

Holy Cross School NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember:

May

21 Year 7 Excursion
23 School Cross Country/ Shaw Park
25 Free Dress Day /FestivalCollection
29 City District Cross Country

June

3 Festival

5 Zone 6 Cross Country
13-15 Yr4/5 Camp
20-22 Yr 6 & 7 Camp

July

28 School Disco

October

27 School Disco

Tuckshop

Tuckshop available on
WEDNESDAY'S

Convenor: Mrs Sharlene Hamblin
Ph: 0401 665 318 or email:
dash1099@hotmail.com

Uniform Shop

**UNIFORM SHOP WILL
NOW OPEN**

**FORTNIGHTLY ONLY on
the second & fourth Fridays
of each month starting from
Friday 25th May in Tuckshop**

Time: **8.00 – 9.00am**

Convenor: Tanya Smith

Orders can be emailed to

Tanya Smith: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)

Uniform Days

Mon & Tues: Day Uniform

Wed, Thurs: Sports Uniform

Friday: Day Uniform

School Terms 2012:

Term2: 16 April to 22 June

Term 3: 9 July to 21 September

Term 4: 8 October to 7 Dec

Public Holidays:

Queen's Jubilee: 11 June

Ekka Show Day: 15 August

Queen's Birthday: 1 October

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Holy Cross

Festival Free Dress Day is next Friday. By then there will be just a little over a week to go until the big day. On Friday children wear free dress and bring their "fine" for being out of uniform contributions to Festival collections. Please check the Festival Flyer today to see what is needed!

Festival Raffle tickets were sent home last week and there are wonderful prizes on offer. When you have sold your tickets return them quickly. There are prize incentives to the classes which return their tickets the fastest!

Congratulations to our **Junior Choir** who this week competed in the **Queensland Youth Music Awards**. A fantastic result for our young people; **Silver!** "Well done" to all the members of the choir who were able to attend and compete and "thank you" to Mrs Sang for her hard work and enthusiasm. By all accounts our group of 21 choristers sang their hearts out!

This week our **Year 3,5 & 7** classes were involved in **National Testing**. The students worked very diligently and took a very positive attitude towards this point in time activity. Thanks to teachers and parents who prepared students well for the three days. *It is important to remember that these pieces of work will contribute to a folio of assessments which teachers develop during the teaching and learning cycle.*

The first offers for places in our **Prep year for 2013** have been sent out following **Enrolment Meetings** with prospective families. Over the next month Brisbane Catholic Education ask schools to provide estimates for enrolment numbers for 2013 so that the staffing budget process can begin. If you know of families who have not yet made contact with the school for enrolment in 2013 please encourage them to make contact as soon as possible as, at this stage, **places seem to be filling quickly in Prep.**

A reminder that **Parent Prayer** is held **each Friday afternoon from 2:20pm** in the new building on the ground floor. This is an opportunity, in busy weeks, to stop and bring to mind all that is important in our lives and to remember God's presence to us.

Recently I announced that Rachel Reaves would be teaching Prep while Mrs Elder takes her long service leave. In the interim Rachel has been appointed to a full time position for the rest of the year. I now welcome Mrs Lynne Thomas to this position. You will know Lynne as a relief teacher in our school. Lynne has recently been working as our Support Teacher in Mrs Bull's absence. Welcome BACK Lynne.

Paul Drewniak
Principal

**FESTIVAL!!!
ONLY 2 WEEKS
TO GO!**

A.P.R.E.'s Report

After Mother's Day on Sunday, when I hope each of you women were helped to realize that you are wonderful, I share with you the following gems, written by some young people, very like ones we know!

Dear God, I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church. Is that ok? Neil

Dear God, instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't you just keep the one you got now? Jane.

Dear God, I think the stapler is one of your greatest inventions. Ruth

Dear God, in bible times, did they really talk that fancy? Jennifer.

Dear God, I think about you sometimes even when I'm not praying. Elliott.

Dear God, I am American. What are you? Robert

Dear God, I bet it is very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it. Nancy.

Dear God, if you watch me in Church on Sunday, I will show you my new shoes. Mickey D.

Dear God, if we come back as something, please don't let it be Jennifer Horton, because I don't like her. Denise

Dear God, maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they had their own rooms. It works with my brothers and me. Larry.

Dear God, if you give me a genie lamp like Aladdin, I will give you anything you want except my money or my chess set. Raphael

Dear God, we read that Thomas Edison made light, but in Sunday School, they said you did it. So I bet he stole your idea. Donna

Dear God, if you let the dinosaur not extinct, we would not have a country. You did the right thing. Jonathon.

Dear God, please send Dennis Clark to a different camp this year. Peter.

Dear God, thank you for the baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy. Joyce.
God is with us!

Patty McCourt

Pastoral Care Corner

Dear Parents

I found this reflection and thought it was worth sharing. It seems a good way to think of 'love' for ourselves and an easy way to explain it to our children, without getting caught up in the notions of 'romantic love'.

Perhaps we should substitute another word for "Love", since 'love' has taken on so many meanings, it has little value. Sometimes we think of love as a feeling, but we can't always control our feelings. Sometimes we have a natural dislike for someone. Perhaps we should substitute 'value' for love. The basic meaning of the word, 'love' (from its Latin root") is to **value something**. That is something we can control. We can control the value we place on other people or things. So, we can value every single person. It's not easy, but because it has nothing to do with feelings, we can control the way we act towards each person we meet, whether it's at home, in the workplace/school, or in public, eg a shop assistant, a disabled fellow shopper.

Mary MacKillop would say, "A shortcut to heaven is kindness and gentleness to all". She is renowned for respecting the dignity of each person.

See how you go at valuing each person who crosses your path this week.

God bless
Sr Anne.

2012 CROSS COUNTRY

When: This Wednesday 23rd May 2012

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**

FINAL CROSS COUNTRY PRACTICE

Final practice will be this Tuesday morning before school from 7.50-8.20am. It will be just a light session in preparation for Wednesday. Meet Mrs Laube and Mrs Sullivan behind the pavilion with running shoes, hat and drink bottle. Please apply your sunscreen at home as usual. See you there!



FAMILY INFORMATION UPDATE

All parents should have received a form for each child requesting the update of information and/or change of any incorrect data. PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THESE FORMS - EVEN IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES - TO THE OFFICE.

**A REMINDER BPAY IS
FOR FEES ONLY.**

Parent Prayer Time

I would like to remind you of the opportunity available to parents for a time of prayer, reflection and time for yourself, on a regular basis - half hour each week, prior to collecting their children on Fridays. Please join us on Friday afternoons at 2.20pm in the ground level room of the new building. Patty McCourt

Masses and Liturgy of the Word TERM 2

MASSES 11.30am

4/5G	21 May Monday
6G	22 May Tuesday
7G	28 May Monday
4/5W	5 June Tuesday

LITURGY OF THE WORD

21 May Monday	10.30	3G
22 May Tuesday	10.30	2/3W
28 May Monday	10.30	2G
1 June Friday	10.30	1G
1 June Friday	<u>11.30</u>	1W
8 June Friday	10.30	PG
8 June Friday	<u>11.30</u>	PW



IMPORTANT CHOIR NEWS

Junior Choir - I would like to congratulate the Year 3 Choir on a fantastic performance at the

Queensland Youth Music Awards on Wednesday evening. The Choir was awarded a *Silver Award*. This was an incredible achievement as they competed against much larger choirs from much larger schools.

Senior Choir - The Senior Choir will be competing at the Queensland Youth Music Awards next Thursday the 24th May. It is very important that all choir members attend rehearsal next Monday morning as we have had quite an interrupted rehearsal schedule during the last couple of weeks. I am aware that there is a year 7 excursion on Monday, but choir members should still be able to come to rehearsal for 30 minutes. Thank you very much for all your wonderful support.

**THERE WILL BE
NO TUCKSHOP ON
WEDNESDAY 23rd MAY
DUE TO HOLY CROSS
CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL**

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

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

**Bianca Besterwitch, Eddie Adler,
Dominic Chester, Daniel Fancutt &
Lily van der Wal & Ursula Piper**

AWARDS

Congratulations to all students who received awards during assembly.

PG	Marni Braine & Justin Toghill
PW	George Noone & Morik Roshan
1G	Kevin Alzate & Millie Finney
1W	Lincoln Felsman
2G	Jodie Cule & Bianca Besterwitch
2/3W	Charlize Rowley & Will Chester
3G	Emma Sinclair & Rhea Jaimon Joseph
4/5G	Avash Nanoo & Bianca Celere
4/5W	Lily Grant & Eddy Adler
6G	Will House & Harriet Boyd
7G	Julia Nicotra & Malcolm McGuinness
7W	Philippa Piper & Oliver Rogers

GOTCHA CARDS – Week 5



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:

Cassie Martinz
Paris Urban
Oscar Barrett
Grace Gordon
Rowan Barbour
Alex Bradley-Moore
Gabi Hodda
Shania Andrews
Aliana Coco

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



*We hope all mothers had a wonderful celebration of Mothers' Day last weekend. Making our mothers very happy over the weekend, were some very special HCS mothers: a sincere thank you to **Bonita Gerry** and her lovely helpers who provided wonderful gifts and service for our Mothers' Day Stall last Friday and a special thank you to **Bronwen Norris** who again organised a wonderful Mothers' Dinner last Friday evening, allowing mothers across all year levels to catch up. Ladies, we hope you enjoyed a well deserved break and lovely day on Sunday!*

P & F Association



HCS UNIFORM SHOP:

change of opening times

Please note: the Uniform Shop will now be opening **fortnightly only**, on the *second* and *fourth* Fridays of each month. That means the next day of opening will be **May 25th**. Don't forget it operates out of the Tuckshop 8am -9am. You may also order ahead online by emailing Tanya Smith at hcuniforms@gmail.com . Are you able to lend a hand with our Uniform Shop?

If you are able to roster on fortnightly/monthly/occasionally, please email Tanya. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated!

Book Stall

Pre-loved Books, Dvds, CdS & Computer Games NEEDED

Just a reminder that when you're going through your cupboards to donate to this year's festival to please go through your bookshelves as well.

This year we're also selling **DVDS, CDS** and **COMPUTER GAMES** (wii, Playstation, DS, X-Box) and your donations will be gratefully accepted.

Kind regards,
Russell & Jennifer.
E: jennifer.stephens@me.com



For the Love of Books
Holy Cross Festival Book Stall.



Italian Visitor

Last week, we had an Italian visitor at our school - Matteo Isola, a recent graduate of Ca' Foscari University in Venice who is in Australia for work experience.

Matteo did presentations for the Years 4 to 7 classes. He taught us about Italian food and restaurants, about his home city - Venezia (Venice) and an Italian song.

Bravo! Grazie Matteo!

Arrivederci!

Signora Nardone

Mount Alvernia and Padua Colleges

are very pleased to announce that their joint musical production of

"Dusty: The Original Pop Diva" will be performed on May 24, 25, 26 and 27.

Details are as follows:

"Dusty: The Original Pop Diva"

Venue; San Damiano Centre, Mount Alvernia College, Somerset Road, Kedron

Dates: Thursday 24th May 7.30pm

(opening night special- all tickets \$20)

Friday 25th May 7.30pm

Saturday 26th May 7.30pm

Sunday 27th May 6.30pm

(special family time)

Prices: Adults - \$25

Students/Concessions - \$20

Tickets are available at Mount Alvernia College and on the College website.

Phone enquiries & credit card payments ph. 3357 6000 during school hours.



SELL YOUR FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS...

& return them to the school office in an envelope with your surname & classes on it by Friday 1st June **SOLD or NOT**

GREAT INCENTIVES!

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EXTRA TICKETS

available at the school office

Tickets \$2.00 each. Prize drawn on Sunday 3 June 2012, at 3.30pm. Winners notified via telephone. Raffle opens 11 May 2012. Holy Cross School P&F Association ABN 66 021 221 289