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Term 2 Week 5
Tuesday 28th 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

WELCOMING INTERNATIONAL VISITORS TO HOLY CROSS

This term Holy Cross has hosted a number of educators to our school. The purpose of the visits was to learn and observe the rich learning opportunities that are provided each and every day and to gain an insight and understanding as to how we provide our students with challenging tasks that further extend our students.

We welcomed an International Professor from Auckland University, 16 colleagues of Principals, Assistant Principals and Leaders of Learning from the Catholic Education Office, Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) who spent time in all our learning spaces talking to our students and asking them inquiry questions about their learning.

The feedback from our colleagues highlighted the high quality teaching and learning provided to all our students. They were extremely impressed with how our teachers were not only meeting the individual needs of all our students but also providing them with complex and challenging tasks. The students were engaged in various tasks and were able to clearly explain their thinking and learning. Our visitors were also entertained by some of our amazing musicians.

Science and Mathematics at Holy Cross

This year our teachers and students have worked with Nadine Meredith (Teaching Educator - Numeracy) and Kelly Jawerth, (Teaching Educator - Science and Technology) in our learning spaces. These educators have knowledge and expertise in Mathematics and Science and work alongside our teachers and students on a regular basis. We have also been fortunate to engage with an academic research team of Professors from Monash University working closely with our teachers providing them with ongoing professional learning with a focus on challenging our students each and every day. The students are enjoying the challenging tasks!



What makes a great school?

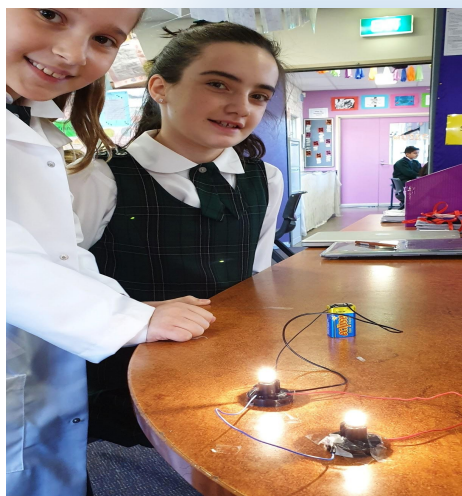
Choosing a school for your child is one of the most difficult parenting decisions. We want a school that teaches our students using our beliefs and values and also one that establishes a solid educational foundation for which a successful life can be built. I have had the privilege to work with the teachers and leaders of Holy Cross Primary School in the capacity of a Science Teaching Educator and to see academically rigorous and value-based work in their teaching and learning opportunities. Miss Hardy and the staff have embraced best practice evidence based teaching strategies in Science as students engage in authentic inquiry-based learning projects. They are challenged daily to observe, reflect, think critically and become confident as they develop their abilities. An enormous amount of work has been put into the processes of implementing the new K-6 Science and Technology syllabus including professional learning, support from teaching educators, and advice from external partners to ensure Holy Cross Primary is a great school.

The creation of a great school is a long term investment. It is a combination of resources, time to create challenging programs, development of staff, and exceptional leadership. This together leads to the exemplary teaching and learning we all want for our students and children. Holy Cross Primary has all of these factors but in the last 18 months there has been a significant investment in science spaces at Holy Cross. Three spaces, the iHUB, iWORLD and iDISCOVER have been designed and resourced to allow experimentation, discovery, excitement, exploration and wonder in the students, and to extend those who have a keen ability or interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). As a PhD researcher in Gifted and Talented Education I have seen the difficulties when students are not adequately challenged. The work and learning opportunities provided at Holy Cross Primary School certainly caters for these students while not leaving behind those who need extra assistance and support. These spaces are incredible but what is even more incredible is the work that happens inside the spaces.

I encourage you to take the time and come along and see the spaces and learning for yourselves. Holy Cross Primary School equips students for the world, through rigorous and individually challenging opportunities that are underpinned by Catholic values. I look forward to seeing and being a part of the next chapter with Miss Hardy and teachers.

Kelly Jawerth

BSc Hons (1A), Dip Ed, M.Ed (Science), PhD (current G&T)
Teaching Educator Science CEDP





Year 4 have been focusing on how we can **be respectful** to each other and ourselves.

We decided we will be showing respect to each other and our teachers **by being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing**. We also thought another way to show respect to each other was to be speaking nicely, including others in our games and encouraging others during learning time and on the playground.

Last week at our Friday Morning Prayer Year 4 students challenged everyone to be respectful and to be in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing.

Here are some examples of people showing the agreement of respect!



International Day of Families - Gold Coin Donation and Mufti Day Friday 31st May

Students are encouraged to wear mufti and to bring in a gold coin donation **on Friday 31st May** to support Catholic Care in their work to support families in our local community. Students are to wear joggers / sandshoes.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Reminder to Parents for students preparing to receive their First Holy Communion:

Students will need to attend the following:

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 Helen on 9852-0583 or admin@john23rd.org.au



PARISH MASS

This week: Year 5 (Wednesday 29th May) will be attending the parish mass. Mass will begin at 10 am in the Library. All are welcome to attend.

Next Week: Year 4 (Wednesday 5th June) 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 3 students who will be leading us in an International Family Day liturgy.

Next week: No Friday Morning Prayer due to the Staff Development Day.

Social Justice- Newsletter- iHelp

By: Emma, Olivia & Amelia- Year 6



iHelp is a Holy Cross Social Justice group, that looks at helping the people in our community. Social Justice means to be fair to everyone around us, treat people equally and the way that we would like to be treated.

“ Love thy neighbour as you love thyself”

iHelp is a social Justice group at Holy Cross, our goal is to make the community a better place by raising awareness, money and collecting food donations. We meet every Thursday at lunchtime to discuss ideas to help others throughout the course of the year. We do many things including: pyjama and mufti day fundraisings, leading mass at St John 23rd, cupcake stalls that raise money for the Church and visiting our local retirement village at Christmas time and many more things.

Coming up this term at our school is mufti day and pyjama day.

Mufti day is going to be held on the 31st May. In order to wear our mufti clothes everyone at the school is to bring in a gold coin donation which is going to go to Catholic Care to help families who need support.

Pyjama day is another fundraiser that we are having at the school this term. It will be held on the 5th July. Every student in the school will donate a gold coin and food donation which will go to the charity of St Vincent De Paul. This charity helps people within our community.

In the past we have led masses, had cupcake stores and visited the retirement village to sing for the elderly. The iHelp group also led masses for the parishioners and enjoyed a cupcake stall afterward to raise money for the church. Everyone in iHelp was invited to bake their own cakes to sell.

At the end of the year we went to the retirement village at Stanhope Gardens to sing and dance for the elderly people to make their days better and make them feel happy. We made them presents and cards to make their days even more special. This was a really fun and exciting experience for all of the iHelp members who were able to participate.

We find ways to have fun and help the community at the same time. Being in iHelp makes us feel happy and proud about ourselves for giving up our time to help people who are in need. iHelp makes a difference in our community and in the lives of others.



PARTNERS IN LEARNING SURVEY

Over the next two weeks we are inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of Holy Cross using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite parents to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Holy Cross.

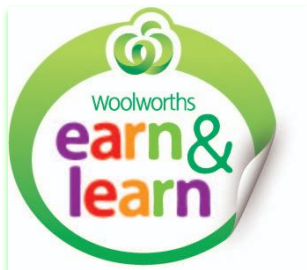
The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

www.tellthemfromme.com/hcps2019

The survey will be available for completion from today up until Friday 7th June. We look forward to hearing the voices of our parent community.



Tell Them From Me



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.

Caitlyn Yu, Nolan Sugiarto, Harjap Jassal, Prahaan Mynampati, John Prodromakis, Kaylene Sugiarto, Isaac Yammouni, Kiristien Balonso, Andrew Halkiadakis & Isaac Jose Tomy

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 29th May

Year 5 mass

Friday 31st May

Year 3 morning prayer

Muft Day gold coin donation

Wednesday 5th June

Year 4 mass

Friday 7th June

Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)

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.

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

Pyjama Day

Monday 22nd July

First day of Term 3