



In the News



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HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Wishing the following **staff members** a very happy birthday for January- and February - Innocent Landu- 10/1 and a 'milestone' birthday for Mrs Fuchs- 25/1; Mrs Whitehead- 6/2, and Mrs Brown - 7/2



An important child safety tip from the ADT:

Should you be walking along a road on your way home from school or even visiting a friend's house and a car stops or slows down beside you, run fast in the direction from which the car came i.e. in the opposite direction. Where possible always try to walk home with someone.



Hope for the Future

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. (NLT)

Do not worry. Look up and trust.

MYSCHOOL CARD

A big THANKYOU to our Holy Cross family for faithfully SWIPING their MySchool cards during the holidays.

We raised over R20 000 last year. Let's see if we can double this amount in 2012, so keep swiping!



From the Editor's Desk

A very warm welcome back to our Holy Cross Family for 2012. We are certainly full steam ahead in all aspects of school life despite the heat! Hopefully most parents would have met their child's teacher at the meetings that were held in the evenings over the last two weeks. We as teachers are looking forward to a superb year ahead together with you and your child. Much of the news in this letter is already on the School Communicator, but other 'newsy' articles are also included in this format. You will have read of many school details in the Principal's Circular that went out last week. If you received no such letter, please contact your child's teacher as there was a reply slip to be returned. The Senior Gala is our first school event and is scheduled for next Thursday 2nd February. We look forward to seeing you there. Please come prepared to swim in the parents race!



Catherine Rutter

From the Principal

A sincere welcome to you and your children. To all our new teachers, parents and children, welcome to the Holy Cross family. We trust that you will find your new association with our school an exciting and enriching experience.



Ex-Holy Cross Pupils Excel in Matric results

We are proud to announce that 9 of the 18 Matric pupils who achieved 'A' aggregates at York High School were ex-Holy Cross pupils. We congratulate them. York High has been ranked 8th amongst the public schools in the Western Cape and Mr Moll, the principal, said recently on Eden FM that the excellent foundation that comes from the feeder schools, like Holy Cross, which has excelled in Numeracy and Literacy over the years, helps them to achieve such outstanding academic results.



Latecomers

A reminder that the school day starts at 7.30am. Any latecomers must report to the front office.

Children who are late will spend their break outside the principal's office. Don't be late!



Holy Cross Pre-Primary

The Pre-Primary welcomed their new Pre-grade R teacher, Mrs Mosterd, to their school, along with a new class of children! Mrs Middleton continues to head the school and teach her Grade R class. Everyone has settled nicely and new on the Grade R programme is a compulsory 'Swim safe' lesson once a week. Boys and girls come across to the Holy Cross pool where they meet their coach, Mrs Milette Salter, and a few moms and dads who help her. This is all very exciting as we really want to ensure that all our future Grade 1's, as far as possible, are water safe!



Holy Cross Sunhats

At present it is not compulsory to wear a Holy Cross Sunhat, however, we would like your support in helping to protect the skin of our pupils by sending any navy sunhat to school with your children. A letter went home on Monday about ordering a sunhat from Mrs Slater at a cost of R80. These hats have room for expansion, so should last for the duration of your child's school career.

To further promote our concerns about skin damage, EXOCET are selling a sunscreen product called 1,2,3 Block Myself Sunscreen at R20 a tube, this fits easily into a pocket, sportsbag etc. Let's be sun wise!

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New to Holy Cross

Our new Grade 1's share their thoughts about their first school experiences with us . From Miss Grant's class, while many pupils said they felt excited, nervous and happy, one child made her teacher smile with a comment, " I felt new!" Gabriel C. felt, surprised because, "I'd never 'meeted' a new teacher!" A few comments from Mrs Fuch's class about what they like are as follows: Reece- I like homework! Amber- I like having a new teacher this year. Kimberley- I like playing in the 'Mary forest'. Chloe- I like swimming and my classroom. Hugo- I love teacher and I like to play. Samantha- I like Mrs Fuchs and the gold dots! What they didn't like: Zeke- I don't like the yellow line! In Miss Grant's class there wasn't much the children didn't like except the scary white dogs that live next door! We hope that the Grade 1's have a super first year at Holy Cross and soon feel a part of the big family.

From the Sports Department

We are proud to announce the following House Captains and Vice-Captains for 2012.

Congratulations to the following learners:

RED HOUSE:-

Captains

Julia Kohler and Joshua Barrett

Vice-Captains

Danielle Neizel and Scott Meintjes

BLUE HOUSE:-

Captains

Meagan Nezar and Jason Boyes

Vice-Captains

Angela Miller and Chris du Toit

Yellow House:-

Captains:

Aimee Salter and Dante Fillies

Vice-Captains

Britney Marques and Lutz Springborn



ECO-SCHOOLS AWARD

We are very proud to have received notification that we have been awarded our Platinum Certificate for our 8th year of work with the Eco-schools Programme. We were required once again to prepare an extensive Portfolio and include evidence of learners' work. Evidence of practical projects like our Wetland and Vegetable Garden were also included. Each Grade submitted evidence for the Portfolio. A very big thank you to Mrs Davis, the Eco-schools committee, staff and learners for making this achievement possible!



LOST PROPERTY

The year has got off to a much better start where Lost Property is concerned. Thank you parents for ensuring that all items brought to school have been marked for the start of the 2012 school year. The items that are often not returned because the name has been 'washed' off are the lunch boxes and juice bottles. We have given away many black plastic bags full of un-marked lunch boxes and bottles. Please be aware of this and have your marker handy once the washing up is done!

Marked items will be returned to your child, but teachers do not have the time to find owners of items without names - these items will simply be donated to underprivileged schools, or handed to the clothing shop, where they will have to be bought back. It may seem like a hassle to mark each and every item of clothing, stationery, etc with your child's name, but it saves a lot of time and money. By the same token, we have noticed that children often erroneously take home items of clothing that do not belong to them. Please check your child's clothing regularly to make sure items belong to them. Re-mark any items where the name is wearing off. Mrs van Blerk - Lost Property co-ordinator.

Sports results:



SWIMMING- SWD Long Course Champs -Dec 2011

Aimee Salter- won 8 golds and set a new SWD record. She has been chosen to represent SWD at the InterProvincial gala in East London at the end of January. Aimee was the youngest lady to swim the 6km Sabrina Love Ocean swim in Plettenberg Bay. A wonderful achievement! Well done, Aimee!

Hannah Kiely won 1 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze medal for her events.

Arin Salter won 1 silver and 3 bronze medals.

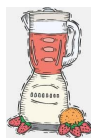
Hannah and Arin swam the 600m Sabrina Love lake swim in December. We are proud of you girls!

Hannah Kiely participated in the SWD Biathlon trials in Oudtshoorn and was chosen to represent the SWD team at a Biathlon Inter-Provincial meeting in February.



HOLY CROSS LEOS CLUB

This year is our second year of the Leos Club here at Holy Cross. This is a community-service club open to learners from Grade 6 and 7 , which will co-ordinate various social welfare projects throughout the year. Their first project is a Stationery Drive to collect old stationery for distribution to needy communities in George, so please clear out your cupboards and donate any unwanted items, including school bags, un-branded school clothes, etc. as soon as possible.



The Tuck shop - Help your child to make healthy food choices this year. Our emphasis this year is on healthy, nutritional food which will include fresh fruit, smoothies and a range of health rolls, pita and sandwiches on sale Monday to Fridays.

We encourage you to support our new 'healthy' policy and ask that you keep sweet treats, as far as possible, for Fridays only. Chips and chocolates will be available from the Tuck shop on this day.



Cricket-

Matthew Boltler appeared in last week's George Herald for his outstanding cricket performance in an Inter-Provincial Tournament. He was part of the u.11 SWD cricket team, held in Port Elizabeth during the December holidays. This up and coming cricketer excelled with batting and bowling during this tournament and produced excellent figures. We are very proud of you, Matthew!



Dr Pam Kerr

Dr Pam Kerr, a local educational psychologist will be setting up a free monthly newsletter. Should you wish to receive this newsletter please e-mail Pam directly at pamkerr@atlantic.net.

Second hand Uniform Shop- opens Mon. & Thurs. 1-2 pm

Thanks to the volunteer moms. Remember we only sell uniforms in pristine condition and that are marked! We don't swap or refund, only resell for you!