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Term 2 Week 7
Tuesday 11th June, 2019

HOLY CROSS TEACHERS ENGAGE IN QUALITY PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WITH A FOCUS ON LITERACY

At Holy Cross, teachers are continually engaged in ongoing quality professional learning throughout the year focussing on our 3 school goals in Religious Education, Literacy and Numeracy.

On our Staff Development Day last Friday, our staff focussed on our school Writing Goal: *For students to consistently understand and select sophisticated language for a specific purpose*. Our teachers focussed on analysing student's writing and setting learning goals for all our students. We look forward to sharing the student's goals at the Mid Year Parent/Teacher interviews.

HOLY CROSS TEACHERS ENGAGE IN PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WITH DR ANITA COLLINS

Last week our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 teachers and our specialist teachers were excited to participate in an excellent professional learning opportunity with Dr Anita Collins. Dr Collins is an internationally recognised educator, researcher and writer in the field of brain development and music learning.

Dr Collins shared the research that highlights the strong connection between music education and language development - *the more you learn music the better your language will become*. The research recognises the positive impact of 10 minutes per day of music education to language and literacy development. Our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 teachers are excited to introduce 10 minutes per day of music education prior to our 2 hour Literacy Block.

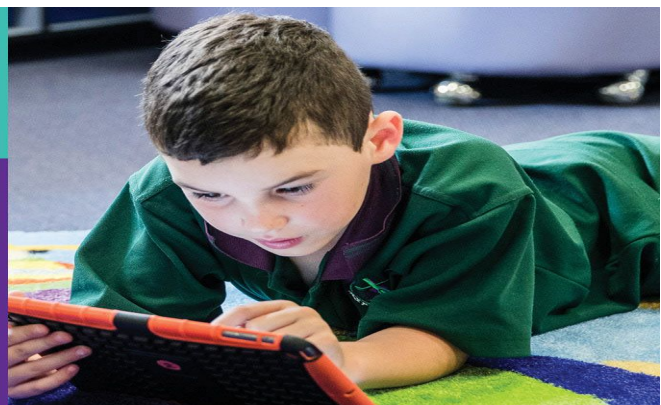
In 2018 Dr Anita Collins also featured on an ABC program "*Don't Stop the Music*" with Guy Sebastian. You might like to view and listen to Dr Anita Collins regarding her research in her recent TedTalks.

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**ENROLLING NOW
FOR NEXT YEAR**

CALL FOR A PERSONALISED SCHOOL TOUR

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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

MID YEAR PROGRESS AND PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

CONFERENCE

As research shows, improvement in learning is most prominent when parents and school staff work together to facilitate a supportive learning environment at both home and school. This can happen in many ways. Parents can be engaged in their child's learning by asking questions, supporting with homework, attending school events and functions, setting goals and reflecting on progress at various times throughout the year. Already this year, we have had our first Student Led Conferences for 2019 where students and parents engaged in great learning discussions and set goals for the first half of this year.



Our next opportunity to involve families as partners will be our Mid Year Reports and Parent-Teacher Conferences. Mid Year Reports for the first semester of the year will be distributed from Thursday 20th June, 2019. As the reports contain confidential information, parents are asked to collect these in person from the class teacher, otherwise send a note addressed to the class teacher requesting that the report be sent home with their child.

Parent and Teacher/s conferences will begin on Monday 24th June, 2019 in regards to your children's learning. Parents are invited to book a 10 minute appointment with teachers.

ONLINE BOOKINGS WILL OPEN MONDAY 17th JUNE AT 9:00 AM

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au to book online. Simply enter the code **g7gam**
Ensure any previous codes are not saved as these will not work.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (PUPIL FREE DAY)



**Just a
reminder...**

**Our NEXT Staff Development Day
(PUPIL FREE DAY)**

FRIDAY - 28 June 2019

Catholic Out of School Hours Services (COSHS)
will be available for supervision on this day.
Please contact COSHS on 0418 115 483 on how
to enrol your child/ren into this service.

**STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL
THIS DAY**

PENTECOST: CELEBRATING THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Last Sunday we celebrated Pentecost. This is a significant feast day as it marks the coming of the Holy Spirit and the end of the Easter season.

We see the disciples huddled in a room and afraid to venture into the world. With a wind and marked by fire, they are blessed with the Spirit and strengthened to follow Christ. In sending us the Holy Spirit, Jesus breathes his own life into us. It is the Holy Spirit who lives in us and keeps us faithful to Jesus and able to do anything that following Jesus requires. In Confirmation we are blessed and sealed with the Holy Spirit, received beforehand at Baptism. We talk about the gifts of the spirit: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, right judgement, awe and wonder, courage and reverence. When we use these gifts we see that there are good things that happen as a consequence. St Paul refers to these as the fruits of the spirit. Remembering that the Holy Spirit is with us is a great source of comfort and a reason to celebrate.

This Spirit breathing from deep within us, is a great nourishment to us and those around us. This Holy Spirit is not something designed for our own pleasure alone. Rather it becomes our gift to all whose lives engage with ours. Jesus is risen and has returned to the Father. Somehow he is still with us through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Some deep, prayerful breathing in and out this Pentecost may well open us anew to God's best gift.

May you and your families breathe well and truly this Pentecost time.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

During the next few weeks, a number of our students will be making their First Holy Communion.

Please keep them in your prayers during this special time and wish them all the best for their special day.



PARISH MASS

This week: Year 3 (Wednesday 12th June) will be attending parish mass. Mass will begin at 10 am in the Library. All are welcome to attend.

Next Week: Year 2 (Wednesday 19th June) will be attending 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 14th June), Friday Morning Prayer will be led by our Year 2 students.

Next week (Friday 21st June) there will be no Friday Morning Prayer due to the Athletics Carnival.

Pyjama Day



A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Matthew 25: 35-40

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

How can we be disciples of Jesus and help our neighbours?

Pyjama Day is fast approaching. Our favourite day! The day when we can wake up and not worry about school uniforms. When we can go to school in our pyjamas. And it's on the last day of school for Term 2. What a fitting time.

We are a lot luckier than we realise. We wear our pyjamas because it symbolises how much we have. Yummy food, warm homes, and so much more. Some people don't have that. And that's why we are raising money for Saint Vincent de Paul, to help those who are in need.

Pyjama Day is on the 5th of July, so when it happens, don't forget to **not** wear your school uniform and come as you are (like seriously, just get up from bed and come to school). But there's a catch. You **MUST** bring in a **gold coin** and a **food donation** by the end of Week 9 / 27th June. All the money and food raised will go to Saint Vincent de Paul to help people in our community who are struggling.

By Andrew and Simon

Members of the iHelp Social Justice Group

Foodbank Grade Allocations

Kindergarten	Toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap
Year 1	Tinned meat (spam, ham, tuna etc)
Year 2	Long Life UHT Milk
Year 3	Tea
Year 4	Coffee
Year 5	Pasta sauce
Year 6	Milo

Grandparent's Day

In week 3 of next term, Holy Cross will be celebrating the wonderful gifts that God gave us - our Grandparents. Grandparents day will be on Friday 9th August. Please save this date next term.

YEAR 4'S

GEOGRAPHY SYMPOSIUM

In Year 4 we have been exploring information about Australia and the Asian region.

We chose from a range of Australia's neighbouring countries such as the Philippines, India, Vietnam, China, Japan and Thailand.

In our presentations, we compared Australia's climate, geographical features and population density with one of its neighbouring Asian countries.

In small groups we used collaboration, communication and technology skills to create a presentation that would convey our understanding of the topic to our fellow Year 4 peers. This task was given the extra challenge of presenting in front of Miss Hardy and Mr Buckley.

Overall we have had a great experience of practicing our public speaking skills. We know that we can take on-board the feedback from Miss Hardy, Mr Buckley, our teachers and our peers to improve for our next presentations. We are very proud of all of our efforts and we can't wait for the next time we can share our learning with others.

BY SOPHIA, CHARLOTTE AND TALIA



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



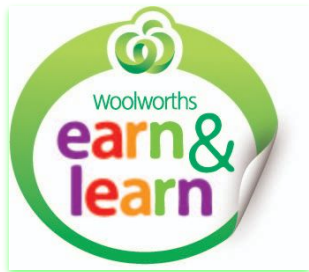
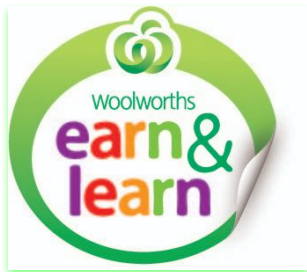
Our Primary School Athletics Carnival for Years 3-6 and children in Year 2 turning 8 in 2019 will be held on **Friday 21st June 2019**.

The purpose of the carnival is to have fun, encourage school spirit and to select a School Athletics team to represent Holy Cross at the Blacktown Zone Carnival.

Venue: Cornucopia Reserve, Cantwell St Glenwood

All parents are welcome to come along to our school carnival. In order for a smooth running of the day we will require at least 30 parent helpers to assist with walking to and from school, marshalling, timekeeping or field events. Please let us know if you are able to assist on the day.

K-2 Infants Carnival will be held at Holy Cross School on Friday 27th September 2019. Details will be provided in Term 3.



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.

Jean Paul Sassine, Lara Gedalanga, Abuk Akot Deng, Rehan Perera, Amelia Rota, Aarav Khanna, Montana Sullivan, Oliver Gill, Aaron Wong, Josie Calabrese, Connor Domagala, Zoei Rota, Olivia Bingham, Jayden Abdelmasih, Georgia Williams, Izzabella Ayala & Anthony Lee

IMPORTANT DATES

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



University of New South Wales Assessments for 2019

At Holy Cross we offer students in Years 3-6 the opportunity to sit the Science, Writing, English and Mathematical Assessments. ICAS Assessments are now online, a move that reflects a sector-wide transition to computer-based assessment. This allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results. Writing for Year 3 and Year 4 will still be paper test.

This year the ICAS fees can now be paid online. Visit the new online Parent Payment System to make a direct payment to UNSW Global. The link is:

unsw.global/parentpay

Our school's unique access code is: **69451f4623**

**Enrolment and online payment will close on
Tuesday 30th July 2019.**

These assessments take place during the day and the children sit for them at Holy Cross. If you would like your child to participate in one or all of these assessments.

The cost is \$15.95 each (which includes gst) for Science, Writing, English and Mathematics.

The assessments will be held on the following days:

Science – Thursday 5th September 2019

Writing – Tuesday 10th September 2019

English – Tuesday 17th September 2019

Mathematics – Thursday 19th September 2019

Enrolments will close on Tuesday 30th July 2019.

If you have any queries regarding these assessments please contact the school office.

***Privacy notification:** UNSW Global stores, uses and modifies the ICAS Assessments data in order to generate reports, conduct research and analysis, and improve its products and services. UNSW Global will not hold or use ICAS Assessments data that constitutes personal information for longer than 15 years. As the parent or guardian of a student who intends to sit ICAS Assessments, you consent to the school collecting the ICAS Assessments data that relates to the student, disclosing it to UNSW Global and to UNSW Global's use of it in the manner outlined above. You also consent to the school assigning this consent to UNSW Global.