Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Holy Cross

Our School Website says it all....

HOLY CROSS FESTIVAL THIS SUNDAY – June 3
Still on !!! – See you there!!

The preparation for Festival is so exciting with children in the final practices for their performances, raffle tickets being returned, rides arriving, cakes and sweets being baked at home! Holy Cross is ALIVE with the anticipation of a wonderful day.

We will be going ahead on Sunday rain or shine as cover can be provided for many activities.

Keep your eye on the website for any updates re the weather but we are full steam ahead at present!

Don’t forget to read the flyers for Festival attached to this week’s newsletter!

I am looking forward to a wonderfully successful day!

Congratulations to the students who competed this week in City Districts Cross Country. A fine result and great representation by our young people. Special congratulations to Paris, Ali and Katelyn who will now compete in Met North Cross Country.

Next Tuesday 60 of our students will compete in the Zone 6 Cross Country.

Bon Voyage Mrs Irene Elder who leaves for Long Service Leave today. We wish Mrs Elder all the best for a wonderful break!

Mrs Patty Mc Court will take Long Service Leave from 7 June to 17th July. During that time Mrs Michelle Campbell will teach year 7 each day until the end of Semester. In second semester Mrs Francis will return from Maternity Leave as APRE release teacher for the remainder of 2012. Mrs Campbell will continue to work part time in Yr 7 with Mrs Francis until Mrs Mc Court returns.

Following consultation with Brisbane Catholic Education and Fr John Fitz – Herbert, Mrs Leanne Forsyth will be Acting APRE in Mrs McCourt’s absence.

Paul Drewniak
Principal

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING BPAY FACILITY

Please be reminded that money paid with the BPAY number on your fees account pays School Fees ONLY. This facility is not to be used to pay camp fees, uniforms, etc. The only reference on our bank statement is your BPAY number, and does not indicate where/what the funds are to be allocated to.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.
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

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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.

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:

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.

CENT AUCTION 2012!
More Prize Packs than ever!!
Over $9000 worth of prizes to be won at the Festival Cent Auction

20 tickets
$10
Don’t Miss Out!!

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
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.

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.

Counselling at the Community Place, Wooloowin.

The Community Place, Wooloowin, 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, Wooloowin-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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