Dear Parents & Carers

The great church feasts of All Saints and All Souls fall yesterday and today. On All Saints Day we were called to remember those people who are our “saints” (canonised or not) whose good lives are wonderful examples to us of how to live well as Christ’s hands and heart on earth. Today, on All Souls Day, we recall our union, as God’s children, with all those we love – especially those who have died. Both days are special days, “to give thanks for the people in our lives!”

You are invited to add the names of loved ones who have died to our Book of Remembrance which is in the school foyer. During the month of November we will hold these people, and those who grieve their passing, in our prayers.

The P&F Disco last weekend was a wonderful success. A big THANK YOU to Dee Chester and her team for the wonderful organisation, set up and clear up on Saturday. This was a great community and fund-raiser event for the school. The children clearly enjoyed themselves immensely and it was a great get together for parents too.

Thanks to Mary-Therese Brady and the team for organising today’s Pizza Day fund-raiser. Another great success. Thank You.

On 14th November the P&F will hold their Annual General Meeting. All are welcome to come along to hear of the year’s achievements and celebrate another successful year. Nominations are open for the positions on the P&F Executive.

A reminder please about after school pick-up time.

- Teachers are rostered onto the Pick Up Zone at the front of the school in Morris St to ensure the safety of our students.
- Merehaye St does not have a designated pick-up area,
- Therefore to ensure duty of care, parents who come to pick up children in Merehaye St
  - should park,
  - leave their cars
  - come into the school to meet their child.
- Children picked up by parents who park in Merehaye St will wait on The Green for their parents to come into the school to collect them.

Today our Prep and Year 6 Buddies celebrated Mass together at the 9:15am Parish Mass. Thanks to teachers and the many parents who attended. It was a beautiful celebration.

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

I have Bonita Gerry to thank for this week’s gem. It reinforces something that I believe so strongly!

They say that prayer changes things, but does it really change anything?

Does prayer change your present situation or sudden circumstances?
No, not always, but it does change the way you look at those events.

Does prayer change your financial future?
No, not always, but it does change who and what you look to for meeting your daily needs.

Does prayer change shattered hearts or broken bodies?
No, not always, but it will change your source of strength and comfort.

Does prayer change your wants and desires?
No, not always, but it will change your wants into what God desires.

Does prayer change how you view the world?
No, not always, but it will change whose eyes you see the world through.

Does prayer change your regrets from the past?
No, not always, but it will change your hopes for the future.

Does prayer change the people around you?
No, not always! And it will change you from the inside out!

So, does prayer REALLY CHANGE ANYTHING?
Yes! It REALLY does change EVERYTHING!

God is with us!

Patty McCourt

Pastoral Care Corner

Dear Parents

‘Laughter is holy. It turns the obstacles of life into the play of angels. The Koran says, “They deserve paradise who make their companions laugh.” Salvation is in our hands. All we have to do is stop complaining. And giggle a little.’

These words from Joan Chittister are worth contemplating. It goes with making mountains out of molehills. Be sure to release some endorphins into your system every day — many times every day. Endorphins are those ‘things’ (chemicals/hormones) that get our system into positive territory and we are the only ones who can release them. Like School-wide Positive Behaviour, find four positives for every negative — and teach your children to do the same.

Catherine McAuley would say, “You must be cheerful and happy, animating all around you.”

God bless

Sr Anne.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Traditionally, for Catholics, November is the Month of the Holy Souls. It is a time to remember our dead, especially those who have died in the past year. Each year we put a Book of Remembrance in our sacred space in the foyer. You are welcome to write the names of your loved ones in the book.

They are prayed for in various classes and during Staff Prayer, throughout November. There are also books in each church.

BREAD RUN

Bakers Delight, Lutwyche are offering us their unsold bread every Monday night. It has to be collected at 6:00pm. It can then be left outside the Church, near the kitchen, either Monday night or early Tuesday morning. Anyone is welcome to come and take it for their family. If you are able to help by collecting the bread, even once a month, please let Sr Anne or the Parish Office (33575793) know. If you would like some of this bread, but are unable to get to the Church, let Sr Anne know and she will organise your children to get it during the day on Tuesday. It is also available outside the church at 9:30am on a Sunday morning.

RESILIENCE/CHARACTER BUILDING/PERSONAL INTEGRITY/STRENGTH OF CHARACTER

‘Resilience’ is a word that has become rather hackneyed. I’ve used a few other possibilities above. Whatever you call it, it is very important for our own lives and that of our children. It needs to be fostered in young children. Last term I piloted a talk with Year 2/3 parents. Their feedback was very helpful, so I am offering it to all parents next Wednesday night; 7 November, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the new building, ground floor. The kettle will be on. If you are unable to come, but would like the information, just let me know. If you want more details, contact me via phone or email.

God bless

Sr Anne.

TUCKSHOP –

Helpers for Wednesday 7th November are:

Tuckshop: Mary-Therese Brady, Sylvia Livolsi (until 10.30am), Lisa Evans, Natalie Finney, Carmen King, Sharon Vogel & Alison Strong

Home bake: Rebecca Sampson, Kym Hodda, Kate Beal, Trish Slater, Loretta Mammarella, Angela Grant & Simone Ross

Please note our NUT FREE POLICY when preparing Homebake items. Thank you
The school community wishes the students who celebrated their birthday this week, many happy returns:

Eliana Moschella, Marcus Caulton, Cassie Martinez & Morik Roshan

CONGRATULATIONS to Briska de Sousa, a past pupil, now in Year Twelve at Mary MacKillop College, who achieved a "Habits of Mind" (Study Skills) award at their Awards Night.
We wish Briska well, in her future.
Congratulations also to to Keisha Trickey, a past Holy Cross student, who has been elected House Captain for Greccio House at Mt Alvernia College.
Well Done Keisha!

Can You Help?
Our Uniform Shop Needs You!

When? Prep 2013 Orientation Days
• Friday 9th November
• Tuesday 13th November

Time? 10.45 -11.45am and/or 1-2pm (Can you help us for an hour? *Tanya will coordinate it on Friday and Maddie will coordinate it on Tuesday)

What? To assist with uniform sales

Where? Tuckshop
Please let Tanya or Maddie know if you can assist: email us at hcuniforms@gmail.com

Thanks!

AWARDS
Congratulations to all students who received awards during assembly.

PG  Kiara Mammarella, Rory O'Donoghue, Max Strong & Marni Braine
PW  Kate Nally & Ryan Denning
1G  Mikayla Jebreen & Lauren Stewart
1W  Sarah Stephenson & Thomas McIvor
2G  Sienna Artuso, Cooper Cameron & Samuel Intelisano
2/3W  Daniel Kelly & Tasmyn Ormond-Currie
3G  Lara Sarri & Michael Daniec
4/5G  Carl Alzate & William Grant
4/5W  Lily Grant & Harrison O'Donoghue
6G  Louis O'Callaghan
7G  Tom Grant & Liyan Philip
7W  Hamish Brown & Joanida Pereira

Our P & F Needs You in 2013!!
While every parent/carer of a child who attends our school is a member of our Holy Cross School P&F, we are seeking those who are interested in becoming more active members within the Executive team to help strengthen our school community, to lead and assist in the decision making process and to coordinate activities to improve facilities and resources for our children.
Each year we declare all Executive and Non-Executive positions open at our end of year AGM to then receive nominations for each of these positions:

- President (Executive)
- Vice President (Executive)
- Treasurer (Executive)
- Secretary (Executive)
- Grants Team Sub Committee (Non Executive)

Are you interested?
While some current members may be happy to nominate for a 2013 position, new members are always very welcome and are encouraged to nominate for any position. This year our secretary, Toni Williamson, has decided to retire from this position; we warmly thank her for all her efforts and tremendous commitment during the five years she has served as Secretary for our HCS P&F. Our Vice President, Maddie Barbour, would also like to step back from her position after her two year appointment.
Please consider nominating at (or prior to) our AGM on November 14 starting at 6.30pm. (Nomination form is attached to the newsletter)
Any questions: please contact Toni Williamson via the P&F email address: pfhcps@bne.catholic.edu.au
We welcome your nominations and look forward to seeing you there!

Grade 7 Parents Final Social Fling
Come and celebrate the end of primary school for our children
Where: Kedron Park Hotel Function room
693 Lutwyche Road Wooloowin QLD 4030
When Saturday 10th November 2012
Time: 6:30 for 7pm
Cost : $25 per person or $50 per couple includes food
RSVP: 6th November 2012 email either Tanya (Paris mum) tanya_tns886.smith@humanservices.gov.au or Michele (Niamh’s mum) mlcree@optusnet.com.au or put correct money in named envelope and give to office by 6 November.

Thank you
NOVEMBER DATE CLAIMER
Holy Cross School Musical Showcase

Who? Our school band, senior school choir, junior school choir, various student ensembles and some solo pianists will perform at their first school gala since the inception of our school band. This musical showcase shall allow our students a wonderful opportunity to perform for their school community after many months of preparation and it is sure to dazzle and delight you, as you join them on their musical journey.

When? Sunday November 11 from 4.30pm – 6.30pm *Please note: all Band members are to arrive at 3.30pm however other choir members and solo pianists should arrive for 4.30pm.

Where? Holy Cross Heritage Hall, Chalk Street.

Refreshments: Beer and Wine available by the glass for $3
*Students performing will be provided with a bottle of water and a ‘snack pack’

We look forward to a lovely afternoon next Sunday!

Mymemento Photos
A big thank you to Sharon Vogel for organising the mymemento photograph fundraiser for our school. I’m sure all the families involved would agree after seeing their photos that they are a wonderful keepsake. Thank you Sharon for your time and organisation of this event. Suzie Smith

Open Garden: Come visit 73 Chalk Street this weekend!!

Sharon Kellett and Adam Wilson (Jack, Prep W) warmly welcome you to visit their stunning garden, Mindilga, at 73 Chalk Street this weekend: Saturday November 3 and Sunday November 4 from 10am – 4.30pm, in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Open Gardens Australia.

The Australian Open Garden Scheme has set the entrance fee at $6.00 per adult (a percentage of which will be kindly contributed to HCS P&F Association). Young people and children under the age of 18 enter for free to encourage the love of gardens and gardening in younger people. Plants will also be for sale ranging from $2 - $8 and refreshments are also available from $2 - $5 so don’t forget to bring along your loose change! Great lucky door prizes to be won too: garden statues and a Nursery voucher.

Everyone is most welcome to come along and view the garden and please tell your family and as many friends as possible to support both Sharon, for her enormous effort with creating this beautiful garden, and also our P&F Association.

SCHOOL MUSICAL DVD’S
DO YOU HAVE A COPY OF THE FABULOUS SCHOOL MUSICAL- CINDERELLA AND ROCKEFELLER? THEY ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR $10. PLEASE ASK AT THE OFFICE.
WHAT A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR GRANNY!

LOST KEY
If this scary key belongs to you, please see Mrs McKee in the office. Thanks

TO ALL THE TEACHERS AND PARENTS
who helped to make Saturday’s disco such a great night.

Many thanks to all of the parents and teachers who gave their time so generously for last weekend’s disco. Your efforts ensured a great night was had by all the children who attended.

P&F Association
GOTCHA CARDS – Week 4

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:

Lincoln Felsman
Harry Grellman
Emma Whittle
Carl Alzate
Ryan Mason
Gabi Hodda
Ashlynn Haywood-North
Hamish Brown
Trent Andrews

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

SCHOOL PHOTOS NEEDED...

If you have photos from school events this year that you think would be great for the school magazine, please submit them ASAP to the school office (CD/DVD or USB preferred) or e-mail bmckee@bne.catholic.edu.au for approval and possible inclusion.

THANK YOU

Around the oval
Early Years Athletics Carnival
Swimming Carnival
Cross Country
Athletics
Touch Football
Zone 6 Swimming, Cross-Country & Athletics
Early Years Swimming
Grandparents Day
School Activities
Festival
Choir
Bands
Farewells

DISABLED CAR PARK

Could Parents & Carers please refrain from parking across the driveway in front of the disabled car park next to the Prep area. We currently have a Holy Cross Student in a wheel chair that has been unable to access this space on numerous occasions.

Italian News

The Year 6 and 7 students recently had some special Italian visitors - Teresa from the University of Ca’ Foscari in Venice and Rosella from the Brisbane Italian Language Centre.

Teresa prepared a wonderful Powerpoint presentation for the students which they really enjoyed. Grazie Teresa! Teresa had a conversation with the students in Italian and the students did really well. Teresa and Rosella both said they were quite impressed with the students’ Italian.

Questi bambini sono molto bravi!
Dina Nardone
Italian Teacher