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FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

2 July, 2004

Congratulations. The under 14 Soccer team and the A Grade Rugby League teams won their finals in the M.C.S. Competition last Thursday. Well done boys and a special thank you to the coaching staff Mr Rugg, Mr Gibney, Mr White (rugby league) and Mr Natrass (soccer). The under 13 soccer team and the B Grade Rugby League team were defeated in the finals. The boys tried their very best but were beaten by better sides on the day. Both teams are to be congratulated for their efforts as are their coaches Mr McKelleher (rugby league) and Mr Natrass (soccer). This brings to an end the winter M.C.S. competitions. I would like to thank the many boys who have represented the College so well during the season and the staff who have acted as coaches and officials.

Parent/Teacher Meetings and Reports. Students on Years 9 and 10 were given their semester report last Wednesday evening at the 9/10 Parent/Teacher meeting. A reminder to all year 7/8 students and parents that semester reports will be handed out at the 7/8 parent/teacher meeting on Wednesday July 28th (week 2, term 3). Students will be given an interview booking sheet early next term.

School Fees. A reminder to those parent who may not have paid term three fees that these are now overdue and the account should be settled as soon as possible.

Entertainment Book. These books should have been paid for or returned by now. If there are any still outstanding they must be returned immediately or paid for.

Could I take this opportunity to wish all students and staff and parents that may be having a break from work a restful and enjoyable winter break. Classes resume for all students on Monday July 19th.

Garry Williams

PRINCIPAL

Coming Events – 2004

- July 19 Term 3 Commences

**Please make note of our
email address. It is
admin@hcc.ryde.syd.catholic.edu.
au**

Healthy Tuckshop

Due to new guidelines for school tuckshops and our concerns over the diet of some of our student, the following changes will take place from the beginning of next term.

1. Drink machines. Drinks available will be limited to low sugar soft drinks, water and milk.
2. Healthy tuckshop days – Monday, Wednesday and Friday. – No lollies, chips or high sugar drinks will be sold on these days.
3. All hot foods sold will be low fat varieties.
4. The present range of cakes will be replaced by low fat cakes and muffins.

The changes are important in ensuring that we are providing our students with a healthy diet.

B. Thiele/N. Stuart
Canteen Managers

G. Williams
PRINCIPAL

Study Centre

“The Afternoon Study Centre is a place where I can work quietly and complete my homework without interruptions”.

“I like being able to use the computers for the internet as well as using books”.

“I can get extra help off teachers at the Study Centre”.

These comments were made by some of the students who attend the Study Group. The After School Study Centre is a free service that the college provides to help student complete their homework in a quiet atmosphere. Student are able to work on assessments or general revision.

The Centre will recommence in week 1 of Term 3 and is held in the Library each Tuesday from 3:30pm – 5:00pm. Students are required to see Mrs Rooney to sign on at the Library each week to secure a place.

Music Tuition

The *Music Tuition Program* will continue to run lessons on guitar, drums or bass guitar in Term 3. If you wish to enrol, or you are a current student wishing to reenrol, you need to return the payment form.

Please see either **Mrs Putica** or **Ms Tripdoi** in the Music Department for an enrolment form or ask your tutor.

Concert Band

The Music department is inviting all musicians who are interested in being part of our exciting concert band to join us at band rehearsals. We require instrumentalists of all types, but especially the enthusiastic type.

No experience necessary! (Breakfast/afternoon tea provided)

Please contact either **Mrs Putica** or **Brother Mark** for details of rehearsal times and a copy of the music.

Curriculum Matters

The Trial Higher School Certificate Examinations commence on August 2nd and finish on Monday August 16th. Once again I would encourage parents to support their son in his study efforts. Remind him of his study timetable and his need to make an extra commitment to it. More intensive study efforts at this stage of the academic year are very important and should show up in improved results.

The following is an interesting observation from boys education expert Ian Lillico. This is one of the fifty-two recommendations put the House of Representative Standing Committee and Education and Training that produced the report "Boys: Getting It Right".

You may also like to refer to the following website: www.boysforward.com.

From the very earliest of ages parents must not let boys *opt out* of family gatherings. Girls are given the chores of helping to serve food interact with relative and friends – and so improve their verbal communication and collaborative skills. Boys (who are often noisy) are often left to play in a non-verbal manner on the floor or outside and, consequently, don't develop the same verbal literacy as girls. They are starting school up the 18 months behind girls academically and often don't catch up until into their late teens.

Tim Barrett - Curriculum Co-ordinator

Year 11 students participated in a study skills workshop conducted by Mindworks Learning Programs. The workshop availed students of the necessary skills required to successfully complete assignments and revision as well as techniques for better performance examinations. Evaluations suggest that the workshop has already benefited students and will continue to do so as the Preliminary HSC examinations approach in Term Three.

On Wednesday 30th June Year 11 also participated in Mufti Day to fundraise for the charity organisation communities for communities. Students raised \$350 which will be used to improve schooling resources in the deprived community of Renag in Burma. The boys should be congratulated on their generosity and charitable spirit.

Mr Murphy – Year 11 Co-ordinator

The U13S MCS Soccer Team

The UC13s MSC Soccer team enjoyed a successful season in 2004 reaching the final of the competition.

Unfortunately they lost the final to St Dominics, who on the day were difficult to overcome.

They nevertheless totally deserved to be in the final having only narrowly dropped 1 match during the season. I definitely felt privileged to have had the opportunity to coach them as they showed themselves to be gentlemen and fine sports persons on and off the field.

It would be inappropriate to single out any player so they always played in a collective fashion. Suffice to say many of them were the potential to play in the best leagues in Australian and beyond!

I am certain that next year they will be a formidable football force as the U14S MCS team. I hope to be given the opportunity to coach them again next season.

Peter Scalia

MCS A Grade Rugby League Final

Holy had defeated Fairfield 46-10 in the semi Final to progress to the MCS Final against Parramatta Marist High at Western Weekender Stadium.

The game started well with HC working hard in defence to hold Parramatta in their half at the end of the first set of 6 tackles. When we had the ball we did not control it and gave Parramatta plenty of chances.

Holy Cross recovered and were first to score through David Pangai. Not long after we allowed Parramatta to score and bring the score to 6-4. The game continued in this manner until Damian Kennedy ran onto a good ball from 20m out and struggled through four defenders to score once again we allowed Parramatta to gain field position through a poor kick chase. This allowed them to score and level the score 10-10.

Just prior to half time Scott Vlahos ran a great angle onto a Cameron Nicholls pass to score and make the half time score 14-10 to Holy Cross.

The second half resumed with torrid defence from both sides. Frank Liantonio scored from close and to set up a 20-10 score line. We fell asleep and allowed Parramatta to get back into the game to trail 20-16.

A great movement involving 6 or 7 players saw James Cameron score to push the score to 26-16 with 12 minutes to go.

The side then lost respect for the ball allowing Parramatta to score a converted try to make the score 26-22 with 8 minutes to go.

Some poor Holy Cross ball control resulted in some great Holy Cross defence to keep Parramatta from scoring. The score of 26-22 was the final result.

The defence and dummy half running of Luke Faey was outstanding all game. Other players to work tirelessly were Joshua Carroll, Luke McColl, Daniel Casa, Paul Marino and Frank Liantonio.

The attacking play of David Pangai caused Parramatta plenty of problems. he was helped out by the organisation of Ben Forbes and Cameron Nicholls who was Man of the Match. The solid play of David Drenovac, Callan Duncan and James Cameron gave us good field position each time they kicked to us.

Well done all players.

Special mention must go to the B grade players who filled in for us throughout the year. Without their help we would not have made the semi-finals at all.

Thanks to. Adrain Pizzolato, Jacob Moyers, Chris Taranto, Troy Wallace, Troy Pearce, Chris Reid, James Dougall, Shay Quilty, Eloni Vuakece.

K. Rugg (Coach)

TUCKSHOP ROSTER	GROUP 3 7 – 11 June	GROUP 4 14 – 18 June
MONDAY	Francis de Jong Ronda Ianni Wendy Dobis Carol Turnbull	Marina Spina Cathy Nardo Angela Cavallo Elizabeth Goss Norma Sciarra Maria Iacono
TUESDAY	Deborah Xuereb Julie Cossell Lorraine Milward	Carole Baker Leonie Jovanovich Rosanne Blackwell Lynne Sullivan
WEDNESDAY	Donna Chalmers Rose Mamone Jo-Ann Jones Sharon Neiberding	Frances Salerno Helen Farrell Bridget Carroll Mary Nati Patricia Fonti
THURSDAY	Alison Vignati Michele Bradley Christine Hutchins Janice Stewart-Moore Nadia Macolino	Judy Kennedy Diane Henebery Alyson Mitchell Jessie Zahra Gina Kourtesis Sharon Calabro
FRIDAY	Debbie Kelleher Maria Longhitano Tessa Gilmour Keith Kerr	Maria Vidmar Wendy Gambell Rita Sciancalepore Ray Guff

SPORTS NEWS

Athletics Report

The carnival was held last Friday. We reverted to the more traditional type of carnival after having the rotational carnival for the last 9 years.

The allowed students to watch sprinting, field events and middle distance events from their viewing positions on the Hill. In general the day went well. The only problem was the P.A. System which failed to work in the later part of the day.

12yrs	13yrs
1st George Senico 47pts	Brad Chalmers 34pts
2nd Joel Brooks 30pts	Ricky Yun 31pts
3rd Dimitri Batistatos 29pts	Kyle Stoker 22pts
14yrs	15yrs
1st Joel Wineera 43pts	Luke Senico 45pts
2nd Jacob Duke 34 pts	Michael Carrett 38pts
3rd Jake Dimarco 26pts	Kristian Lindbom 33pts
16yrs	17yrs
1st Michael Andrich 45pts	James Cossell 49pts
2nd Brett Jovanovich 39pts	Chris Golding 42pts
3rd Tom Kerr 36pts	Andrew Cholinski 27pts
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1st Ian Janda 66pts	
2nd Nathan Jones 57pts	
Jacob Moyers 34pts	

The House Championship Point Score

1st Delaney 1241 pts	2nd Dwyer 979.5
3rd Harringham 803 pts	4th Gallagher 707.5

A list of MSC Competitors and any records broken will appear in the next publication.

The MCS Heats day in 19th August.

Thank you to all boys who attended and participated. It is your involvement that makes the day successful.

Thank you to the staff who ran the carnival so well that we had extra time at the end of the day.

Well done to everyone.

Australian Rules Football at Holy Cross

The Hawkes have arrived!

During Weeks 4,6, and 7 of this term, a group of senior students have represented the College in Aussie Rules. As an alternative sport activity, Holy Cross Ryde, St. Pat's Dundas and Marist Brothers Eastwood have played a round robin format on the Thursdays of Weeks 5,6 and 7. Holy Cross has been victorious in all matches played. the Hawkes have out scored the combined Dundas and Eastwood points by over 150 points.

The boys are to be congratulated are on the spirit in which they have played. Whilst Holy Cross has been determined in their play, they have modest in their victories. Good sportsmanship and fun have reigned each week.

On Tuesday 10 June, Holy Cross competed in the NSW/ACT AFL Secondary Schools Competition that followed a round robin format. Eight teams participated in the event. The winner of a final match between the victors of each of 2 divisions became the school to progress to the next stage of the Competition.

Holy Cross played three matches and won all. Being the winners of their division, the Hawkes progressed to the final where they played Williams Charles College, Kellyville.

In the tight first half, William Charles took the lead and never looked back. Playing a team that comprised a significant number of experienced AFL players becoming a part of the sporting landscape of Holy Cross.

Congratulations boys on your effort and attitude. It has been a privilege to be able to support you in this sporting initiative.

Mr Matthew Peck

CAREERS

1. Year 10 Students will be selecting subjects for Year 11 in Term 3. Students wishing to apply for University in 2007 need to consider course/subject prerequisites, thus keeping the door open for entry to a range of tertiary courses. I have copies of the University Entry Requirements 2007 Year 10 Booklet for students/parents to borrow. Further copies can be purchased from VAC (telephone 97520200) or you can download an order form at www.vac.edu.au, the VAC website.
2. Edassist runs lecture programs for year 11/12 students in the July holidays, in all the major subject. More information can be found at www.edassist.com.au or phone 1800 334 641. I have a number of brochures available for students.
3. Ryde College of TAFE is holding a Career Expo, for careers in Hospitality, Tourism Environment and Horticulture, on Tuesday, 17th August. Call Heather Pargate on 9448-6376 for further details.
4. All Year 10 Students were issued with a copy of the Job guide. It is available on the internet at www.jobguide.gov.au and on CD-ROM from my office. Another useful site I have promoted can be found at www.myfuture.edu.au.
5. Leing and Simmons is offering three scholarships in 2005. Applications close on 31st August, 2004. Contact Rachael Evans on 9223-4888 for further details.
6. Bluescope Steel is currently offering Scholarships in a number of careers. see www.bluescopesteel.com/cadets for application form.
7. Students interested in a career in engineering may wish to visit www.acea.com.au, the website at the Association of Consulting Engineers Australia.
8. The Sydney Morning Herald Careers and Employment EXPO is being held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre on the 23rd – 24th July 2004.
9. Students interested in a career as an Actuary are encouraged to attend an Actuarial information morning on Thursday, 15th July 2004 at Macquarie University.
10. At this stage TAFE and VAC booklets for 2005 have not arrived. I will comprehensively go through these booklets, including applications procedures, in Term 3 with all Year 1 students. The TAFE NSW Information Centre can be contacted on 131601 or visit www.tafensw.edu.au.
11. For information on new apprenticeships call 1800 639 629 or take a look at www.newapprenticeships.gov.au.
12. For information on a career in the housing industry visit www.bigplans.com.au, an excellent site for students and parents.
13. Important dates for Year 12 Students:-

Monday 18th October	- HSC commences
Thursday 30th September	- VAC Applications Close
Friday 17th December	- HSC results released phone/website
Saturday 18th December	- VAI results released by VAC via phone/website
Wednesday 19th January 2005	- Main offers to university released at 9pm on VAC website.

Ian Johnston – Careers Co-ordinator

SPORT

Congratulations to Ziam Zeneli and Sebastian Petralito who have been selected in the Parramatta Eagles elite soccer squad to participate in an international tournament in Northern Ireland over the Holidays.

MSC Soccer – Under 14s Final

The first 10 minutes of the game was very tight with Holy Cross and St Dom's each holding their own ground. However, that changed when Mark Grace scored a brilliant first goal, from that point on Holy Cross had St Dom's on the run. At half-time we were up 1-0. The second half saw 2 great goals from Felix Marcellino and we even allowed St Dom's to score a goal so they wouldn't be too humiliated. Holy Cross played a great team game with plenty of passing and talking to each other, all who watched were very impressed with their professional approach and cohesion. A pleasure to watch and the boys were excellent ambassadors for the Cross – well done all. Next stop the World Cup.

See Photos Page 4.



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