



**Term 1**

**Week 6**

**2 March 2017**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Week 7**

<b>Mon 6th</b> Catholic Schools Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Assembly 2:10pm-3:00pm</li> </ul>
<b>Tue 7th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Twilight Tour-Kindergarten 2018 Enrolments 5:00pm-7:00pm</li> </ul>
<b>Wed 8th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Uniform Shop Opened 8:30am-9:30am &amp; 2:30pm-3:30pm</li> <li>●Parent Reconciliation Meeting 7:30pm at the Parish</li> </ul>
<b>Thur 9th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Open Classroom 8:30am</li> <li>●Catholic Schools Week Mass 9:30am</li> </ul>
<b>Fri 10th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●School Banking</li> <li>●Award Stamping</li> <li>●Year 3 Excursion-Sydney Olympic Park</li> <li>●Zooper Dooper Day</li> </ul>

**Week 8**

<b>Wed 15th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Uniform Shop Opened 8:30am-9:30am &amp; 2:30pm-3:30pm</li> <li>●PRG Meeting 6:00pm-7:00pm</li> </ul>
<b>Fri 17th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●School Banking</li> </ul>

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As a school we respond to the learning needs of our students and develop yearly goals that are the central focus for professional learning for the teachers. This changes the practices of the teachers which in turn improves the learning outcomes of the students. Every school in the Parramatta Diocese develops goals in Formation (Religious Education), Literacy and Numeracy.

I spoke at all the Parent Information evenings at the start of the school but I am aware that not all families were able to be present at these meetings. The school goals for 2017 are:

**FORMATION** - Deepen knowledge and understanding of scripture at a Literal, Inferential and Spiritual level.

**LITERACY** - Improve writing by at least one year's growth, tracked against the Syllabus & Writing Continuum.

**NUMERACY** - Improve Multiplication and Division by at least one Growth Point, tracked against the Syllabus, Growth Points and supported through problem solving strategies.

During the year, all Staff Meetings are focussed on realising these goals and we track our progress at regular intervals. These goals and our progress are discussed with colleagues in other schools and also at the Catholic Education Office. While these three area are definitely our prime focus, it does not take our attention away from other very important areas like knowing our Faith, reading, speaking, listening, counting, addition and subtraction.

I will keep the parent community regularly updated throughout the year as to our work in these areas.

Yours in education,

Paul Devlin  
Principal

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2017**

Next week is Catholic Schools Weeks (CSW). During this week we celebrate the wonderful learning that happens in our schools by inviting the parent community to experience all the classrooms and also join with us at Mass. This will all happen on Thursday 9 March with Open Classrooms at 8:30am and Mass at 9:30am. A letter has gone home today to all families with the details.

**TWILIGHT TOUR AT CORPUS CHRISTI**

**Tuesday 7th March 2017, 5:00pm-7:00pm**

Next Tuesday evening between 5pm and 7pm our school will host the Twilight Tour. This event is to allow prospective families to come into our school and take a school tour and learn more about Corpus Christi Primary. From this event, the enrolment process for the coming year commences for Kindergarten to Year 6. If you know of any families in the area looking for quality Catholic education, please alert them to this important occasion.



**BUS INDUSTRIAL ACTION - 07 03 17**

We have been notified that a bus strike for buses in western and south-western Sydney is planned for next Tuesday 7 March. The strike will take effect from 7.00am-9.00am in the morning and from 2.00pm-4.00pm in the afternoon. Parents are asked to make alternate arrangements for this day.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Dear Parents,

**Faith Formation**

Gospel Mt 4:1-11 Jesus is tempted by the devil in the desert.

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

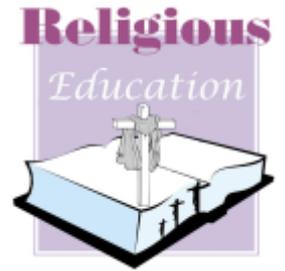
Why did Jesus go into the wilderness?

What did the devil try to tempt Jesus to do?

What did Jesus say to the devil?

In Lent we also have to make some choices. We prepare for Easter by praying and doing good works.

What are some of the things you could you do in these next weeks of Lent?



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**Catholic Culture**

Catholic Schools Week Mass will be next Thursday 9th March at 9.30. It would be wonderful if our families could attend and be part of the celebration of our faith and our learning.

Our first Sacramental meeting for Reconciliation will be next **Wednesday 8th March at 7.30pm** in the Church.**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 : ceo.parra.2017

**Social Justice**

Shrove Tuesday was a great success and we started our fundraising for Project Compassion by raising \$670.





First Sunday of Lent  
5<sup>th</sup> March 2017

PROJECT  
COMPASSION

Like many of her neighbours in her rural village in the Philippines, Dinia struggled to feed and educate her children. She now has the skills to earn a better income for her children and help her neighbours.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help people in rural areas of the Philippines build better futures for their families and their neighbours.**



You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



#### Fr. George update

Fr. George has had to go back into hospital for another procedure please keep him in your prayers.

Have a peaceful week

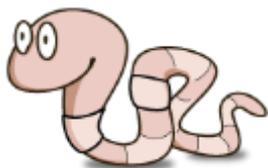
Sharon Shahoud  
Religious Education Coordinator

#### **CONSIDERATION NEEDED FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS**

Parents are reminded to park legally and courteously in the neighbouring streets of the school. We have had reports of cars parking across neighbours' driveways with residents unable to access their house. While this is outside the jurisdiction of the school, our neighbours are within their rights to call the police if cars are parked illegally in their street. Please avoid this situation and help the school "be a good neighbour".

#### **WELCOME BBQ**

Many thanks to all the families who attended the PRG Welcome BBQ on Friday night last week. The families who attended enjoyed the company of other families and played french cricket, shot hoops and kicked the balls around. We were also treated to a delicious BBQ where sausage and steak sandwiches were served. Sincere thanks to all members of the PRG who gave up their family time and assisted in the hosting of this lovely community event. Your contribution to the school is greatly appreciated.



#### **PREMIER READERS CHALLENGE 2017**

Thank you for sending the forms back to school for your children so they can participate in the PRC this year. The challenge runs from 6<sup>th</sup> March to the 25<sup>th</sup> August. The passwords are generated by the PRC site and as yet we have not received them. As soon as we receive them we will send a letter home with the student's user name and password.

We are hoping to have the passwords and usernames before the end of the term but until then please keep a record of the books that your child has read so that you can add the books to their online reading log once it is all up and running.

Thank you  
Mrs Pethybridge and Mrs Micallef (Library)

#### **ZOOPER DOOPER DAY!**

Friday 10 March 2017

50c

Lunchtime in the Breezeway





**SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

Over the Summer students from Corpus Christi took part in the Executive Director’s Summer Reading Challenge. Students were challenged to read anything they liked and as much as they liked. They then needed to leave a review of the text in 50 words or less. The following children are commended for their participation,

- Lisa Nakao 2E
- Ellora Zorzo 3B
- Dominic Wakeling 4E
- Kaitlyn Grima 4E

**OZTAG STATE CUP**

**Congratulations Jack!**

On the weekend of the 10th-12th of February- my family and I went to Coffs Harbour to play Oztag. I played 9 games and our team was undefeated the entire weekend. Our team has won the State Cup the last 3 years. The best moment on the field was when we were losing 1-4 and came back with a victory of 5-4.

By Jack Attard



**DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Congratulations to the squad of 14 students who competed at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival held on Friday 24th February at Blacktown Swimming Centre. What an amazing groups of swimmer we are blessed to have at Corpus Christi! They swam their best in a very competitive field. We are very proud of each student. A special mention goes to Kiani Slaughter who received the 11 Years Girl Champion trophy!

Congratulations to Kiani Slaughter and Amber Shearley who are off to the NSW MacKillop Championships later this term.

**NOTES DISTRIBUTED**

- Kindergarten Science and Technology Project
- Catholic Schools Weekl
- Zooper Dooper Day
- Shrove Tuesday
- Cross Country

**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**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
March 2017 Week 9	20th •Assembly 2:10pm-3:00pm	21st	22nd	23rd •Paul Kelly Cup AFL	24th •School Banking •Cross Country	25th/26th
Week 10	27th	28th	29th •	30th	31th •School Banking •Final Preparation for Reconciliation 3:30pm-5.00pm	1st/2nd April