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Term 2 Week 3
Tuesday 14th May, 2019

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS (PUPIL FREE DAYS)

Staff Development Days (PUPIL FREE DAYS) which will be held in Term 2.

FRIDAY - 7 June 2019

FRIDAY - 28 June 2019



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Holy Cross is currently accepting enrolments for students starting school in 2020. We would like to organise Kindergarten Enrolment Interviews over the coming weeks.

If you would like to enrol your child into Holy Cross in 2020, please collect an Expression of Interest form from the office or [click here](#) to download our Enrolment form from our website and return to school as soon as possible. Please inform family and friends if they have children who are eligible to attend.

The administration staff will then be in contact with you to arrange an interview.

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



Students in Years 3 and 5 will be undertaking the NAPLAN Online assessment over the next two weeks (May 13 - May 24). We wish all our Year 3 and Year 5 students well as they undertake this assessment.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is on Friday 17 May 2019.

Walk Safely to School Day is a community initiative that aims to raise awareness of the health, road safety, transport and environmental benefits that regular walking (especially to and from school) can provide for the long term wellbeing of our children. Apart from the physical benefits, regular walking also has a favourable impact on their cognitive and academic performance.

The annual event, now celebrating its 20th anniversary, encourages primary school aged children to build walking into their daily routine, by walking to and from school, not just on Friday 17 May, but every day.

The national initiative also promotes the vitally important road safety message: "Until they are 10, children must always hold the hand of an adult when crossing the road".

Here are the top 5 tips for parents to get their kids walking to school:

1. Walk some or if you can, walk all the way to school
2. Get off the bus, train, or tram a few stops earlier and walk the rest of the way
3. Leave the car at least 1 km away from school and walk the rest of the way
4. Set your alarm 30 minutes earlier to fit in a walk to school
5. If you can't walk in the morning, walk home after school



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES

Last year all schools in the Parramatta Diocese participated in raising funds for Catholic Care which helped many families in our community. Bishop Vincent has again invited schools to celebrate the International Day of Families during the month of May. This year the focus is on supporting families who are having difficulties when parents decide to live separately.

Holy Cross will be supporting Family International Day on Friday of Week 5. Year 3 will be leading the school in a Family Day Liturgy. We also invite students to wear mufti on Friday 31st May (Week 5) and support Catholic Care by bringing in a gold coin donation.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Reminder to Parents for students preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. Students will need to attend the following:

Session 1:

Saturday 25th or Sunday 26th May, 4:30pm at St Mark's Staffroom

Session 2:

Saturday 1st or Sunday 2nd June, 4:30pm at St Mark's Staffroom

Retreat:

Cancelled. This was to be held on Saturday 8th or Sunday 9th June

Practice Ceremony:

Saturday 15th or Sunday 16th June, 4:30pm at the Church

You can access the First Communion timetable by visiting the St John 23rd Parish Website.

For any enquiries, please contact Jill on 9852-0583 or admin@john23rd.org.au



PARISH MASS

This week: Kindergarten (Wednesday 15th May) will be attending the parish mass. Mass will begin at 10 am in the Library. All are welcome to attend.

Next Week: Year 6 (Wednesday 22nd May) will be attending the Liturgy of the Word. Liturgy of the Word will begin at 10 am in the Library. All are welcome to attend.

FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER

This week, Friday Morning Prayer will be led by our Year 1 students in the Multi-Purpose Learning Centre. Everyone is welcome.

Next week, Friday Morning Prayer will be led by our Year 4 students.

MOTHER'S DAY

Last week, Year 2 and Year 4 students led the school in a special Friday Morning Prayer giving thanks to all the mothers in our lives. It was great to see so many mums, dads and grandparents come along to join us. Congratulations to all students who prepared and had special roles in the celebration. Thank you to all the wonderful parents and grandparents who assisted with the Mother's Day stall. The students loved purchasing a gift!



Our Canberra experiences

On Thursday May 5th, Year 6 arrived at school ready to embark on their journey to Canberra. We were eagerly awaiting the fun 2 day experience ahead of us. I felt many different emotions leading up to this event in my school career, excitement, sadness, even longing to go on the trip. This journey would be the first time in my life that I would be away from my family for a long period of time, so i wouldn't know what to expect or what was to come. We left school at 7:00am on a huge bus filled with excitement, heading for our one destination, Canberra. As soon as we arrived in Canberra we went to the House of Representatives garden to have our lunch and to play around for a bit. After that, we went inside New Parliament House and listened to a beautiful Aboriginal choir sing in a different language. We then had the opportunity to explore the House of Representatives and the Senate. We also engaged in a mock parliament as we debated a bill deciding whether or not every person in Australia should have water tanks installed, that was also a lot of fun. Another fun and passionate moment of the trip was when we went to Questacon. There were various levels dedicated to different scientific ideas that we could play around with. My favourite activity was the free fall, which would allow you to fall down onto a slide from a tremendously tall height. Another place I enjoyed visiting was the Australian Institute of Sport. Here we got to play around in Sportex, an interactive sport playspace, and after that they gave us a brilliant tour of the institute showing us different athletes training for their various sports. We then went to the motel at which we would be staying for the night. We had to have dinner first but after that we were able to spend time in our rooms with our friends. We then headed home the next day on a very tired bus. The Canberra trip is a trip I will never ever forget in my years after primary school.

By Jamie

On May 5th, we were up bright and early to go on a two day excursion to Canberra. With the bus bubbling with excitement, the long bus ride seemed short and fun. Upon arriving, we began our exciting journey at Parliament House after fueling up with our lunch.

When we arrived at Parliament House, we were scanned and greeted by an Aboriginal choir who sang beautiful songs in their native language. We then had a look at the House of Representatives and the Senate, and learned all about bills and the roles of every member of each house. We put our knowledge and debating to the test when we did a roleplay of what it's like to make a bill a law.

We then visited the War Memorial, where we learned about both world wars and saw real life artefacts of ANZAC's who died in war, including a biscuit tin that had been untouched since the first world war. We also looked at the grave of an unknown soldier and placed some poppies on it. The War Memorial really made us think about the sacrifices the soldiers made for us to have the freedom we have in Australia today.

We ended our busy day at the Australian Institute of Sport where we did some fun sport activities including rock climbing, biking, soccer and more. We had a full tour of the AIS before departing to our motel for the night. After dinner, we had a long night rest before awakening for the busy day that lay ahead.

On May 6th, we had an early start to our day to go to Questacon, where we learnt all about robots, the Earth, constructing strong buildings and many more with engaging and hands on activities.

We ended our time at Questacon in a fun area with a huge slide to reward our great learning.

Year 6 then split up, half having lunch, the other half attended the Electoral Commision.

At the Electoral Commision, we learnt all about voting and elections. We got an activity book that we had to fill out. Each activity taught us a new thing about voting. Afterwards, we did a mini roleplay about the election process, how to vote and how the votes are counted. Each location that we visited on our trip was fun and definitely made our understanding of Parliament and Australia's history better. I had a blast and enjoyed the excursion with my peers more than I expected.

By Frida.



Muru Mittigar Cultural Centre Excursion

On Friday 10th of May, Year 3 went on an excursion to the Muru Mittigar Cultural Centre at Rouse Hill.

As we arrived at Muru Mittigar we were welcomed by having paint put on our faces. The boys had kangaroo marks painted on their faces and the girls had berries painted to welcome us. The paint represents Aboriginal people and their culture.

We completed a number of activities throughout the day. Our first activity involved painting Aboriginal stories, we used symbols that Aboriginal people used. Year 3 learnt about the different symbols that the Aboriginals used. The Aboriginals only used red, yellow, black and white colours to paint their stories.

Another activity we completed used boomerangs. We each had at least two turns at throwing a boomerang and learnt how they used the boomerangs for hunting. We really enjoyed this activity!

We had a wonderful time at Muru Mittigar and learnt a lot about the traditional owners of our land.

By Bryce, Brianna and Misha



Diocesan Cross Country

Congratulations to the following students who competed in Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country on Tuesday 7th May at Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek:

Asher Pruyn, Ashton Caruana, Ashton Williams, Lachlan Charlton, Daniel Sharpe, Jackson Tauroa, Summer Nelson, Selina Porracin, Isla Pittendrigh, Abigail Chapman, Lauren Gavin, Max Pittendrigh, Michael Sekulic, Oliver Zammit, Nicholas Sharpe, Brayden Walton, Cartiah Moffatt, Alicia Fevre, Isabel Chapman, Matilda Newsome, Ava Christou, Mathea Estaca, Brodie Nelson, Liam Wearing, Lachlan Warton, Sean Clarkson, Erik Rondinone, Jayda Yammouni, Tanisha Kumar, Tane Tauroa, Nicholas Chapman, Patrick Villiers, Christopher Morgan, Dylan Fevre, Noah Christou, Olivia Panagiotopoulos, Victoria Fedele, Charlotte Fedele, Montana Sullivan.

Holy Cross finished with fantastic results and won the 10 Years Boys event.

Thank you to all the parents and family who came to support our students. A special thank you to Mrs Christou, Ms Mavin, Mrs Pittendrigh, Mrs Warton and Mrs Gavin for their assistance on the day.

A big congratulations to the following students who will represent Parramatta Diocese at the MacKillop Cross Country Trials:

Selina Porracin, Summer Nelson, Max Pittendrigh, Michael Sekulic and Oliver Zammit

This is an amazing achievement. We wish them all the best!



From now until June 25th 2019, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker sheet. Once the sheet is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources.

We are extremely grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program.



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

Oscar Ramsay, Nathaniel Sassine, Charli McIntosh, Arisha Acharya, Ruby Gill, Jasmine Battle, Kyden Chand, Sophia Acosta, Raymond Haykal, Isabella Javelosa, Charbel Tannous, Patrick Villiers, Ava Steain, Jordana Locke, Theodore Hunt, Kai Samson & Hugo Hohnen

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 15th May
Kindergarten mass

Friday 17th May
Year 1 morning prayer

Wednesday 22nd May
Year 6 mass

Friday 24th May
Year 4 morning prayer

Friday 7th June
Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)

Monday 10th June
Public Holiday

Friday 21st June
Athletics Carnival - Years 3 to 6

Friday 28th June
Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)

Friday 5th July
Last day of Term 2

Monday 22nd July
First day of Term 3



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3 May 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The recent bombings and deaths in Sri Lanka have shocked many of us and those to whom we pastorally minister.

Whilst not all who died were Catholic, the majority were Catholic, and in keeping with Catholic tradition particularly in South Asia, the Diocese of Parramatta will celebrate a Month's Mind Requiem Mass to pray for all who were killed in Sri Lanka.

A Month's Mind Requiem Mass is typically celebrated one month after a person's death and is held in memory of the deceased.

I will be celebrating this Mass at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith on Sunday 19 May at 10am.

I ask too that you make this Mass known to your communities and invite them to this celebration.

During these sad times when people continue to sin against God's gift of life in such a violent way, let us continue to pray for and support each other.

Every blessing in this Holy Season of Easter.

Very Rev Christopher de Souza
Vicar General
Episcopal Vicar for Education & Formation