

NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember:

May

- 20 City Districts Cross Country
- 22 Holy Cross Cross Country
- 27 Zone 6 Cross Country
- 28 Prep Excursion
- 29 Yr4 Eisteddfod
- 30 Senior Choir-Churchie 6.30pm

June

- 3 5/6G Italian Fashion Parade
- 7 Free Dress Day for Festival

16 Holy Cross Festival

- 19-21 Yr 4-5 School Camp
- 23 Bunning's Sausage Sizzle

September

- 12 School Photos

Masses

Holy Cross Church

May

- 24 Year 4W
- 31 Year 3

June

- 21 Whole School Mass

Tuckshop

Tuckshop available on WEDNESDAY'S

Convenor: Mrs Sharlene Hamblin
Ph: 0401 665 318 or email:
holycrossstuckshop@hotmail.com

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop will be open

Every 2nd & 4th Friday of the month

Time: **8.00 – 9.00am**

Urgent orders can be emailed to hcuniforms@gmail.com

School Bell Times:

- Start: 8.40am
- 1st Break: 10.50 – 11.20am
- 2nd Break: 1.20 – 1.50pm
- Finish: 2.45pm (Prep only)
2.55pm (Yr 1 to Yr7)

School Terms 2013:

- Term 2: 15 April to 21 June
- Term 3: 8 July to 20 September
- Term 4: 8 Oct to 6 Dec

Public Holidays:

- Queen's Birthday 10 June
- Ekka Holiday 14 August
- Labour Day 7 October

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Holy Cross

The Festival is only a short time away. Raffle tickets will be sent home today and collections continue for all stalls. Momentum is building for this wonderful community event. All our new Prep families for 2014 have been sent a flyer invitation. I am looking forward to a fantastic day on Sunday June 16. Have you offered your help to the Festival by contacting your class parent co-ordinator or stall holder?

Today I attended the Archdiocesan launch of the Annual Catholic Campaign. This annual fund raiser throughout the Archdiocese replaces several appeals that have previously been run over weekends across the year in parishes. The beneficiaries are

- Centacare – providing community and social services outreach
- Priests Foundation – caring for Priests in retirement and illness
- Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund – enabling greater access to Catholic education for those in need
- Holy Spirit Seminary – preparing our future priests
- Religious Works – supporting Catholic life and values.

Archbishop Coleridge will write to you and other members of the Catholic community across South East Qld to ask for support. Of particular interest in the campaign is the new MacKillop Fund to help families, who could not otherwise afford it, to access Catholic Schools.

Over the coming weeks, as we learn more about the important contribution we make as a Church, I encourage you to consider your support. Learn more at www.catholicfoundation.org.au/acc

During the week I took part in our monthly hymns 'concert'. Classes have been learning hymns over the month and praying with these in their classrooms. I am sure you have heard a few in the car on the way to and from school. On Wednesday we came together for a whole school practice. There was a wonderful sense of joy and reverence as all the children joined in wholeheartedly with voice and action.

Paul Drewniak
Principal

Family Information Updates were posted to each family on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Please take a few minutes to check the information carefully amending even small errors. Please print legibly and return this form to the office by **Monday 20th May, or as soon as possible thereafter**. These forms **MUST BE** returned even if there are no amendments to be recorded. If you don't receive the form in the post, please call the office to check your address.

Attention: Fees Statement

Apologies for the May Fees Statement heading reading April account. The dates on the statement are May and it is the May account. Sorry for inconvenience.



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL FESTIVAL
SUNDAY 16 JUNE 2013

★ ★ **STEP RIGHT UP** ★ ★
MORRIS STREET, WOOLLOOWIN FROM 10.30AM

FUN FOR ALL

BANDS * ANIMAL FARM * HAUNTED HOUSE
CHOIRS * MARCHING BAND * IRISH DANCING
CLOWNS * RIDES * GAMES * FACE PAINTING
SUPER SLIDE * FOOD STALLS * BEER, WINE,
SOFT DRINKS * FAIRY FLOSS * SNOW CONES
TEA & COFFEE * HOMEMADE CONDIMENTS
SWEETS * CAKES * RAFFLES * CENT AUCTION

A.P.R.E.'s Report

Pentecost Sunday

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost when the risen Christ appeared to his disciples as the Holy Spirit. He breathes on them the gift of the Holy Spirit and tells them to spread God's mission of peace in the world.

The Holy Spirit is the unique source of power to forgive and to refrain from vengeance, and help us deal with people's wrongdoing in our lives. Where do we experience the need for forgiveness in our lives? The Holy Spirit can help us break through boundaries in our lives, to make things possible that we thought were impossible.

Spend some time in prayer to the Holy Spirit – call on the Holy Spirit to break through in our lives, wherever peace, forgiveness, courage... has been blocked.

Water wise Scientists in 1/2G

Thank-you to Year 1/2G and Mrs Sullivan for sharing your learning and teaching at Assembly on Wednesday. Year 1/2 Students have been working scientifically in their classrooms to investigate the importance of water in our world. They shared and discussed scientific data and demonstrated the importance of water conservation in our lives. Your understanding of the water cycle and your confidence to communicate your observations and ideas was commendable.

Holy Cross Assessment & Reporting

Assessing student learning is an integral part of all our Holy Cross classrooms. It is the process through which our teachers identify, gather and interpret information about your child's achievement and progress in order to improve, enhance and plan for further learning. This process involves our teachers making professional judgments against year level achievement standards about student's knowledge, understanding and skills.

Teachers are currently preparing this information and evidence to share with you through your child's end of semester one report card. Report cards will be posted to parents in the last week of term two.

Congratulations to all students in Years 3, 5 and 7 who sat the ***National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy Tests*** on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. NAPLAN results are published late September.

Active Kids are Healthy Kids - Walk them to School on Friday 24 May 2013

Celebrating its fourteenth year in 2013, National Walk Safely to School Day has become a popular annual event on school and family diaries across Australia to walk to school.

Walk Safely to School Day offers wide-ranging benefits to Australian children. The day promotes regular walking, reduced car-dependency, cleaner air, improved diets, public transport and reinforces vital road-crossing skills children need. Surveys reveal that over 60% of primary school aged children are being driven to school and that most children prefer to walk rather than be driven.



How can students participate?

Walk to school with a parent or caregiver. If you can't walk all the way, try to use public transport. If you must use the car, leave it a good distance from the school and walk the rest of the way. This will allow parents and caregivers to get their daily dose of exercise as well. Parents/Caregivers can also teach their children how to cross roads with safety. Children who walk to Holy Cross School on the 24th of May will receive a sticker from the Year 7 Students on arrival.

God bless,

Helen Coman

Assistant Principal – Religious Education

PASTORAL CARE CORNER

Dear Parents

We all want the best for your children – our children, while they are at school. Parents often say they don't want their child to be perfect, just to be a nice person. Michael Grose offers these tips for developing 'nice' children.

1. Develop a No-put down policy: Help children understand the potential destructiveness of putting others down because of their weight, looks, intelligence or other personal attributes. If you're told often enough that you're dumb then it can have a way of sticking. As a parent become intolerant of personal put-downs from your children (and, of course, don't use them yourself).

2. Help children identify friendly behaviours: Help children understand how good friends act. Being a good friend means many things such as being loyal, keeping confidences, accepting mistakes and a whole lot more. Help children understand these friendly behaviours and refer back to them when they are being unfriendly.

3. Hypnotize your children: My dad used to say, 'If you haven't anything nice to say about someone, don't say anything at all.' Like many parents he passed on his wisdom using memorable phrases, slogans and platitudes. Some of these may have been passed on to him. Importantly, he tried to live by the values they conveyed, so they carried significant weight. (I still open up my mouth sometimes and my dad jumps out!) Find a way to package up your personal wisdom around 'niceness' and start hypnotizing your children just like your parents hypnotized you!

You already have 'nice' children. Reinforcing these rules will make them even nicer! As Catherine McAuley would say, "Be ever ready to praise, to encourage, to stimulate, but slow to censure, and still more slow to condemn."

God bless
Sr Anne

TUCKSHOP CLOSED THIS WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY DUE TO CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL. STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR FATHERS DAY ON 29TH MAY.

Happy Birthday

The school community wishes the students who celebrated their birthdays this week, many happy returns.

Theodore Tsangari, Bianca Besterwitch, Eddie Adler, Dom Chester, Daniel Fancutt, Lily van der Wal

AWARDS

Congratulations to all students who received awards during assembly.

PG **Lachlan Chayter & James Milner**

PW **Juliana Luongo & Jack Turner**

1W **Bijoux Colette & Max Whittle**

2G **Lincoln Felsman & Sofia Luongo**

3G **Rex Hanley & Bianca Besterwitch**

3W **Emma Nally & Ben Woodward**

4W **Gabi Hodda**

4/5G **Sophie North & Georgia McKay**

5/6G **Carl Alzate & Hilary Piper**

7G **Harriet Boyd & Charles Williamson**

HELP US SAY "THANKS A MILLION" TO AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS



This is National Volunteer Week and our school would not be half the school it is, without our volunteers. From Tuckshop to Motor Program to Reading Helpers to excursion helpers to P&F members, to Board Members, to classroom helpers, Craft Club, Mini Vinnies – and I'm sure I've missed someone or some group! But we do say a big **THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU.**

The Festival Raffle Amazing Prizes!! Sell Sell Sell

your tickets and return them to the school office ASAP to win great incentives – see flyer!

All tickets sold or unsold must be returned to the office by Friday 14 June 2013.

RAFFLE PROUDLY SPONSORED BY

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Free Apps for Improving your Children's Italian and Boosting their Brain Power

If your children have access to an iPad, iPhone, android phone or iPod touch, there are numerous FREE apps they can use to improve their Italian. They can listen and repeat each word. They play games according to the instructions. The following are just a few examples. Try them and have some fun with your child this weekend!



Learning a foreign language gives the brain a boost by improving information processing, memory, speech and sensory perception.

(<http://www.early-advantage.com/articles/topten.aspx>)

ON BEHALF OF THE HOSPITAL IN THE SOLOMONS AND STUDENTS & STAFF FROM MOUNT ALVERNIA, WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY A HUGE **THANK YOU** FOR ALL THE SHEETS DONATED. WE WILL BE DELIVERING THEM PERSONALLY TO THE HOSPITAL WHEN WE GO NEXT MONTH.
SHELLEY HALVERSON

URGENT! -CHOIR SHIRTS

The first choir competition for the *Senior Choir* is nearly upon us. The *Senior Choir* will be performing at the *Queensland Youth Music Awards* on Thursday evening the 30th May at Church of England Grammar School. Children in the choir would have received a letter by now outlining the details. As usual, I would like the choir to dress in their blue choir shirts but we seem to be missing a few. If there is anyone who was in the choir last year but forgot to return their shirt, could you please return it to the music room on Monday. Of course this only applies to children who are not in the choir this year. It would be a pity if the choir could not perform in their shirts because we do not have enough.

Thanking you for all your support
Sharon Farne Sang (Music specialist)



Cent Auction

Fundraiser Tupperware Party

Please RSVP ASAP

milnerl@bigpond.net.au

The Holy Cross Festival Cent Auction team in conjunction with Lauren Milner (year 2 and Prep mum) are hosting a Fundraiser Tupperware Party to raise funds to obtain a **TUPPERWARE PRIZE PACK** for the Festival Cent Auction Stall. All you have to do is SHOP and SUPPORT this event

Date: Friday 24th May 2013
Venue: 92 Huet St, Nundah
Time: 7 pm
Details: Canapés will be provided
RSVP: Lauren Milner at milnerl@bigpond.net.au by Wednesday 22nd May

**Can not attend the party?
you can still BUY!**

ORDER FORMS
&
CATALOGUES
AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE



A big thank you for everyone's time, support and efforts to make the Mother's Day Stall a success. A **huge** thank you to Anneke Cleary, Anita Maher, Marie Therese Brady, Nat Finney, Karen Hind, Maree (James Grandma) Jude Noone, Bonita Gerry, Maddie Barbour, Alison Strong, Madonna Eyndhoven, Celia, James and Bridget Mason, Deb Birthisel, Britt Pradella, Toni Williamson, Cindy and Oliver Davies and Samuel Intelisano. Jan Colch (Bonita's mum) for donating 20 gorgeous potted plants. Celeste Lee for donating some beautiful jewellery and gift bags. Christine and Billie for all the boxes in their office. All the teachers for organising the money prior to the kids coming down to pick their gifts. My husband for putting up with me and all the presents in our house. And, finally to Mr Drewniak for his patience when I set off the school alarm after hours. Apologies for anyone that I have forgotten to mention. Thank you! P.S. If you have a mum's cooler bag with a faulty strap, please return to me as it was accidentally wrapped. I have a replacement bag. Hope all the Holy Cross Mums and Grandma's had a wonderful day on Sunday and were blessed with a lovely gift, that their child so carefully chose.
Mariska Intelisano.



GLUTEN FREE BAKING

The Festival Cake Stall is seeking gluten free baked goods. Last year these were very popular and this year we don't want anyone to miss out!

Please see the Festival Flyer attached for more information on how you can help.

2012 CROSS COUNTRY

When: This Wednesday 22nd May 2013

Where: Shaw Sportz, Shaw Rd, Kalinga

Please Bring: Sports Uniform, joggers, school bag, hat, sunscreen and water bottle



Students are reminded to arrive at school on time. **Buses will depart at approximately 9.00am**

Parents – There will be a **mobile coffee van** at the carnival.

FINAL CROSS COUNTRY PRACTICE

Final practice with Mr Devereaux will be this Monday morning before school from 7.30am at Shaw Park Hockey fields. It will be just a light session in preparation for Wednesday.



5/6 G Italian Fashion Parade

The 5/6 G Italian Fashion Parade will now be held on Monday 3 June at 11:30am in the new building. The date has been changed due to the Zone Cross Country Carnival. We are looking forward to seeing some 5/6 parents there.

Dina Nardone (Italian Teacher)



Holy Cross Primary School

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program 8th April – 9th June 2013

Please keep collecting your Earn & Learn stickers!

We will be able to redeem all our Woolworths Earn & Learn Points for valuable education resources including areas such as Mathematics, Literacy, Science, Art & Craft plus many more.

You can place your Woolworths Earn & Learn Points sheet in the Collection Boxes located at either –

The School's

or

Woolworths Nundah

or

Woolworths Chermside

Thanks for your support!

Any questions please email jeanine_fenton@yahoo.com.au

Earn & Learn
2013



SUPPORT A READER (SAR) is a very successful program which aims to support and develop the literacy skills of our young students. It is easy, fun and very satisfying. We are calling for volunteers to help us run this program in 2013. If you are interested you will need to be available to attend a training session at the school on Friday, May 31. (9.00-10.30 am)

This session will be informative but very relaxed! We will then ask you to nominate a 1 hour time slot each week when you can support 4 young readers in 15 minute sessions each, following the SAR process.

If you feel you are able to support the school in this way please contact Maureen Walsh on mvwalsh@bne.catholic.edu.au or 38572443 ASAP. Thank you in anticipation!

Maureen Walsh

Support Teacher- Inclusive Education