STAFF SPIRITUAL FORMATION DAY
On Friday 18th November 2011 the staff will be lead by Father Dave through a Spiritual Formation Day to be held at Mamre House Mulgoa. This will be a pupil free day. Each year the Catholic Education Office asks schools in the Diocese to set aside one of our staff development days for religious and spiritual formation. This year Father Dave will be guiding the staff in an approach to scriptural reflection called “Lectio Divina”.

Naplan Parent Meeting
Next Wednesday November 2 the Years 3 and 5 teachers will be holding a Parent Meeting to discuss the 2011 NAPLAN. Parents are encouraged to attend. A note will be sent home by the class teachers and parents are asked to return this to school ASAP to indicate their attendance.

School Swimming Carnival
Parents of children in Years 2-5 are reminded to return the Primary School Swimming Carnival note to class teachers by Friday 4th November. PLEASE READ THIS NOTE VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING IT to ensure that we have accurate details about your child’s swimming ability. Parents are also encouraged to offer assistance on the day so that the carnival can run safely and smoothly.

KOALA BOOK AWARDS
A representative group of Holy Cross Students has been invited to attend the KOALA BOOK AWARDS. Congratulations to Sofia Del Rio, Ryan Pacchini, Anthony Ferfiris, Joel Pantaleone, Jerrick Bravo, Joyce Diaz, Jessica Hanna, Chloe Christie, Nicholas Reetov, Brittany Nichol and Jaidyn Wright Who will attend with Mrs Bohan, Mrs Surdich and Mr Robey.

Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthdays:-
Alex McDougall, Suwi Kapambwe, Chevonne Gibson, Julian Carney, Hannah Castuerras, Tamara Seckold, Thalia Ferguson, Joshua Whiteley, Alyssa Bloodworth, Ryan Garay, Elia Joaquin, Sophie Baker, Tyler Day, Fernanda Dedic, Aley Mey, Regan Hill, Tyson Rapisarda,

RE News
Baptism
We congratulate the Assam family on the baptism of Chanel, Anna Caitlin and Estelle at last Friday’s parish Mass. May the joy of their baptism be with them always

Friday Mass
This Friday Year 5 will lead a Liturgy of the Word; this will replace our parish mass for this week. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend.

Reconciliation
Parents of children preparing for Reconciliation are reminded of the family sessions this weekend and of the necessity to be present on your nominated day.

Feast Days
On Tuesday 1st November we celebrate the Feast of all Saints and on Wednesday 2nd November we celebrate the feast of All Souls. During the month of November we will have our Remembrance book in the school foyer where you may like to write the names of relatives and friends who have died. We then take this book to our Friday masses to pray for these people.

A Message From Father Dave
Next Tuesday is the Feast of All Saints and Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm with the Novena Prayers prayed after mass.

Next Wednesday is the Feast of All Souls and mass will be celebrated at 9.00am and 7.30pm.

November Mass Offering Envelopes are on the tables down the back of the Church. By placing an offering in the envelope and writing the name of the deceased on the front of the envelope you will have that name added to our November Remembrance Book which will sit at the foot of the altar during the month of November. Mass everyday will be offered for our departed brothers and sisters written up in our special book. Remembrance plaques may be purchased by Phoning Tanya the parish secretary.

This Friday is the First Friday of the month and as usual, every First Friday of the month we have a Holy Hour to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mass at 7.30pm followed by Benediction, Eucharistic Procession and Adoration till 8.30pm. I encourage you all to attend this special devotion.

Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is on every Tuesday. Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist from 6.30pm—7.30pm. Evening Prayer of the Church at 7.00pm. Rosary at 7.15pm and the Novena Mass with the Novena Prayers at 7.30pm. Come and pray to our blessed mother to intercede to her son for our intentions and the needs of our family and friends.

Religious Education Coordinator Position for 2012
As you know, Miss Whittle has been the Religious Education Coordinator for the past 5 years at Holy Cross. In 2012 Miss Whittle will be converting to part time working hours working 3 days a week. The Religious Education Coordinator position is a fulltime allocation and with Miss Whittle’s new work arrangements for 2012 she will be stepping away from the position of Religious Education Coordinator. I would like to particularly thank Miss Whittle for her dedication to the role of Religious Education Coordinator. During her time in the role she has prioritised the needs of our parish and school and created strong connections between the two. Miss Whittle has gently nurtured our children, teachers and families in their faith development and has been a source of pastoral care to many in our school and wider community. She has been a wonderful support to me as principal. The position of Religious Education Coordinator is appointed through the Catholic Education Office and as such is now being advertised with interviews expected to take place in mid November.
WHOOPING COUGH

If your child has any of the symptoms of whooping cough, such as a dry or persistent cough, which may be especially bad at night, a runny nose and fever, please see your doctor. If your child has whooping cough, your doctor will arrange a course of antibiotic treatment. Antibiotics given early in the illness are effective in stopping the cough and in preventing spread to other people. If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough please advise the school and keep your child at home until they have taken at least 5 days of antibiotics. Vaccination is the best protection against whooping cough. For further information please visit www.health.nsw.gov.au

Hand Foot and Mouth Disease

The symptoms of this illness include:

- Blisters that start as small red dots which later become ulcers. Blister appear inside the cheeks, gums and on the sides of the tongue as well as on the hands and feet. Blisters usually last for seven to ten days.
- If your child has any of these symptoms and a low fever, sore throat, tiredness, feels off colour and maybe off their food for a day or two please consult your doctor.

School Financial Audit

Today the Internal Auditors from the Catholic Education Office will be Auditing the School’s Financial processes.

Change of Family Details

Please ensure that your family details, especially contact numbers are updated at the office when they change. This is very important in cases of accident or illness when we need to urgently contact parents.

Kindergarten 2012 Transition Programme

In just 2 weeks our 2012 Kindergarten children will be joining us for their transition programme. Thank you to Ms Porteous, Miss Desira, Mrs Lang, Mrs Batiste, Mrs Viliers and Mrs Salkeld and to the following Parents who will be working with this group of children and their parents:

- Mrs Ettehad
- Mrs Giumelli
- Ms Matthews
- Mrs Kitcher
- Mrs Kiceec
- Mrs Fittler
- Mrs Inns
- Mrs Aouchan
- Mrs Baird
- Mrs Bebek
- Mrs Szymoniczek
- Mr Irwin
- Mrs Torres

Girls Craft Night In

Join us for a night of fundraising for women’s cancer. We will be making cards, playing games and having lots of fun.

When: Saturday 12th November @ 7.30pm
Where: Multi Purpose Learning Centre, Holy Cross Primary School
Entry $30.00
BYO: Drink
A light supper will be provided
RSVP by 4th November. All enquiries call Donna 0414 830 727

GREAT NEWS:- As a school community we have collected
34,217 COLES docket and
20,170 WOOLWORTHS docket
We will be able to purchase a significant number of resources with these vouchers.
THANK YOU  THANKYOU  THANK YOU  THANK YOU  THANK YOU

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 18th November - 2011 Staff Spiritual Formation Day (Pupil Free Day)
Friday 16th December - Last day of school for students in 2011