



Corpus Christi Primary

Growing together as the body of Christ

Newsletter

Term 1

Week 2

6th February 2014

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to all our new Kindergarten children (and families) a brilliant start to the year. We have been very impressed with the way the Kindergarten children have started "Big School". On their first day they were welcomed into school down the 'Red Carpet' and had lots (and lots) of photos taken inside and outside the Learning Spaces. They also enjoyed the Photo Booth. The children have quickly adapted to school life and are learning the routines and procedures that will help them to be great learners.

As you can see below there are many happy faces eager to learn. We are looking forward to formally welcoming our Kindergarten students at our Beginning School Mass next Wednesday.



This week at assembly – the first for the year and the first for Kindergarten – the whole community had an opportunity to welcome the children. I spoke to the children about two goals I had for them this year which are to "have a go" and "do your best".

"Having a go" means to give learning a try, experiment with a new sport or skill or attempting to do something new. I could be in Literacy, Numeracy, the Spiritual life of the school or one of the many extra curricula activities on offer.

"Doing your best" means just that. No half efforts – just your very best.

Good luck to everyone as we have a go and do our best this year!

R. Blissenden

Richard Blissenden
Principal

Be on time at five to nine – a reminder to arrive on time at 8.55am – late arrivals disrupt the learning of not only your child but also others in the learning space.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2014

Faith Formation

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel, Matthew 5:13-16

13 'You are salt for the earth. But if salt loses its taste, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled under people's feet.

14 'You are light for the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden.

15 No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house.

16 In the same way your light must shine in people's sight, so that, seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father in heaven.'

Catholic Culture

Our **Opening School Mass** will be on Wednesday 12th February at 9.10am. During the mass we will be welcoming our new Kindergarten students and after the mass we will be presenting the School Captains and SRC with their badges. Hopefully many parents, family and friends will be able to join with us on this day.

We will also be celebrating St Patrick's Day on the 17th March and St. Joseph's Day on the 19th March. We celebrated this last year and will celebrate again with a 'RED DAY' (Children come dressed in anything RED). St. Joseph's Day is a Roman Catholic feast day commemorating the life of St. Joseph, the step-father of Jesus and husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This day has strong ties with the Italian community who prayed to St. Joseph to save them from famine. Their prayers were answered and so on this day they celebrate with a table filled with food in honour of St. Joseph. St. Joseph's bread is a must. This bread is very similar to our donuts so we will have donuts on sale for \$1. The donuts will be pre-ordered and will be restricted to a maximum of 2 per student. Details to follow closer to date.

All classes participate in sharing prayer with the rest of the school at assembly. Last year we used the Values we were learning about as our theme for each assembly. This year we will be doing the same and for weeks 2 & 3 our theme will be Care and Compassion.

Religious Educations News cont:

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. Looking forward to sharing this special time with you all.

Social Justice

This year the theme for Project Compassion is '**Have life and have it to the full**' Project Compassion will commence in Week 6 with our Shrove Tuesday pancake breakfast and Ash Wednesday celebrations. On the 4th & 5th March. This will start our fundraising efforts for Caritas/Project Compassion 2014. 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. If you wish to know any other information the website is www.caritas.org.au

Have a lovely week
God Bless
Sharon Shahoud
Religious Education Coordinator



SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2014

Wednesday 12th February 5.30pm

The 2014 Swimming Carnival will be held at Ripples Aquatic and Leisure Centre, St Mary's. Parents will be responsible for getting children to and from the event as well as remaining with children during the carnival. We will also need parent helpers at this event, so if you are available please add this to the permission note.

PLEASE NOTE ALL PERMISSION SLIPS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN MONDAY 10th FEB.



CURRICULUM NEWS

YEAR ONE MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENT – MAI

During Week 2 and Week 3 the Year 1 teachers will be assessing their students using the Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI). 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 in Year 1.

KINDERGARTEN 2014 PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

WHEN: Monday 17th February at 7pm

WHERE: Kindergarten Learning Space

WHAT WILL BE PRESENTED: Learning in Kindergarten (ES1) and school procedures.

KINDER PARENTS PLEASE MARK THIS IMPORTANT MEETING IN YOUR DIARY!

KINDERGARTEN KISS AND DROP

Our new Kindergarten students have settled into school routines with relative ease. Parents are encouraged to say goodbye to their child at the entrance gate to the school. If necessary, some of our Year 6 students will be available to assist the Kindergarten students to walk to their classroom, put their bag outside their room, and then move into the playground. Please talk to your child and prepare them for this morning routine. This is an important step in their transitioning to big school and we request your support. **If parents or visitors need to enter the school grounds they MUST SIGN IN at the School Office as from Monday 10th February.**

Maree Tonnet
Assistant Principal

A MESSAGE FROM THE CARST TEAM

Students are reminded to supply their own paint shirt to protect clothing when painting.

Any donations of clean polystyrene trays (eg. meat trays) to use for print-making activity would be appreciated.

2014 FEE STATEMENTS

Fee statements were sent to your home address late last week.

A once off Flexible Payment Plan (FPP) will be offered with the first term's fees, which each family can participate in. Should you not take this offer, then full payment is required each term by the due date shown on the school account statement.

The FPP is an alternative to our current payment term of 30 days and offers families the choice to pay their annual fees either weekly, fortnightly or monthly over a nine month period from March to November. Our preferred payment method for FPP is Direct Debit, however BPay is also available. Information in regard to the Flexible Payment Plan (FPP) will be included with your fee statement. The form which you will receive with your Term 1 statement will need to be completed and lodged with the Catholic Education Office before the **21st February 2014.**

Please call the office if you require further information in regard to the payment of fees. Please inform the office staff if you do not receive your fee statement by Monday 10th February.

SCHOOL FEE PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

As all previous payment arrangements for 2013 fees were cancelled at the end of 2013 (**except for Direct Debits and Centrelink**), it is a requirement that those families concerned set up a **NEW** payment arrangement for 2014. This can be by either taking up the Catholic Education Office offer of a Flexible Payment Plan (FPP), which will have your school fees finalized by 7th November, or by contacting Paula Currie (Tuesdays) for all other payment arrangements.

Please be aware that all fees are due 30 days from date of invoice. If you can foresee difficulty in finalising your account by the due date, **you need to contact Corpus Christi School, before the due date**, so that an alternative payment arrangement can be put in place. If you happen to have difficulty in finalising your account anytime during the year, please contact Paula Currie (Tuesdays) or the Principal, Richard Blissenden, so that alternative arrangements can be made.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

USE OF CHILDREN'S PHOTOS

From time to time the school takes photos and videos of the children engaged in learning and school activities. These photos and videos may be used as part of each child's learning and in publications (like the newsletter, TV screen in the foyer and promotional material) or on the World Wide Web (like the school's website, twitter or youtube). Our normal practice is not to publish names with images to protect individuals. If you do not wish your child's photo to be used in 2014 publications you are asked to write to the Principal indicating your wishes.



TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USAGE POLICY

Students from K – 6 have access to a variety of technologies at Corpus Christi to enhance and engage them in their learning. All students have received a copy of Corpus Christi's Acceptable Use of Information and Communication Technologies Student Policy. To ensure their safety, students are not allowed to use any technology until this form is returned.



CYBERSMART OUTREACH—INTERNET SAFETY AWARENESS PRESENTATION

All families received a letter advising them of the Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation being held at Corpus Christi on Wednesday the 19th of February. We encourage and welcome all families to attend as this presentation aims to support parents in educating their children to be good, safe cyber citizens and promoting safe and positive online engagement.



PARENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL – PRC

The PRC will be holding their Annual General Meeting Monday 3rd March – 7pm.
Diocesan Assembly Centre (DAC)
Cnr Flushcombe Rd and Marion St Blacktown

CANTEEN

Towards the end of last year we had a number of volunteers complete the availability form (see below) indicating that they could help with our Canteen. If you have not been contacted yet could you please complete a second form as your form may have been misplaced. Other volunteers are also welcome to indicate that they can help – just return the form and our canteen convener will make contact with you. From time to time we hope to offer some specials for over the counter sales – fresh fruit in season – so let your child know that to look out for these.

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 _____

- Please Tick Days Available
 - Monday
 - Friday
 - Both
- Please Tick Time Available
 - 9-10am
 - 12.30-2pm
 - Both
- Please Tick Frequency
 - Weekly
 - Fortnightly
 - Monthly

What's on and When

February

Week 2	Fri	7 th	Award Stamping
Week 3	Wed	12 th	Swimming Carnival 5pm Opening School Mass 9.10am – Welcome Kindergarten. Badge presentation for School Captains and SRC
Week 4	Mon	17 th	Kindergarten 2014 Parent Information Night
	Wed	19 th	PRG Meeting – All Welcome Cybersmart Outreach – Internet Safety Awareness presentation
	Thurs	20 th	Yr 4 Skyworks
	Fri	21 st	Award Stamping
Week 5	Fri	28 th	PRG Welcome BBQ and Bush Dance

JNR INDOOR CRICKET – Starting 21st March

Friday U8's – U16's
Indoor Sports & Recreation
Phone: 9623 5523

info@stmarysindoorsports.com.au

CREATIVE DANCE ACADEMY

Phone: Amanda or Kelli 0401 968 606

www.creativedance.com.au

DANCEFEVER AFTER SCHOOL 10 WEEK PROGRAMME

Friday 31st Jan – Fri 4th Apr.

Dance Fever After School Programme commenced last Friday. This programme is independently run by Dance Fever. The cost (\$80) for the 10 weeks is paid directly to them.

Students attending will meet Mrs G outside the hall at 3.05 - and may not be in any other location of the school. The hall toilets may be used for this hour session if needed. Parents will need to collect students from outside the hall.

For more information contact- Gabrielle 0424628119

UNIFORM SHOP

Wednesdays
8.30am – 9.30am
&
2.30pm – 3.30pm

* **Pre-paid orders** – are for parents who are unable to attend or do not need to come to the uniform shop personally. These orders can be handed to the school office anytime but will be processed on Wednesdays.

* **Label all items** -To ensure all items are returned to their owners - PLEASE mark clearly 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:

- Policy Statement for ICT
- Letter to Kindergarten
- PRG – Bush Dance
- Cybersmart Outreach



Term 1 Week 3 - Reminders

- Meet and Greet continues this week
- Tuesday – Assembly 2.20pm
- Wednesday – Uniform Shop, Swimming Carnival, Opening School Mass 9.10am
- Friday – School Banking