



# Corpus Christi Primary

Growing together as the body of Christ

## Newsletter

Term 2

Week 1

1<sup>st</sup> May 2014

Dear Parents,

Welcome back from holidays. I trust that Easter was an opportunity for you and your family to celebrate the true meaning of the season – celebrating new life through the Resurrection of Jesus. As I wrote in the newsletter prior to the holidays, by rising from the dead, Jesus shattered the hold that death had over all of us. Death could not keep him down and, if we are joined to him, neither can it keep us down for we are “Easter People”, full of the new life of Jesus. This is why Christian faith does not rest on the death of Jesus and an empty tomb but on the continuing experience of the risen Jesus.



As we enter the third week of Easter may we reflect on how we are disciples and our lives are on a journey with Jesus. The Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35) - The two disciples in this story are on a journey with Jesus. They start walking with Jesus. They draw closer to him as they listen and learn about the Scriptures. They recognise him as they ‘break bread’ together at the table.

The holidays are also a wonderful opportunity to develop your relationships with your children and rituals and traditions build close families. In fact, a strong food culture underpins most strong families. These rituals build wide relationships – that is, they gather the tribe together creating a wide relationship circle. Individual parent-child relationships need to go deep. The easiest way to build a deep relationship between you and each child is to spend **one-on-one time together**.

Go somewhere for a whole day with a child. Go away for a weekend with just one child. Do things you enjoy. Talk. Cook. Mooch. These shared experiences can have a magic impact on relationships. They can sometimes lead to vast improvements in children’s behaviour.

Another way to build deep relationships is to have a shared interest with a child. Having something in common whether it’s shared love of sport, books or a hobby, creates an individual bond that goes deep. Deep relationships provide leverage. Developmentally, it’s easiest to build deep relationships in the opportunity years of latency - five through to ten years of age.

Generally it won’t just happen by accident. It takes time. It takes energy. It takes a support mechanism to make them happen. One-on-one time is the coat hook upon which each of your children will hang their memories of you.

It is also the same with our relationship with God – you need to make time to spend one on one time with God in Prayer. Why not make this Easter Season that time?

Peace and Best Wishes.

*R. Blissenden*

Richard Blissenden  
Principal



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Parents,

### **Faith Formation**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter : Year A**

First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

Peter addresses the people on the day of Pentecost.

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:17-21

We are delivered through the blood of the lamb.

Gospel Lk 24:13-35

Jesus greets disciples on the road to Emmaus.

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

*What did the two men walking on the road say to Jesus?*

*Why do you think that they didn't know it was Jesus?*

*When did they recognise it was Jesus who was with them?*

*What would you say to Jesus if he was beside you?*

*We remember that Jesus is always with us.*

### **Catholic Culture**

Congratulations once again to all the children who presented themselves for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation last year. It has been noted that the number of children making their sacraments does not match with the number of students on the grade. For whatever reason your child has not participated in the programme it is important to note that through Baptism they already started on the journey. By participating in the programme they are continuing the journey that you as parents already chose for them. They are then able to fully participate in the sacramental life of the Church and the celebrations we have as a school. We nurture, plan and prepare our children for many things and their spiritual life should be part of this as well. Please watch for dates and times when these will be available again this year.

#### **Confirmation Parent Meeting- 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2014. 7.30pm/school hall**

First Eucharist Parent Meeting – 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2014. 7.30pm/school hall

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2014. 7.30pm/school hall

Looking forward to sharing this special time with you all.

RE NEWS cont:

### **Social Justice**

*Did you know* that Catholic Care Social Services responds to more than 20,000 calls for help each year? There are many requests for relationship or gambling counselling, or for assistance in dealing with a disability, mental ill health or ageing.

*Did you know* that DWF supports the 13 seminarians in training and more than 1000 Catechists working in state schools in Western Sydney?

*Did you know* that DWF Appeal provides funds for Youth Ministry and Faith Education in Western Sydney too!

Your donations will be Faith @ Work!

Faith at Work is the theme of the Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) Appeal being held in parishes and Catholic schools during May. This appeal is an opportunity to act together as a diocesan family to support ministries and services that no single individual or parish can offer. For example, it supports catechists who teach the faith in state schools, seminarians who are preparing for the priesthood, young adults working in youth ministry, and the All Saints of Africa Centre in Blacktown for recent refugees and migrants. Visit the website to watch a video message from Bishop Anthony and to find out more about how you can make a difference: [www.faithatwork.org.au](http://www.faithatwork.org.au)

Have a lovely week

God Bless

*Sharon Shahoud*

*Religious Education Coordinator*

### **ENROLMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2015**

Enrolments are now open for **Kindergarten 2015**.

If you have a child who will turn 5 before the 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2015 you are welcome to collect an enrolment package from the school office and apply for enrolment. If you know of families in the area looking for a quality Catholic Education for their child – please let them know that we are currently accepting enrolments.



## CURRICULUM NEWS

### NAPLAN 2014

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May, students will take the 2014 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with a disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html>

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers.

The dates and times for the tests are below:

Year 3      Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May  
Language Conventions (40 mins)  
Break  
Writing (40 mins)

Year 3      Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May  
Reading (45 mins)

Year 3      Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May  
Numeracy (45 mins)

Year 5      Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May  
Language Conventions (40 mins)  
Break  
Writing (40 mins)

Year 5      Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May  
Reading (50 mins)

Year 5      Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May  
Numeracy (50 mins)

### Curriculum News cont.:

How can you as parents support your child?

- ❖ Ensure your child has a good night's sleep
- ❖ Give them a solid healthy breakfast – but don't overload them
- ❖ Provide healthy snacks and lunch on test days and plenty of water
- ❖ Cut back on after school activities if your child is tired, but encourage fresh air and a fun play outside

### 2014 ICAS (INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS)

Entry forms for ICAS were sent home last term. Please ensure that the office receives entries before the closing date by 9am. **Unfortunately we are unable to process late entries.**

Subject	Closing Date for Entry	Sitting Date	Cost
Spelling	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	\$11.00
English	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	\$8.00
Mathematics	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	\$8.00

**\*\*Please note that the Spelling Competition entries close on Friday 16th May.**



### MOTHERS DAY STALL – Thursday 8th May

Gifts for sale @ \$3, \$4, \$5 and \$10

There are plenty of gifts available so children are welcome to purchase gifts for Mum, Nan, Step-Mum etc.

PLUS – Mother's Day Raffle – \$1 each OR 3 for \$2

Tickets are available for students to purchase before school at the school gate. They will also be sold at the stall. Prizes will be drawn on the day of the Mother's Day Stall. The major prizes are listed below. Minor prizes will also be awarded. Thank you to the families who have donated prizes for the raffle.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize- Cellini Handbag (Value - \$120)

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize- Overnight Personal Bag (Value - \$80)

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize- Personal Beauty Bag & Products (Value - \$65)

Leftover gifts will be sold at the school gate on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Be early to avoid disappointment!

*Thank you to the many parents who have volunteered to assist on the stall. Please meet Georgette Apap (Stall Coordinator) at the stall outside the School Hall on the morning of Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May after you have dropped off your children.*

### CORPUS CHRISTI CHESS 2014

The first match for our chess teams will be on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May. More details will be sent home once the draw is finalised.

Please go to [www.nswjcl.org.au](http://www.nswjcl.org.au) for more information.

Maree Tonnet  
Assistant Principal

## SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS

TERM 2 FEE STATEMENTS WERE SENT HOME RECENTLY. Term 2 fees are due Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014. Thank you to all those parents who have already set up an arrangement or who are participating in the FLEXIBLE PAYMENT PLA. The FPP is a fantastic way of paying off your fees and is easy and convenient. This method helps you plan your budget for the year and relieves the burden of paying the fees in lump sums. Information in regard to the FLEXIBLE PAYMENT PLAN (FPP) was enclosed with your fee statement at the beginning of the year. Please contact the school on 47 290 696 if you would like further information in regard to an arrangement. Please remember that you can still pay your fees with cash, cheque, money order, BPAY, Postbillpay the Flexible Payment Plan or by using our EFTPOS facilities.

## PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE 2014

Congratulations to the following students who have already completed the PRC for 2014: Carla Colantonio K, Morgan Parkes K, Kaitlyn Grima 1, Joshua King 1, Lachlan Colantonio 3 and Brandon Colantonio 6.  
Well done, great reading.

## ST DOMINICS COLLEGE

Just a reminder: Enrolments for Year 7 2015 are due this Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2014.

## PRG MEETING MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Your Invitation – to the next PRG is included with this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you on the 19<sup>th</sup> with educator Dr Kate Highfield. 7-8.30pm in the School Library.

## ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day is the day on which we remember Australians who served and died in all wars, struggles, and peacekeeping procedures. The spirit of Anzac, with its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity. During our school assembly this week we had the opportunity to pray for all those who have served and died in all wars and we will continue to pray for peace in our world.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES- TERM 2-

F.A.S.T Football Academy will be holding an after school soccer program for grades Kindergarten to Year 4. The program will start on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May and run each Thursday afternoon for 6 weeks on the school grounds. If you wish to sign up you can register online [www.fastfootballacademy.com.au](http://www.fastfootballacademy.com.au) or return the form to the office.

The DanceFever after school program continues on Fridays during Term 2.

The contact is Gabrielle 0424628119.

## LOOKING FOR A QUALITY MOTHERS DAY GIFT?

Why not order a Corpus Christi Cook Book? "From Our Table To Yours" is still available (limited quantity) so to ensure you have one for the mothers, grandmothers, God Mothers and special 'mums' on Mothers Day – order a copy NOW – return the order form below.

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## CORPUS CHRISTI COOK BOOK ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Cookbooks required: \_\_\_\_\_

The cookbooks are only \$25, or just \$20 each if you order 3 or more.

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ cash, cheque or eftops is available at the school office

Payment in full is required with your order.

Cheques: Please make payable to: Corpus Christi Primary School

## PEER SUPPORT:

### RELATIONSHIPS: KEEPING FRIENDS,

We have commenced our Peer Support lessons this week. The whole school participates in Peer Support for 30 minutes each week. Two Year Six and Year Five peer leaders facilitate a small group of 9-10 students from Kindergarten to Year 5, who will work together through a number of structured activities. Each teacher supervises 2-3 groups in their learning space. We are working on a module called *Keeping Friends*, which helps us to explore the concept of friendship, building relationships and developing skills in empathy and critical thinking. The module will run each Monday afternoon during Term Two. Our first session enabled the children to get to know everyone in their group, agreeing on how they will work together and interact cooperatively with others. They have begun to think about the meaning of friendship. We encourage you talk to your children about Peer Support every week, as it will help to reinforce the concepts learned in each session.

During Peer Support next week the children will look at qualities their friends may have and the concept that we choose friends based on the qualities we admire in them. They will also explore the skills of friendship, specifically those of cooperating and listening.

During the week, encourage your child to show they are interested in the person they are talking to by being an active listener.

Thank you,  
Mrs Emilia Ahern, Miss Alexis Hiser, Mr Michael Manton and Mrs Rebecca Talbot.



## YEAR 5 AND 6 - GIRLS SOCCER GALA DAY

On Tuesday 29th April, students from Year Five and Six travelled to Aquilina Reserve, Rooty Hill to play in the Girls Soccer Gala Day. They played brilliantly as a team, displayed many skills and proudly represented Corpus Christi. The girls played seven games, winning three of them and having four draws. They finished the day with a total of 20 points, which left them only one point behind the first placed team. A fantastic effort girls!

Their success resulted in the girls finishing in second place. Congratulations to all of the members of the squad, including Joanne, Madeline, Sophia, Maegan, Hayley, Demi, Rosie, Maddison, Danielle, Bernadette, Gabriella and Jasmine.

Mr Michael Manton



## PARENTS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

The Parents Representative Council, Parramatta Diocese will be holding a Reflection Day at Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa on Sunday 18 May 2014, 9.30am to 2.30pm. A relaxing Day is planned with a Presentation by Fr Richard Leonard - The World in our Face: How do people of Faith download the Best and Leave the Rest? Cost is \$20/person and includes tea & coffee on arrival, lunch and mass. Please email [prcparraevents@hotmail.com](mailto:prcparraevents@hotmail.com) for registration. Parents, grandparents & carers welcome.

## GYMNASTICS TERM 2

During Term 2 the students in Year 1 and Year 2 will participate in Gymnastics. Students will need to wear their sports uniform every Friday. Students in Year 2 will wear normal school uniform on Wednesdays

# What's on and When

May			
Week 1	Fri	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yr 6 Fundraiser – Disco, Gymnastics begin Yr 1 & 2
Week 2	Thur	8 <sup>th</sup>	Mother Day Stall/Raffle
	Fri	9 <sup>th</sup>	Award Stamping, Mothers Day Stall leftovers
Week 3	Tues	13 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN – Language, conventions & writing Yr 6 Mary MacKillop Excursion
	Wed	14 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN – Reading
	Thur	15 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN - Numeracy



## “ Being Organised ” Merit Awards

Georgia Blackman	Olivia Kosorukow
Jack Peachey	Victoria Grew
Jasmine Slack	Sienna Galloway
Callum O'Connor	Olivia Axisa
Lara Debrincat	April Monteleone
Mitchell Bonadio	Dean Gavin
Jorja Amore	Danielle Yates
Lawrence Galea	Katie Rose
Maddison Sullivan	Bernadette Wakeling
Mia Papapavlou	Riley Ashmore
Joshua Grima	Brandon Coles

## 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 anytime 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**\*\*\*\*

## NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY:

- N/A



## Term 2 Week 2 - Reminders

- Tuesday – Assembly 2.20pm; Preview of Mothers Day Stall gifts/raffle; Diocesan cross country
- Wednesday – Uniform Shop
- Thursday – Mothers Day Stall/raffle
- Friday – School Banking; Award Stamping; Gymnastics Yr 1 & 2; Mothers Day Stall leftovers

## TERM 2 DATES - ADVANCE NOTICE

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May - PRG meeting 7pm

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Staff Development Day – PUPIL FREE DAY

## ATTENDANCE AWARDS TERM 1 2014.

Congratulations to the following students who attended every day in term 1.

KB Abby Andrews Mikaylah Elks Sophie Faheys Robert Gilbert Isobel Johnson Leo Leatherbarrow Sienna Smith	2E Olivia Axisa Lily Ceniza-Fulgado Codie Davidson Jadzia Dubois Ethan Junge Douglas McAlpine Gabrielle Vella Kayla Woodward	4G Jessica Buzzi Olivia Dixon Jessica Holt Kiannah Klukow-Leavey Adam O'Connor Ella Rodelas Sarah Turner
KE Isaiah Gabb Benjamin McWilliams Jordan Neal Rose Wilson-Waters	2G Krystal Daly Jack Edwards Lukas Looschelder Abbe May Maxwell Neal Adrian Salazar Harrison Smith	5B Stephanie Hayes Myles Lawford Alexis McAlpine Charlotte Seymour Jasmine Vella Aiden Xiberras
KG Georgia Baldwin Logan Buzzi Kyesha Carter Carla Colantonio Bailey Dempsey Isaac Hardy Jack Peachey Noah Pickering Conner Pryke Ellora Zorzo	3B Lucas Barglik Mia Colantonio Olivia Hayes Sonny Lawford	5E Dylan Baxter Matthew Bonnice Benito Budianto Makinley Laing Stella Wyngaard
1B Lindsay Chong Alexander Clement Callum Donald Aleisha Grant Lucas Hader Leni Harb Joshua King	3E Ezekiel Gabb Matthew Kraus Daniel Richardson Tara Tjahjadi Daniel Xiberras	5G Gabriella Galluzzo Brianna Grosso Mia Papapvlou
1E Hannah Lopez Dominc Wakeling	3G Rafel Hazeem Olivia Mazurek Nicholas Papapavlou	6B Brody Grech Brandon Micallef Ella Muscat Frankie Muscat
1G Skye Daly BJ Dhillon Jack Giampietro Lachlan Pryke Sandra Stojanovic Natalie Vella Jakub Wos	4B Liam Looschelder Jakob Mazurek Hayley Muscat Nathan Pauling Baillie Rosa Jack Shannon	6E Luke Attard Lewis Looschelder Olivia Palamara Alicia Pianta Audrey Sanchez Montana Turnbull
2B Lucas Camilleri Charlotte Clarke Daniel Edwards Riley Fahey Callum O'Connor Richard Rodelas Ryan Yates	4E Benjamin Attard Jonathan Cole Thomas Deery Daniel Panitz Joshua Woodward Danielle Yates	6G Madeline Barglik Neelima Menakath Maegan O'Connor Gemma Pauling Deakin Rizzo