



Staying In Touch - Newsletter Update

Term 1

Week 6

3 March 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 7

Catholic Schools Week

Tue 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Assembly • Clean Up Schools Day • Twilight Tour 5-7pm
Thu 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic Schools Week Mass 9:30am

Week 8

Tue 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly 2:10pm
Wed 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRG Meeting 6:00pm • Parent Education 7:00pm
Thu 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Patrick Green Mufti Day

Dear Parent and Caregivers,

Next week, all Catholic Schools across both NSW and ACT celebrate together the special time of Catholic Schools Week. During this time, we remember what it means to be a 'Catholic School' by inviting the community to celebrate Mass on Thursday and also holding our enrolment Twilight Open School on Tuesday.

All families are warmly invited to join with us as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week together.

Yours in education,

Paul Devlin
Principal



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Parents,

Faith Formation

Gospel Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Parable of the prodigal son.

A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:

Who has seen real pigs? What are they like?

The boy who left home and spent all his money ended up looking after pigs and wishing he could eat as well as they ate. How sad must he have been?

How did his father show he loved his son when he returned home?

When we return to God because we are sorry how does God treat us?

Catholic Culture

Reconciliation Final Preparation will be on Friday 11th March in the School Hall from 3.30 – 5.00pm. All children in the program are expected to attend this session as part of their final instruction before the celebration of their First Reconciliation. It is for the children only and they will be provided with afternoon tea. The teachers in Year 4 will escort the children to the Parish Centre in the afternoon after school. For further details please contact Mrs Marie Cottee at the Parish Office- 47301249

Catholic Schools Week Mass will be at 9.30am on Thursday 10th March. We hope that many parents, family and friends will come to celebrate with us as a Catholic School Community. **The theme this year is 'I belong You belong We belong'.**

Social Justice

This year the theme for Project Compassion is 'Learning more. Creating change'. Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help education, training and sharing knowledge is empowering individuals and communities in six countries around the world to transform their futures and create lasting change.

Have a peaceful week,

Sharon Shahoud, Religious Education Coordinator



CLEAN UP SCHOOLS DAY

Next Tuesday 8th March is Clean Up Schools Day.

As part of the Clean Up Australia campaign, Children are invited to bring a plastic bag and gardening gloves to school to help keep our school environment clean.

Students will begin cleaning up from 2.00pm.

See you there!
The Environment Team



PLAYGROUND AWARD WEEK 6

Kaitlyn Dilley - 2G

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Ashlea Greatrex - 1B
Gerard Simeon - 1B
Cooper Fleming - 2E
Kaitlyn Dilley - 2G

Lucas Camilleri - 4E
Theresa Grima - 5B
Grace Clarke - 5E
Benjamin Attard - 6G



MERIT AWARDS - Students Who Are Improving Their Writing



Noah Pearce - KB
Declahn Smith - KB
Savannah Galea - KE
Harrison Hotchkiss - KE
Ana Stojanovic - KG
Eva Varlamova - KG
Hollie Carter - 1B
Ryder Duggan - 1B
Aidan O'Brien - 1E
Sophie Weller - 1E
Liam McWilliams - 1G
Olivia Phelps - 1G
Sarah Morphett - 2B
Hamish Richardson - 2B
Ethan Brischetto - 2E
Sari Rivera - 2E
Isabelle Pace - 2G
Noah Pickering - 2G

Shiloh Dpenha - 3B
Lachlan Manners - 3B
BJ Dhillon - 3E
Aleisha Grant - 3E
Abi Amore - 3G
Chelsea Shanahan - 3G
Hunter Kean - 4B
Kiara Peachey - 4B
Jack Attard - 4E
Tahlia Cremen - 4E
David Debrincat - 4G
Anita Garland - 4G
Harrison Dengate - 5B
Samara Hurst - 5B
Shanlee Dale - 5E
Sonny Lawford - 5E
Nicholas Papapavlou - 5G
Alex Vella - 5G

Anais Easthorpe - 6B
Joseph Spoleti - 6B
Erin Dickson - 6E
Olivia Dixon - 6E
Britney Ginn - 6G
Madison Petkovic - 6G

NAPLAN TESTING 2016

The National Assessment Program Literacy And Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will be conducted from 10 - 12 May 2016 for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia. These national tests will provide information on how Australian students are performing in the areas of numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation and will assist teachers in identifying student strengths and weaknesses. By analysing results along with information from teacher judgements and work samples, teachers can adjust teaching strategies to provide appropriate support. The aggregation of student results from the NAPLAN provides schools with an overview of current achievements for groups of students and contributes to a more comprehensive understanding of their performance. The analysis of aggregated results assists school planning and can be used to monitor literacy and numeracy development over time.

Timetable for National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy 2016			
	Tues 10th May	Wed 11th May	Thurs 12th May
<u>Yr 3</u>	Language Conventions 40mins Writing 40 mins	Reading 45 mins	Numeracy 45 mins
<u>Yr 5</u>	Language Conventions 40 mins Writing 40 mins	Reading 50 mins	Numeracy 50 mins

For more information visit the website: <http://www.nap.edu.au/>

CORPUS CHRISTI TWILIGHT TOUR

Tuesday 8 March Twilight Tour 5-7pm
Enrolments open for Kindergarten 2017

An opportunity for members of the community to have a tour of the school, experience the learning spaces and meet our Principal and staff. This is primarily designed for families seeking enrolment to Kindergarten in 2017. Enrolment packages available to collect. If you know of anyone in the area seeking quality Catholic education, please let them know of the Twilight Tour.

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE GROUP

Term 1 meeting date: 16/03/16 - 6pm
Literacy Information Night - 14/03/16 - 7pm

All families are warmly invited to attend the PRG meeting which will be followed by a Literacy Information Night.

Come along and assist in the great work of the PRG while also learning more about how to help your child at home with their reading and writing.