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HOLY CROSS COLLEGE RYDE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

5 November, 2004

Reflection:

On the death of Queen Elizabeth 1 of England, the throne passed to the son of her cousin, Mary Queen of Scots. King James VI of Scotland became King James I of England.

King James enforced some harsh anti-Catholic laws. A small group of Catholics conspired together in what is now known as the "Gunpowder Plot". They placed 36 barrels of gunpowder in cellars underneath the House of Lords in the British Parliament. Guy Fawkes was to be the one who would light the fuse. It was intended that the explosion would kill the King and members of the Lords and Commons as they gathered for the State Opening of Parliament.

One of the conspirators leaked details of the plot, and Guy Fawkes was discovered in the cellars. He was arrested, tortured and executed, along with the other conspirators. Parliament decreed that, from then on, bonfires should be lit each year on the 5th November to celebrate the deliverance from the "Gunpowder Plot".

Even now, on the night before the State Opening of Parliament, there is a symbolic searching of the cellars of Parliament by the ceremonial 'Yeomen of the Guard', bearing lanterns.

Prayer:

God our Father open our eyes to whatever may not be just and right in our own surroundings in our society.

Enable us to be of good influence and work in a non-violent way to promote understanding and better relationships that will lead to justice and peace.

Amen.

Coming Events – 2004

- **November 8,9** School Certificate
- **November 10** Year 11 Driver Education St Ives
- **November 11** MCS Cricket/ Basketball Rd 5
- **November 15** Yrs 7-10 Exams to 26th
- **November 16** P&F Meeting 7.30pm AGM
- **November 18** MCS Cricket/ Basketball Rd 6

Building Update: We are pleased to announce the appointment of PMDL Architecture and Design Pty Ltd to our building project. PMDL has a proven track record in educational projects. Recent projects include Pymble Ladies College, St Vincent's College Potts Point and Parramatta Marist High. Principal partner Peter Doddrell will be working on a project, the first stage of which is a master planning exercise.

Anniversary: Last week marked the anniversary of the death of past Principal Anthony Visser. We would ask you to keep him in your prayers this week.

P & F Christmas Hamper Raffle: Please support our Term Four fund raising by purchasing a book of raffle tickets. Each family has been issued with a book and extra books can be obtained from the office.

Garry Williams
Principal

P & F NEWS

The P and F committee is holding a Mega – Xmas Raffle this term to raise much needed funds for the school. The raffle tickets should reach home this week and the tickets and money need to be returned to the school by 26th November. The raffle will be drawn on 5th December. Please note that extra ticket books may be obtained from the front office.

The next meeting of the P and F will be held on **TUESDAY 16th November at 7.30pm** and this meeting is the AGM, the last meeting of 2004.

Please note that all committee positions become vacant at this meeting and need to be filled for next year, otherwise the P and F committee will be unable to function. The main purpose of the P and F is to raise funds for the school and although everybody leads very busy lives, it is important to continue the role of the P and F. Some of the present committee members may be happy to fill some positions, however new people are certainly needed.

Positions are: President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Social Convenor

Please consider joining the P and F. Meetings are held on a Tuesday nights at 7.30pm. It is a chance to be involved in your son's school and meet with other parents. I look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM meeting and being able to hand over to a full committee for 2005.

Ann Kelleard
Vice President

Congratulations

Congratulations to Kyle Stoker (Year 8) on being one of two Under 15 boys from NSW selected by Tennis Coaches Australia, to play in the "State of Origin Tennis Match" against Queensland at Noosa in December. An outstanding achievement and we wish Kyle the best of luck in the series.

St John of God Institute of Counselling

The St John of God Institute of Counselling offers a course designed to develop skills in personal growth, communication, parenting and general counselling principles. Participants can learn skills in dealing with daily personal challenges and the issues that arise within families, the school environment and in the workplace. It is conducted on Tuesday evenings in the school term between 7.30pm – 9.45pm commencing on February 1st, 2005.

For enquiries phone: Ann McDowell 9150 4038

SPORT

On Wednesday the 27th October, 2004 the Year 9 Opens travelled to Manly to meet St Paul's College for Round 1 of the Berg Shield. Captain Michael Quinane lost the toss and St Paul's elected to bat. Great bowling performances by Michael Quinane 2/7 (6 overs) and Tim Austin 3/11 (3 overs). St Paul's were all out for 104. The St Paul's total was easily reached by HCC with star batting performances by Michael Carrett (59 not out) and Michael Quinane (271 off 15 overs).

Thanks for the great coaching of Mr Gow and Mr Natrass for the transportation.

Berg Shield

Curriculum Matters

1. Over the last two weeks Years 7 and 8 have had the opportunity to engage in Studies Skills Seminars. While attendance was voluntary for this year it was very pleasing to see so many Year 7 students taking the opportunity to improve their study, memory and time management skills. I would encourage parents of Year 7 students to remind them of the skills with which they have been presented as they approach their junior exam block. This runs from November 15th to November 26th.

2. This is a busy time for all students in the Holy Cross Community, especially as the above mentioned exams approach for all students in Year 7 to 10. Please remind your sons to devote extra time to written revision in this next week leading up to the exams.

3. Year 11 have all made a start on their HSC courses and they will all have been engaged in HSC assessment tasks this term. Thanks to all parents who attended the Information Evening related to this stage of your son's academic life. I am sure no one was left in any doubt as to the importance of the HSC assessment tasks.

4. Teachers at Holy Cross also are extremely busy in a number of curriculum areas. Many KLA Co-ordinators and their teams are doing great work with programming in preparation for the introduction of new syllabuses for Years 7 and 9 in 2005. Virtually every subject at Holy Cross across Years 7 – 10 has had its syllabus changed, either slightly or significantly. Many teachers are also involved in HSC or SC marking. This is a great opportunity for their professional development in that it gives them a far better understanding of the standards to which your son must aspire if he is to gain the maximum mark in the external Higher School Certificate and School Certificate exams.

Best wishes,

Tim Barrett, Curriculum Co-ordinator

CSIRO

SUMMER HOLIDAY SCIENCE

now held at Five Dock

These upcoming 2005 summer school holidays the CSIRO Science Education Centre is again offering a fun filled day of entertaining and educational science activities. We are now running days in the Five Dock area. Days run from 10.00am to 4.00pm with lunch and morning tea provided. Programs available for Juniors (7-10) or Intermediate (11-14).

Junior Program (ages 7-10)

Learn about light and sound
Make your own moving pictures
Out of this world with StarLab Planetarium
Make your own constellations viewer

Intermediate Program (ages 11-14)

Phantastic Physics Experimental Lab
Mad Machine Deconstruction Lab
Out of this World Starlab Planetarium
Make your own square wheel car

When: Juniors (7-10 y.o.) Tues 18, Wed 19 January
Intermediate (11-14 y.o.) Thursday 20 January
Cost: \$88 (inc GST)
Contact: Wendy Flynn for booking form, ph 9413-7056, fax 9413-7404

www.csiro.au/sydcsirosec/holiday

STOP PRESS: Bring a new Holiday Science friend and both receive a 20% discount

******* For a booking form contact Mr Gow or Mrs Camilleri in the science prep room. *******
Summer Holiday Program is also available at Lindfield.

**Code of Conduct
for School Students on Buses**

To ensure their safety and the comfort of other passengers students will:

- ✓ behave safely at all times
- ✓ respect the needs and comfort of other passengers
- ✓ behave appropriately at all times (eg no use of offensive language, fighting, spitting, placing feet on seats or throwing things in or from the bus)
- ✓ protect bus property and report any vandalism
- ✓ show their travel passes or tickets to the driver on boarding and when requested
- ✓ only use the travel pass for its intended purpose
- ✓ maintain possession of the travel pass at all times
- ✓ follow the driver's instructions about safety on the bus (eg instructions on where to sit)
- ✓ adhere to the law that bans smoking on buses
- ✓ only eat or drink (other than water) on the bus with the written permission of the bus operator
- ✓ keep arms, legs and other parts of their bodies inside the bus
- ✓ only attract the attention of the driver in the case of an emergency.



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*

TUCKSHOP ROSTER	GROUP 1	GROUP 2
	8 – 12 November	15 - 19 November
MONDAY	Ronda Ianni Donna Salvatore Karen Brennan Jan Gray	Marion Cornish Maria Bagala Carman Mitchell Rose Sala
TUESDAY	Connie Warren Dorina Tomasello Katrino Koo Isabel DeOliveira	Suzanne Cant Jose Wierzbicki Anna Oustambasidis Maria Santoro Denise Michaelidis
WEDNES- DAY	Glenda Rogers Liliana Maggio Lesley Selke Cinzia Dunstan Angela McCarthy	Rosanna Belcastro Margaret Andrich Nahla Nasa Kerry Lake Christine Thompson Julie Smith
THURSDAY	Anne Golding Robyn Quilty Linda Kusto Margaret Cholinski Kerrie Sinclair Coni Costa	Oriana Santangelo Carmella Telesca Anne Foy Kathy Austin Nancy Larcher
FRIDAY	Janet Kouchkrian Lynette Pearce Effie Kabourakis Janine Cusumano	Marie Armstrong Therese Stewart Josie LaManna Carol Germanos

**Computer Day Courses for Parents –
Term 4, 2004
Catholic Education Centre, Lidcombe.**

Each lesson stands alone – book for one class or for each class.
Each class goes for 4 hours (5 hours for Internet/Email Course)
(Half hour for lunch break 12 – 12.30. Bring your own lunch)

*(All sessions at Catholic Education Centre, enter from John St,
between Church and Parish hall (3 Keating Street, Lidcombe)*

◇ Pre-requisites – you will need to have a computer at home.

Word Processing – Advanced	10.00-200	\$20	16/11/04
Search the Internet/Email	9.39-2.30	\$25	23/11/04
PowerPoint	10.00-2.00	\$20	30/11/04
Excel	10.00-2.00	\$20	7/12/04

For further information or to enrol:

**Phone Judy Green on 9643-3600, FAX 9643 3609
or email judy.green@ceo.syd.catholic.edu.au**

Helping your son with spelling.

Many writing activities are related to spelling. Help your son with those areas of spelling with which you feel confident. Remember that not all English words can be spelt correctly by “sounding out”, e.g. the words “you” and “said”.

- Talk about how you spell and what you do when you don't know how to spell a word.
- Have your son write at home, e.g. writing shopping and birthday lists, filling in forms, writing notes to family members, writing phone messages and reminder notes, replying to letters or sending cards.
- Provide a dictionary and use it together. Remember that dictionaries are more useful if your son has a knowledge of the alphabet and how a dictionary works. Talk about how you need to use the dictionary some-times.
- Encourage your son to practice new words, say them, write them from memory, then check them.
- If your son can't find a strategy to help spell the word; simply tell him how it's spelt.
- Encourage your son to try to spell new words, then praise the parts that are correct, and suggest what else is needed. For example, if your son has written “litle” for “little” you might say, “You have five of the six letters right. One of the letters should be doubled. Can you tell which one it should be?”
- Teach your son that spell checkers can be useful but are not always effective, e.g. when he types a word that sounds the same such are “sure” for “shore” or when the computer uses American spelling.
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- from “Celebrating Literacy and Numeracy” Australian Government DE T 2004. Please go to www.nlnw.nsw.

