Dear Parent, Carers and Friends of Holy Cross

Welcome to the 2013 Year in our school community. I hope that the summer holidays offered you an opportunity to enjoy relaxation, a break from routine, and time with family and friends.

I offer a warm welcome to families who joined our community this week. It’s my hope that strong partnerships are forged with you and our school that optimise learning for your children and create a circle of support for your family in our Catholic learning community.

There are several events planned to begin the year

1. Parents and Friends Welcome BBQ – Friday Feb 8th from 5pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to greet our new families and to renew old friendships in the community. All families are welcome.
2. Opening School Mass – Friday 22 February - We will gather to celebrate Eucharist and to commission our Year 7 School Leaders at the 9:15am Mass at Holy Cross. We will pray God’s blessing on year ahead.
3. Parent Information Evening - Wednesday 20th from 6:30pm. Check next week’s newsletter for details. Teachers will outline the curriculum for the class level and the routines and events planned for their students this year.

These 3 major occasions offer families the chance to create and strengthen ties with our school. According to research, and common sense, children achieve their best school results when positive partnerships and a strong sense of belonging exist between their families and the school. I urge you to take every opportunity to be involved at Holy Cross this year, especially to take advantage of the 3 events listed, to strengthen ties with your child’s classroom teacher and the school and parish family. Our Parents and Friends Association also offer strong support for the school and your involvement there can only benefit your child.

Welcome back to our staff team. This year we welcome Ms Helen Coman to our staff as a member of the Leadership Team in the role of APRE. I am delighted to welcome Helen to Holy Cross and know that her leadership experience and expertise in Catholic primary school education will be a great gift to our community.

Please also mark your calendar for the 6pm Mass, Saturday February 16th for the Installation of Fr Josekutty Vadakkel as our Parish Priest. Representatives from our school community are invited to play a part in the Liturgy to welcome Fr Josekutty.

I look forward to a year of learning and growing together “WITH GOD, FOR OTHERS”

Have a wonderful week

Paul Drewniak
Principal

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**Tuckshop**

Tuckshop available on WEDNESDAY'S

Convenor: Mrs Sharlene Hamblin
Ph: 0401 665 318 or email: holycrossstuckshop@hotmail.com

**Uniform Shop**

Uniform Shop will be open

- Open: Friday 8 February & Friday 22 February
- Every 2nd & 4th Friday of the month
- Time: 8.00 – 9.00am
- Urgent orders can be emailed to hcuniforms@gmail.com

**School Bell Times:**

- Start: 8.40am
- 1st Break: 10.50 – 11.20am
- 2nd Break: 1.20 – 1.50pm
- Finish: 2.45pm (Prep only)
- 2.55pm (Yr 1 to Yr 7)

**Uniform Days**

- Mon & Tues: Day Uniform
- Wed, Thurs: Sports Uniform
- Friday: Day Uniform

**School Terms 2013:**

- Term 1: 30 January to 28 March
- Term 2: 15 April to 21 June
- Term 3: 8 July to 20 September
- Term 4: 8 Oct to 6 Dec

**Public Holidays:**

- Good Friday: 29 March
- Easter Monday: 1 April
A.P.R.E.’s Report

Welcome to the academic year of 2013 at Holy Cross Primary School. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Assistant Principal Religious Education for Holy Cross. I am very excited to be a part of the Holy Cross community and I look forward to working with you this year and into the future.

As the Assistant Principal Religious Education, my role involves nurturing the Catholic life of our school community, helping staff implement the Religious Education curriculum and working with staff to develop high quality learning and teaching across all learning areas as the school’s curriculum support teacher.

I have a strong passion for education and a commitment towards building an authentic 21st century learning environment for our students. A learning environment that celebrates their unique talents and allows students time to walk with God.

I would like to thank all those students, parents and staff who have been so welcoming over the past few days. For those of whom I have not yet met, please feel free to drop by and say hello. I look forward to sharing and celebrating many wonderful and memorable occasions with you at Holy Cross, as together we journey with God and for others.

We will gather together as a school community at 9:15am on Friday 22nd of February in the Holy Cross Church to celebrate the start of the school year. Our Year 7 students will be commissioned as our school leaders during the mass. Parents, friends and family are invited to both these school celebrations.

This term classes will take turns in celebrating Mass on Fridays at 9:15am. These dates; including class assemblies will be posted in next week’s newsletter and published on the school’s website calendar. Visit http://www.hcpswooloowin.qld.edu.au

God Bless,
Helen Coman
Assistant Principal Religious Education

Pastoral Care Corner

Dear Parents
Welcome back to a wonderful new year. I know some people have had to face the effects of the weather, yet again, but there is always hope of a brighter future. I attended a Citizenship Ceremony on Australia Day and the response was given by a man from South Africa. He acknowledged the pain of leaving behind family, friends, culture and all that one holds dear. But, he said, the tears that were shed for all of that are the tears that water the new roots they are now putting down in Australia. I thought that was a wonderful reflection for all of us – the tears we have shed for unfinished business from 2012, can become the source of new shoots for 2013. One article focussed on a list of promises, rather than resolutions, for the new year. It suggested: promise to be strong so that nothing disturbs your peace of mind, promise to look on the sunny side of everything, promise to forget the mistakes of the past, promise to be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble in your life.
It’s not too late to make these promises and to help your children to do the same as you reflect on the first week back at school.

God bless,
Sr Anne

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS

Holy Cross Church is looking for musicians - instrumentalists and singers. They would love to have musicians - of any age - available for every Mass. There are two special occasions coming up where they would like as many as possible. Fr Josekutty is being installed as Parish Priest on Saturday, 16 February at 6:00pm. Archbishop Coleridge will celebrate the Mass. There is a practice for this on Monday 11 February at 7:00pm. If you are able to join this group, let Sr Anne know as soon as possible so that music can be organised, especially for instrumentalists.
Then, there is a School Mass on Saturday 16 March. Again, we would love to have instrumentalists playing. Ms Coman will organise singers. If you are available for this Mass, please let Sr Anne or Ms Coman know.
If you would like to be a regular (eg once a month) at the Parish Mass, either Saturday night or Sunday morning, please let Sr Anne know.

Anne Cannon
School Pastoral Worker

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Uniform Shop will be open on the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month. This month shop will be open on Friday 8th February and Friday 22nd February between 8am and 9am. For any urgent orders please email: hcuuniforms@gmail.com

SCHOOL OFFICE REQUEST

Change

When paying school accounts, please have correct money when paying cash, as the School Office does not keep change on the premises.
ZONE 6 SELECTION CRITERIA
HOLY CROSS WILL BE HOLDING THREE MAIN CARNIVALS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.
1. SWIMMING- TERM 1 (YRS 3-7)
2. CROSS COUNTRY- TERM 2 (PREP- 7)
3. TRACK AND FIELD – TERM 3 (PREP-7)

THESE CARNIVALS WILL BE USED AS A SELECTION PROCESS FOR ZONE 6 CARNIVALS. SCHOOL CARNIVALS ARE REGARDED AS ANOTHER SCHOOL DAY AND ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS. IF CHILDREN DO NOT PARTICIPATE ON THE DAY, THEY FORFEIT THE CHANCE OF MAKING THE ZONE 6 TEAM. THE PREP STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO QUALIFY AS THE ZONE 6 STARTS FROM YEAR 1 ONLY.

CITY DISTRICTS SELECTION CRITERIA
CHILDREN 10-13YRS OLD MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO REPRESENT THE SCHOOL AT A STATE LEVEL. THIS TYPE OF FORMAT IS MORE COMPETITIVE THAN THE ZONE 6 CARNIVALS. CHILDREN MUST BE TRAINING UNDER A COACH OR TRAIN AND COMPETE FREQUENTLY AT CLUB LEVEL. ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF CHILDREN WILL BE SELECTED TO COMPETE AT CITY DISTRICT EVENTS. PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO MANAGE TEAMS AND SUPPLY TRANSPORT TO AND FROM THESE EVENTS.

Library News

Welcome back to the Library for 2013.

I look forward to sharing a love of reading with your children this year.

This year all classes except for Yrs. 1, 1/2 and 2 will borrow on Wednesdays and Yrs. 1, 1/2 and 2 will borrow on Fridays. Years P – 3 will borrow one book each week and Yrs 4-7 will borrow two.

I would like to remind all parents to make sure their child has an appropriate library bag for borrowing. This bag must be waterproof and sealable. All children are provided with a green library bag when they are in Grade One. (These will be distributed to this year’s Yr Ones next week). Please make sure your child brings this bag to the library each week. If a child does not have an appropriate library bag we cannot allow them to borrow. If you would like to replace the green bag given to your child in Yr One you may purchase one from the library for $7.50.

I will be on Long Service Leave for the next 5 weeks. I would like to welcome Mrs Melissa Coleman to the Holy Cross Library. Melissa is looking forward to working with the children and I know that she will get 2013 off to a great start.

Happy Reading,

Leanne Forsyth and Rhonda Wood.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE THE NEWSLETTER EMAILED TO YOU EVERY WEEK PLEASE SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO:** bmckee@bne.catholic.edu.au

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**WELCOME**
We welcome the following new students to our Holy Cross School & Community:
- Amber Church Yr 1/2G
- Theodore Tsangari Yr 2G
- Lauren Stewart &r 2G
- Grace Dunn Yr 2G
- Shiloh Lee Yr 3G
- Ian Bagkus Yr 4/5G
- Fletcher Dunn Yr 4/5G

& to all our new Prep Students in Prep G & Prep W

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**HOLY CROSS SWIMMING CARNIVAL YEARS 3-7**
**When:** Wednesday 13th March
**Where:** Stafford State School
**Time:** 9.30am – 2.00pm

The Zone 6 Swimming Carnival will be on Tuesday 19 March at Somerset State School

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**Happy Birthday**
The school community wishes the students who celebrated their birthday this week, many happy returns!
- Stella Artuso, Max Newbery, Zac Byrne-Henderson, Breanna Murphy, Lily Watson & Lily Grant.

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I would like to thank all the members of the Holy Cross School Community for your prayerful support during my mother’s illness in 2012 and your expressions of sympathy at her recent death in December. My mother was a woman of prayer and great faith and during her final days expressed her gratitude for the support that so many people offered us.

Paul Drewniak

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery: put on the splendour of glory from God forever.
CALLING ALL ‘TUCKSHOP ANGELS’

Hi Everyone. If you’re like me, the end of the term has crept up very quickly. Again I’m looking for volunteers in Term 1, 2013. Remember Dads, Carers and Grandparents are also very welcome to assist in the Tuckshop.

Please note – DAD’s day this term is March 20!

If you can support the Tuckshop, please fill in the form below and return it ASAP with your preferred dates to assist with Homebake &/or Tuckshop (please note if you need to leave early). I’ve also had some Mum’s say “just put me down”. Just indicate that below to cover Terms 1, 2, 3 and 4.

VOLUNTEERING FOR TUCKSHOP / HOMEBAKE

Name: _______________________________ Phone: _______________________________

Email: _______________________________ Child’s/Children’s Class: _______________________

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DAD’s DAY

Or please put me down for _____ homebakes/days of tuckshop for terms ☐1, ☐2, ☐3 & ☐4 in 2013

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your on-going support!!

Sharlene Hamblin
Tuckshop Convenor
0401 665 318
holycrossstuckshop@hotmail.com