Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Holy Cross

A warm welcome to Term 3 at Holy Cross

We begin Term 3 with sadness as this week we experienced the loss of Mark McIvor – husband of Karen and father of Will and Tom and a great friend to Holy Cross Community. Today at 11am we gathered to thank God for Mark’s life and his gifts to us all, to commend Mark to God who raised Jesus, and to stand with Karen and the family in prayerful support.

We were also saddened during the holidays when Ken Jong, husband of Mrs Colleen Jong died. Mrs Jong is a long-standing staff member of Holy Cross. Ken had been sick for a short time and passed away from the effects of his cancer in the 2nd week of the holidays. Ken’s funeral, which was a wonderful celebration of his loving, ‘larrikin’ life, was last Saturday. Colleen is on Long Service Leave at present. We offer Colleen and her family our deep sympathy.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

St Paul’s letter to the Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)

Eternal Life grant to them O Lord, and may perpetual Light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

In times of sadness it is good to look back to the great things that have happened for the community that demonstrate its strength and the commitment of its members. At this week’s P&F Meeting we reflected on the results of the Festival which was once again an outstanding event! We remembered how we gathered on one of the wettest weekends of the year with real faith that all would be well… and it was – because we just kept going and everyone supported.

We look ahead to a busy and exciting term with Athletics Carnivals, Catholic Education Week, Grandparents’ Morning, Minnie Vinnies Sleep-out, Book Week, Pizza Day and School Disco and of course the Musical. Many thanks again to the P&F who are so supportive of all these life-giving undertakings! Check the school calendar for dates and times.

Thank you to Mrs Lynne Thomas who has taught Prep while Mrs Irene Elder has been on Long Service Leave. Today we farewell Lynne from that role and thank her for her commitment to Holy Cross and, on Monday, we welcome back Irene.

Go gently. God bless. Have a wonderful week.

Paul Drewniak
Principal
Catholic Education Week will be celebrated across Queensland from 22-28 July this year. This annual event is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2012 is: Celebrating Community – Family Parish School.

‘Celebrating Community’ in Catholic Education Week 2012 invites Catholic schools and education agencies to highlight and celebrate the value of ‘community’ and affirm its presence as a central aspect of the life and strength of the Catholic Christian tradition.

‘Community’ is at the heart of the Catholic tradition. For two thousand years people have come together in community to share the story of Jesus, to nurture and strengthen each other, and to commit themselves to continuing his mission.

This tradition of “community” has been palpable this week as the Holy Cross Family has wrapped itself around the McIvor family and we should all be grateful and proud to be a part of this very special community. There is some “thing” very special about Holy Cross and I believe that “thing” is what we have felt, alongside our grief, this week. I believe that “thing” is God within each and every one of us.

In week 3 we will celebrate Catholic Education Week with a liturgy in the Holy Cross Church at 9.30 on Tuesday July 24. This liturgy will be celebrated with the staff and students of Holy Rosary and afterwards all the students will join together for a morning of games and activities.

You are all very welcome to help us celebrate “community” by joining us for the liturgy.

I look forward to seeing you during Catholic Education Week 2012.

Yours,

Leanne Forsyth (acting APRE)
COLES VOUCHERS 2012

Holy Cross is again registered for the Coles Sports for Schools Program which has NOW commenced (see flyer attached to the newsletter for full details).

The final tally from 2011 was 75,040 vouchers which was enormous for our school community. The support from family, friends and workplaces must have been very significant. Thank you!!

Please help us collect these vouchers from family, friends, and neighbours again!!

This year we have elected to count the vouchers so please count them, put them in an envelope with the number on the front and place them in the collection box located in the foyer of our School Office. We appreciate your help!

Thank you on behalf of Holy Cross P&F Association.

25 Year Anniversary Celebrations:
Mt Maria College Petrie (formerly Kolbe College) is celebrating its 25 Year Anniversary in 2012. To celebrate and acknowledge this significant milestone we are holding a 25 Year Anniversary celebration dinner on 17 August at the North’s Leagues and Services Club.

All past students, parents, staff members and friends of Mt Maria College Petrie and Kolbe College are invited – Tickets are $35!

Ph: 3285 5500 Email: spetrie@bne.catholic.edu.au

Attached to this week’s newsletter is a flyer regarding the school disco on Saturday 28 July. A great time was had by all who attended last year and this year will be no different. Please complete your form and submit them, with payment, to the office to secure your tickets as soon as possible.

We will be looking for parents to help on the night so please contact Dee Chester on dandpchester@optusnet.com.au if you can volunteer to assist with the BBQ, Sweet Stall, Crazy Hair Stall, clean up, movie supervision, disco entry and supervision. We hope you can all join us in what is sure to be a fun kids’ night out!

We are also looking for someone who may have a polaroid camera that they can lend us to capture the wonderful crazy hair styles on the night.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING TO PLAY THE PIANO?
My name is Danielle Price, to book lessons at the school for 2012 please call me either at Home: 3325 5414 or Mobile: 0413 330 665.

TUCKSHOP
Helpers for Wednesday 18th July are:

Tuck-shop: Lisa Evans, Natalie Finney & Deb Birthsel

Home bake: Kylie Braine, Deb Birthsel, Kate Felsman, Deanne Jebreen*, Kathryn Lyons, Kate Beal, Dee Chester, & Janice Cutajar

Please note our NUT FREE POLICY when preparing Homebake items. Thank you
This week your child will bring home a Book Club brochure. Should you wish to order from these brochures please complete the order forms and return with payment to your child’s teacher by Tuesday July 24 at the latest. Unfortunately no orders can be accepted after this date.

You may pay by cash, cheque (payable to Scholastic Australia) or credit card. Credit card is the preferred method and the process for doing this is outlined in the brochure. You must return the slip with the receipt number with your order.

The school receives free resources as commission from Book Club.

Please direct any enquiries to Leanne Forsyth.

Fancutts Tennis Centre are continuing the tennis program at the school court in the assembly hall on Thursdays afternoons 2.50-3.20pm (Prep & Gr1) 3.20-4.05 (Gr.2,3) & 4.05-4.50pm (Gr4-7). Coach has enrolment forms. Rackets on special $30. Hot Shots friendly tournaments (for trophies) is being held at Fancutts on Wednesday 15th August (Exhibition Day) from 12.30-3.30pm. McDonald’s Voucher & free Hot Shots t-shirt is given to every player. Friendly Hot Shots Tournaments for trophies are on Sat.11am-1pm during school term.

SUPERLEAGUE fixtures are on Saturday afternoons and Sunday evenings for children & teenagers & Tuesday/Wednesday nights for adults. New season starts 14th July, 2012.

Restrings – a 24hr. service or possible emergency restrings while you wait.

All enquiries, please contact Fancutts 38572922 in office hours or email admin@fancutts.com.au

**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.

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