Enrolment Interviews for Kindergarten 2012 are now taking place
If you know of a family with a school age child ready for Kindergarten in 2012 please take an Expression of Interest Form for them and advise them to return this to the office as soon as possible.
If you have a sibling ready to commence Kindergarten in 2012 please contact the office to organise an interview with Mrs Nettleton.

Student Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews
Teachers are currently preparing student reports for the children in Kindergarten to Year 6. These will be distributed by the class teachers to parents on Monday 20th June 2011. If you are unable to collect your child’s report on this day please send your child’s letter requesting that the report be sent home with your child. Reports will not be distributed to children or to other adults unless a written prior arrangement has been made with the teacher.
This week teachers will be sending home information about Parent Teacher interviews which will take place between Tuesday 21st June and Thursday 30th June. Every parent is expected to meet with the teacher to discuss their child’s development. These meetings are a most valuable way for the school and family to communicate and work with each other.

Year One Parent Meeting
In preparation for the half yearly reports a meeting has been arranged for the parents of children in Year One at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8th June. This is a crucial meeting and all parents of students in Year One are urged to attend so that they have a full understanding of the reporting format used in Years 1 – 6. Please ensure that you have this date in your diary.

Are you interested in participating in a Holy Cross Playgroup.
In term 3 we will be running a playgroup specifically for those children starting school in 2012. We hope to have a playgroup session twice a week – one directly following the Monday Morning Prayer Assembly and one conducted later on in the week in the afternoon from 2.30-3.15pm. If you are interested please let Mrs Nettleton know.

School Fees
Term 2 School Fee Payments are now due. Thank you to those parents who have paid their Term 2 fees already or who have entered into payment plans at the beginning of the year. All other outstanding accounts now need to be finalised. This week Mrs Vanessa Burke will be contacting families to arrange appointments to discuss fees – this is an opportunity for families to discuss their needs with Mrs Nettleton. Fees can be paid by cash, cheque, credit card, BPAY or direct debit. Payment Plans can also be organised.

The Entertainment Fundraising Book
Thank you for your support of this fundraiser. All books or payments must now be returned to the office this week. If books are not returned it will be assumed that families wish to purchase the book and they will billed for the $60.00 payment.

Staff Development Days
The last day of Term 2 and the first day of Term 3 will be staff development days. These days are pupil free days. The staff will be reviewing learning programmes and making the final preparations for the school’s Compliance Audit which will be conducted on August 9.

First Eucharist
We pray for all the children at Holy Cross who are preparing for First Eucharist. It is a very special time for the children and their families. First Communion will be celebrated on the 17th/18th and the 24/25th June.

University of NSW Assessments
The children will sit the Science assessment this Wednesday 8 June.

SPORTS NEWS
Netball
Thank you to those parents who have offered to assist as coaches, umpires and supporters at the netball Gala Day – Mrs Whitton, Mrs Mrazek, Mrs Pritchard and Mrs Melican. Other parents are asked to please consider helping out as we still have teams without coaches. Please contact Mrs Clark if you are able to assist.

Primary Athletics Carnival
Our Primary Athletics Day will be held on Thursday June 23rd at the new park in Glenwood Park Drive (Opposite Caddies Creek Public School). We have booked the use of the park with the council and are looking forward to having the use of the park which is so close to our school. Parents are warmly invited to attend the Athletics Day, to assist the teachers to walk the children to and from the park and to assist with activities at the athletics day. You are reminded to complete the online Child Protection Training prior to the day if you would like to assist.

Support Our Outstanding Teachers
Our school has been invited to submit nominations for the NEITA 2011 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards program. The awards program provides a rare opportunity to publicly recognise and encourage our outstanding teachers and give them a well-deserved pat on the back. It’s the only independent national awards program where school communities can nominate teachers and principals who contribute excellence. Nominated teachers receive a congratulatory NEITA Certificate of Registration and become candidates for NEITA State and National Awards. It’s easy to nominate. Forms are available from the school office or forms can be downloaded or completed online at www.neita.com.au or requested from the NEITA Secretariat by phoning freecall 1800 624 487

WHOOPING COUGH ALERT
A confirmed diagnosis of Whooping Cough has been reported in the school. Should your child present with the following symptoms - a series of rapid short coughs, as she/he attempts to draw breath and vomiting” please take them to the doctor before having your child attend school.
If your child has not been immunised against Whooping Cough please refer to the NSW Heath website www.health.nsw.gov.au/PublicHealth/infectious/
TEN 10 HINTS FOR ENHANCING LEARNING RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUR CHILD

As always, just cast your eyes down the page for ideas for younger children.

Younger years—primary and early childhood

- **Spend 10—20 “wildly happy” minutes reading with your child.**
  Snuggle up with doonas, or in front of heaters. Read bits to each other, guess outcomes for stories, change endings, add new characters—be creative—but most importantly, be excited and enjoy quality time with (or lots) of different books.

- **What books are your children reading?**
  What conversations are taking place about reading in your home and what non-book reading do you notice?

- **Lie outside in a patch of winter sun and cloud watch.**
  Try some creative imaginings with shapes, start counting clouds, left over autumn leaves, the bare branches on trees, then multiply, divide, count on from various numbers and be creative. Remember to laugh lots too!

- **Head off to different parks each weekend.**
  Pack unusual picnic lunches, go cycling, try canoeing, rock climbing, skateboarding. Active kids are better learners.

- **Send kids on a treasure hunt in supermarkets.**
  Assess best value cereals, breads or toys. Set challenging tasks to suit their interests whilst you shop (challenge them to find best fat or sugar content products and value for money).

- **Get your children cooking with you.**
  Read new recipes together, predict weights, estimate ingredients, then weigh, measure, even use a stop watch for great clean up campaigns. Enjoy the baked results. Yum!

- **Your child needs to write regularly and experiment with writing.**
  Encourage and praise all his/her writing attempts. How often do your children actually see you write?

- **Watch sport on TV together then estimate goals, tries, penalties. Try counting grandstand numbers, the times between goals scored etc.**
  Search the net together for past results with favourite teams. Best estimator of the family gets out of a family job for the week!

- **Bad tempers usually come from tired kids.**
  Are your children getting enough sleep?
  Maybe it’s worth suggesting everyone goes to bed earlier in winter and you have longer story/reading times to settle tired kids. Good advice for tired parents too!

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**Family Bingo Night Update**

**Saturday 25th June**

5.30pm for Sausage Sizzle

6.00pm Start

Including Bingo, Raffles and Guessing Competitions

Reserve your seats now by completing the tear off section below and returning it to your child’s class teacher by 16th June.

All Bingo books will be sold on the night. Adult books will be $5.00 and smaller books for children will be $2.00.

Still needed:

★ Baskets or gift boxes (to use for our hampers)  ★ helpers to make hampers on Monday 20th & Wednesday 22nd June

Contact Donna Inns: 0414 830 727

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**Family Bingo Night**

Yes, I will be attending the Family Bingo Night on Saturday 25th June. Please reserve ______ tickets.

Family Name: ___________________________ Child’s Name: ____________________ Class: ______