aboagye, Xavier Kariyawasam, Jade Jabson, Hayden Nadwie Smith, Michael Sekulic, Bryce Bernardo, Ashlee Tungol, Joshua Collier, Isabella Panagiotopoulos, Makayla Duggan, & Mia Sutherland

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

This **Friday 8th March** we will be running our Cross country. It will be held on the grounds of the school and will be for all of the children from Kindergarten to Year 6.

The day will begin at 9:10am with the Primary students running their Cross Country. The Primary students and those Year 2 students competing will stay in their learning spaces until they are called for their race. The races will start with the older years and then progress down through the ages. Results are only recorded for children in Years 3 to 6 or any Year 2 children that are turning 8 this year.

Please ensure your child brings an extra bottle of water or a water container as well as a piece of fruit to have a mid-morning break.

Children **8, 9 or 10 years** will run in the Junior event - **2km**.

Children **11, 12 or 13 years** will run in the Senior event - **3km**.

Following the Primary Cross Country race (at approximately 10:30) a modified Cross Country Race around the school oval for students in K, 1 and those students in Year 2 not turning 8 this year will be held. These students will run around the school oval and will also be watched by the rest of the school. This is meant to be a fun event and there will be no students selected as diocesan representatives from these races.

ALL STUDENTS ARE TO WEAR THEIR SPORTS UNIFORM ON FRIDAY 8TH MARCH

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 5th March

Open Day Kindergarten 2020

Wednesday 6th March

ASH WEDNESDAY

NO MASS AT HOLY CROSS

Friday 8th March

NO FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER

School Cross Country

Tuesday 2nd April

School Photos

Friday 12th April

Last day of Term 1

Monday 29th April

First day of Term 2

PROJECT BASED LEARNING IN YEAR 4

This term Year 4 are learning about different life cycles. We have been working together in small groups on our projects to design and make information and picture books so that we can explain different life cycles to others, especially our Year 1 friends at Holy Cross. We are looking forward to completing these amazing books so we can share our new learning with others.

Here is a sneak peek for what the Year 1 students will see!

In our project, we have been investigating the life cycles of an animal and a plant. We have started to think about ways these life cycles were similar or different. We need to investigate and explore the features and characteristics of the living things.

Alicia Fevre



In our group we have been exploring the life cycle of turtles. Did you know that turtles have to be close to the sand so they can migrate to the water to begin their new life in the sea?

Gabriella Nasr



In our project group we have been researching about the life cycles about a dog and a cow. We have been finding out how these two animals life cycle could be disrupted. Our group is now starting to think about facts to compare the life cycle of these two animals.
Anthony Lee

CYBER SAFETY AND SECURITY TIPS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY



TOP TEN TIPS FOR PARENTS

1. Talk to your children about what they do online.
2. Learn about the technologies and applications they are using.
3. Reinforce the message: "Think before you post."
4. Keep personal information private.
5. Have computers in public areas of the home.
6. Discuss rules around mobile phone and internet use with your child and what they should do if something makes them feel uncomfortable.
7. Ensure your child only speaks online to people they know offline. Stranger danger applies to cyberspace.
8. Don't let your immediate reaction be the removal of access to the internet or mobile phone. Deal with the issue, not the technology.
9. Install real-time protection for your computers and devices.
10. Report suspicious behaviour to the appropriate authority.