Prep Curriculum
In Prep at Holy Cross we are following the Australian Curriculum.

The Australian Curriculum documents that Holy Cross is using currently are:

- Mathematics
  [http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au](http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au)
- English
- History
- Science
- Geography
- Religious Education (mandatory in Brisbane Catholic Schools)

Programs used in Prep to assist learning are:

- Reading Eggs
- Jolly Phonics
- IMaths

Home Readers
Home Readers will be sent home when your child is demonstrating reading like behaviours. This is usually in semester two. In semester one, we will be looking at letter sounds and matching them to their letter name as well as being able to write them correctly. This will then enable your child to read with more fluency and make the process less stressful for both of you.
Reporting
There will be 2 written report cards throughout the year – at the end of semester one and again at the end of semester 2.
We will conduct parent/teacher interviews at the beginning of term 2 (April) and at the end of term 4 (December).

Assessing and Reporting
To assess and report on your child’s progress we are using a five point scale against the achievement standard in the Australian Curriculum.
The five point scale is:
• Well Below
• Below
• At Expected
• Above Expected
• Well Above Expected

Tips for You
• Encourage independence in all walks of life.
• Foster a love of learning.
• Read and speak to your child.
• Use everyday opportunities to ‘teach’.
• Encourage compliance, co-operation and resilience.
• Be involved with your child’s education.
• Make sure your child is prepared everyday with daily items such as a hat, drink bottle and show and tell if relevant. Name all items.
• Praise your child everyday!!!
Communication is the KEY

- School newsletter
- Classroom newsletter
- Email
- Notes
- Whiteboard outside classrooms

**Folder!!!** (needs to be checked EVERYDAY!!)

Please Remember...

- To make sure your child can open everything in their lunch box
- Your child should be encouraged to unpack their own bags in the morning
- Folders need to come back to school **everyday**
- **Everything** needs to be named
- If your child does not have a small pillow please send one along ASAP
- Library bags need to returned every Wednesday
- Doors open at 8:30am