Dear Parent, Carers and Friends of Holy Cross

On Wednesday our P&F met for the March meeting. We heard about the progress of the many activities undertaken for 2012 especially ‘Festival’ progress.

The messages below are a call for support for the P&F and their initiatives. Our school is renowned for the support that is given to so many events by our parents’ body. As we near the end of Term I would like to thank parents for the help that you have already given and urge support for the following events and initiatives.

There was a call for support for the Estee Lauder shopping event on Saturday 24th March. On Wednesday evening we heard that this event will not go ahead UNLESS there are 20 more supporters. The cost is very reasonable - $10 a head. Support this initiative by gathering a group of friends and benefit too from the discounted merchandise that will be available. See the attached flyer for all the details.

Cooks are needed to support the Election Stall on March 24th. Start baking now! Packaging is available in reception for your produce. Volunteers to work at the Election Stall are also required.

Class Co-ordinators are still required for some Year levels. Check the list below and if you are able to put your name forward, contact the office. Class coordinators take a role in communicating information from P&F to parents and also arrange class parent gatherings and support collections for ‘Holy Cross Festival’.

Prep G  Karen Hutchings Katrina Donohue
Prep W  Tina Heath Lynd all Peterson
Yr1G  Magella Gordon
Yr1W  Kristy Ryan
Yr. 2G  Jude Noone Kate Beale
Yr. 2/3W  Mishia Coulton
Yr. 3G
Yr. 4/5G  Janice Cutajar
Yr. 4/5W
Yr. 6G  Maree Patane
Yr. 7G  Bonita Gerry Tanya Smith
Yr. 7W

Many thanks to our Uniform Shop Convenor – Tanya Smith – who has been doing wonderful work in the Uniform Shop. At the moment Tanya is working alone and would appreciate some support. Volunteers are needed to help on Friday mornings perhaps once a month or once a fortnight. The Uniform Shop is open from 8.30 – 9.30am every Friday.

Today our Year2/3 and Year 3 classes gather for their Class Prayer Liturgy in the Holy Cross Church. It is always a privilege to join these young ones as they reflect on their Lenten faith journey. The Gospel reminded all about the most important commandment – Love God and Love Neighbour.

A final reminder – Children arriving at school before 8am should be enrolled in Before School Care as no school supervision is available before that time.

Paul Drewniak
Principal

Important Notice:
March 23 will be a FREE DRESS DAY. We ask that you send along a gold coin for free dress and if the children wish to enjoy a sausage sizzle $2 or an ice-block 50c, they will be able to do so.
**Pastoral Care Corner**

Dear Parents

Here is the third of Michael Grose’s new year tips for parents. He suggests that **accurate, descriptive feedback** that’s given after children behave well can be a great teaching tool. Descriptive feedback involves telling your children what they have done well (“You solved that computer problem with your sister by taking it in turns. That’s what we call a compromise.”) There is no judgement, just accurate feedback. Research has shown that boys’ behaviour often improves when they receive accurate feedback about their appropriate behaviour.

Tips for using descriptive feedback:

1. **Make it specific:** “That was great the way you came to the table the first time I asked.”
   “Thanks for putting your dirty clothes in the laundry.”

2. **Focus on featured behaviours.** Don’t go overboard and give feedback for everything. Overkill will cause it to lose its effect. Choose one or two behaviours to focus on at a time.

3. **Give without qualifiers.** “That’s great.
   You’re getting better at cleaning up.” NOT
   “That was great but you could have been quicker.”

   These tips can cover everything from household chores to routines to eating to visiting. As he says, try it with just one or two behaviours for a week to two to see what happens. Mary MacKillop would say: **Be eager in your desires but humble and patient in their accomplishment.**

   God Bless
   Sr Anne.

**THANK YOU**, again, for the collection for the Homeless Youth. Paddy Connelly collected them this week and was moved to tears as she told the children how wonderful they were. Brisbane Youth Services provides support in the way of showers, laundry, food, storage, computers, phones for homeless young people; organises training, housing, parenting skills and much more. If you know of anyone who needs such support, contact me.

**AWARDS**

Congratulations to all students who received awards during assembly.

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Easter Passion Play in Brisbane
The Iona Passion Play is coming to Iona College, Wynnum West, on Saturday March 31st & Good Friday April 6th at 7pm.

**Tickets:**
- Pre-booked: $12
- At the Gate:
  - Adults $18
  - Seniors/Students $15
  - Children (12 & under) FREE

Group discounts available.
Bookings: 3333 1993 or online at [www.passionplay.org.au](http://www.passionplay.org.au)

**HOLY CROSS SWIMMING CARNIVAL YEARS 3-7**

| When: Monday 19th March, 2012 |
| Where: Stafford State School, |
| Time: 9:30am – 2:00pm |

The Zone 6 Swimming Carnival will be on Thursday 22 March at Somerset State School

Due to the Zone 6 Swimming Carnival we will NOT be having swimming lessons on THURSDAY 22nd MARCH

also ...

Holy Cross are catering for this Zone 6 Carnival – If anyone could help Sharlene make sandwiches in the tuckshop on Thurs 22/3 straight after the first bell, we would be very grateful.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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

- Mekela Morrison & Georgia McKay

**TUCKSHOP**

 Helpers for Wednesday 21st March are:

* Tuck-shop: Heidi Luongo, Gayle Yap, Deb Birthisel, Cathy Bennett, Maddie Barbour & Kate Beal

* Home bake: Kelly Seibold, Marsha Schults, Janice Cutajar, Kate Beal, Kylie Braine, Natalie MacDonald, Leah Edwards & Karen Hind

Please note our NUT FREE POLICY

When preparing Homebake items.

**WILDLIFE FOR KIDS** visited from Dreamworld to give the Preps an upclose view of some of our native animals. The children even got to touch a crocodile.

**HEAD LICE**

Please check your child’s hair as we have had reports of head lice in one of our classes. Vigilance is the key to keeping these outbreaks at bay.

**ELECTION DAY CAKE STALL PACKAGING**

Saturday March 24

Packaging for your baked items will be available from the school office foyer next Monday.

Please only take what you need and support our school by baking up a storm.

Baked items can be dropped to the school on Friday 22nd March or the morning of the election.

THANK YOU
GOTCHA CARDS – Week 7

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:

Sam Patane
Lachlan Woods
Tom Grant
Eilidh Evans
Abby Collins
Gemma Hutchings
Cody Colette
Rhea Jaimon
Joseph
Charlie Barbour

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

Ladies mark this date in your diary today:
Saturday 24th March
Why? A fantastic and exclusive shopping opportunity awaits!

Estee Lauder Companies Corporate Store Fundraiser (Estee Lauder, Clinique, MAC, Bobbi Brown Essentials, Aramis, Donna Karen, Tommy Hilfiger, Aveda, Jo Malone) products at 40% off retail prices!

Admission $10 per person, relatives and friends most welcome (this money goes directly to Holy Cross P&F fundraising).

More information and tickets available from Deanne Chester
dandpchester@optusnet.com.au

Tickets must be purchased prior to the event - no tickets at the door.

This store is not open to the public.

So come along and get your favourite cosmetics at bargain prices!

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 Thurs from 2-5 & Tues to Friday 10-13 April for children up to 16yrs from 9-11.30am. (Beginners, Players, Advanced taught separately.

Hot Shots friendly tournaments (for trophies) is being held at Fancutts on Wednesday 25th April (Anzac Day) from 12.30-3.30pm & Mondays 7th May & 11th June from 9-12noon. 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.

Mother’s Day Event
Save this date!

Friday 11 May, 2012

The Holy Cross Nursery, Mother’s Day Dinner Dance is coming up. Mark your diaries; get your pretty dresses ready and join us to celebrate.

More details and how to book your spot coming NEXT WEEK.
Online applications for the Students with Disabilities Scheme are being accepted now until 31st May 2012.

To lodge an online application to receive a rebate for this program, go to: www.schooltransport.com.au

Further enquiries to: 3336 9192 or schooltransport@qcec.catholic.edu.au

Applications received after 31st May 2012 cannot be processed.

POSITION VACANT

‘TUCKSHOP ANGELS’

With the end of term approaching fast, we’re looking for volunteers in Term 2, 2012. Remember Dads, Carers and Grandparents are also very welcome to assist in the Tuckshop.

If you can support the Tuckshop, please fill in the form below and return it by Friday 23 March with your preferred dates to assist with Homebake &/or Tuckshop (please note if you need to leave early).

VOLUNTEERING FOR TUCKSHOP / HOMEBAKE

Name:_______________________________ Phone:_______________________________

Email:_______________________________ Child’s/Children’s Class:__________________

Please tick your requested dates & if it’s Tuckshop or Homebake:

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Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your on-going support!!

Sharlene Hamblin
Tuckshop Convenor
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