



Term 2

Week 5

29th May 2014

Dear Parents,

Ever thought of being a saint? No? Not for you? Probably, two people who were declared as saints in 2010 never thought of being saints either. The two people were St Mary Mackillop, declared on 17th October, and St Damian de Veuster, more easily recognised as Father Damian of Molokai, on 10th October. Though they led vastly different lives, they both had uncommon kindness and both were examples to us not to forget those people who are the "forgettable" in our world.

The saints are always calling us back to our Christian roots. They are real human beings like us with their own personal problems but who battle on to achieve extraordinary deeds. Because of this, we should not leave them as lifeless statues or stained-glass windows and excuse ourselves from our responsibilities to other people on the pretext that we aren't perfect. The very fact that they are human like us, is a reminder to us of our responsibilities even if we are flawed and imperfect persons.

The following two observations highlight the "ordinary person" of St Mary Mackillop: "We want our saints to be inspiring but to understand the pathways we walk. Mary is a model of human possibility and she worked with what she had available to her and made things happen in a practical, humanly sensitive way." Sister Carroll. "The real Mary Mackillop was, in her youth, a rather photogenic, nice nun who grew up to be a remarkable woman of toughness and imagination in the way she lived her faith. But she was also an old lady in a wheelchair nursing her little dog after her active days were over." Fr Tony Kelly.

Father Damian of Molokai was a Belgian missionary priest who worked with Hawaiian people who had leprosy. About 8000 people had been separated from the rest of their society and isolated on the island of Molokai where they were abandoned. It was mostly missionary volunteers like Father Damian who cared for them in three-monthly shifts. After several shifts, Father Damian volunteered to stay permanently and take up the work that needed to be done on behalf of the lepers. Not surprisingly, after a period of living, working and sharing with the lepers, he caught the disease himself and at only 49 years of age the disease caused his death. His tireless and selfless efforts caught the attention of many who shared his Christian beliefs and people like the famous author, Robert Louis Stevenson, eventually forced official assistance to be given to the lepers.

The life of St Damian of Molokai holds out a powerful message that one single life properly motivated and directed to the needs of others, can make a lives-altering difference. Even though the necessary two miracles needed before declaration of Sainthood were proven, Mother Teresa said of Father Damian, "Damian, himself, is a miracle."

Not everyone can be a Mary Mackillop or a Damian of Molokai, but we can all do something, if only of a minor nature, to improve the quality of life of disadvantaged and neglected people. The world needs more saints in the making, so that question again: Ever thought of being a saint?

St Mary Mackillop of Australia and St Damian of Molokai, may the spirit of your lives live on in the lives of Christian people right now. May we, ordinary people like you, be inspired to reach out to needy people as you did. May God's Spirit be powerful in us as it was in the both of you. Amen.

Our candidates for Confirmation are currently preparing to receive this Sacrament and have been researching some of the Saints, their life and why they were made Saints. I know you join with me in praying they receive the Holy Spirit in Confirmation and then go on to be Saints in our world today.

Peace and Best Wishes.

R. Blissenden

Richard Blissenden
Principal



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Faith Formation

Ascension of the Lord : Year A

First Reading Acts 1:1-11
Jesus is taken up into heaven.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

Second Reading Eph 1:17-23
Christ is head of the church.

Gospel Mt 28:16-20

Jesus sends forth the apostles with the promise to be with them always.

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

Who do you know who has gone away and you don't see very often?

How do you keep in touch?

Jesus went back to his Father but he is still with us.

How do we keep in touch with Jesus?

We show Jesus is with us by the way we live.

How will you show others that Jesus is with you this week?

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?

St Catherine of Siena was a peacemaker. She lived in a time when many groups within the Church were arguing. The Pope sent Catherine, a great speaker and writer, to help people settle their differences.

St. Paul helped the Church grow. He travelled around telling people the good news about Jesus. He invited people to join the Church.

St. Martin de Porres was a helper. He was kind to all people, rich or poor, no matter what the colour of their skin. He helped those who were sick or enslaved. Martin even cared for stray animals.

St. Therese was a prayerful person. Therese said that every chore she did was a way to pray, and every loving thing she did for anyone was a way to show love for Jesus.

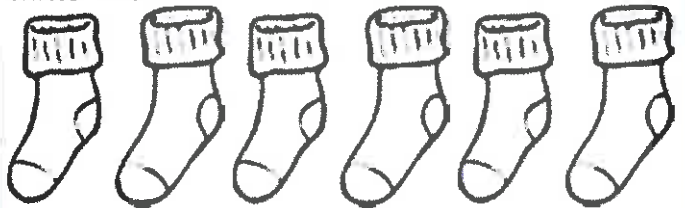
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Final Preparation for Confirmation- Friday 13th June 3.30-5pm

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

Social Justice

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

ENROLMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2015

Enrolments are open for **Kindergarten 2015**. If you have a child who will turn 5 before the 31st 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. **Please do not delay in contacting the office if you have a sibling starting school next year as we have had many enquiries regarding enrolment in 2015 and it would be a shame to miss out on a place – call today!!**



CURRICULUM NEWS

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 3 of the Junior Chess Competition last Friday. The results are as follows:



Montgrove College 4 Corpus Christi A 0

Montgrove College D 0 Corpus Christi B 4

Games will be played away at home this week.

Good luck to all players! For more information go to www.nswjcl.org.au

Maree Tonnet
Assistant Principal

PARENT SESSION FOR YEAR 1 PARENTS ON E-A REPORTING

Year 1 parents are invited to attend an information session on E-A reporting in the library on Wednesday 11th June at 2.30pm. The session will run for approximately 20 minutes.

PEER SUPPORT: Week 5

Relationships: Keeping Friends

In next week's Peer Support session, the children will be exploring how to join groups and how to accept others into their friendship group. The activities will give the children a chance to practise these skills, as well as how to say no in a respectful way, cope with being told no and inviting others to join them.

Encourage your child to discuss with you the importance of saying no to people in a respectful way so that they don't lose friends. Also discuss with your child various options they have at school if they should find themselves without anyone to play with during recess or lunch.

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



YEAR 5 AND 6 - BOYS SOCCER GALA DAY

On Tuesday 27th May, students from Year Five and Six 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 four of them and having two 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 boys!

Their success resulted in the boys finishing in second place. Congratulations to all of the members of the squad, including Hayden, Myles, Deakin, Nicholas, Preston, Brandon, Jacob, Nathan, Baley, Harry, Luke and Lachlan.

Mr Michael Manton



TEACHERS ARE LEARNERS TOO

This week our staff undertook a full day of professional learning on the English syllabus – specifically looking at writing. The conversation and learning generated by the day was amazing – just another example of the commitment of our staff to their own learning.

HAIR CUTS

A reminder that haircuts are not to be radical and that boys need a normal school boy's haircuts. This includes no Mohawks, undercuts or lines cut into the hair. Girls with long hair must have this tied back and off the face. Hair ribbons should be in school colours and not multiple colours etc. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



CONGRATULATIONS – MICHAEL MERCIECA

Congratulations to Michael Mercieca an ex-student of Corpus Christi who has made the gymnastics team in Gymnastics for the Commonwealth Games. WELL DONE

It is wonderful to hear of ex students excelling once they leave school.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LAWRENCE GALEA 4G

Lawrence recently entered the Hawkesbury Show with his water colour painting – winning a ribbon. Congratulations Lawrence!



SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS

Term 2 fees are due Wednesday 4th June 2014

GANG SHOW

An invitation from one of our ex students, Jack Combe, to the Cumberland Gang Show – IMAGINE 4th – 12th July 2014. (School Holidays)

www.gangshow.asn.au

tickets.gangshow.asn.au

Phone: 8839 3399

CASTLEREAGH SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

Dance- Act-Sing Acrobatics

All ages 4+

For more information: 47 76 1215



What's on and When

June

Week 6	Fri	6 th	Kindergarten Farm excursion, Award Stamping
Week 7	Wed	11 th	Yr 1 Parent Session on E-A Reporting
	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
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"Excellence in Religion" Merit Awards

Isabelle Pace	Amanda Mazurek
Jack Darby	Lindsay Chong
Travis Usher	Emilia Kovacs
James Dixon	Declan Northam
Harrison Smith	Sophia Chicharro
Tahlia Fawcett	Samara Hurst
Kandis Rockstroh	Joanna Simeon
Jessica Buzzi	Giorgia Apap
Catherine Kearns	Avalon Macphail
Noah Kelly	Lenah McKay
Jake Horne	Rebecca Hocking

PLAYGROUND AWARDS

Lilly King 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

CLOSED WEDNESDAY 25th June.

Please note: the uniform shop will not be opened during the holidays.

Advanced Notice: PRICE INCREASE

Due to the increase in supply cost we will have a slight price increase to some of our items. Most items have not had an increase in the 2 ½ years that we have been operating. We do try to keep items to the lowest possible price.

The new prices will be effective Day 1 Term 3. A new price list will be sent home to all family at the end of Term 2.

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY:

- Kindergarten Farm Excursion



Term 2 Week 6 - Reminders

- Tuesday – Assembly 2.20pm
- Wednesday – Uniform Shop
- Friday – School Banking; Gymnastics, Kindergarten Excursion, Award Stamping



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