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HOLY CROSS COLLEGE RYDE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

3 December, 2004

Reflection:

A WORD

*A careless word may kindle strife
A cruel word may wreck a life
A bitter word may hate instill
A brutal word may smite and kill
A gracious word may light a day
A timely word may lesson stress
A loving word may heal and bless.*

Coming Events – 2004

- **8 December** Annual Prize Giving Night 7.30pm
- **10 December** Year 11 Conclude
- **15 December** Second Hand Book Sale 7–11
- **17 December** Yrs 7,8,9 Conclude
- **21 December** Staff Conclude

INVITATION

Holy Cross College, Ryde **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS EVENING**

A warm invitation is extended to all Award Winners and their parents and families to the Presentation of Awards for 2004 to be held

Wednesday 8th December, 2004, 7.30pm in the College Hall

** (students to wear full WINTER uniform) **, (Students seated by 7.15pm)

Academic and Sports Award Winners and their parents will be notified.

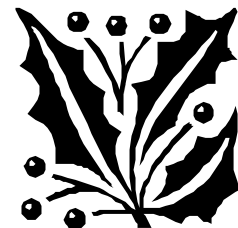
Students receiving awards will be informed by Year Co-ordinators.

If your son is receiving an award and does not receive his letter please call the Office on 9808-1033.

PLEASE RETURN TEAR-OFF SLIP ON LETTER PROMPTLY TO FRONT OFFICE TO FINALISE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS IMPORTANT COLLEGE OCCASION.

MEGGA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2004 PRIZE WINNERS - About \$2,300 Raised

1st Prize -	Christmas Gourmet Hamper	R. Belcastro
2nd Prize -	Black & Decker Teppanyaki Bar	Sova Machida
3rd Prize -	A Sydney Bridge Climb	Murray Redman
4th Prize -	Dinner at Jaspers – Value \$150	Carrie Chan
5th Prize -	1 Dozen Mixed Wines & Glasses	David Ward-Smith
6th Prize -	Tennis Racquet & Balls	Sherie Dewstow
7th Prize -	North Ryde RSL Gift Shop Voucher	Linda Derham
8th Prize -	Flight Centre \$50 Voucher	Carolyn Ezzy
9th Prize -	Voucher for 2hr Domestic Service	Rosanna Santamaria
10th Prize -	Arcosteel Flask & Mugs	Lyndal Miller



Most Money Raised:	Winning Boy	\$720	Nicholas Kabourakis 7/3	Prize – Portable CD Player
	Runner Up	\$480	George Poniris 7/5	Prize – \$20 Music Voucher
	Winning Class	\$790	7/3	Prize – Pizza Party

PATRICIAN BROTHERS – APPOINTMENTS Superior General, Brother Jerome Ellens has made the following appointment for Provincial and Council for our Province of Australia/Papua New Guinea.

PROVINCIAL:	BROTHER ANGUS KAVANAGH
PROVINCIAL COUNCILLORS:	Br Charles Barry
	Br Matthew Mahoney
	Br Nicholas Harsas
	Br Stephen Sweetman

Brother Aengus and his team take up their positions on December 31st 2004 and remain in office until December 31st 2010. On behalf of the school community I would like to extend our sincere congratulations to these Brothers on their appointments. We look forward to continuing our close association with the Patrician Brothers. I would also like to extend our thanks to the present Provincial Br Paul O'Keefe who will finish his term this year. Br Paul has been a great supporter of Holy Cross during his time in this role. His spiritual leadership has been greatly appreciated by both our staff and students.

SECOND-HAND BOOK SALE. All years should have received book lists for next year. Copies are available from the office. We are arranging a second hand book sale on Wednesday December 15th. See details later in this newsletter.

Year 10 concluded this week with a Mass and Graduation Ceremony in the College Chapel. I would like to extend very best wishes to the students who are leaving us. Thanks to Year Co-ordinator Mr Kistrwani and the homeroom teachers who have guided the boys through this important year.

End Of Year. Year 11 will conclude next Friday December 10th and Year 7 to 9 on Friday December 17th. Students are expected to attend all lessons up until this time. Classes resume for Years 8 to 12 on Tuesday February 1st 2005.

Garry Williams
Principal

Curriculum Matters

The following 10-Point Tips were contained in an article "School Delivering Parental Support" written by Andrew Mullins for the New South Wales Education Magazine Term 4, 2004. The main thrust of the article centred on findings that emphasised the importance of good communication. One section states 'the quality of parent child communication hinges on habits of affection, and habits of relaxed one to one talk'. A student with a good relationship with parents is more likely to be a better student.

TEN TIME-PROVEN TIPS TO PROMOTE EFFECTIVE PARENTING

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| 1 | Unity between spouses makes parenting more likely to succeed.
<i>"the best thing a husband can do for his children is to love their mother"</i>
from Ray Guarendi Back to the Family | 6 | Manage the inputs.
<i>"Remove indecent pictures and speech from the stage and from the sight and hearing of the young."</i>
Aristotle 384-322BC |
| 2 | Give lots of time and affection.
<i>"Every piece of research of effective childhood socialisation identifies two broad parameters, emotional support (affection) and limit setting..."</i>
Prof. Don Edgar RMIT Centre for Workplace Culture Change | 7 | Teach right and wrong
<i>"My mother, I am no longer a child, I know the difference between right and wrong."</i>
Telemachus, in Homer's odyssey c800BC |
| 3 | Give unconditional love and encouragement.
<i>"I give them lots of love and tell them that we don't tolerate that behaviour here."</i>
Louisiana reform school headmistress interviewed on Sydney radio. | 8 | Build good habits from the start.
<i>"Good character consists of knowing the good, desiring the good, and doing the good... habits of mind, habits of heart, and habits of action."</i>
Dr Thomas Lickona Educating for Character |
| 4 | Have high but specific expectations.
<i>"First Corollary to the Law of Domestic Expectations: Mum shouldn't do anything anyone else can do, and if no one else can do it, then teach 'em how."</i> | 9 | Let your child wear his or her mistakes.
<i>"Children need to fail... When we impulsively protect our children from failure, we deprive them of learning..."</i>
Martin Seligman The Optimistic Child |
| 5 | Lead by example.
<i>"It's amazing how high some parents put the crossbar for their kids and how low they put it for themselves."</i>
Jack Gibson, Rugby League Coach | 10 | Use initiative to create a bright and happy home life.
<i>"Why should children be happy with their lot when parents complain about theirs?"</i>
Barbara Holborow, Children's Court Magistrate |

Best Wishes
Tim Barrett
Curriculum Co-ordinator

Art Report 2004

This year has been a successful and fulfilling time for the visual arts at HCC with a number of new developments in programming and literacy, and of course, the fantastic success with Religious Art Awards.

The Sydney Archdiocesan Schools` Religious Art Exhibition was once again an excellent exhibition, showcasing the stronger work of the Sydney Archdiocesan Schools. The winner this year was an HSC student from St. Patricks College, Sutherland. Our Year 9 student and 3rd place finalist was Daniel Yashadhana, with an acrylic painting on canvas based on graffiti and Jewish poetry entitled *Serenity*. Archbishop Pell was heard to make a comment to an onlooker at the opening, that the work deeply reflected the youth of our age.

Daniel received his award at the official opening. The work, along with the work of the other two finalists, is now on display at the crypt in Saint Mary`s Cathedral. What an honour! Fantastic for the boys and great for HCC. Vincent Botton`s work has only just returned to Holy Cross!

Also selected for display, were two beautiful curtain-like works by Vincent and Alexander Botton. Beautifully hung, and in a transparent material, they seemed to float in space.

Entering this award has now become a traditional part of our art program and a strong commitment naturally arises from the boys. Our students, with a strong talent base, have been extremely fortunate in being selected in the top three places for the four years that the event has been running.

The Easter Liturgy and The Feast of the Holy Cross.

The Easter Liturgy, as is the custom at Holy Cross, was greatly enhanced by the number of works created by keen students working in small teams prior to this large and important part of our calendar. The series of works, arranged along the wall, looked fantastic.

The inspiration for the Feast of the Holy Cross came from our Year 12 Design student Christopher Stylianou, who in conjunction with Brother Mark, created four large banners based on his investigation into symbolism. These were then suspended from the ceiling.

They created an extremely powerful effect, and were then used as a stepping stone to his final work for the HSC.

Literacy

With recent concerns for Year 7 levels of literacy in our schools, the Art Department has introduced a special Skills Literacy Program. This has been incorporated into their history and critical theory studies and with consistent application, should improve the general standard throughout all subject areas.

Year 12 Art

As is usual, this is a difficult and testing time for our students, and as is always the case, excellent artwork arises. Kiel Van Daal was the top student, creating work based on a trip to Hawaii in 2003. Inspired by the tragedy of Pearl Harbour, he explored the theme of war, heroism and the philosophy behind it. This was developed through Photoshop as digitally manipulated images and was certainly expressive work.

Raynor Bishop`s work was also digitally based and explored a theme based on rap culture. The work was presented as a series of photo documents of appropriated record covers with added script.

Tyrone Jandey produced a series of quite and compelling drawings investigating decay and destruction.

Adam Krohn working with his theme "the end of the world" created a very large and emotive painting in dark and sombre colours.

Cameron Burge created work around the theme of the bully. Topical at the moment, the series of works was constructed using steel mesh and found objects.

Greg Salerno looked to his family history for inspiration. Using photographs of his grandfather`s family prior to emigration in the 1950`s, he created a series of box constructions using old family photos and mementos. These were all linked to a 1950`s theme relating to use of colour and styles of furniture.

Christopher Stylianou worked on some large and powerful designs relating to the development of his own personal symbolism. As mentioned previously, this were derived from earlier work related to Holy Cross Day.

SPORTS REPORT

Four students in the College have been selected in Australian Teams or to attend Australian Trials in coming weeks.

Cameron Nicholls of Year 11 recently attended a Touch training camp on the Gold Coast for four days. At the end of the camp he was selected in the Australian Under 18 mixed team to play at an international competition early next year.

Kristian Lindbom of Year 9 has won the Under 16 National Championships in Go Karting. This is the 2nd year in a row that Kristian has won the National Championships.

David Mitchell has been selected in the NSW Sailing team to contest the National Championships in Tasmania in January 2005.

Nicholas Fonti of Year 11 has been selected in the Australia Deaf Soccer Team to compete at next years Commonwealth Games.

To each of these outstanding sportsmen the College wishes them the best of luck in their competitions.

MCS Sport

A reminder to all boys, MCS Sport will begin on the 3rd of February 2005. This is the first week back for students.

The Downie Shield Cricket Team lost its knockout match to St Dominic's Penrith last Tuesday. Here's hoping they have a better game this Thursday.

Keith Rugg
Sport Co-ordinator

**Holy Cross, Ryde A Grade Cricket Report
2003/2004 season.**

The season of 2003/2004 for the A Grade Cricket Squad will never be forgotten. This team, one of the best teams the College has produced for years, was successfully coached by Mr Peter "H Dog" Harrison, Mr Greg Kane and Mr Aaron McDonald.

This season was an enjoyable one for the boys despite losing the MCS Competition to St Dominic's Kingswood. We were very competitive in all matches and all players gave their best on all occasions. We competed in another competition called the Downie Shield and performed very well. Each week the team provided different aspects of their game. Their fielding became tighter, bowling more accurate and betting more solid.

With batsman like Ian Janda, Andrew Francis, Jarryd Rodger, Matthew Austin, and Mitchell Harrison the battling attack was very formidable. Aply assisted by Tony Lopes, Nick Anderson and Luke McColl who were the pick of the bowlers, and all round performances by the rest of the team. Some stand out performances include Jarryd Rodger's extraordinary innings against Marist Eastwood scoring 64, Damian Kennedy's blasting 29 not out off just 11 balls, and Andrew Francis' 57 not out against St Greg's College, these innings were all great just to name a few. There were also a number of outstanding results with the ball; these include Jarryd Rodger's 5 wickets for 12 runs (6 overs), Tony Lopes' 3 for 22 runs (6 overs), and Nick Anderson's 3 for 12 (3 over).

The team consisted of: Ian Janda, Matthew Austin, Darren Lentini, Andrew Francis, Chris Jones, Nick Anderson, Luke McColl, Tim Story, Mitchell Harrison, Damian Kennedy, Tony Lopes, Jarryd Rodger and rare appearances by Daniel Intili and Alex Stewart-Moore.

They all improved as a team, and played the entire season with a positive attitude, one in which they did themselves and their school proud. Once again, thanks to everyone that helped out with coaching and managing. It was a pleasure being associated with this team.

Zachariah Duke

**SECOND HAND BOOK SALE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH
3.30 - 5.00PM COLLEGE HALL**

- Any students/parents wishing to buy or sell text books are invited to attend
- Transactions will be between students and parents and will not involve the College. There are no facilities to exchange money, so bring appropriate small change.
- Current book lists and tables for each year group will be provided.
- School staff will be available for assistance.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER	GROUP 1 6 - 10 Dec 2004	GROUP 2 13 - 17 Dec 2004	GROUP 4 31 Jan -4 Feb 2005
MON- DAY	Ronda Ianni Donna Salvatore Karen Brennan Jan Gray	Marion Cornish Maria Bagala Carman Mitchell Rose Sala	Marina Spina Cathy Nardo Angela Cavallo Elizabeth Goss Norma Sciarra Maria Iacono
TUES- DAY	Connie Warren Dorina Tomasello Katrino Koo Isabel DeOliveira	Suzanne Cant Jose Wierzicki Anna Oustambasidis Maria Santoro Denise Michaelidis	Carole Baker Leonie Jovanovich Rosanne Blackwell Lynne Sullivan
WEDNE- SDAY	Glenda Rogers Liliana Maggio Lesley Selke Cinzia Dunstan Angela McCarthy	Rosanna Belcastro Margaret Andrich Nahla Nasa Kerry Lake Christine Thompson Julie Smith	Frances Salerno Helen Farrell Bridget Carroll Mary Nati Patricia Fonti
THURS- DAY	Anne Golding Robyn Quilty Linda Kusto Margaret Cholinski Kerrie Sinclair Coni Costa	Oriana Santangelo Carmella Telesca Anne Foy Kathy Austin Nancy Larcher	Judy Kennedy Diane Henebery Alyson Mitchell Jessie Zahra Gina Kourtesis Sharon Calabro
FRIDAY	Janet Kouchkrian Lynette Pearce Effie Kabourakis Janine Cusumano	Marie Armstrong Therese Stewart Josie LaManna Carol Germanos	Maria Vidmar Wendy Gambell Rita Sciancalepore Ray Guff

