

A.P.R.E.'s Report

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have inaugurated **The Year of Grace**, which began this weekend with the great feast of Pentecost. The Year of Grace is a call to prayer and listening to the Spirit of God. It is a time:

- ◆ To seek an experience of Jesus
- ◆ To name and claim grace in our lives
- ◆ To be attentive to the many and various signs of Christ's presence in our world
- ◆ To heal our relationships
- ◆ To grow in wholeness

May we all be open to the Spirit at work in the world and in our hearts and take this opportunity for renewable and growth.

This week, we will send home with each child a Year of Grace Prayer card and invite you to pray this prayer together as a family.

As a school community, we will use this initiative to further enhance the religious life of the school. God is with us!

Patty McCourt

Pastoral Care Corner

Dear Parents

I'm borrowing from Mary MacKillop College newsletter this week. Mary Hilton, Director of Mission, had this in her column. The words in italics are from St Mary MacKillop.

"A very wise lady took a train journey across the central Australian desert. When the travellers reached their destination, several members of the crew told her proudly that they had saved ten minutes on the trip. She quietly responded, 'And what do you plan to do with those ten minutes?' Is there a focus today on speed for its own sake? We're even encouraged to 'grab a meal'! Slowly we learn that hurry can burn the lovely meal, and cause accidents and stress, on and off the road. '*Hurry can be our worst enemy*', especially when we meet something that throws us. If only we could slow down, when '*now and then things do not go smoothly*' (1874), and stop ourselves from a hurried response. '*Hurry and fuss will destroy interior peace*' (1875). Mary is telling us that hurry only rattles us and makes the troubles worse. '*Take your time*' (1869), she urges, even though she knows the reality we struggle with. '*Now dear, I am in a hurry, have a lot to do and little time*' (1897). When we stop and reflect, we know there are so many reasons why we should try to '*Be calm and full of hope*' (1871).

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As we rush towards the middle of the year, think about the above.

God bless
Sr Anne.

From the Parish Priest

Last Sunday, on the solemnity of Pentecost, every diocese and every parish within the Catholic Church in Australia began the 'Year of Grace'.

This time has been named by our Australian Catholic bishops to be a special time for all Catholics to focus on the person of Christ Jesus in an intentional way.

Some have said it's like a year long retreat. It is not any particular programme or process that will be rolled out uniformly across parishes.

A key focus offered to us all is the phrase: 'starting afresh from Christ'.

In the spirit of this special time, I encourage parents and caregivers especially, as well as students and staff, to (re)connect with their home parishes (i.e. the parish where they live or the parish they participate in regularly for Sunday Mass).

We will all find that we can enter generously into the life of the Sunday community and support the home parish in new ways.

All the parishes in the local area - Kedron, Lutwyche, Clayfield, Wilston - will prepare large and small opportunities to meet Christ anew in this year ahead.

Happy 'Year of Grace' to you and yours!

Fr John Francis Fitz-Herbert
Parish Priest

Masses and Liturgy of the Word -TERM 2

MASSES 11.30am

7G 4 June Monday
4/5W 5 June Tuesday

LITURGY OF THE WORD

8th June 10.30 PG
8th June **11.30 PW**

Parent Prayer Time

I would like to remind you of the opportunity available to parents for a time of prayer, reflection and time for yourself, on a regular basis - half hour each week, prior to collecting their children on Fridays. Please join us on Friday afternoons at 2.20pm in the ground level room of the new building. Patty McCourt

TUCKSHOP

Helpers for Wednesday 6th June are:

Tuck-shop: **Deb Birthisel,
Britt Pradella, Sharon Vogel,
Marie Wolgast & Majella Gordon**



Home bake: **Natalie MacDonald, Suzie Smith
Simone Ross, Kate Beal, Deanne Jebreen &
Kym Hodda**

**Please note our NUT FREE POLICY when
preparing Homebake items. Thank you**

HOLY CROSS OSHC.

Vacation Care programs and booking forms went home last week. If you need child care over the upcoming holidays please make sure you send back your booking form before next Friday 8th June to get the quoted booked price. This allows time to organise staffing and have exact numbers for activities planned over the holidays. If you book in late there will be an extra cost of \$3 per child per day. We have many fun activities planned for these holidays so even if you just want a day to break up the holidays and give your child some extra social interaction, please feel free to contact me at OSHC.

Rhonda Wood - Coordinator.

FESTIVAL CENT AUCTION 2012!



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Don't Miss Out!!

ZONE 6 CROSS COUNTRY REMINDER

The Zone 6 Cross Country Championships to be held on Tuesday 5th June at O'Callaghan Park, 340 Zillmere Rd, Zillmere.

Parents are reminded **NOT** to park in the main car park, as it is not owned by the AFL QLD. Parents can park around the main AFL oval or the Soccer Club car park.

At 9.00am the children will be able to inspect the course. The Carnival begins with the Juniors (born 2004 or 2005) at 9.45am, Intermediates (born 2002, 2003) run at 10.40am. and Seniors (born in 1999, 2000 or 2001) at 12 noon. Presentations will be held at approximately 1:30pm.

Students have to have competed in intra-school sports carnivals to be eligible for Zone 6 selection.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO COMPETED AT THE CITY DISTRICTS CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL:

Seb Collins, Eddie Adler, Jack Siddle, Harrison O'Donoghue, Lachlan Cree, Hilary Piper, Francesca Hellmuth, Isabelle Davis, Sarah Melville, Patrick Coonan, Daniel Egan, Louis O'Callaghan, Lily van der Wal, Anna Sharpe, Josie Wruck, Nick Egan, Alexandra Cathcart, Paris Urban, Katelyn Adler, Niamh Cree, Philippa Piper & Jakob Pelusi.

Special congratulations to **Alexander Cathcart, Paris Urban & Katelyn Adler** who will now represent City Districts at the Met North Carnival coming up.

Well done girls, we wish you luck.

A **BIG thank you** to Dawn Egan who supervised the children at the City Districts Trials. Your help was greatly appreciated.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The school community wishes the students who celebrate their birthday this week many happy returns:

**Gabrielle Lambert, Rhea Multani, Seb Zitny,
& Alexandra Malone**

GOTCHA CARDS – Week 7



GOTCHA CARDS have been designed to encourage and reward good behaviour in an effort to boost each child's self esteem and improve the general standard of behaviour at our school.

Well done to all the '**Gotcha Card**' recipients who have done a brilliant job of demonstrating our school-wide positive behaviour expectations (Safety, Learning & Respect).

The following children won seats in our assembly Corporate Box:

Alisha Pereira
Dahlia Vogel
Zosia Caulton
Harry Thornton
George Williamson
Charles Williamson
Charlie Barbour
Louis O'Callaghan
Chelsea Crawford



Also, keep an eye out for our Gotcha Card display in the hallway near the office.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF HOLY CROSS! KEEP THE EVENINGS OF FRIDAY 14 SEPTEMBER AND SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER FREE TO COME ALONG AND ENJOY OUR HOLY CROSS MUSICAL

Cinderella &
ROCKERFELLA

ALL STUDENTS FROM PREP TO YEAR 7 WILL BE INVOLVED. MORE DETAILS IN UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS.

Counselling at the Community Place, Woolloowin.

The Community Place, Woolloowin, continues to offer a free, professional, responsive counselling and family support service. Counselling appointments for families, children and individuals, are available during the day on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Through counselling people can gain support to find new ways of managing relationship difficulties, separation, parenting challenges, children's issues, grief and loss, anxiety, depression and childhood experiences. For more information or to make an appointment call The Community Place, Woolloowin-38571152.

Or check our webpage

www.thecommunityplace.com.au

AWARDS

Congratulations to all students who received awards during assembly.

PG Mekela Morrison & Neil Tiru
PW Eliana Moschella & Jacob Moesbergen
1G Cameron Pereira & Fabian Miu
1W Sofia Luongo & Harry Grellman
2G Oliver Davies
2/3W Asha van Pelt & Olivia Mills
3G Lara Sarri & Isaac Rogers
4/5G On Excursion
4/5W On Excursion
6G Sian Miu & Daniel Fancutt
7G Luke Slater & Alexandra Cathcart
7W Jaimie Durston & Jakob Pelusi

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