



Corpus Christi Primary

Growing together as the body of Christ

Newsletter

Term 2

Week 6

5th June 2014

Dear Parents,

You might not have been a fan of Reggae Music but Bob Marley had a point when he sang, "You just can't live that negative way. Make way for the positive day." Positive Vibration.

Here's a little story about a donkey and at the end you will understand why the story is titled, "The Wise Donkey". "One day a farmer's donkey fell into a well. The animal cried miserably for hours as the farmer tried to work out what to do. Finally, the farmer decided that the donkey was old and the well had to be filled in anyway; it just wasn't worth the effort to retrieve the old donkey. The farmer invited his neighbours to come over and help him. Each grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. When the donkey realised what was happening, it cried horribly, then, to everyone's amazement it quietened down. When the farmer looked into the well, he was astonished to see the donkey shake each shovel of dirt off its back and take a step upwards. This sequence continued until the donkey began to appear. Before long, it stepped over the edge of the well and trotted off."

Author unknown.

And the moral? Well, use each of your problems as stepping stones. We will never get out of our "deepest wells" by doing nothing. We need to shake off the negatives and "Make way for a positive day". Additionally, acting in a positive way does not mean that we ignore life's less pleasant situations but that we approach the unpleasantness in a more positive and productive way. What a Wise Donkey!

So, how do we teach our children to be wise and positive in the decisions and choices they will have to make? Ron Disney gives good advice when he says, "It is not hard to make decisions when you know what your values are." St. Paul, when he wrote to his church at Philippi, suggested some great values: "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, whatever is excellent or worthy of praise, think of these things." Phil, 4: 8.

As Christians, we believe in a positive outcome in life by our faith in a loving God. Through prayer, Christians believe that we can make use of what Jesus called, "the Kingdom of God within you." Luke 17:21. When we are tempted to give in and say we can't do something, St. Paul has this encouragement, "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me." Phil. 4: 8.

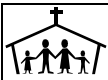
Christians realise that optimistic, positive thinking needs to be tempered with realism, which is not the same as being negative. A favourite saying is to "Act as if everything depended on you, pray as if everything depended on God." In other words we should not use faith in God as a substitute for living in positive ways that will likely improve our chances of having positive outcomes; the two go hand in hand. St. Paul again: "There is no limit to the blessings which God can send you; He will make sure that you will always have all you need for yourselves in every possible circumstance and still have something to spare for all sorts of good work." 2 Cor. 9:8. No wonder Christians are such a positive lot! And if we aren't, we should be!

"God, my Father, increase my confidence and awareness of Your Spirit, Your Kingdom, within me, as You prompt me to live the Gospel message of Your Son, Jesus. Amen."

Peace and Best Wishes.

R. Blissenden

Richard Blissenden
Principal



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Parents,

Faith Formation

Pentecost : Year A

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

The Spirit comes to the Apostles as tongues of fire.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

We are one body with different gifts.

Gospel Jn 20:19-23

Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit into the Apostles.

A beginning point for discussion of this week's

Gospel with children:

Today we celebrate the coming of the Spirit.

Who do you know who is a Spirit-filled person?

What sort of things show that a person is Spirit-filled?

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to come into our hearts so that we may be Spirit filled.

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. Agnes	Gardeners / Girl Guides
St. Ambrose	Students
St. Anthony	Elderly people
St. Barnabas	Peacemaker
St. Cecilia	Musicians
St. Maria Goretti	Teenage girls

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

All children are required to attend this meeting

(The children will be provided afternoon tea, however, any children with allergies are requested to bring their own afternoon tea). For any enquiries please contact Mrs Marie Cottee at the Parish Office on 47301249.

RE NEWS cont:

Corpus Christi Cranebrook Parish Piety Stall

The Piety Stall will be open in the Church Foyer on the first Sunday of each month from 8:30-9:15.

If you have a member of your family celebrating their Confirmation, come along to find a great range of remembrance gifts. The Stall will also be open on Friday 13 June from 5:00-5:30 immediately after final preparation for Confirmation.

Sale items range from \$2 - \$15 and include gifts, books, rosary beads and greeting cards.

Proceeds from the Piety Stall will help support the various Parish Ministries and the St Vincent de Paul Chapter.

First Eucharist Parent Meeting –

30th July, 2014. 7.30pm/school hall

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting –

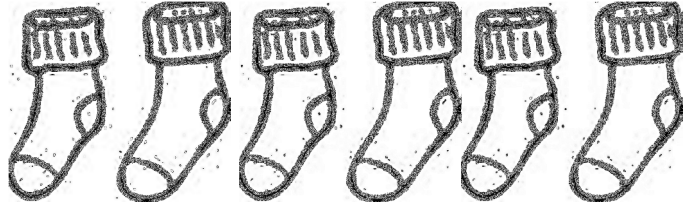
22nd October, 2014. 7.30pm/school hall

Looking forward to sharing this special time with you all.

We will be celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi as a school on Friday 20th June. This day traditionally commences with a celebration of the Eucharist. It will commence at 9.30am and we would love family and friends to come along.

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.



DWF Appeal envelopes can still be sent into the office if you have forgotten to send them in earlier.

Have a lovely week

Sharon Shahoud

Religious Education Coordinator



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

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.



2014 CORPUS CHRISTI CHESS

Congratulations to all of our chess players who participated in Round 4 of the Junior Chess Competition last Friday. The results are as follows:

Corpus Christi A 1 Mount Riverview B 3

Corpus Christi B 4 Blaxland East D 0

Games will be played away this week at St Thomas Aquinas Springwood. 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

CORPUS CHRISTI FEAST DAY

Friday 20th June

On Friday 20th June, Corpus Christi will celebrate its feast day. As part of our celebrations the school will be attending mass at 9.30am. Parents and friends are welcome to come and share in this mass and stay for morning tea.

The Lunch 1/morning tea break will be followed by the Corpus Christi's Got Talent show. This display of talent will take place in the Hall from 11.45am onwards. Once again parents and friends are welcome to join us in this celebration of community talent.

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!!**

FOUND – PURSE

On Friday 23rd May a girl's purse was found in the girls toilet. If you think this may be your purse please see Mrs Paton in the office.

TEACHERS ARE LEARNERS TOO

Over the past week many of our staff have been involved with professional learning opportunities. Mr Blissenden, Mrs Tonnet, Mrs Shahoud and Miss Jeffery attended the Annual Anne D Clark lecture, 7 staff attended their ongoing Mathematics course and on Monday the Leadership Team attended an after school session with teams from other Catholic Schools in the Penrith Area where we continued our spiritual formation.



TRIVIA NIGHT

There is just over a week until the 3rd Annual Trivia night. Details of the evening have been sent home regularly over the past few weeks. Please come along and enjoy a fun filled community building evening. There are great prizes on offer and it is not too late to book a table. A reservation form is included in this newsletter.



PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premiers Reading Challenge. Christy Budianto K, Lachlan Montelone K, Lachlan Manners 1, Sandra Stojanovic 1, Lucas Galea 2, Nate Galea 2, April Monteleone 3, Taleisha Muscat 3, Corey Dunn 4, Meg Whittaker 4, Benito Budianto 5, and Joel Galea 6.

PTO- PARENT TEACHER ONLINE

Parents will be asked to use PTO to book a 3WI with their child's teacher. Login details will be sent home to each family with next week's newsletter. **Parents will be able to login and book an interview time from Friday 13th June until midday Friday 20th June.**

WHAT ARE THREE WAY INTERVIEWS?

If you are a new family to Corpus Christi you may be unfamiliar with **THE THREE WAY INTERVIEWS (3WIs)**.

The 3WI is part of our assessing and reporting process and it involves the child, parent and teacher in a 15 minute interview. This interview replaces the traditional midyear interview. It also provides a forum for teachers, students and parents to acknowledge student progress and achievement. It may involve students taking work home that has been assessed by the teacher and themselves. Parents then respond with a comment regarding their child's achievement and progress during the 3WI and learning goals are set for the rest of the year. 3WIs will be held in the last week of this term and information about times etc. will be sent home soon.

In three way interviews students typically lead by explaining their learning achievements, as well as areas for further improvement. This may include displays of student work across a number of subjects and across a semester. Both strategies are important avenues for involving parents and students in the learning process and help parents understand the teaching and learning, assessment and reporting process. Three way interviews have benefits for teachers, parents and students. Some of these benefits are outlined in the table below.

Teachers	Allows for shared responsibility of student learning, assessment and reporting Flows naturally from work produced in class Strengthens communication channels with parents about student's learning and progress
Students	Enhances self-esteem by allowing them to share their learning opportunities in a positive environment Critically involves students in self-assessment and allows them to take responsibility for their own learning Empowers students as they work toward and achieve syllabus outcomes
Parents	Increases their understanding of learning and assessment Allows them to participate in the reporting process rather than merely responding to it Provides evidence to support twice yearly written reports

PEER SUPPORT: Week 6.

Peer Support: Relationships: Keeping Friends

Due to the Queen's Birthday public holiday next Monday, there will be no Peer Support. Please take this opportunity to discuss with your child what they have gained from Peer Support and the skills they have developed in order to 'Keep Friends' at Corpus Christi.

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



Road safety around your child's school- Your child's safety depends on you DROP OFF AND PICK UP BY CAR

- Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about.
- Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing wig wag lights.
- Always park and turn legally around schools.
- Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic.

It's safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.



PRG Trivia Night – Friday 13th June 2014

Time: 6.30pm for 7pm start

BYO: drinks, alcohol nibble and lots of gold coins

Please return reservations and payments by Tuesday 10/6/2014

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	

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

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 2.30pm
	Thurs	12 th	PTO login details sent home
	Fri	13 th	Confirmation preparation Children only 3.30pm – 5pm, PRG Trivia, Yr 2 Zoo Excursion, PTO opens for parents to book 3WI
Week 8	Tues	17 th	ICAS Spelling
	Wed	18 th	Confirmation 5 & 7.30pm, Reports/TATs folders sent home
	Fri	20 th	Award Stamping, PTO closes 12 midday
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



“Following School Rules” (Care, Compassion, Co-Operation Communication) Merit Awards

Arianna Thacker	Morgan Parkes
Christy Budianto	Abi Amore
Angelina Barca-Boyle	Joshua Montgomery
Evelyn Chicharro	Codie Davidson
Sarah slack	Taleah Rosa
Isabelle Pallister	Georgia Thomas
Cooper Easthorpe	Sophie Fernandez
Maddison Sullivan	Huntley Jones
Ashleigh Lyneham	Frankie Muscat
Alexandra Dickson	

PLAYGROUND AWARDS

Montana Fink 5E

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Samuel Bulluss 1B, Leni Harb 1B, Joshua Montgomery 1G, Jack Attard 2E, Krystal Daly 2G, Deanna Galea 2B, Owen Pickering 2E, Will Whittaker 2B, Isabelle Pallister 3G, Benjamin Attard 4E, Isabella Booth 4B, Jack Shannon 4G, Brandon Colantonio 6G, Matthew Davies 6G, Nicholas Grima 6B, Alannah Hader 6E, Cameron Harband 6G

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:

- PRG Trivia Night
- Note to all families participating in after school activities ie. Dance Fever & FAST



Term 2 Week 7 - Reminders

- Monday – Public Holiday
- Tuesday – Assembly 2.20pm
- Wednesday – Uniform Shop , Parent Session on E-A reporting 2.30pm
- Thursday – PTO login details sent home
- Friday – School Banking; Gymnastics, Trivia, Yr 2 Excursion, Reconciliation Preparation