



Dear Parents,

Perhaps you have heard your children talking about being persistent – a topic I spoke about again this week at assembly. Last Term I presented 'persistency as one of the keys to successful learning and over the course of the year we will revisit this theme – at assemblies, in the Newsletter and through our awards – but do you cringe a little when you hear that you should teach your child to be persistent? I know of many parents who would respond that they already have a child that whines or throws a tantrum until someone caves in and so they are therefore persistent.

There is another type of persistence that children need if they are to experience success in any area of their lives. They need to be able to persist when work gets hard or life gets tough. They need to stick at the task and work through difficulties and hang in there when things don't go their way. Some children are more naturally predisposed to persist more than others. They sometimes have a competitiveness in their determination to succeed. These children and young people can drive themselves very hard to succeed (and their parents and teachers to distraction in the process).

Parents and teachers can develop persistence in children. The Australian Temperament Project found that this is one temperamental factor that is most likely to be impacted on by a child's social environment.

Just as we can promote persistence we can also impede its development. We can make life easy for children so that they are not expected to persist or hang in there when things are tough.

Parents who allow children to stop work when it gets too hard, stay home from school for a minor reason or give up on a sport because they are not succeeding straight away are not doing their children any favours. These children are not developing persistence. Parents can promote persistence by encouraging their children to keep going and not give in at the slightest hurdle or difficulty. Parents can be a sounding board for children's gripes but they should show confidence in their ability to cope and get through their difficulties. "You can do it" is far more powerful in terms of promoting an attitude of persistence than "If it is a little too hard then try something else". Let children know that there is a correlation between effort and success. In fact, they need to learn that by GIVING EFFORT they will experience more success. Talk about HARD WORK with your children. They need to understand that to be successful they need to do things that are not always fun or easy. Help children to remember times when they experienced success by HANGING IN when they were younger. The ability to persist in the face of difficulties maybe an old-fashioned quality but it is one of the best success attributes that your children will ever develop.

Tips for developing persistency from Michael Gross, parenting expert:

- Point out to children when they stick at a task. Let them see that they have been persistent and how that persistence has payed off.
- Remember that children show positive persistency when they continue to try hard at school even when they feel like giving up. When they refuse to be distracted by their peers or siblings.
- They also show persistence when they continue to play a sport to the end of the season even though they may not get sufficient game time to their liking.

Best wishes for your work on persistency this week!

R. Blissenden

Richard Blissenden
Principal



STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS MONDAY 26th May



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Faith Formation

6th Sunday of Easter : Year A

First Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

The Messiah is proclaimed and accepted in Samaria.

Second Reading 1 Pt 3:15-18

Suffer for good deeds, not evil.

Gospel Jn 14:15-21

Jesus promises disciples the Paraclete.

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

Who are the people who love you?

What do they ask of you in return for their love?

Jesus loves us and asks us to keep his commandments.

What are some of his commandments?

Jesus says the Holy Spirit will help us.

Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to help us love others.

Catholic Culture

Now is the time to start investigating some of the saints. What is your Confirmation name? Why did you choose it? If it is a tradition in the family have you looked into who that saint was and why they would be significant for your family?

Saint	Patron of
St. George	Scouts
St. Thomas	builders
St. Margaret	businesswomen
St. Joseph	carpenters
St. Thomas Aquinas	catholic schools
St. Ursula	catholic schools

Final Preparation for Confirmation- Friday 13th June 3.30-5pm

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

RE NEWS cont:

Social Justice

DWF Appeal during May

Faith at Work is the theme of the Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) Appeal being held in parishes and Catholic schools during the month of May. This appeal gives us the 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

Last week we sent out collection envelopes with a letter to parents about the Appeal. Bishop Anthony Fisher has written his letter on the back of the Giving Envelope to you and other members of the Catholic community across Western Sydney to ask for everyone's support. The *faith@work* appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as one Church family to support ministries and services that no individual parish or school can offer.

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DONATIONS TOMORROW

Tim is a 19 year old university student. He enjoyed a close relationship to his own grandfather who passed away two years ago and always encouraged him to "better himself". Tim decided to look into the **Blacktown Neighbour Aid** and became a friend to Norman. Norman is a 70 year old widower, who lives alone. Although he has a daughter, her work and young family mean he sees her rarely, so Norman looks forward to his fortnightly visit and cup of tea with Tim. "It's wonderful that he visits me. It gives me companionship" says Norman. "We enjoy each other's company" says Tim and "It gives me a really good feeling, I think my grandfather would be proud".

Blacktown Neighbour Aid is run by CatholicCare Social Services and has existed for around 20 years. They currently have around 70 clients and 30 volunteers but they would like to double their client base and triple their volunteers. Your gift to the Diocesan Works Fund will make a difference to the life of Norman and thousands more who participate in the programs and services offered by the Church's social outreach agency, CatholicCare Social Services. It is faith at Work!

Please show you care with a gift to the Diocesan Works Fund.

CatholicCare makes a critical difference in the lives of for tens of thousands of women, men and children across Western Sydney through practical and compassionate support to the elderly, unemployed, bereaved, homeless, people living with disabilities and mental illness, young people and families in crises.

Please donate via the gift envelope www.parra.catholic.or

Have a lovely week

Sharon Shahoud

Religious Education Coordinator

2014 ICAS (INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS)

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
English	Friday 27 th June	Tuesday 29 th July	\$8.00
Mathematics	Friday 11 th July	Tuesday 12 th August	\$8.00



2014 CORPUS CHRISTI CHESS

Congratulations to all of our chess players who participated in Round 2 of the Junior Chess Competition last Friday. The results are as follows:

Corpus Christi A **3 ½ Wollemi College F ½**

Corpus Christi B **4 Wollemi College G 0**

Games will be played away this week at Montgrove College. Parents and grandparents who have offered to transport, please meet Mrs Tonnet in the library at **2.50pm**. The children will meet us there. Good luck to all players! For more information go to www.nswjcl.org.au

Maree Tonnet
Assistant Principal



STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

The staff will be engaged in professional learning on Monday 26th May and therefore there will not be any school for students on that day.



CURRICULUM NEWS



Tomorrow is Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD). This is an annual, national event when all Primary School children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

- Encourages regular physical activity because active kids are healthy kids!
- Helps to reduce hazardous traffic congestion in and around schools, creating pedestrian-safe areas for children entering or leaving school.
- Is a way parents, teachers, carers and students can help ease global warming and climate change, as they reduce car-dependency.
- Teaches children healthy lifestyle habits from a young age as they learn that walking is the best form of exercise. It's easy, free and almost anyone can do it at anytime. And these habits tend to last a lifetime.

Tomorrow parents and carers are encouraged to walk their primary school aged children all or part of the way to school. Those who can't walk the whole way are asked to combine a walk with public transport or to park the car a good distance away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Walking: it takes you and your health, to good places! And remember: Active Kids are Healthy Kids!

PEER SUPPORT: Week 4

Relationships: Keeping Friends

During Peer Support next week, the children will be looking at how to play in a friendly way in order to maintain friends and build positive relationships. Through various activities, children will discover the importance of taking turns and having consistent rules throughout a game.

This week, please help your child practise these skills by encouraging them to play games with siblings.

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

TEACHERS ARE LEARNERS TOO

The teachers have continued their commitment to ongoing professional learning in the past week with 7 staff attending the second of 4 sessions about the new Mathematics syllabus. The staff also spent considerable meeting time this week examining how to create a rich environment for Mathematics learning to take place. Mrs Tonnet, Mrs Sloan and Mrs Micallef attended a session on Implementation plans and Mrs Tonnet and Mr Blissenden attended two half day sessions to on how to interpret and use the Quality Catholic Schools Survey data.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE 2014

Congratulations to the following students who have already completed the PRC for 2014:

Ainsley Giampietro K, Benjamin McWilliams K, Conner Pryke K, Jack Giampietro 1, Lauchlan Pryke 1, Zac Hotchkiss 3, Tara Tjahjadi 3, Jessica Buzzi 4 and Joshua Grima 6.

SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS

Term 2 fees are due Wednesday 4th June 2014.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

The process of gathering enrolment forms and meeting with families wishing to enrol in Kindergarten in 2015 has commenced. If you know of families looking to start school next year (or who may be thinking of moving schools this year) please pass on our contact details so that they don't miss out on a place. Current families with siblings starting school next year should contact the school office **immediately** for an enrolment pack.

OUR RECENT PRG MEETING

Last Monday Night was an outstanding success. The evening was attended by 16 parents and 8 staff and while numbers were down those present were treated to a high quality, energetic presentation on apps for learning. There was some audience participation and many questions were answered by Dr Highfield. For those that missed the presentation some tips from Kate included:

- One hour off before bed time - all technology off and never charge in bedrooms
- Posture - try lying on the floor while using the ipad - good to stretch the neck the other way.
- As we work in close proximity to the device it is recommended to do them. 20 20 20. Every 20 minutes look at something 20 m away for 20 seconds
- After 5 years of age. 2 hours per day for recreation is recommended. this does not include for educational purposes
- APPS worth looking at...
Chatty pics. Bring a picture to life.
Busy shapes
The pyramids.
Universal place.
My story
Show me
Strip designer / comic life

ARRIVING EARLY

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.

SMS MESSAGING

The school occasionally sends SMS messages as reminders and updates. While infrequent and only on a needs basis, these SMS messages provide a timely way of sending messages to parents of the whole school, grade or class. The SMS number is unmonitored so please do not reply to it. If you need further information or wish to update your mobile number, please phone the school office.

What's on and When

May			
Week 4	Fri	23 rd	Yr 5 Museum Excursion, Walk Safely to School, Award Stamping
Week 5	Mon	26 th	Staff Dev. Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
June			
Week 6	Fri	6 th	Kindergarten Farm excursion, Award Stamping
Week 7	Fri	13 th	Confirmation preparation Children only 3.30pm – 5pm, PRG Trivia,
Week 8	Tues	17 th	ICAS Spelling
	Wed	18 th	Confirmation 5 & 7.30pm
	Fri	20 th	Award Stamping,
Week 9			3 Way interviews Monday - Thursday
	Tues	24 th	Uniform Shop 3.30pm – 6pm LAST DAY for Term 3.
	Wed	25 th	Uniform Shop CLOSED
	Friday	27 th	LAST DAY OF TERM 2
July			
Week 1	Mon	14 th	First Day of TERM 3



"Excellent Playground Behaviour" Merit Awards

Olivia French	Isaac King
Reya Fahed	Sophie Vella
Cooper Greatex	Kaillan Jones
Deeana Galea	Owen Pickering
Ayla Hrpka	Jemma Nero
Jessica Grew	Jade Limpic-Fleming
Joseph Spoleti	Aaliyah Palfy
Jessica Holt	Joel Galea
Dennis Hanna	Paris Voutt
Sophia Biordi	Emily McCurley

PLAYGROUND AWARDS

Charlotte Seymour 5B

UNIFORM SHOP - Wednesday

8.30am – 9.30am & 2.30pm – 3.30pm

*Last days for Term 2

Wednesday 18th June 8.30am – 3.30pm

Tuesday 24th June 3.30pm – 6pm

* **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:

- PRG Trivia Night /Meeting
- DWF Appeal envelopes



Term 2 Week 5 - Reminders

- Monday – **STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- Tuesday – Assembly 2.20pm
- Wednesday – Uniform Shop
- Friday – School Banking; Gymnastics



Most Reverend Bishop Anthony Fisher OP at the PRC General Meeting



Date: Monday 2 June 2014

Time: 7pm (Doors open 6.30pm)

Venue: Diocesan Assembly Centre,
Cnr Flushcombe Rd &
Marion Street, Blacktown

RSVPs preferred by Friday 23 May 2014
to prcparraevents@hotmail.com



Corpus Christi Primary

Growing together as the body of Christ

TRIVIA NIGHT



Date: FRIDAY 13/06/2014

Time: 6:30PM for 7PM start

Place: Corpus Christi Hall

Bring: Drinks, Alcohol, Nibbles & Money

WHY

Mix, mingle and meet new people. Have a laugh while helping the school raise funds.

FORMAT

Several rounds of trivia plus a few games and extra activities. Tables of 10 will be organised for you, or if you prefer, you can make your own table. Bring your friends, relatives and neighbours. **NO CHILDREN ALLOWED!**

REFRESHMENTS

Bring your own everything - like a picnic, but indoors. No ANTS!!! We will provide tea and coffee for a gold coin donation.

RESERVATIONS

Are Essential!

COST

\$15 per person

Please have your payments in no later than **Tuesday 10/06/2014**

Parents, gather your friends and family together for a night of fun and laughs while supporting Corpus Christi Catholic School. You don't need to be Einstein to participate, just come along and enjoy yourself.

Tables of 10 will be organised, or if you prefer, you can make your own table, invite your family, friends and neighbours and meet new people on the night.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED.

As well as the trivia, there will be silent auctions and games on the night, so bring along your gold coins to join in.

Donations towards prizes would be greatly appreciated.

Please return the reservation form to the office with your payment in a clearly labelled envelope as soon as possible (payable by cash or cheque - cheques to be made out to Corpus Christi Catholic School).

For enquiries contact:

Sharon 0418 617 270



Please return reservations and payments by Tuesday 10/06/2014

Name & Contact Number:

Eldest Child's name and Class:

No. of tickets:

Amount enclosed: \$

Team Name:

I am already part of a team: Yes/No

Please write team members names on the back

If you are not part of a team, we will try and place you in teams with parents of the same grade