



Dear Parents,

I wish to advise you of a significant change that will occur in Term 2 regarding our school canteen. Since I commenced at Holy Cross 18 months ago, I have been closely monitoring the running costs of our canteen. Our situation is that this service is no longer financially viable and therefore we have been subsidizing this service for our school. This subsidy comes from our school operations costs, which is required to support the educational needs and resources for our school community. Therefore, in consultation with the Catholic Education Office, it has been decided to contract our canteen service to a company that specialises in this area and that successfully operates canteens in other schools.

We will also be able to provide a broader service to our school community from operating two days per week to five days per week. This will mean that the contractors supply all foods at competitive bulk purchase prices, they will staff the canteen, they will introduce healthy new and interesting menu items and they will have responsibility for all ordering, work health & safety, and child protection. Our school will continue to have control over operations, menu items and pricing.

**For the convenience of parents, the school will continue to use an online ordering system with Munch Monitors. This is designed to make life easier for parents and assist in efficient and effective canteen management. Parents who currently have an account with Munch Monitors will be able to continue to use this account and no changes will need to be made.**

Tenders have been received and interviews held over recent weeks.

At the end of Term 1 we will distribute details of the Menu and price lists, as this new canteen service will commence at the beginning of Term 2.

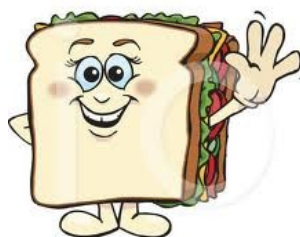
I would especially wish to thank Mrs Maureen Hutchison, for her tremendous work as our Canteen Manager. In the time I have known Mrs Hutchison she has demonstrated great care and concern for all those within our school community. Mrs Hutchison is always willing to help others and nothing is ever too much trouble for her.

I would also like to thank our many parent helpers who continue to assist our school by volunteering to work in the canteen on a regular basis. As we value their contribution to our school community I would like to discuss other ways that our volunteers can assist in our school.

In the coming weeks we will organise an opportunity to thank Mrs Hutchison for her great work here at Holy Cross and wish her all the very best.

Kind Regards,

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Principal



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**John XXIII Mass Times**

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm
Sunday Masses	7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am, 6.00pm
Weekday Masses	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri and Sat at 9.00am

## Parish News

**Lenten Discussion Groups:** Please phone Sue at the Parish office on 98520583 if you wish to be part of a Lenten Discussion Group for 2014.

Our Lent has begun and I encourage you to be committed to **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving** during this reflective and spiritual journey that we take with our fellow Catholics around the world.

Your church is opened every day till about 8.00pm. Why not come and sit in front of the image of *Jesus on the Cross* and let His sacrifice penetrate your heart, soul and mind so that you too may learn to love as Christ loves.

Without sacrifice we become self-centred and inward-looking. Pray for the grace to sacrifice some time each day to prayer, to go without food so that we may be reminded of the sacrifice of Jesus, and to part with some money to give through Project Compassion for the poor. Then they will know that we are Christians by our love! It is also a time to grow and to know Christ better! Don't let this beautiful opportunity pass.

**Live Jesus in Our Hearts**

Fr Dave Hume

## School RE News

**Project Compassion - Caritas Australia**

On Thursday the school will gather at midday to share the Angelus and to launch this year's Project Compassion appeal. All families will receive a Project Compassion money box to take home.

Project Compassion is run by Caritas Australia and has become a tradition in Catholic Schools for many years. Project Compassion is the single largest fund raising initiative of Caritas and is their largest source of income. Without Project Compassion, Caritas is unable to provide the relief and aid that they do.

The work of Caritas touches the lives of people right across the globe, empowering communities in need to raise living standards, nutrition and health, employment and happiness.

During Lent, alms giving is a significant way in which we can help others and in doing so help us reflect on our own lives in preparation for Christ's coming at Easter. I encourage everyone to place your Project Compassion box somewhere visible at home, as a reminder to be charitable. The loose coins floating around under car seats, in the cracks of the lounge or in the bottom of our pockets make no difference to us though can help change the lives of others.



## CANTEEN

**CHICKEN NUGGET DAY: Wednesday 19th March.** Online orders only. Visit [www.munchmonitor.com](http://www.munchmonitor.com) and type in Username: holycrossps Password: munch2768. Order under "School Shop". Orders close Friday 14th March at 11.30 am. No other hot items available on this day. Sandwiches, wraps, drinks etc are still available.

**Cross Country Friday 14th March:** No hot orders will be available for Years 3 – 6 as they will be back at school late from Cross Country. Sandwiches, wraps, drinks etc still available.

Normal menu still available for Kindy – 2.

## Second Hand Uniform Shop

The Second Hand Uniform shop is open every second Tuesday morning from 9.10 am. The uniform shop is situated next to the school canteen. It will be open again next Tuesday 18th March.

## Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their Birthdays this week

Michael Sekulic, Mark Maher, Ashlee Tungol, Taniesha Ellis, Cooper Nadwie-Smith, Zachary Cauchi, Lia Jabson, Joshua Capps & Andrew Su

## SPORTS NEWS – NO CANTEEN

On **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014**, we will be running our **School Cross Country Carnival**. The Cross Country will be for all children in Years 3 to 6 as well as those students in Year 2 who are turning 8 during 2014.

The Cross Country will be held at Exeter Farm Oval on Meurants Lane, Glenwood. The children will walk from school to the oval to compete. The day will begin at 9:30am and finish at approximately 1.00pm. The students will be given the opportunity to have a short break for a snack and a drink at the oval. They will then have lunch when they return to school.

Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 (children aged less than 8 years) will run a modified track at Holy Cross School at approximately 12.15pm

**This is a compulsory event for all children.**

## Up Coming Events

14th Mar	Year 1 Mass
14th Mar	School Cross Country
16th Mar	Holy Cross Open Day
17th Mar	Kindergarten Morning Prayer
21st Mar	Kindergarten Mass

## HOLY CROSS OPEN DAY

This Sunday 16th March, 2014

at 11.30 am - 1.00 pm

Please inform family and friends of this special event

**Staff Development Day**  
**Monday**  
**28th April, 2014**