



**Term 1**

**Week 2**

**4th February, 2016**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY**

Tue 9th	●Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Breakfast
Wed 10th	●Ash Wednesday ●Twilight Swimming Carnival
Mon 15th	●Parent Education/ Information Session - Kindergarten - 6:30pm - Yrs 1&2 - 7:15pm
Tue 16th	●Parent Education/ Information Session - Kindergarten - 6:30pm - Yrs 1&2 - 7:15pm
Wed 17th	●Reconciliation Parent Meeting
Fri 19th	●PRG-Welcome BBQ
Tue 23rd	●Nepean Zone Swimming Glenbrook
Wed 24th	●Year 3 - Fizzics Education Incursion
Thu 25th	●Diocesan Swimming Carnival Blacktown

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We welcomed our kindergarten children to “Big School” on Monday and they have begun to settle in well. It never ceases to amaze me how quickly our children adapt to new environments and learn new ways. The school year is underway for 2016 and we have many wonderful experiences planned for the children to ensure that they continue to ‘grow together as the body of Christ’.

In addition to providing a holistic education for every child that covers all 7 Key Learning Areas, we have specific school goals for the year focussed around the areas of Formation (Religion), Literacy and Numeracy. These goals were designed last year in response to school based data and target areas of need for our students. In the coming weeks, I will outline in more detail the elements of these School Goals so that the parent community are fully informed of the educational focus for the school.

Community building is also a very important part of every school and Corpus Christi is no exception. The Parent Representative Group (PRG) aims to build community as well as fundraise for the school. The first social event for the school will be the Welcome BBQ and will be held on the school grounds on Friday 19 February. A flyer went home regarding this event earlier this week. Please involve yourself in this terrific event and add to the sense of community at Corpus Christi.

Yours in education,

Paul Devlin  
Principal



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Parents,

### Faith Formation

Gospel: Lk 5:1-11

An abundance of fish are caught by Simon.

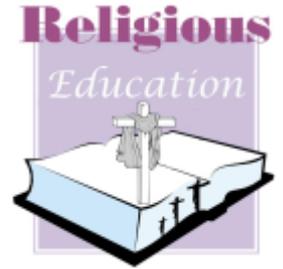
*A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:*

*What sort of messages or errands have you been sent on?*

*When you are a messenger, what do you have to do? (eg listen to instructions, make sure you know where to go, pass on the message clearly etc.)*

*Jesus asks the fishermen in the Gospel to be messengers. What do you think he means when he tells them they will bring in people rather than fish?*

*Jesus calls us to be his messengers. How can we be good messengers?*



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### Catholic Culture

#### World Youth Day Raffle

Raffle tickets have been distributed. The proceeds from these raffle tickets will go directly to our school and parish to support pilgrims going to World Youth Day in Poland 2016. **The tickets need to be returned next week.**

#### Understanding Faith Online Resource

We are able to use an online resource to support our religious education. Why not check it out for yourselves.

[understandingfaith.edu.au](http://understandingfaith.edu.au)

user : ceo.parra.6735

password : 2016.ceo.parra

### Social Justice

Shrove Tuesday will be on the 9th February this year and we will be having our annual Pancake Breakfast. This year the donations will be going directly toward our WYD2016 pilgrim's work in the Philippines prior to World Youth Day in Poland. If there is anyone who would like to donate pancake mix we will be keeping in line with our Anaphylaxis Policy and will only be serving the **"Coles Brand" plain shake 'n' bake**. Any donations can be sent straight to the office. Last year was such a great community event and we hope that many of you can join us this year.

Have a peaceful week

Sharon Shahoud

Religious Education Coordinator

## LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

### MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENT INTERVIEW-MAI

Thank you to the many parents who brought their child/ren to school before the school year started to be assessed using MAI. If your child was not assessed before school commenced, the teachers will assess them during class time. This is the second year that we have assessed our students K-6. This assessment is done one-on-one with each student to ascertain where the child is in relation to growth points. The MAI is an assessment instrument that is continually being researched and updated according to the findings. This information will be used to inform the teaching of Mathematics for 2016.



### **LOST AND FOUND**

The following items have been handed into the office. If it belong to you, please enquire within.

1 x Silver Bracelet      1 x Silver Chain

## NEW FAMILIES TO CCC IN YEAR 1-6

Ivy CEDENO - 2G  
 Giorgio MIKROS - 1G  
 Brock PARRINGTON - 3E  
 Alexander PEEBLES - 4G  
 William PEEBLE - 2B  
 Georgia SKINNER - 6G  
 Julia TAYLOR - 2E



## TERM 1 PARENT EDUCATION/INFORMATION SESSIONS

This year we are inviting parents to attend an education/information session that will assist them in helping their child with their learning. Please keep the following dates and times free to meet your child's teacher and Paul Devlin our new principal. The sessions will be held in the learning spaces.

Monday 15th February  
 6.30pm-Kindergarten  
 7.15pm- Yr 1 & Yr 2

Tuesday 16th February  
 6.30pm-Yr 3 & Yr 4  
 7.15pm- Yr 5 & Yr 6

## SCHOOL FEES

All families will receive a letter today from the school outlining the diocesan and school based fees for the year. These fees are kept to a minimum and reflect the true cost of schooling in 2016. Thank you to all families who maintain good payment regularity throughout the year. Any family throughout the year who experiences financial hardship and are unable to pay their school fees are asked to contact the school to discuss the matter. All information is held in the strictest confidence and there are a range of options to assist families in genuine financial hardship.

## CHANGE IN MORNING PROCEDURES

We are changing the morning requirement for parents to "sign in" if they wish to simply walk their child into school. A letter explaining the new procedure has gone home to all families today. Please read the letter to be informed.

## CAR PARK

Our parish / school car park is a very busy place especially in the morning and afternoon. Co-operation is sought from all car park users to drive slowly through this area to help ensure the safety of children and adults alike. Respect for the safety of others is required by all.



## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Student attendance at school is important and has a significant effect on student learning. Absences from school due to illness is totally understandable. When children are sick, they need to be at home and return to school when they have recovered. Parents are asked to minimise the number of days their children are away for other reasons as it directly affects the student's learning.

## STUDENT PUNCTUALITY

Our school starts at 8:55am. When students arrive on time they are able to move to class efficiently and start their lessons. When students arrive even 5 minutes late, they miss out on the introduction or plan of the first lesson and their learning is affected. Parents are asked to ensure that their children are at school by 8:55am to allow them to take full advantage of the day's learning

## THE SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have a very smart looking uniform that the students can wear with pride. Parents are asked to only purchase the uniform items from the school uniform shop as it keeps consistency with the look of the school and maintains an image of pride for our school identity. If at any time, parents are unable to pay for the items through the uniform shop they are asked to speak with Mr Devlin to discuss payment options. All discussions with Mr Devlin of this nature is kept in strict confidence.

## HELP REQUIRED-STUDENT BANKING

Are you interested in processing the student banking? Do you have banking or data entry experience? If so your help would be greatly appreciated. This would involve approximately one to two hours of your time each week on a Friday. Training is available. Please contact Libby in the school office on 47290696 if you are interested.

## SCHOOL FEES

Term 1 Fee statements have been sent out and Term 1 Fees are due **Monday 7th March 2016**.

## PARENT REPRESENTATIVE GROUP - PRG



### Welcome BBQ 19 02 16

All families are warmly invited to the Welcome BBQ hosted by the PRG. This great event will be held on Friday evening 19 February at 6:00pm in the school hall. It will be a terrific social event with Dance Fever helping to entertain the children during the night.

Please return all reply slips to the school by 11 Feb so that catering can be arranged. We hope to see many families there.

## SCHOOL CANTEEN

Our Canteen is run by volunteers and we are in desperate need of NEW volunteers to assist us. If you are available please complete and return the slip below ASAP. The canteen opens only on Mondays and Fridays.

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### CANTEEN HELPER

I can assist in the Canteen – please put my name on the roster and contact me.

- I have completed the Child Protection Training Module for Volunteers
- I will complete the Child Protection Training Module for Volunteers



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Please Tick Days Available | <input type="checkbox"/> Monday | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday      | <input type="checkbox"/> Both    |
| Please Tick Time Available | <input type="checkbox"/> 9-10am | <input type="checkbox"/> 12.30-2pm   | <input type="checkbox"/> Both    |
| Please Tick Frequency      | <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly | <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly |



**NOTES DISTRIBUTED  
THIS WEEK**

- Welcome Letter From The Principal
- Information & Communication Technologies Student Policy
- Sports Days - Term 1
- School Swimming Carnival
- PRG - Community Events
- PRG - Dance Fever Welcome BBQ

**UNIFORM SHOP - WEDNESDAY**

8.30am – 9.30am & 2.30pm – 3.30pm

- \* **Pre-paid orders** – These orders can be handed in at the school office at any time but will be processed on Wednesdays ONLY.
- \* **Label all items** -To ensure all items are returned to their owners - PLEASE clearly mark all items with your child's name.
- \* **Exchanges/Refunds** – All items must be in original condition with all packaging including tags attached. A Receipt is required for any faulty item or refund.

\*\*\*\*PLEASE KEEP YOUR RECEIPTS\*\*\*\*

**Term 1 Reminders**

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/ SUNDAY
3	8th	9th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shrove Tuesday- Pancake Breakfast</li> <li>• Assembly 2:20pm</li> </ul>	10th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uniform Shop Open</li> <li>• Ash Wednesday</li> <li>• Twilight Swimming Carnival</li> </ul>	11th	12th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Banking</li> </ul>	13th/14th
4	15th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Education/ Information Session - Kindergarten - 6:30pm - Yrs 1&amp;2 - 7:15pm</li> </ul>	16th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly 2:20pm</li> <li>• Parent Education/ Information Session - Kindergarten - 6:30pm - Yrs 1&amp;2 - 7:15pm</li> </ul>	17th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uniform Shop Open</li> <li>• Reconciliation- Parent Meeting - In the Hall 7:30pm</li> </ul>	18th	19th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Banking</li> <li>• PRG - Welcome BBQ</li> </ul>	20th/21st
5	22nd	23rd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly 2:20pm</li> <li>• Nepean Zone Swimming Carnival</li> </ul>	24th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uniform Shop Open</li> <li>• Year 3 - Fizzics Education Incursion</li> </ul>	25th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diocesan Swimming Carnival Blacktown</li> </ul>	26th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Banking</li> </ul>	27th/28th
6	29th	1st <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly 2:20pm</li> </ul>	2nd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uniform Shop Open</li> </ul>	3rd	4th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Banking</li> </ul>	5th/6th