Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Holy Cross

This week our Year 4 and 5 students have spent Wednesday – Friday at Luther Heights on their annual camp. This has been a wonderful opportunity for the children to be challenged by a new environment and new activities. Camp takes the students out of the comfort zone of their everyday and challenges them in aspects of co-operation, problems solving, team work and in “getting along”.

Recently I read the opening address to the 2012 Australian Catholic Secondary Principals’ Association given by the President of the Catholic Bishop’s Conference. In the address entitled “Meeting Christ in Self and Others”, Bishop O’Kelly reflected on our society which often focuses closely on the needs and interests of individuals rather, he says, than on the needs and interests of all– the common good. On Wednesday and Thursday at camp, I saw our students, your children, engage in activities which drew them into “community” ie which challenged them to consider and to act on the common good – Christ in Others.

Catholic Education is about just that; about actively seeking answers to the question - “How do I live in communion with my God, with myself and with others?”

School camp offered another occasion for this learning to take place.

I thank Mr Estreich, Mrs Laube, Mrs Shaw and Mrs Forsyth for the time that they have committed to our students while away from their families, to ensure the success of camp.

Next week Years 6 & 7 are engaged in our camp program at Midginbill Hill from Wednesday to Friday.

We wish Mrs Dunn all the best for her 100km walk this weekend for Oxfam. Earlier in the year we raised funds for her walk through our Crazy Sock Day. Safe travels Mrs Dunn.

Next week written reports outlining student progress against Australian Curriculum Standards will be sent home to parents. Parents at Holy Cross will already have been invited to Teacher/Parent Meetings re progress. The semester report completes the reporting process for Semester 1.

Congratulations to our Readers Cup competitors who were placed 3rd in this event on Wednesday. See the report included in today’s newsletter.

On Friday 22nd June school breaks for the Winter Holiday. School resumes for Semester 2 on Monday 9th July.
A.P.R.E.’s Report
This Sunday’s Gospel reading is the first of the miracle stories in Mark’s gospel. Miracle stories are just one type of story found in the Bible. There are also parables, narratives, songs, proverbs, accounts and many more. All these stories can teach us, entertain us, frighten us, comfort us, challenge us and inform us.

“Story” has been a big part of my life this week. Yesterday I took our wonderful Readers’ Cup team to the regional final. At this event a school auditorium was filled with children who had all enjoyed the same five stories. These stories, like the bible stories, taught, entertained, frightened, comforted, challenged and informed the readers.

I also had one of those “warm, fuzzy” moments as I watched my husband reading to our granddaughters. There was pure joy and love in the eyes of 50- something “Poppie” and our dear little Chloe and baby Violet as they shared stories.

Last Thursday I listened to a heartbreaking story from a 7 year old Iranian refugee I do some English instruction with.

Our lives are full of stories – factual reports in newspapers, stories of what we did on the weekend shared with colleagues on a Monday morning, the sci-fi novels, the biographies, the tales of past sporting achievements and the story of how your grandmother met your grandfather – endless stories.

We are surrounded by stories. The challenge is to truly listen to them, engage with them and to absorb them into our being. The stories in the bible present us with a great challenge – but one worth taking on.

“The universe is made of stories – not atoms.”

Take care,
Leanne.

Pastoral Care Corner
Dear Parents
I thought you may enjoy the following article, especially as we come to another holiday period, where life can get very hectic, but shouldn’t!

Happiness does not come quickly. It is not conferred by any single event, however exciting or comforting or satisfying the event may be. It cannot be purchased, whatever the allure of the next, the newest, the brightest, the best. Happiness, like Carl Sandburg’s fog, “comes on little cat feet,” often silently, often without our knowing it, too often without our noticing.

The problem is that we don’t like “slowly” anymore. In anything. We want instant wealth and instant success. As a result, we have not a clue about the layers of enrichment that come with learning to live slowly.

The beauty of learning to cast a lure and wait for hours for a tug on the line that may never come escapes us now. We buy our fish; we don’t catch it. We get it filleted and packaged in cling wrap instead of wet and shiny from the sea. We get our fruit peeled and chopped at the delicatessen. We don’t pick it from the trees anymore. So how can we possibly have the patience to extract the meaning of the moments of our lives as we race through them from one to another?

Studies of men and women have traced the slow unfolding of a person, of their lives, and most of all, of the understanding of their lives. Asked again and again over the years what they would most have wished could have been changed for them, the men and women in the study were more likely as they got older to say “nothing.” They would, they declared, change nothing of it. Not the deaths, not the embarrassments, not the struggles, not the losses. To change anything in their personal histories, they had come to realize, would have diminished the gem that was their lives, that had been cut and shined slowly in the studios of life that had made them what, at the end, they had finally become.

Clearly, happiness is an acquired taste. It comes from being steeped in the truths of life long enough to have learned not only how to survive them but how to get beyond the cosmetics of them to drink from the root of them. It is a many splendoured thing, this movement from being alive to being full of life. It comes in many stages, made up of many experiences. It takes a lifetime of learning both how to be with others and how to be alone.

God bless
Sr Anne.

The school community wishes the students who celebrate their birthday this week many happy returns:
Violet Carew, Hamill Stephenson, Kiloran Zuill, Eilidh Evans, Fabian Miu, Ewan Doring & Mackenzie O’Sullivan
## AWARDS

Congratulations to all students who received awards during assembly.

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## READERS’ CUP

**WOW! What a result!**

Our Readers’ Cup team (Ashlynn Haywood-North, Samuel Tudor, Ross Grimsdale, Hamish Quinn and Isaac Artuso) came third in the Brisbane Central Readers’ Cup Final on Wednesday.

They beat incredibly strong competition and were only one point behind the second place getters.

I am incredibly proud of these 5 young people. They read 4 novels each and memorised details from each book. They enjoyed the novels, worked hard at taking notes and memorising and then had fun at the competition, including listening to the author of one of the books. I was also proud of their behaviour and graciousness.

Well done,
Leanne Forsyth.

## CHESS CLUB

There will be no Chess Club next week – June 20. All current chess club members are welcome back next term on Wednesday July 18 (week two of term). If your child is unable to come to Chess Club next term please let me know in writing.

Leanne Forsyth.

## LIBRARY NEWS

**Book Week** will take place next term from August 20 – 23. The dress up parade will be on Thursday August 23. A lot more fun is planned for this week of celebration of Children’s Literature.

There will be no borrowing next week and we ask that ALL library books be returned by Tuesday of next week (June 19).

There has been a delay (beyond our control) in the Scholastic Book Club orders for Year 6, Year 3G and Prep W. Scholastic has assured us the books will arrive before the holidays.

Happy reading,

Leanne Forsyth and Rhonda Wood.

## 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.

Some copies of the 2012/2013 Entertainment Book are still available!

Sincere thanks to Holy Cross families, staff and friends who have purchased Entertainment Books. Please let your friends, neighbours and workmates know we still have some copies available.

- Payment may be made by cash, credit card (online) or cheque; please make cheques out to ‘Holy Cross School P&F Association’.
- If you have any questions, please contact Maddie Barbour (mbarbour@fincom.com.au) or Mariska Intelisano (vitofm@bigpond.com).
FESTIVAL RAFFLE PRIZE TO BE COLLECTED:

MELINDA KETTKE has won the beauty basket prize from the festival raffle. We are having trouble contacting this winner, so if you happen to know Melinda, please contact the office. Thank you

Year 4/5 boys ready for Camp.

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.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS PROGRAMS will be held at Fancutts Tennis Centre, Lutwyche Mon to Fri from 25-29 June & 2-6 July for children up to 16yrs. The program includes a Tennis Clinic 9-11am. (Beginners, Players, Advanced taught separately).

JUBILEE Hot Shots friendly tournaments (for trophies) is being held at Fancutts on Monday 11th June from 9-12noon followed by sausage sizzle & strawberries & ice-cream party. 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 restring while you wait.

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

CONGRATULATIONS To the Sampson family who welcomed a baby girl to their family — Esther May born on 25th May 2012. A little sister for Eva in 1W. Welcome to the Holy Cross Community.

GOTCHA CARDS – Week 9

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:

Joanida Pereira
Nick House
Oliver Rogers
Harry Moore
Riley Waters
Jacob Moesbergen
Gabi Hodda
Gabrielle Lambert
Dominic Cutajar

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