Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Holy Cross

This morning I joined Lutwyche parishioners, including our Year 6 D students, for 9:15am Mass. In today's Gospel we read how Jesus chose the apostles to continue his mission. Importantly, before this decision was made, Jesus spent time in prayer. We are told that he retreated to the mountain to pray. The question for reflection for me today was – Do I consciously make enough space for prayer about/before decisions? The final line in today's Gospel also resonated with me - “Everyone was trying to touch Jesus, because power was going out from him and healing them all.” So power went OUT from Jesus… he did not gather power for himself. This week let's resolve to be people of prayer who, by our decisions, empower others for Mission as Jesus did.

Today is World Teachers’ Day. We celebrated with a “Thanksgiving” morning tea. Today, look back over your school years and remember, and give thanks for a teacher who inspired you or made a difference for you. I would like to publicly acknowledge the commitment of the teaching team at Holy Cross who truly embody our motto, “with God for others”

Congratulations to Yr 7 leaders for the great result from the fund-raising on Mission Day on Friday. Over $1000 was raised in just one afternoon. Fantastic Work!!!

On Tuesday our School Choir performed in the City Mall. Congratulations to Mrs Farne Sang and the choir members for what was, by all reports, a remarkable performance. I am told that our choir literally ‘stopped traffic” as city workers stopped in their tracks in the busy lunch time rush to hear their beautiful voice! A great example of Holy Cross life.

Tomorrow the P&F are seeking your support for the Working Bee from 1pm. Thanks to all who are already working to organize the day. The more helpers the easier the job – so join us at 1pm.

Preparations are ramping up for the Night at the Casino. Have you:-
1. Responded to your family invitation and secured your ticket?
2. Made a donation to the prize pool?
3. Sold your family raffle tickets to friends and family
4. Viewed the prize pool and Class Quilts displayed in the foyer?
5. Offered your help to the committee?

The evening is shaping up to be loads of fun for the community and a great fund-raiser. Join in the efforts to make it a great success!

Paul Drewniak
Principal

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Tuckshop

Tuckshop available on WEDNESDAY’S
Convenor: Mrs Sharlene Hamblin
Ph: 0401 665 318 or email:
Dash1099@hotmail.com

Uniform Shop

Open: Every Friday 8am-9am
Orders can be emailed to
Tanya Smith:hcuniforms@gmail.com

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MOST TICKETS SOLD
by November 9, 2011

WINS

The 2 Holy Cross families who sell the MOST event tickets to the A Night at the Casino fundraising event will receive:

A GLAM MAKEUP & HAIRSTYLING VOUCHER* VALUED @ $200 each
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A.P.R.E.'s Report
The success of last week’s day of support for the work of Catholic Missions is measured on many levels. During the day, the money that came in amounted to $1 055.50 and this happened for the simple reason that you are a very generous group of people. Thank you to everyone who in any way contributed to this marvellous effort.

The year sevens proved beyond doubt, that they are more than capable of accepting the privilege and the responsibility of their role as 2011 leaders as they facilitated the activities for the day. The disco as always was enjoyed by all. Thank you, everyone, for your encouragement, for your support and for living the Gospel message of giving.

We are learning the Catholic Mission Song at present and its message is simple:

“You are my eyes to look upon the world,
You are my voice to speak out!
You are my hands, to reach out and touch my people
You are the face of God!”

We can boast about our academic, sporting and career achievements, yet the one and the only thing of importance in life, is the quality of our relationships. Of course, no one said that this is easy, but it sure is worth it.

In last week’s newsletter, Paul presented us with the statistics of how wealth is distributed in our world and like you, I was appalled by what I read. On Friday, we, as a community, made a tiny ripple in vast river of want, but we did make a difference.

Again, thank you. It is a privilege to belong to such a special community of people.

God is with you!
Patty McCourt

Pastoral Care Corner
Dear Parents
Children are starting to talk about what they are getting for Christmas (not often about what they are giving!). A recent article in ‘Aussie Kids’ gave some real food for thought. While directed at parents, it would also be good to talk about such things with your children. Christmas – celebrating the birth of Jesus – does not have to cost a fortune. Their suggestions include:

- **The gift of welcome** - does everyone in your family know they are equally welcome? Do visitors always receive a warm welcome?
- **The gift of security** - do children feel secure because there are routines in the household, because they know before they come to school how they will get home, because they know their basic needs will always be met, because they know they are allowed to make mistakes and still be loved?
- **The gift of time** – does “I’ll be with you in a minute” translate into action a minute later or does it become a message that the child is a nuisance? What about giving the gift of time for Christmas – a card that says “Mum/Dad/Susie/Billie, I give you an hour (five minutes) of my time and I will do whatever you want me to do in that time.”
- **The gift of memories** - make sure there are lots of opportunities for children to build valuable memories of family celebrations, of being loved, of doing things together.
- **The gift of encouragement** – there can never be too much of this one. Again, a Christmas card could carry this message – “My gift to you is to tell you how much I love/appreciate it when you ... Please keep doing it for me.”
- **The gift of love** – by the bucket load. The Christmas present can be wrapped in the most beautiful box and cost the earth, but it means little if not presented with love. Better to have an empty box wrapped up with the message that it is full of love.

Think about these gifts and ensure that plenty of them are under your tree – from as well as to each member of the family.

God Bless your families.
Sr Anne Cannon
School Pastoral Worker

INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS’ DAY
Today is the designated day to say ‘thank you’ to all our wonderful teachers. There is a bumper sticker that says ‘If you can read this, thank a teacher’. It is so true and we need to thank them for a lot more than that. I’m sure we can all be grateful to at least one teacher currently on staff for the wonderful things they have done for our child, or perhaps ourselves. Multiply this by all the wonderful things your children’s teachers and your own teachers have done and, as Mary Mackillop says, ‘for this we must be truly grateful.’ God bless all teachers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
The school community wishes the students who celebrated their birthday this week many happy returns:

Avash Nanoo & Matthew Devlin
AWARDS:
Congratulations to all students who received awards during assembly.

PE  Brodie Hutchings
PS  Sienna Cunningham, Mikayla Jebreen & Sebastian Zitny
1D  Callum Ryder & Daniel Kelly
1/2H  Bennett Boyd, Abby Grant & Andrew Melville
2M  Grace Barrett, Sofia Bell & Aliana Coco
3L  Jack Siddle & Charlie Fraser
3S  Cody Colette & Bianca Celere
4A  Ryan Mason, Bronte Haywood-North & Francesca Hellmuth
5E  Daniel Egan, Matthew Morris & Issy Grellman
6D  Alexandra Cathcart & Niamh Cree
6F  Isaac Artuso & Lia Walsh
7M/T  Declan Stewart, Jana Aming, Aimee Thorpe & Paddy Lavery

Today we would like to raise the issue of lost property. We have done this before, but we are really concerned as the box is overflowing with clothes, lunch boxes, swimming gear, and even rotten fruit and yoghurt containers.

We at Holy Cross School are surely responsible enough to have Respect for our belongings. Tomorrow, we will put out on display everything that is in lost property. Those items will be disposed of after lunch.

The Year Seven boys!

Working Bee
The P&F Committee has scheduled an afternoon Working Bee for tomorrow, Saturday October 29th from 1pm to 5pm, to clean out and restore our storage shed. Parents/carers are invited to participate in the ‘big clean’ as many hands definitely make light work! Please note that a ‘skip bin’ will be available for rubbish removal so we really just require ‘people power’ to get the job done.

For safety purposes, please remember to:
• bring along a pair of gloves to assist with handling gear, if you can; wear enclosed shoes; ‘slip, slop, slap’ to be sun safe; and
• when lifting equipment/gear, please be mindful of your back (i.e. always bend at your knees and take care)

Thank you for your support,
P&F Committee

START YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!!!!!

Book Fair is when the library becomes a book shop for a week. The books are supplied by The Book Warehouse and offer exceptional value (most books are less than $10). The library receives a 30% commission on sales.

Our annual book fair will be held from Monday October 31 until Friday November 4. Preview day for the children will be Friday October 28. On Preview day the children will fill in Wish lists. You are under no obligation to purchase books on the wish list, it is simply a guide for parents who are unable to attend the Book Fair and wish to purchase books. You can pay for your purchases by cash, cheque, EFTPOS or credit card and you are able to take your purchases with you.

Selling times will be:
Monday  Oct 31 to Friday Nov 4
8:00am - 8:45am
3:00pm - 4:00pm

If you are unable to come during these times and your child attends OSHC please speak to Mrs Wood to organize an alternative time. Please come along and begin your Christmas shopping at our Book Fair – you won’t find better shop assistants anywhere!