Premier’s Reading Challenge
Every child at Holy Cross participates in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Last year, in fact, we had 100% completion rate by our students and every child received acknowledgement from the Premier for their reading effort. There are only 3 more weeks to go before the challenge ends. As with last week the library will be open at lunchtimes on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for children to come in and complete their personal challenge. Parents please encourage your child to keep up the reading!

Year 5 Personal Development Programme Parent Evening
This Wednesday evening the Parents of Year 5 children are invited to attend a Parent Meeting about the Personal Development Programme their children will be engaged in later this term.

Sports News
Zone Athletics Carnival 16th August
This year our school has the responsibility of organising and coordinating this event. Mrs Clarke will require significant parent assistance and would appreciate hearing from the parents of those children in the team who are available to help out. Please contact Mrs Clark at school ASAP to let her know of your availability.

RE News
On Monday 8th August we celebrate the feast of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop.

This is a special feast day for all Australians with Mary being canonised as our first saint in 2010. Our Monday Morning Prayer will have St Mary MacKillop as our focus.

You are invited to celebrate Friday Mass with Year 4 this week.

Knitting
We would like to extend our thanks to Mrs Harper, Mrs Gallacher and Mrs Diaz who sewed our squares together to make some beautiful “original” blankets. If you have any more squares cold you send them to school by Friday.

Thank you for your great support

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrate a Birthday this week
Lily Foran, Rishi Gannamani, Thade Williams, Jake Virgona, Jessica Hanna, Daniel Sekulic and Emmanuel Almonte

Term 3 Week 3
World Youth Day 2011 - Madrid
This Thursday Mrs Pielago along with Bishop Anthony op and pilgrims from our diocese, will depart for Madrid to attend WYD. We are very excited that one of our teachers has been selected for this role. We wish Mrs Pielago a safe and spiritually uplifting and fulfilling experience. It is not that long ago that Holy Cross hosted 340+ pilgrims within our classrooms during Sydney WYD 2008. It was a fabulous and energising experience for our community. The spirit that surrounds the WYD event is one that just has to be experienced. We pray that all involved will be blessed.

Parents and students are warmly encouraged to contribute to a “Prayer Intentions” book and banner that Mrs Pielago is taking with her to WYD. If you have a special intention that you would like prayed for or a special prayer prayed during the WYD experience Mrs Pielago will do that for you. The book is in the office on the small prayer table in the foyer for you to write in. The banner will be on the black boxes in the COLA before and after school. Alternatively send a note to school and we will record your entry for you.

Preschool Playgroup Sessions
All 2012 preschool children and their families are warmly invited to attend our informal playgroup sessions. They will be held
Monday 9.30am – 10.15am directly following the Prayer Assembly
Wednesday 2.30pm – 3.15pm

Both sessions will be held on the pavers near the fixed equipment. Come along and meet some new friends.

Special Group Photos
In Term 2 when the School photographs were taken we organised for some sport photo groups to also be taken – Zone Swimming, Zone Cross Country, Touch Football Gala Day and Soccer Gala Day. If you would like to order one of these photos they are on display in the office. Orders will be taken on a pre-payment basis and need to be finalised by Friday 5th August. Photos are $14 each

Walkathon Friday August 18th August 2010
Remember to mark your calendar with the date of our School WALKATHON.
Proceeds from our walkathon will be used to purchase literacy resources for our for our children. For each $10 collected, children will receive a raffle ticket in a raffle for a Wii bundle. If you are able to assist by walking with the children to and from the park or by being at a Walkathon Station, please leave your name in the office or with your child’s class teacher. We are all looking forward to a day of fun.
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EMU Mathematics Programme
As you know this year our school is involved in the Extending Mathematical Understanding Programme. In our classrooms you will notice that the children are exposed to:

- teaching that is focused on skill development. We all know that a mathematician needs skills to solve problems. To be skilful mathematicians our children need to develop the appropriate mathematical skills.
- learning that assists them to engage in the problem solving process – this is what mathematicians do step by step. Mathematicians don't know the answer to a problem when they start it. If they did, it wouldn't be a problem. They do however adopt systematic processes and lateral thinking to assist them to solve problems
  hands-on problem solving play in which children are invited to work like a mathematician. Testing their thinking and strategies and deciding which are the most effective is a quality of highly effective mathematicians.

Parents are welcome to visit classrooms to experience the mathematical learning experiences that their children are involved in.

CAN YOU HELP US EARN EQUIPMENT FOR OUR VEGETABLE GARDEN?????

McCain are again running their promotion to help schools earn a range of equipment to be used in school veggie patches. We can earn many things, from wheelbarrows and worm farms to seeds and gloves. With our children planning for the spring planting of our veggie garden, this is a very timely promotion.

All we need from you is the BARCODE from any MCAIN frozen vegetable or Purely Potato range of products. The barcodes can be sent to school with your child or left in the collection box in the office.

This promotion runs for a limited time, so please check your freezer and see if you can help.

Do your shopping at Coles and let your dollars work for Holy Cross. From Thursday 11th August, every $10 spent at Coles Supermarkets will earn customers a Coles Sports for Schools voucher worth 1 point. For as little as 85 points Holy Cross will be able to choose some brand new sporting equipment for our school! Students can collect vouchers from their family, friends and neighbours and drop them into the voucher collection box located at the school office. There are over 100 different items of sporting equipment up for grabs such as soccer goal posts, cricket sets, footballs, beginning juggling sets just to name a few. Help all our children at Holy Cross get more motivated and active at school and invest in our sporting champions of the future. Coles Sports for Schools – sporting support for everyone.

Boys & Girls,
Join your Local Cricket Team Now!
Glenwood Cricket contact Phil Davey 0419 607 003 redbackscricket@optusnet.com.au

Woolworths Earn & Learn is our biggest community program ever!
From July 18th to September 18th 2011 help our school to earn points for educational resources. Points will automatically appear on your shopping dockets, which you simply bring to the school office.

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