



Corpus Christi Primary

Growing together as the body of Christ

Newsletter

Term 3

Week 2

24th July 2014

Dear Parents,

No doubt you and members of your family have been touched by the recent tragic events in Israel and the downing of a Malaysian aircraft. Again this morning news broke of an airline crash in Taiwan. When disasters affect us such as the loss of flight MH17, we can be motivated to think more deeply about the world, the future, and the meaning of life. We can identify with those who suffer because we, most likely, have also suffered at one time or another in our own lives. We can empathise with their pain and with their loss. During this past week, the scope of the tragedy and the media coverage of the story gives parents a challenge, 'how do I help my children to understand and cope with this tragedy?'

As parents we might be asking ourselves, 'why does God allow people to suffer like this?'. This is an angry protest in our minds which is telling us, 'people should not have to hurt like this'. These events often make us question the meaning of life. It is an opportunity for us to go back to our core beliefs – our creed, our faith. When tragedy strikes, we can help others. We can encourage, serve and comfort. We know that God is the "Father of mercies and God of all comfort."

The Principal of one of my children's Primary School recently wrote about talking with your child about tragedies. 'If your child wants to talk about the tragedy of Flight MH17, you might start by asking your child what they already know about the tragedy. Ask your child what questions or concerns they might have. Don't force your child to talk about the tragedy if they are not ready to. Tell your child the truth, focus on the basics and don't exaggerate or speculate about what might happen. Avoid dwelling on the scale or scope of the tragedy. We can also try to focus on the helpers. I was reminded of this by a comment that I read recently, 'There's no way to make sense of a tragedy like this, but we can take some solace in the fact that dire circumstances can call forth the best in human beings.'

Parents, take the opportunity to look at the heroes. Quite often in classrooms, children want to talk about what is happening and what they are seeing on the TV news. They share their thoughts in prayers. At home, we ask that you take time to listen to your child for misinformation, misconceptions and underlying fears. Share your own thoughts and remind your child that you're there for him or her. Also, be sure to explain to your child that the event isn't his or her fault. They need to feel safe with you.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God" (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).



Peace and Best Wishes.

R. Blissenden

Richard Blissenden
Principal



Dear Parents,

Faith Formation

First Reading 1 Kgs 3:5.7-12
Solomon is granted an understanding heart.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

Second Reading Rom 8:28-30
God makes all things work for the good of those who love him.

Gospel Mt 13:44-52
Jesus describes the kingdom through images

*A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:
In today's Gospel what precious things did the people find?
What did they do when they found them?
Why do you think they sold everything to buy their treasure?
Jesus says God's kingdom is like a treasure that makes you happy.
What makes you happy about being part of God's kingdom?
How can we share this happiness with others?*
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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.

St. Mary of the cross Mackillop Feast Day Celebrations will be held on August 8th. A nice day out may be to visit Mary Mackillop Museum. Mary MacKillop Place 7-11 Mount St, North Sydney . As a school we will be celebrating with the parish at mass at 9am on this day. Our focus for assembly this week will also be on St. Mary of the cross Mackillop.

Social Justice

Thankyou so much for all the donations for the St. Vincent de Paul winter appeal. A special thanks to Pat Lillis who is Abbie May's grandmother for the wonderful knitting she so kindly donated again this year. Mr Greg Hall from the Corpus Christi Chapter accepted the donations on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society very gratefully.



This term we will be supporting the work of Penrith Kitchen. In the past we have had a wonderful response to this social justice venture and we hope that it will once again be a great success.

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



CURRICULUM NEWS



Corpus Christi 2014 Chess Results

Congratulations to our chess team Corpus Christi B who came first in the Metropolitan West Region Nepean Zone Rookies Grade Division 4. A great achievement by Trent Whitbread, Jake Horne, Nicholas Grima, Maegan O'Connor and Riley Ashmore!
All chess certificates from the NSW Junior Chess League will be presented at an assembly next term.

Maree Tonnet
Assistant Principal



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 DESPERATELY NEED HELPERS FOR OUR BBQ next Monday. At present WE ONLY HAVE 5 VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE OVER 500 SAUSAGE SANDWICHES. 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 form to school on MONDAY!** Parents and visitors are welcome to stay and have lunch with their child

Thank you

Athon Committee



PRINCIPALS AWARD

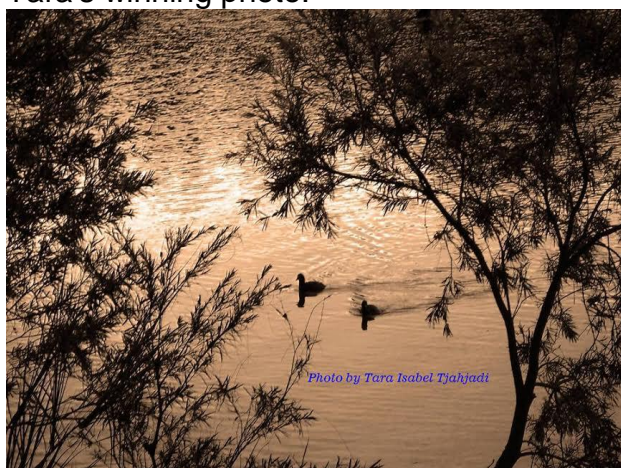
Special congratulations to our recent Gold Principal Award winners. Their hard work, persistence and efforts have been outstanding: Nicholas Pace, Samuel Mallows, Ella Muscat, and Bailey Mount



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Tara Tjahjadi 3E who will be travelling to Toowoomba (QLD) to receive her award from University of Southern Queensland Artsworx. Her work will be displayed in USQ art gallery from 5th August to 4 September.

Tara's winning photo.



TEACHERS ARE LEARNERS TOO

This week our staff spent time during their Professional Learning Meeting to visit all Learning Spaces from Kindergarten to Year 6. The work that is happening in every space in our school is a testament to the dedication of our staff. This week Mrs Boyer along with the Year 5 Team – Mrs Bosworth, Mrs Bowden and Mr Weber attended a full day's professional learning on Mathematics returning with many new ideas and understandings. Today Mrs Natalie Micallef is attending a Professional Learning Session on supporting students in Year 2 who are learning to read and Mrs Margaret Micallef and Mrs Antonelli have been attending Professional Learning Session related to the Choral singing work in which the Year 4 students have been involved. Last night Miss Dane and I presented at Tamarra Pre-School on School Readiness.

PRG MEETING

Thank you to the parents able to attend the PRG meeting this week regarding the proposed move to a P&F. Following a very good discussion, including exploring the history of the PRG, consensus at the meeting was that parents were happy with the current structure of the parent group and as such we will not be moving to a P&F with a formal constitution. We do want to encourage more parents to be involved with the PRG and we welcome your suggestions – feel free to send an email with suggestions to corpuschristi@parra.catholic.edu.au

JUNIOR INDOOR SOCCER

St Marys Indoor Sports and Recreation
Starting Monday 1st Sept

For more information

PH: 96235523 0406237779

www.stmarysindoorsports.com.au

RITCHIES IGA

Thankyou once again to all members of the community who support Corpus Christi by shopping at Ritchies IGA. Another \$63.26 was directly deposited into our school account. The money will continue to be put towards resources for our children.

What's on and When

July

Week 2	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

Week 4	Fri	1 st	Yr 6 return from Canberra
	Thurs	7 th	Puppet incursion K-Yr 2
Week 5	Fri	8 th	PRG Movie night, Award Stamping
	Mon	11 th	Staff Development Day – No School for Students
	Tues	12 th	ICAS Maths
	Wed	13 th	Voice of Youth
	Sun	17 th	Bunning BBQ Yr 6 Fundraiser



“Wearing uniform with Pride” Merit Awards

Tyler Briggs	Sophie Fahey
Max Evans	Carla Colantonio
Cooper Humphreys	Jacob Wos
Tahlia Cremen	Kayla Woodward
Taylor Gavin	Grace Clarke
Christian Bowe	Keelie Pennings
Leila Amituanai	Lilly King
Jasmine Galea	Audree Campbell
Montana Turnbull	Jasmyn Papworth

Playground Award: Kaitlyn Dille KG

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****

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY:

- BBQ helpers - urgent




Term 3 Week 3 - Reminders

- **Monday** – Games Athon, Assembly
- **Tuesday** – Dance Fever, ICAS English
- **Wednesday** – Uniform Shop
- **Thursday** – Yr 6 Canberra Excursion
- **Friday** – Yr 6 return, School Banking

ATTENDANCE AWARDS TERM 2 2014.

Congratulations to the over 100 students who attended school every day in Term 2. Year 3 were the grade with the best attendance. Congratulations to all these students on their perfect attendance.

<p>KB Georgia Blackman Sophie Fahey Leo Leatherbarrow</p> <p>KE Isaiah Gabb Benjamin McWilliams Jordan Neal Morgan Parkes</p> <p>KG Joshua Debrincat Bailey Dempsey Isaac Hardy Mario Hazeem Lorelei Jarrett-Dalton Conner Pryke</p> <p>1B Ryan Campbell Lindsay Chong Miranda Thompson Thomas Whittaker</p> <p>1E Jacob Galea Angus Macphail Hannah Thompson</p> <p>1G Skye Daly Sienna Galloway Jack Giampetro Joshua Montgomery Lachlan Pryke Corby Ryan Natalie Vella</p> <p>2B Imogen Buttigieg Charlotte Clarke Tahlia Cremen Riley Fahey Richard Rodelas Will Whittaker</p>	<p>2E Olivia Axisa Jadzia Dubois Ethan Junge Douglas McAlpine Faith Ryan Kayla Woodward Alicia Xiberras</p> <p>2G Nate Galea Aiden Grosso Lukas Looschelder Abbe May Maxwell Neal</p> <p>3B Lucas Barglik Grace Clarke Mia Colantonio Shanlee Dale James Galea Olivia Hayes Charlie Klemesrud Sonny Lawford Sarah Slack Kyle Urban</p> <p>3E Ezekiel Gabb Joshua Johnson Alexander Papapavlou Cassandra Sanchez Tara Tjahjadi Daniel Xiberras</p> <p>3G Joshua Burnham Jordan Gorgioski Rafel Hazeem Taleisha Muscat</p>	<p>4B Danijela Hader Jakob Mazurek Liam Neill Nathan Pauling Bailie Rosa Jack Shannon</p> <p>4E Anais Easthorpe Cooper Easthorpe Victoria Olarra Emily Palamara Daniel Panitz</p> <p>4G Jessica Buzzi Adam O'Connor Ella Rodelas Katie Rose Alexander Sanchez</p> <p>5B Dylan Brincat Aidan Chong Gaia Fahed Alexis McAlpine Joshua Morgan Shaun O'Sullivan Charlotte Seymour Jackson Uru Jasmine Vella Aiden Xiberras</p> <p>5E Dylan Baxter Benito Budianto Montana Fink John Galea Adam Neill Lucy O'Connor</p> <p>5G Avalon Macphail Patrick Rose Braedyn Urban</p>	<p>6B Megan Cooper Matilda Dib Brody Grech Brandon Micallef Claire Palamara</p> <p>6E Luke Attard Olivia Palamara Audrey Sanchez</p> <p>6G Madeline Barglik Hayley Crane Rebecca Hocking Neelima Menakath Maegan O'Connor</p> 
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