Dear Parents & Carers

This week our Parents and Friends Association met for the Annual General Meeting. During the meeting it was wonderful to hear of the so many activities the P&F have undertaken in the school this year. What a successful year from such a generous group of people! Many thanks to our outgoing Executive. A very special “thank you” to Mrs Toni Williamson who was farewelled from the Executive on Wednesday after five years serving as Secretary. Toni’s tireless and wise support for the school was always undertaken in such a quiet and unassuming way. Thank you! To Mrs Maddie Barbour who leaves the position of Vice President also our thanks. Maddie’s effervescent nature has ensured a warm and welcoming invitation to participate in and support P&F activities. Next year we welcome as the P&F Executive Mr Peter Chester - President (continuing) Mrs Sharlene Hamblin Vice President Mr Tony Artuso Treasurer (continuing) Mrs Jeneane Fenton nominee as Secretary Thanks to all who nominated for the positions to support the 2013 work of the P&F. We look forward to another successful year!

Prep orientation was held last Friday and Tuesday. We welcomed many new families to Holy Cross. This week a letterbox drop has been made to households within our Parish boundaries advertising limited vacancies. If you know of families who are considering Holy Cross for their children please refer them to our office. If you visit cafes or child care centres in the local area please call at the school office and collect some flyers to leave on counters and notice boards. Thanks in advance for your generous support.

On Saturday evening 24th November we will celebrate our Parish/School Mass. During the Mass we will pray with Mrs Mc Court and farewell her after her years of service to Holy Cross. Please join us at 6pm and then after Mass for supper!

PICK UP / DROP OFF ZONE
Thank you to the vast majority of families who follow the correct procedures at Pick Up time in the afternoons.

REMEMBER
1. DO NOT leave your car
2. NOR open the boot for bags.
As this can put your child at risk of crush injuries from the following cars in the queue.

If your child needs support to enter the car or support with bags and hat please park in the church car park or on the street and walk into the school to collect them.

SCHOOL AND COUNCIL SIGNAGE ON MORRIS ST REMINDS PARENTS OF THESE PROCEDURES FOR BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Paul Drewniak
Principal
A.P.R.E.’s Report

Wouldn’t life be simple and peaceful if we could really believe these gems!

- Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass. It’s about learning to dance in the rain!
- The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us!
- Prayer: don’t give God instructions – just report for duty!
- If God is your co-pilot – swap seats!
- God promises a safe landing not a calm passage!
- God doesn’t call the qualified. He qualifies the called!
- Peace starts with a smile!
- God doesn’t propose to judge people until they are dead. Why should you?
- Opportunity may knock once but temptation bangs on the front door forever!
- When you get to your wit’s end, you’ll find God lives there!
- It is easier to preach ten sermons than to live one!
- Many people want to serve God, but only as advisers!
- Don’t let your worries get the better of you. Remember Moses started as a basket case!

Have a wonderful week!

Patty McCourt

Pastoral Care Corner

Dear Parents

Christmas is coming. There will be lots of lists being made. It may be a good time to review your strategies for dealing with “I want …” situations. These ideas come from Michael Grose.

Children who deal

Sometimes we become involved in child-initiated deals before we’re even aware what’s happened. Let’s be realistic. Doing deals with children is one strategy in your armoury to get cooperation. BUT it needs to be a strategy of last resort, not the first one you use when you want your kids to behave well.

Here are 5 alternatives to ‘doing deals’ with children

1. Catch them doing the right thing: “If you behave well on our shopping trip I’ll buy you a matchbox car.” This is bribery, which is tied up with the art of dealing. Instead, buy your child a matchbox car to show your appreciation after he or she has behaved well….and make a bit of fuss. The order of events makes all the difference!

2. Reward them after the behaviour you want: “Don’t say, “If you behave well on our shopping trip I’ll buy you a matchbox car.” This is bribery, which is tied up with the art of dealing. Instead, buy your child a matchbox car to show your appreciation after he or she has behaved well….and make a bit of fuss. The order of events makes all the difference!

3. Expect them to behave well: This is more about attitude than strategy. But expectations are shown by your tone of voice (firm, not whiny); and your whole demeanour which indicates you mean it.

4. Let consequences be your friend: Let your actions, or lack of action, do the talking. Rather than deal with children to pack their toys away, put toys that are left around into the ‘mystery bin’ for a time. HINT: You may need to hold firm in the face of terrorism (i.e tantrums) when you use this method.

5. Focus on you, not them: Want them to go bed on time? Then start reading their bedtime story at the agreed time whether they are there or not. (NOTE: This works well if your child is a reader!!! Not so good if your child isn’t interested in books. It’s the principle that counts). Resist calls for ‘that’s not fair!’ as not being in bed at an agreed time is not fair on you either!

Nothing works all the time so parents need to have a number of different strategies at their disposal when they want cooperation from their children. You also need to have some hierarchy of responses and doing deals should be the last, rather than the first resort.

In fact, it may be smart to leave ‘doing deals’ out of your parenting armoury altogether.

Enjoy a week without ‘deals’. Catherine McAuley would say: “Resolve to be good today, but better tomorrow. Let us take one day only in hands, … thus we may hope to get on, taking short, careful steps, not great strides.”

God bless

Sr Anne.

T.U.C.K.S.H.O.P –

Helpers for Wednesday 21st November are:
T.u.c.k.s.h.o.p: Deb Birthisel, Sylvia Livolsi (til 10am), Sarah-Jane Kelly and Cathy Bennett

Home bake: Helen Devlin, Catherine Byrne, Kate Felsman, Jude Noone, Kym Hodda, Deanne Jebreen & Gabrielle Rawley

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

Tuckshop will not be open 1st day back at school in Term 1, 2013 which is Wednesday 30 January.

L.A.W.N. B.O.W.L.S

Competition is strong, with “Wait for it” (Matthew Devlin and Co) in a tie with “The Bowlers” (Willow and Co), although the boys are slightly ahead on points scored.
The school community wishes the students who celebrated their birthday this week, many happy returns!

Matilda Barbour, Grace Barrett, Zac Seeto, Emily Smith, Caitlin Hind, Isabelle Davies, Harry Thornton, Gemma Hutchings, Jakob Pelusi & Shom Philip

**AWARDS**

Congratulations to all students who received awards during assembly.

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**ATTENTION ALL TUCKSHOP HELPERS & HOMEBAKERS**

With the end of the year almost here, I thought it would be nice to finish off with a casual Xmas lunch. I hope you can join me.

Where: Siam Pagoda – 318 Junction Rd
Date: Friday 30 November
Time: 1130am – finished in time for Patty’s Farewell Parade at 2pm
RSVP: to Sharlene by Wednesday 28Nov

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**Italian News**

Enrolment for 2013 at the Brisbane Italian Language Centre (ILC) is now available for adults and children. I recommend, for example, the Girotondo Playgroup for ages 3 to 5 which my own children have attended. The ILC also has great Italian programs for adults - from beginners to advanced literature courses. So if you are planning on travelling to Italy or if you would like to further support your child’s Italian learning, please contact the Italian Language Centre.

http://www.italianlanguagecentre.org/ Telephone 3352 5755
Dina Nardone
Italian Teacher

**Italian Christmas Competition**

**Free Entry**

- **Ages 3-5**: Christmas candles to colour in
- **Prep—Yr1**: Christmas candles to colour in and label
- **Yr2-Yr3**: Christmas tree to cut, colour, paste and label
- **Yr4-Yr7**: Nativity scene to cut, colour, paste and label

 Winners of each category will receive gold, silver and bronze medals for first, second and third place plus Christmas lolly stockings. All entrants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Winners will be notified in the last week of November. To download the entry forms and further details, visit: http://www.italianlanguagecentre.org/ (bottom left corner of home page)

Post your entry (with the Entry Form attached to the back) by Thursday 22 November 2012 to:

Italian Language Centre
Christmas Competition 2012
P O Box 133
KELVIN GROVE DC 4059

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**THURSDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2012**

**Christmas Carols Evening**

Holy Cross Pavilion
(not Church)
At 6.00pm

Every class will be participating, so please join us.

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**Mount Alvernia College** is currently accepting Applications for Enrolment for Year 7, 2016.

Applications close on 8 February 2013 with interviews being conducted in Term 1, 2013. Application for Enrolment Forms are available via email request from the Mount Alvernia College website www.mta.qld.edu.au or can be collected from the School Office. Please contact Jodi Walsh, Enrolments Officer, (Ph: 3632 8508) for any further information.

We also have limited vacancies for Years 7 & 8 in 2015.

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**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School Photos will be sent home early next week. Please contact MSP Photography on 3865 4291 if you have any queries.
Lost:
Library Bag belonging to Akanksha Parackal in 4/5W. Inside bag are history, music & library books. Bag went missing last Wednesday on the green. Please hand in at the office or to 4/5W. Thanks
Hello everyone!

Next Friday is Mission Day at Holy Cross. This is to help out less fortunate people. To help fund-raise you could:

- Buy a sausage sizzle for $2
- Buy ice blocks for 50c
- Free dress is a gold coin (sun safe)
- Buy pet rocks for $1 each
- Buy hair clips for $2 each
- Lolly bags for $1 each
- Get crazy hair for $2
- You can get a photo at our photo booth for $1 or $2 for 3 pictures
- There will be a disco for 50c
- You can guess how many lollies are in the jar for 50c

Please contribute greatly because Australian Catholic Mission really needs your donations.

Help change these people’s lives!

Thank you.