



Term 3

Week 1

17th July 2014

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the third term of 2014. Having spoken to many of our students I know that the holidays were a great break from the routines of school. The term has begun very well with all students returning eager to commence work on their learning. At the School Assembly on Monday I spoke to the children about the importance of Term 3 – the term where we can consolidate learning, work on areas identified in the recent Three Way Interviews and take time to really enjoy our learning together.

Some of the many events we are all looking forward to are listed below but as we are now half way through the year I wanted to start the Newsletter with some very important reminders:

- The newsletter is the main form of communication with our community – it is published each Thursday and is sent home with the eldest child in paper form. It can also be emailed to parents. Our newsletter is available on our website and you can set up RSS feeds and use the SkoolBag app on smart phones to have the Newsletter ‘pushed’ to your phone or tablet. Please take the time to check for updates in the newsletter each week.
- School commences each day at 8.55am. Our goal is to have students at school, on time, ready for learning every school day (unless they are sick). Remember “*Be on time for 5 to 9*”.
- If you have any concerns regarding your child/children the first port of call is your child’s teacher, followed by our Leaders of Learning (co-ordinators), the Assistant Principal and myself.

Newsletter



Term 3 promises to be a term of great leaning – in and out of the learning space. Please mark the following events in your calendars or look out for further information from your child’s teacher.

Families are encouraged to engage in **Family Prayer** and to assist parents in their important role of leaders of prayer in the home a new resource has been produced and will be distributed to all families in the coming days titled “God Is With Us”. Further details are included with this Newsletter.

A Term Planner is included with this Newsletter but please note the following:

Games-A-Thon – will be held on Monday 28th July – students are currently collecting sponsors for this event.

First Eucharist Celebrations will be held over the weekend of 23rd/24th August and on the 31st August – please come to mass over those weekends to support our students as they make their First Eucharist.

Assemblies – Mondays 2.15pm (no assembly Monday 11th August)

Dance Fever Challenge (Years 3-6) on the evening of either September 10th or 11th – parents and students encouraged to attend with details being sent home as soon as our evening date is confirmed.

I wish you all a very successful Term 3 and look forward to seeing you at one of the many events planned this term as we work and learn together.

Peace and Best Wishes.

R. Blissenden

Richard Blissenden

Principal



Dear Parents,

Faith Formation

First Reading Wis 12:13.16-19

God is mighty and gentle.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

Second Reading Rom 8:26-27

The Spirit overcomes our weaknesses.

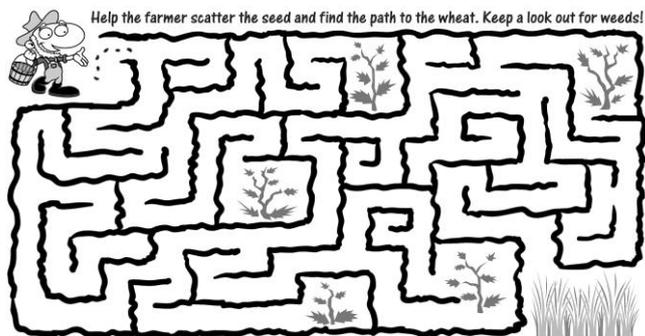
Gospel Mt 13:24-43

Parables of the weeds in the field and the mustard seed.

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

- Who has seen weeds in a garden?*
- What is the difference between a weed and a plant?*
- When you care for a plant the weeds still grow.*
- In today's gospel what did the farmer do when he found weeds in his crop?*
- The farmer didn't want to damage the good crop by destroying the weeds*
- God is like the farmer. What are the good things God looks for in us?*
- We pray that the Spirit helps the good in us to grow.*

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Catholic Culture

First Eucharist Parent Meeting –
 30th July, 2014. 7.30pm/school hall
 First Reconciliation Parent Meeting –
 22nd October, 2014. 7.30pm/school hall
 Looking forward to sharing this special time with you all.

Social Justice

LAST DAY TOMORROW

The St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal is one way we can reach out. Our social justice initiative this term is to reach out through 'Sockeanies' so remember to send in scarves, beanies and socks for all those who will be suffering through the winter months.



Have a lovely week
 Sharon Shahoud
 Religious Education Coordinator

ADVANCED NOTICE

Staff Development Day

No School for Students as the staff will be continuing their professional learning in the area of Mathematics

11th August 2014

Monday Week 5 Term 3

STOP WORK MEETING

Some schools in the Diocese of Parramatta will be holding a stop work meeting on Wednesday 23 July, to discuss the proposed new Enterprise Agreement. Corpus Christi Primary, Cranebrook, however, **will not be** taking part in the industrial action. All classes will proceed as normal next Wednesday.



EARLY ARRIVALS

We have noticed some children arriving very early for school - even before 8am. Playground supervision commences at 8.25am and parents are asked to avoid dropping their child/ren early. If your child does arrive before 8.25am they need to sit outside the main office. Thank you for your co-operation with this procedure.



ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT 2013

The Annual School Report for 2013 is now available on our Website. You can also obtain a hard copy of the report from the front office.



GAMES-ATHON 2014 Fundraiser

Each year we have a major fundraiser for our school. Last year we had a Mathathon and this year we are organising a Games-athon. This focus also correlates with the 2014 Commonwealth Games that will be held in Glasgow Scotland. The aim of the event is to raise money for the school and for the children to have fun participating in a variety of games. The Games-athon will be held on Monday 28th July. 100% of all money raised goes to the school. Money raised will go towards the purchasing of new technology hardware such as Mac Book Pros and i-pads and reading resources. More details were sent home earlier this week.

Corpus Christi Games-athon 2014

What?

Corpus Christi Games-athon

When?

Monday 28th July

Time?

11am- 1.30pm

Where?

Corpus Christi Hall, Learning Spaces and Grounds

What to wear?

The children are encouraged to come to school dressed up as a Commonwealth Games athlete or in colours of a country of their choice (e.g. Australia – green and gold).

What will the raised funds purchase?

Mac Book Pro's, ipads and reading resources

What do we need?

We need parents who are willing to assist with the BBQ on the day of the athon. If you can help please return the slip or email/phone the school office and leave your details with Mrs Paton. Mrs Sue Follan has kindly offered to be our BBQ coordinator! We will need helpers from

12 noon until 2pm.

What do you need to do?

- Collect sponsorship from family and friends. The children will be participating in 6 games during the Games-athon. **Bring your sponsorship card to school on the day of the Games-athon.**

- Return your sausage sizzle order by **Wednesday 23rd July.**

Thank you

Athon Committee



YEAR 3 AND 4 - BOYS SOCCER GALA DAY



On Tuesday 24th June, students from Year Three and Four travelled to Aquilina Reserve, Rooty Hill to play in the Boys Soccer Gala Day. The boys played brilliantly as a team, displayed many skills and proudly represented Corpus Christi. The boys played six games, winning three of them and having three draws. A fantastic effort boys!

Their success resulted in the boys finishing in second place. Congratulations to all of the members of the squad, including Corey, Sonny, Lucas, Branden, Bailie, Ben, Jack H, Jack S and Joshua.

Mr Michael Manton

GIRLS SOCCER GALA DAY



On Wednesday 25th June, students from Year Three and Four travelled to Aquilina Reserve, Rooty Hill to play in the Girls Soccer Gala Day. The girls played with enthusiasm and courage as many of them had never played soccer and they proudly represented Corpus Christi. The girls played seven games coming fourth on the day. Anais and Emily R scored some great goals, Keira and Natalie defended our goals with skill and Emily P, Ella, Olivia, Danijela and Katie were forces to be reckoned with as their skills improved throughout the Gala. Thanks to Mr Dixon for his assistance in coaching the girls. We had a great day and a big thanks to all the families for coming along to support the girls.

Mrs Sharon Shahoud



ROAD SAFETY AROUND YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL-

Driving near school buses

There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is setting down or picking up school children. This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving. The 40km/h speed limit must be obeyed when the rear wig wag lights on the bus flash. Flashing headlights on these buses also alert

oncoming motorists that children are close by. As a driver, remember: When the lights on the bus are flashing, you must slow down to 40 km/h. Never park in or near a bus stop or bus zone. For information about fines and demerit points, visit rms.nsw.gov.au

On and off the bus safely

Your child is most at risk in the minutes after getting off the bus. You can reduce this risk. Meet your child (or arrange for another trusted adult to meet your child) AT the bus stop, NEVER on the opposite side of the road.

Wait until the bus has been driven away before choosing the safest place to cross the road, then follow the usual road crossing procedures with your children.

STOP ! One step back from the kerb.

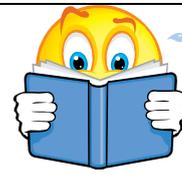
LOOK ! For traffic to your right, left and right again.

LISTEN ! For the sounds of approaching traffic.

THINK ! Whether it is safe to cross.

Teach your children to keep turning their head in both directions to look and listen for traffic as they cross the road. While waiting at the bus stop, stand well away from the passing traffic. Never wait right at the kerb. Remind your children that when a bus is fitted with seatbelts, they must buckle up.

Until they turn ten, hold hands with your child as you cross the road.



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for this year.

Dominc Wakeling 1, Deeanan Galea 2, Kiani Slaughter 2, Sophia Chicharro 3, Rachel Fiutowski 5, Christine Muscat 5, Ryan Slaughter 5 and Bernadette Wakeling 5.

50 students have completed the challenge so far this year. For the students who have not completed the challenge there are still 5 weeks to go as the PRC finishes on the 22nd August 2014.

There has been some issues with student logins. PRC has been advised that these issues are now resolved. The Logon page is now different. You will be directed to the Department of Education's Portal Login Page, where you enter your PRC username and password, and are then taken back to the PRC website, already logged in.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Enjoy your reading.

LIVING THE GOSPEL – SIGN OF THE CROSS

From a recent edition of 'The Net'

Every time we bless ourselves or begin prayer with the sign of the cross, we reaffirm our belief in the Trinity. That seemingly simple prayer, 'In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,' is, in fact, a confirmation of our belief in a triune God – three in one. The earliest use of the sign of the cross only involved tracing a small cross with the thumb or finger on the forehead as it is still done in baptisms or blessings today. Later, describing the shape of the cross on forehead, abdomen and shoulders became the common practice.



What's on and When

July			
Week 1	Fri	18 th	Gymnastics, School Banking
Week 2	Mon	21 st	CARES Yr 4
	Tues	22 nd	CARES Yr 4
	Wed	23 rd	CARES Yr 4
	Fri	25 th	Gymnastics, Award Stamping
Week 3	Mon	28 th	Games Athon
	Tues	29 th	ICAS English
	Thurs	31 st	Yr 6 Canberra Excursion
Aug	Fri	1 st	Yr 6 return from Canberra

New Lunch Times as from Term 3 2014
 Lunch 1 (recess) is unchanged 11am – 11.30am.
 Lunch 2 (lunch):
 Yrs 3 - 6
 12.50 - 1.00pm eating time
 1pm - 1.30pm Playtime
 Kindergarten Yr 1 -2 – unchanged
 1.20pm - 1.30pm. eating time
 1.30pm - 2pm Play time

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY:

- Athon information – all students
- PRG/P&F letter
- Primary Sports Carnival reminder



Term 3 Week 2 - Reminders

- **Monday** – PRG/P&F meeting, CARES Yr 4, Assembly
- **Tuesday** – CARES Yr 4
- **Wednesday** – Uniform Shop, CARES,
- **Friday** – School Banking , Award Stamping

CAN YOU HELP? - GAMES-ATHON BBQ HELPERS REQUIRED

Monday 28th July

If you are willing to assist with the BBQ on the day of the Games-athon please complete the form below and return to the school office.
 We will need help from 12 noon until 2pm. We will need many hands to assemble over 600 sausage sandwiches!!!!



The Games-Athon Committee

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Attention: Games-Athon Committee

Yes I can help with the BBQ for the Games-Athon on Monday 28th July.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____