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HOLY CROSS COLLEGE RYDE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

22 October 2004

Reflection:

World Mission Sunday October 24th.

This Sunday we are asked to support the works of Catholic missions around the world. The Pope's message for this year pays particular attention to the missionaries who have given their lives for the faith, especially during the 20th Century. The Church always "*needs apostles who are ready to persevere to the very end*" he said. "*We must be profoundly convinced, from the outset, that evangelisation is also a remarkable service to humanity*", the Popes writes.

As a school community we have been proud this year to support the work of the Patrician Brothers in India, Kenya and Papua New Guinea.

Coming Events – 2004

- **25 October** Yr7 Swim School to 27th October
- **28 October** MCS Cricket/ Basketball Rd 3
- **1 November** All Saints Day Yr 8 Swim School to 3rd
- **3 November** Yr 7 2005 TEC Information Evening
- **4 November** MCS Cricket/ Basketball Rd 4 Sports Board Meeting 7.30pm

The Higher School Certificate examinations commenced this week for Year 12 students. We would ask that you keep these students in your prayers as they face the challenges presented during this examination period.

At the conclusion of last term, the Year 12 students had their Graduation Mass and dinner. The evening was a fitting climax to six years of secondary education for most students, here at Holy Cross. The liturgy in the College Chapel reflected the themes of journey and a new beginning. During the dinner students received awards for academic and sporting excellence. A list of award winners is printed on page 2.

The College extends an invitation to all parents and friends
to the Annual Concert and Presentation of Prizes.
Wednesday, December 8th
7.30pm, College Hall

Sports Award 2004

Ian Janda	A Grade Cricket
David Pangai	A Grade Basketball
James Dougall	Touch Football Opens
Luke Fahy	Arrive Alive School Boys Cup

Dux Awards 2004

Nicholas Anderson	Studies of Religion 1U
Timothy Bradley	English – Advanced Extension English
Andrew Cargill	Information, Processes & Technology, Software Design and Technology
Andrew Francis	Modern History
Zak Kaczmarek	Mathematics – General
Simon Kelleard	Construction
Andrew Knox	Mathematics (First in Course), English – Advanced
Luke Larcher	Extension History
Francesco Liantonio	Work Studies
Paul Marino	Mathematics (First of the Extension 1 Students) Economics
Michael McCarthy	Music
Anthony Mountford	Chemistry
Jacob Moyers	Ancient History
Jordan Oustambasidis	Mathematics – Extension 2, Biology
Alexander Reuter-Town	Mathematics – Extension 1 (First in Course), Legal Studies, Physics
Bryce Ryan	Design & Technology
Robert Shearer	Mathematics – (First of the Mathematics students)
Alexander Stewart-Moore	Studies of Religion 2U
Christopher Stylianou	Visual Design – Life Skills
Kiel Van Daal	PDHPE
Nelson Wright	Business Studies, English – Standard

Honor Awards 2004

Joshua Carroll	School Spirit Award
Alexander Reuter-Town	John Schrauwen Memorial Award
Paul Marino	Caltex Medal Best All Rounder
Ian Janda	Sportsman of the Year
Alexander Reuter-Town	College Dux
Michael McCarthy	Achiever of the Year
Paul Marino	College Captain

Congratulations to all these students and to all Year 12 on the occasion of your graduation from the College. Below is an extract from a letter received from one Year 12 parent.

Our son finishes his six years at the College this year, and we would like to express our thanks for the attention and care he has received. He has enjoyed many opportunities that the school has offered him, especially in the areas of sport and music. We chose the College for it's Christian values and for the pastoral care it offers, and we were not disappointed. The friendliness and level of dedication of the staff has always been impressive, and something I have been able to observe first hand through six years of volunteer work in the canteen. We wish Holy Cross College, its staff and students every success in the future.

Garry Williams
PRINCIPAL

SPORTS REPORT

Towards the end of last term Holy Cross College boys were involved in MCS Golf competitions. All boys performed very well.

Congratulations to Luke Brown who won the U17 age championships with a score of 75. He teamed with Scott Vlahos to win the U17 team championship as well.

Congratulations boys on a tremendous result. The NSWCCC Athletics Carnival was held Friday September 17th. The following boys represented HCC at this carnival, Brett Jovanovich, Nicklaus Vincent, Jarryd Boyd, Joel Wineera, James Cossell, Edward Yip. Peter Janzen could not attend due to illness.

Well done to all boys on achieving this high level of competition.

Swim School/Lifesaving

Next Monday 25th October Year 7 start the program. All boys have received notes and these were due back on Wednesday 20th October. If boys have not paid they cannot participate in the program.

Year 8 will start their program on Monday 1st November.

Lessons for both years at the College have been cancelled.

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At our next assembly I will be issuing 26 students with their Silver Awards. This is an excellent achievement and these boys are to be commended on their efforts to reach this level. There is just over six weeks for the students to work on getting their Gold Awards. The Gold Awards are issued at the College Prize Giving Night on December 8th.

There are a number of uniform matters that have arisen with the summer uniform:

- Students in years 7 to 9 must have the College summer shirt with the crest on the pocket. These are available from Lowes. The current Year 10 students have only a few weeks left before they will require the senior shirt. The summer shirt is also available from Lowes at Top Ryde.
- All students must have a black belt.
- Students are not to wear white socks with the normal uniform. (white socks are a part of the sports uniform only)
- Students in Years 7 to 10 are not permitted to wear tee shirts that are visible under their school shirts. Singlets that are not visible are acceptable.

As always we thank parents for their support in matters of uniform and grooming. The boys generally look very presentable in their uniforms.

Mr Tony Duncan
Assistant Principal

SPECIAL LITERACY PROJECT

Funds allocated to the school from the Australian Government Quality Teacher Program have been used to set up and run a Special Literacy Project for certain Year 7 students. Three teachers (Mr McDonald, Mr Sands and Ms Tighe) are currently teaching 16 students in very small classes for eight lessons. In weeks 7 and 8, another group of 16 Year 7 students will participate in the course.

The boys have been writing auto-biographical recounts and using conjunctions to organise their sentences.

Reports coming in tell us that both staff and students are really enjoying the experience.

Thanks to all staff and students involved; if you would like more information about this project please call Jen Collins-Pope on 9808-1033 (Literacy).

PARENTS & FRIENDS

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



Donations for our Christmas Hamper Raffle would be greatly appreciated.

Please leave any items at the School Office.

*Thank you
P & F Committee*

Curriculum Matters

1. HSC 2004

Year 12 started their HSC on Monday 18th October and so far most students have been happy with their exams. Please keep encouraging your sons, even at this late stage, to keep revising for exams still pending, every little bit does count.

2. Current Year 11 students have now started their HSC course. This is very much the 'business end' of their educational life at secondary school level. Over the next twelve months your sons will be challenged by a number of HSC assessment tasks, all of which are extremely important. The internal assessment program, commencing this term, counts for 50% of the HSC final mark. I would encourage parents as fellow educators to sit with your son and discuss how best he can manage his time so as to successfully achieve in these upcoming tasks.

3. Study Skills Seminar

These are being offered to students in Years 7 and 8 with Year 8 being involved on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th October and Year 7 on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd November. Your sons have the opportunity to develop some of the following skills.

- Making their own study notes which summarises completed topics.
- Memory techniques
- Planning their homework, assignments and study activities in their diary. Participation is not compulsory, however, the school recommends participation by all targeted students.

Tim Barrett
Curriculum Co-ordinator

Helping your son with writing.

Read your son's writing or have him read the writing to you and comment on the positive aspects. For example, "I really like the way you've described this."

- Praise your son for having a go at writing words that are new and explain how the spell words which are causing difficulty.
- Talk to your son about the choices an author or film maker might make to create a book, play or film in a particular way. Talk about language choices and why characters look or behave in certain ways.
- Read and talk about the writing that your son brings home from school.
- Praise your son for using neat and legible handwriting.
- To help develop spelling and vocabulary, play word games such as *I Spy*, *Scrabble*, *Boggle*, *Scattergories* and cross-words.
- Have your son label things that he designs and makes.
- Make a photo album or scrapbook with your son and have him write captions for the photos and pictures, or encourage your son to keep a diary of a special event, e.g. a holiday diary.
- Make the writing of notes, letters and stories a normal part of family life.
- Involve your son in helping to complete forms.

From "Celebrating Literacy and Numeracy" Australian Government DET 2004. Please go to www.nlnw.nsw.edu.au for translations. Call Ms Collins Pope for further information.

FREE PARENT'S WORKSHOP

(Free Graduated Licensing Scheme Workshops for Learner Driver Parents in Ryde City)

Young drivers are three times more likely to be involved in casualty crashes. That's why the RTA has introduced a new licensing scheme, with more supervised driving practice for learner drivers. To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the RTA has set up a FREE 2 hour workshop for parents that offers practical advice on:

- Supervising learner drivers
- Completing the Learner Driver Log Book and
- Providing on-road driving practice.



Tuesday 16th November, 6.30pm – 8.30pm

The Argyle Centre,

Cnr Argyle and Blaxland Roads, Ryde

Bookings essential. Please call Leanne Otter 9952-8311 to make a booking

TUCK-SHOP ROSTER	GROUP 3 25 – 29 October	GROUP 4 1 – 5 November	GROUP 1 8 – 12 November	GROUP 2 15 19 November
MONDAY	Francis de Jong Ronda Ianni Wendy Dobis Carol Turnbull	Marina Spina Cathy Nardo Angela Cavallo Elizabeth Goss Norma Sciarda Maria Iacono	Ronda Ianni Donna Salvatore Karen Brennan Jan Gray	Marion Cornish Maria Bagala Carman Mitchell Rose Sala
TUESDAY	Deborah Xuereb Julie Cossell Lorraine Milward	Carole Baker Leonie Jovanovich Rosanne Blackwell Lynne Sullivan	Connie Warren Dorina Tomasello Katrino Koo Isabel DeOliveira	Suzanne Cant Jose Wierzbicki Anna Oustambasidis Maria Santoro Denise Michaelidis
WEDNESDAY	Donna Chalmers Rose Mamone Jo-Ann Jones Sharon Neiberding	Frances Salerno Helen Farrell Bridget Carroll Mary Nati Patricia Fonti	Glenda Rogers Liliana Maggio Lesley Selke Ginzia Dunstan Angela McCarthy	Rosanna Belcastro Margaret Andrich Nahla Nasa Kerry Lake Christine Thompson Julie Smith
THURSDAY	Alison Vignati Michele Bradley Christine Hutchins Janice Stewart-Moore Nadia Macolino	Judy Kennedy Diane Henebery Alyson Mitchell Jessie Zahra Gina Kourtesis Sharon Calabro	Anne Golding Robyn Quilty Linda Kusto Margaret Cholinski Kerrie Sinclair Coni Costa	Oriana Santangelo Carmella Telesca Anne Foy Kathy Austin Nancy Larcher
FRIDAY	Debbie Kelleher Maria Longhitano Tessa Gilmore Keith Kerr	Maria Vidmar Wendy Gambell Rita Sciancalepore Ray Guff	Janet Kouchkrian Lynette Pearce Effe Kabourakis Janine Cusumano	Marie Armstrong Therese Stewart Josie LaManna Carol Germanos

LOST PROPERTY

Has your child lost any property?

Mrs Young has
6 Pairs of Track Pants
7 Tracksuit Jackets
2 School Jumpers

Mrs Young has available for Sale
Senior Ties \$12
Senior Sport Shirts \$20
XXL Track Suits \$90

St Marks Drummoyne, Retreat

St Mark's Drummoyne will be hosting a retreat for the younger community members on 21st November 2004. The retreat will begin at 12.30pm with a BBQ and culminate in the Sunday Eucharistic celebration at 6pm.

RSVP by 15th November 2004
Fr Martin Monaghan 9181-1795
Associate Pastor

