Dear Parent, Carers and Friends of Holy Cross

The message of Easter this year, as in every year, is a hope against all hope... a hope that really nourishes the human heart in every sense.

Happy Easter! Archbishop Coleridge’s Easter message (above) speaks of the hope of the Cross. Our lives as Easter People, as people of the Holy Cross, must bring that hope to the world through action. Let’s be hope-filled as we live our motto, With God, For Others. Our efforts for Caritas during Lent certainly brought hope to many.

It has been great to see how enthusiastically the children have returned to school and how they are enjoying school activities and time with school friends.

I hope that your Easter break provided a time for renewal and to catch up with family and friends. I have heard wonderful stories from students about exciting and relaxing times spent over the two week vacation.

This term will be an exciting one for our community with Festival set for June 16. At Wednesday’s P & F meeting we talked about the preparations that are already underway for Festival. Stall Convenors and class co-ordinators will be in contact about how you can help in the lead up to Festival and on the weekend itself. Please be generous with your time. The Festival is a wonderful community event and the major fundraiser for P&F.

The Autumn and Winter Terms often present the challenge of illness, especially flu. It is important that children remain at home if they are ill. Not only does this speed their recovery but it ensures that the health of others is not put at risk. Below is the link to the Qld Health Website facts sheet regarding Flu prevention. We will continue to remind students to follow good hygiene practices at school. This site can be helpful to you in your discussions with your child.


Thank you to parents who helped out at Tuckshop on Wednesday. More volunteers are necessary to ensure we can open Tuckshop each Wednesday this term. Please contact Mrs Hamblin if you are able to help.

Next Thursday is ANZAC Day. We will hold a special Anzac Assembly on Wednesday morning. Thursday is a Public Holiday in honour of those who served.

At assembly this week our Year 7 class presented using I Movie from the school IPADS. It was obvious from their presentation that they had engaged well with the topic using IT. Our school booking system for IT Tools shows that, over a 7 week period in Term 1, teachers made 355 bookings for use of IPADS and Lap Tops in their classrooms. This is a strong indication that we are embracing the use of technology as a resource for learning. Many of these resources have been made possible through P&F funding.

Paul Drewniak
Principal
Welcome to Term 2 - 2013

Project Compassion

Congratulations to all the students, staff, families and friends for their support and fundraising efforts (e.g. craft club) during Lent. The Holy Cross School community raised $7000 for CARITAS Australia. This outstanding effort is a demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of our school community, all in the name of justice and peace. This money will help CARITAS open doors for people in Australia and around the world who are poor and marginalized. Thank you for showing your love!

Term 2 School Events

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 | | ANZAC Day Public Holiday – Thursday 25th April |
| 3 29th Apr – 3rd May | Year 5/6 Assembly – Wednesday 1st May  
 | | Year 7 Mass – Friday 3rd May |
| 4 6th – 10th May | Year 2G Assembly – Wednesday 8th May  
 | | Year 5/6 Mass – Friday 10th May |
| 5 13th – 17th May | Year 1/2G Assembly – Wednesday 15th May  
 | | NAPLAN Testing for Yrs. 3, 5 & 7 (14th, 15th, 16th of May)  
 | | Year 4/5 Mass – Friday 17th May |
| 6 20th – 24th May | Cross Country – Wednesday 22nd of May @ Shaw Park  
 | | Year 4 Mass – Friday 24th May |
| 7 27 – 31st May | Prep W Assembly – Wednesday 29th May  
 | | Year 3 Mass – Friday 31st May |
| 8 3rd – 7th June | Prep G Assembly – Wednesday 5th June  
 | | Year 1-2 Liturgy of the Word – Friday 7th June  
 | | FREE DRESS DAY for Festival – Friday 7th June |
| 9 10th – 14th June | Year 1W Assembly – Wednesday 12th June  
 | | Prep Liturgy of the Word – Friday 14th June  
 | | School Festival – Sunday 16th June |
| 10 17th – 21st June | Year 4-5 School Camp (Wed-Fri)  
 | | Whole School Mass – Friday 21st June  
 | | Student Report Cards sent home  
 | | School holidays begin – Friday 21st June |

ANZAC Day – Thursday 25th April

Parents and friends are invited to attend our special prayer assembly on Wednesday 24th April in the Pavilion at 8:40am. Year 7 will lead the school community in prayer, remembering the past and present men and women of the armed forces.

The Season of Easter

This week we celebrate the third week of Easter. The fifty days of Easter is a celebration of the resurrection of the risen Lord, and a time for rejoicing. The liturgical colour for the season is white, with the exception of Pentecost, when red vestments are worn. There are three major celebrations during the season of Easter: the Easter Vigil (the resurrection), Ascension (Jesus is taken into heaven) and Pentecost (sending of the Holy Spirit). This weekend at Mass, can you see the Easter candle symbolising Christ, the Light of the world?

God bless,
Helen Coman
Assistant Principal – Religious Education
PASTORAL CARE CORNER

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a restful holiday with your children – some would say that’s a contradiction in terms!

Kathleen Noonan, journalist with the ‘Courier Mail’ (06-04-2013) had a Resurrection story during the holidays. A small bush creature became lost and almost drowned in her kitchen sink. After much TLC from the family, it recovered and returned to its home. This is what Easter is all about. Kathleen also reminds us that it is what life is all about - connecting with nature. She quotes Professor Kellert from Yale who believes that our ability to think, feel, communicate, create and find meaning in life all depend on our relationships with the natural world. Kathleen goes on to say that we don’t all need to become ‘greenies’ or have a ‘tree change’, we just need to become more aware of our surroundings.

How many of you stopped to look at some of the wonderful cloud formations as the rains rolled in over the holidays? As the sunrise gets later (6:07am this morning) have you looked out the window at the sky?

If you didn’t get a chance to do this over the Easter break, make sure you start to build it into your day as soon as you read this! Become mindful of the world around you. Become mindful of the people around you. Catherine McAuley would say, “Every place has its own particular thoughts and feelings.”

God bless,
Sr Anne

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Children from Year Three upwards, are welcome to join the Parish programme to prepare for Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion. Names must be given to the Parish Office- 33575793 (or see Sr Anne) by 10 May. Preparation will be on Friday afternoons, beginning 31 May, at 3:30pm, at Holy Cross Church. First Reconciliation will be at Holy Cross Church on Friday 14 June at 6:30pm. Confirmation will be on Saturday, 26 October at 6:00pm at Holy Cross Church, with the Bishop. First Communion will be soon after that.

HOLY THURSDAY CHOIR

A big thank you from Fr Josekutty, Sr Pat and the Parish choir for all those families who made the effort to support their children in coming to sing in the choir for Holy Thursday. It made a big difference to a very prayerful celebration. God bless you all.

CHESS NEWS

Chess Club will commence next Wednesday April 24. We look forward to seeing those children who returned forms at the Library at 3:15pm. If you have not yet forwarded $5 per child payment please send this along in the next week.

Children who are going to OSHC are to be collected from the Morris Street pick up area at 4:15pm.

Many thanks,
Leanne Forsyth
Nick Devereaux

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CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

When – Monday mornings from 7.30am to 8.00am.
Starting this Monday 22 April.
Where – Shaw Park Hockey Fields, Shaw Road, Wooloowin
Please bring a drink bottle.
Parents are responsible for taking children to school after training.
All children are welcome.
Nick Devereaux Yr5/6 Teacher

There will also be training at school every Thursday morning until Cross Country. Mrs Dunn and Mrs Sullivan will be having training at 7:50am - 8:20am here at School. Please meet them on the Green on Thursday morning if you are keen to run! This training is open for all children in Grades 1-7. If there are any parents keen to help, you are more than welcome!!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE HOLY CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL HAS BEEN MOVED TO WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY NOT 8TH MAY.

2013/2014 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!
Many thanks to families and staff who have already purchased a copy – we really appreciate your support. You should have received your book earlier this week along with your ‘early bird bonus vouchers’.

We only have 25 more copies to sell!
Pay online (link below) OR return payment slip to the Office and the Entertainment Book can be sent home the same day!
Please help support Holy Cross School P & F fund raising: $13 from each book sold goes straight to our P&F to assist with school resources.

To view the new 2013/2014 Entertainment Book, visit our school office OR view online at http://www.entertainmentmedia.com.au/flickbook/20132014/brisbane/

Purchase securely online with credit card: www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2225d30
*When ordering online please tick ‘pick up’ delivery option.

Please note: if you have ordered and paid for an Entertainment Book but are yet to receive it please contact: Maddie (mbarbour@fincom.com.au)

Thank you for your support.

Fr Richard Leonard’s Queensland Tour - Don’t miss your chance. Entertaining, deeply thought provoking and completely relevant to living in modern Australia.
VERDICT An explosive and progressive message in a small wrapper. While this is a critical comment on his book Where the Hell is God, it could equally be applied to Fr Richard himself.

Come along, be prepared to be entertained, to laugh and cry. Most of all you will leave with a new view on how we parents can help our kids deal with the issues of modern society. What could be more important?

Rev Dr Richard Leonard SJ directs the Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting.

Fr Richard is a Queenslander, was born at Warwick and grew up in Toowoomba.

You can encounter Fr Richard in:
Cairns on Sunday 21 April at St Joseph’s Hall Parramatta Park
RSVP to pandf@cns.catholic.edu.au

Townsville on Monday 22 April 7pm at Holy Spirit School, Hatchett Street Cranbrook

Rockhampton on Tuesday 23 April 7.30pm at Emmaus College Yaamba Road North Rockhampton

Brisbane on Wednesday 24 April 5.30pm at San Sisto College Mayfield Road Carina
RSVP to info@pandf.org.au

After ordination to the priesthood on 11th December, 1993, he was apprenticed to Albert Street Productions where he wrote, produced and directed documentary films for Australian television.

He is a visiting professor of communications at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome and has lectured at the University of Melbourne, Jesuit Theological College, Melbourne and The Broken Bay Institute, Sydney.

He is the author of: The Mystical Gaze of the Cinema: the Films of Peter Weir (Melbourne University Press); Movies That Matter: Reading Film Through the Lens of Faith (Loyola Press, Chicago) and Preaching to the Converted (Paulist Press).

Where the Hell is God? Finding God in Pain and Suffering (Paulist Press) is an international bestselling religious title.

His latest book Why Bother Praying? (Paulist Press) has just been published and was launched on 2 April 2013.

He has undergraduate degrees in arts, education and theology, as well as a master’s degree in theology. In 2004 he graduated with a PhD in cinema studies from Melbourne University.
**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:

- Will House
- Cianna Hind
- Anna Sharpe
- Jack Gordon
- Josie Cule
- Gabriella Bonavia
- Ailish O’Donoghue
- Harrison Tews
- Matthew Birthisel

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

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Do you have a spare hour or two next Wednesday? Please come along to assist with the wrapping of Mothers’ Day Stall gifts.

Where? 141 Kent Road, Wooloowin  
When? Wednesday 24 April  
Time? From 9am  
*Please bring along a pair of scissors  
Look forward to seeing you then!  
Mariska Intelisano

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

It’s simple to participate: from today when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points from the checkout operator and place them on the Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheets. There’ll be 1 Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent.

Once completed, place your Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet in the Collection Box located at the school’s front office. We will be able to redeem these points for educational resources.

Thanks for your support!

*Any questions please email jeanine_fenton@yahoo.com.au*

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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 (Gr2,3) & 4.05-4.50pm (Gr4-7). Coach has enrolment forms. (Not on Anzac Day at school but can make up at Fancutts centre)  
Rackets on special $30.  
**Hot Shots friendly tournaments** (for trophies) are being held at Fancutts on Thursday. 25th April (Anzac Day) only 12.30 to 3.30pm & Monday 10th June (Queens Birthday holiday) from 9 to 12non (beginners & players) & 12.30-3.30pm (players/intermediate). McDonald’s Voucher & free Hot Shots Tennis Aust. t-shirt online card is given to every player.  
**Friendly Hot Shots Tournaments** at Fancutts for trophies are on Saturdays 10-11am (Orange ball) & 11am-1pm (Green ball) during school term.  
**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

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**Interested in learning to play the piano?**  
**My name is Danielle Price, to book lessons at the school please call me at Home: 3325 5414 or Mobile: 0413 330 665.**