Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Holy Cross

Throughout the school, the focus this week is on the school musical, Cinderella, Rockafella. The students have put an enormous amount of effort into the practices and it has been a delight to watch their commitment to perfect their performances. The opportunity to participate in a musical production brings a lot of enjoyment and satisfaction to those who perform and those who are responsible for preparing the performers. Mrs Carmel Tracey has earned the title of Director extraordinaire, carrying out her duties with expertise and flair. Mrs Sang, our Music Specialist, has added that extra touch to the singing of the fantastic songs and I can assure you that you are in for a treat on Friday/Saturday night. The teachers have made sure that the words are known and the costumes just right. Behind the scenes, we have the artists, Mrs Artuso, and her trusty group whose amazing talents are evident in the backdrop and props that will astound you. Our seamstresses cannot be left out – the ones who transformed bits of material into outfits that could be worn on Broadway! Thank you, Mrs Shaw, Mrs Langguth, and their marvellous band of helpers for the transformation of bits of material into fantastic costumes. And without Mrs Elder and her extraordinary organizational skills, we would have chaos in the seating arrangements for the both performances. The musical is a wonderful example of what students can do and I know you will be thrilled with what your children are capable of doing.

Zone 6 was a day for the school community to be proud of the representatives who participated with enthusiasm and skill. The Senior Girls won their division and overall, Holy Cross came 4th. A great effort all round. The Senior Girls relay team competed at Met North and Paris Urban and Ali Cathcart have both qualified to compete at States after their successes at Met North. We congratulation these two young ladies and wish them all the best at States.

I ask that you continue to keep Paul's Mum and the family in your prayers during this very difficult time. Paul is most grateful for the support that he has been given from the community and we all know how important it is to know that there are people there when you need them to understand.

There needs to be a reminder that all visitors to the school must sign in with the Administration Staff at the front office. This is a Work Place Health and Safety matter and merely signing the visitors' book is not enough. If you need to give something to your child, this can be left at the front office and will be passed on for you. If you need to speak to a teacher, please make an appointment to meet at a mutually agreed time. This can be done by writing a note with your child, emailing or phoning the office.

Patty McCourt (Acting Principal)

Cinderella & Rockerfella

2 Performances:
Friday 14 September
Saturday 15 September
$5 Per Person

Tickets can be bought at the door on Saturday night only. (Friday night sold out)

Children need to be at school for 6pm and the performance starts at 7pm

If you have any problem with your tickets, go to the entry door on the night of the performance for clarification.
A.P.R.E.’s Report

In moving, sacred celebrations at Holy Cross Church and St Anne’s Church on the weekend, many of our students experienced a special moment when they met God in the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

Father Fitz-Herbert challenged the candidates to step up to their responsibilities as members of the Church and to spread the message of the Gospel as lived by Jesus. In preparing for this ritual, the candidates were invited to accept their role as active members of the People of God and with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live a life that reflects their friendship with the God in their lives.

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the candidates receive the gifts of the Spirit, to enable them to have the Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Courage, Right Judgment, Awe and Wonder and Reverence to make a difference in our world by their presence. These gifts of course, are to be developed and deepened throughout the whole of their lives. The nourishment they need to give them strength on their faith journey is the gift of Jesus, as Bread and Wine, each time they receive Communion.

We congratulate each of these young people and pray that they will continue to be a sign of God’s love in our world. God is with us.

Patty McCourt

Pastoral Care Corner

I thought an article by Loris Henry, a school counsellor at Brisbane Christian College, was worth sharing. Her title was ‘Unwrapping the holiday gift’. She suggests asking yourself “How do I like to relax?” Then ask your children the same question. Usually, the answer for them is ‘Play’. Don’t underestimate the value of free play.

With more holidays just around the corner, start and plan now. If they are to be in Vacation Care, then Mrs Wood will do it for you. If not, plan with your children. What are some of the free but very enjoyable activities available – picnic in the local park, bike ride (local or somewhere like the Boondall Wetlands), a day at the beach, cooking … and so the list goes on. Plan so that each child gets their first choice and then build around other choices (collaborate and negotiate) – but don’t plan every day to the last second. Don’t forget, I said ‘free play’. Leave lots of time for them to organise themselves. This is a great learning opportunity and resilience builder. Ban the word ‘bored’ and insist they think of things to do at home. Don’t forget to disconnect from technology, too. You can get to the end of the two weeks feeling refreshed and re-energised, and so will they. Then the holidays truly become a gift to your family.

God bless
Sr Anne.

R U OK DAY

R U OK Day is any opportunity to DO something about caring for each other’s mental health. For the past few years, there has been an annual day to emphasise this. You may have seen things in the media this week.

Each year more than 2,000 Australians choose to end their life. For each person that does, another thirty attempt to do so. Most people, especially men do not openly share their feelings, particularly if they are struggling. The best thing we can all do is to regularly talk to the people we care about – regardless of whether they are at risk. Keeping in touch is crucial for our health and wellbeing, helping us to cope with stressful events. Having regular, meaningful conversations is simple; and doesn’t require special training. Here are some helpful pointers to help you connect with someone you think may be doing it tough.

• Take the lead and ask: “Are you OK?” - Put the invitation out there: “I’ve got time to talk”, maintain eye contact, often just spending time with the person lets them know you care.
• Use ice breakers - use open-ended questions such as “So tell me about…?”, which require more than a “yes” or “no” answer.
• Practise your listening skills - listen to what a person is saying, be open minded, non-judgemental and be patient.
• Be encouraging - encourage physical health, self care and professional help.
• Be helpful - it is unhelpful to pressure them to “snap out of it”, stay away or avoid them.

September 21, the final day of the term, will be a Free Dress Day to assist the work of Montrose Access, a community based support service to people of all ages with disabilities, so that they can lead an independent life within the community. Would you please assist this worthy cause by sending along a gold coin with your child.

TUCKSHOP

Helpers for Wednesday 19th September are:

Tuck-shop:
Deb Birthsel, Maddie Barbour,
Dee Chester, Brian Nally, Sylvia Livolsi
(til 10.30am) & Trish Seibold

Home bake: Mariska Intelisano, Kelly Seibold,
Catherine Byrne, Kate Felsman, Kathryn Lyons & Gabrielle Rowley

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

Tony Seibold, Marie Wolgast & Darren Hanley
Our Wonderful Grandparents & Dad.
Volunteers showcasing their talents in our Tuckshop.
It’s not just for the Mums!!!
While HCS proudly presents its musical production of Cinderella and Rockerfella this weekend, our P&F will be busy at work to enhance each evening by:

- providing each student with a complimentary ‘snack pack’ for each performance;
- running a Refreshments Stall (bar!);
- selling pizza prior to the performances and during intermission;
- selling gourmet treats for dessert during intermission; and
- operating a raffle (you have to be in it to win it!)

Please support this initiative: come along, gather on ‘The Green’, grab a bite to eat and a drink and thoroughly enjoy your evening!

**If you are able to lend a hand with service on either night, we would really appreciate that too!**
Please contact Maddie (mbarbour@fincom.com.au) with your kind offers to help.

In support of Cinderella & Rockerfella, our P&F proudly presents:

**Refreshments Stall**
- Soft drinks, Juice, Water $2
- Beer $4
- Wine and Sparkling Wine $3

**Pizza Stall**
- Hawaiian, Vegetarian, Meat Lovers, Super Supreme
  $2 per slice

**Gourmet Treats Stall**
- Selection of cakes & slices
  $3 per slice
- Tea & coffee available at Tuckshop counter
  (gold coin donation appreciated)

**Raffle**
- First prize: ‘One Direction’ autographed prize pack
- Second prize: Money tree
  $2 per ticket or 3 for $5

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

Aidan Evans, Tasmyn Ormond-Currie, Emma Whittle, Josephine Wruck & Alisha Pereira

**Holy Cross School Musical Showcase**

who? Our school band, school choirs, various student ensembles and some solo pianists will perform at their first school gala since the inception of our school band. This musical showcase shall allow our students a wonderful opportunity to perform for their school community after many months of preparation and it is sure to dazzle and delight you, as you join them on their musical journey.

**When?** Sunday November 11 from 4.30pm – 6.30pm
*Please ensure you mark this important date in your diary and encourage and support your child in her/his preparation.

**Where?** Holy Cross Heritage Hall, Chalk Street.
Many thanks to Ms Chelsea McNelliey, Mrs Sharon Farne Sang and Mrs Danielle Price for their time and commitment in preparing our students for this showcase and to Mrs Kathryn Lyons, Mrs Maria Crawford and Mrs Alison Boyd for organising this special event.

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The next Holy Cross disco will be held on Saturday 27 October.

More information to come in Term 4.

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Brisbane Catholic Education has advised schools that they can no longer send school fee accounts or financial information home with students. Accounts must be emailed or posted to parents. **The school’s preferred method is to email the accounts.**

Please complete the confirmation notice that has been sent home and return to the office if you have not already done so. Thank you
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 Monday 22nd October (Pupil Free Day) from 9 to 12non & beginners & players & 12.30-3.30pm. McDonald’s Voucher & free Hot Shots Tennis Aust. t-shirt online card is given to every player.

Friendly Hot Shots Tournaments for trophies are on Sat.11am-1pm during school term.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS PROGRAMS will be held at Fancutts Tennis Centre, Lutwyche Mon to Fri from 24-28 Sept. & 1-5 October for children & teenagers. Morning program includes a Tennis Clinic 9-11am. (Beginners & Players taught separately) Hot Shots Tennis is held 8.20-9am for 3-6yrs

SUPERLEAGUE fixtures are on Saturday afternoons and Sunday evenings for children & teenagers & Tuesday/Wednesday nights for adults. Restrings – a 24hr. service or possible emergency restring while you wait.

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

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

Holy Cross P & F invites families to join the mymemento fundraiser being held at the school on Saturday afternoon October 13.

For just $55, the photographer spends 15 minutes with each family, capturing amazing family and individual images, in relaxed and candid situations enjoying the outdoors. Perfect and just in time for Christmas.

The best part is that for every $55 sitting, $10 goes towards our school, and $55 is all a family will pay for their entire collection of photographs taken on the day. Families will receive a CD approximately 7 days after the shoot with all the images on it.

The registration process is simple and all the bookings and payments are done online.

We need a minimum of 4 hours (16 families) to secure our photographers at this special rate. This is a Saturday afternoon session, with times available from 1pm onwards. If these bookings fill up, we are able to obtain more time slots.


Please contact Sharon (sharon.dahlia@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

CHOIR NEWS

I would like to apologise for the cancellation of Senior Choir last Monday morning. I was quite ill and in fact not able to be at school for most of the week. Choir rehearsal will be on next Monday the 17th September. It is important that all choir members attend as we have our annual Queen Street Mall performance coming up in the first couple of weeks of term 4.

See you all on Monday
Sharon Farne Sang (Music specialist)

Graphic Competition - held by the Italian Language Centre

Years 4 to 7 students are invited to enter an OPTIONAL Italian Graphic Competition. Students could submit a painting, cartoon strip, collage, brochure, video clip, photo collection or recipe depicting an Italian theme, as explained on the entry form and information sheet. (Please collect form from Mrs McKee in the office). Entries are due next Friday 21 September.

Signora Nardone would be happy to proof-read any entries shown or emailed to her preferably by Tuesday 18 September. Students will need to submit their entries directly to the Italian Language Centre using the correct entry form.

In bocca al lupo! Good luck!

Signora Nardone dnardone@bne.catholic.edu.au

Summer Baseball is Back!

HENDRA ALL STARS Baseball Club is currently looking for primary school aged players for the 2012/13 season which runs from October to March with a break over the Christmas holidays.

Boys and girls of all abilities are welcome to join us. Our club is located at Bannister Park, 116 Gerler Road, Hendra.

New Aussie T-Ballers (aged up to 10 years) will receive a participation pack including a drawstring bag, Rawlings glove and baseball and Major League giveaways.

For more information, contact Helen Clinton on 0421 156 849 or check out our website...

www.allstarsbaseball.com.au