Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Holy Cross

Today’s newsletter marks the end of a busy and successful semester for our school. In the past 2 weeks we have completed our camp programme for years 4 – 7 at Luther Heights and Midginbill Hill. Both these camps have provided challenging learning activities for all students and word is that our Year 4s and 5s amazed their parents recounting the feats in which they were involved. I know that Year 6 and 7 have enjoyed their camp in northern NSW as much.

Thank you to our committed staff Mrs Tracey, Mrs Campbell, Sr Anne and Miss Jorgensen for giving up family time this week to take our Year 6 and 7 students away.

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter written reports were sent home this week. This completes the reporting process for semester 1. If you wish to clarify or discuss reports with your child’s class teacher please make a mutually convenient time by contacting the school office.

Planning is already underway for Term 3 with teacher’s joining their planning teams this week and last week to work with Mrs Cheryl Bailey our Curriculum Support Teacher to use Australian Syllabus documents and the Brisbane Catholic Education Learning Framework to prepare for all students.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs Moehead’s family following the death of her mother-in-law last weekend. I am sure you join me in offering Mrs Moehead’s husband Steven and the family the assurance of our prayerful support.

School finishes for this term today! I hope you enjoy a restful break with your family.

School resumes for Semester 2 on MONDAY 9th JULY.

I wish you the blessing of joy and rest from routine following a busy term

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

We have had some cold mornings this week, and while I love this wintery weather I appreciate that others prefer the heat of summer. One thing it reminds us all of, though, is the power of the Universe. The particular alignment and positioning of the Earth in space affects what we wear, how we feel, where we choose to holiday and what we eat. This change in the seasons and each season’s own beauty and pain is all part of something much bigger than us.

If we can embrace these chilly mornings, dark afternoons, sniffles, eczema, and all the other things that come with winter like getting dinner in the slow cooker while you are still clearing breakfast away, hot chocolate, beautiful scarves and cuddles then you are embracing our God who is at the centre of all the Universe provides.

We can’t do anything about the weather but by appreciating the beauty of the changing seasons we acknowledge and appreciate the power and wonder of God.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday whether you are staying home, chasing even colder weather (like me) or escaping to somewhere warmer.

Take care (and rug up),
Leanne.

TUCKSHOP HELPERS

NEEDED for TERM 3 ….

We need volunteers for both Tuckshop roster and Homebake. If you could spare one or two Wednesdays per term, that would be a great help.
Contact Sharlene on 0401 665 318 or dash1099@hotmail.com with your dates.
Thank you!!

Pastoral Care Corner

Dear Parents

You may already know that this is the Year of Reading. The holidays are a great time to celebrate reading. Take the time to read a good book yourself, then read to your children, encourage them to turn off the TV/Gameboy/Video/Computer/etc/etc and pick up a book. Take yourself (and them) to the local library or the State Library at South Bank. Check out your local library for great, free, holiday ideas. Many of them have craft activities for the holidays, as does the State Library and the one in the city. Check the Brisbane City Council website for details. Explore a second-hand bookstore or a Vinnies/Lifeline store and see what reading treasures you can unearth. Even if you are not a great reader, it’s never too late to start. Do yourself and your children a favour, start reading.

Mary MacKillop would say: “We must teach more by example than by words”.
Enjoy a quiet holiday, with all heads in a book!
God bless
Sr Anne.
COLES VOUCHERS 2012

Holy Cross is again registered for the Coles Sports for Schools Program which has NOW commenced (see flyer attached to the newsletter for full details).

The final tally from 2011 was 75,040 vouchers which was enormous for our school community. The support from family, friends and workplaces must have been very significant. Thank you!!

Please help us collect these vouchers from family, friends, and neighbours again!!

This year we have elected to count the vouchers so please count them, put them in an envelope with the number on the front and place them in the collection box located in the foyer of our School Office. We appreciate your help!

Thank you on behalf of Holy Cross P&F Association.

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 (Gr.2,3) & 4.05-4.50pm (Gr4-7). Coach has enrolment forms. Rackets on special $30.

- **SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS PROGRAMS** will be held at Fancutts Tennis Centre, Lutwyche Mon to Fri from 25-29 June & 2-6 July for children up to 16yrs. The program includes a Tennis Clinic 9-11am. (Beginners, Players, Advanced taught separately).

- **JUBILEE Hot Shots friendly tournaments** (for trophies) is being held at Fancutts on Monday 11th June from 9-12noon followed by sausage sizzle & strawberries & ice-cream party. McDonald’s Voucher & free Hot Shots t-shirt is given to every player.

- **Friendly Hot Shots Tournaments** for trophies are on Sat.11am-1pm during school term.

- **SUPERLEAGUE** fixtures are on Saturday afternoons and Sunday evenings for children & teenagers & Tuesday/Wednesday nights for adults. New season starts 14th July, 2012.

- **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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**Dust Off Your Dancing Shoes**

**Holy Cross Disco**

Saturday July 28th, 2012
from 4:30 pm