



Corpus Christi Primary

Growing together as the body of Christ

Newsletter

Term 3

Week 4

7th August 2014

Dear Parents

Whatever troubles may be before you
Accept them cheerfully
Remembering who you are trying to follow
Do not be afraid.
Love one another, bear with one another,
And let charity guide you in all your life.
Mary MacKillop August 1909

Tomorrow Catholics remember and celebrate the remarkable life of Mary MacKillop ~ an Australian woman who devoted herself to caring for the poor and defending the rights of all people. Her tireless trust in God inspires all Australians and many people throughout the world. Mary's example was followed by other women and this Friday we especially celebrate her life as Catholics.

Sisters of St Joseph and other religious orders continue her good work today.

Mary MacKillop...

... A woman with a compassionate heart.

Who has shown you the compassionate face of God?

... A woman with a heart full of trust.

What keeps my heart full of trust when I am facing difficult situations?

... A woman with a forgiving heart.

Who are the people in my life that God is inviting me to forgive at this time?

... A woman held in the hospitable heart of God.

In what ways has God shown love to me in my life?

... A woman with a heart for Mission.

In what way is God calling me to bring the good news to those who are poor?

... A woman with an open heart.

With whom is God inviting me to keep an open heart?

... A woman with a courageous heart.

How have the crosses of your life called forth courage within you?



Parents are very welcome to join us at Mass tomorrow morning when children in Years 3-6 will be attending Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Mary MacKillop.

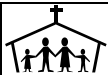
All the very best for the week ahead.

Peace and Best Wishes.

R. Blissenden

Richard Blissenden

Principal



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Parents,

Faith Formation

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading 1 Kgs 19:9-11-13

The Lord passes by Elijah as a whisper.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

Second Reading Rom 9:1-5

Serving Christ involves some pain.

Gospel Mt 14:22-33

Jesus walks on the water.

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

Where were Jesus and his friends in today's Gospel?

What did his friends do when they saw Jesus walking on water?

What did Jesus say to them?

Why did Peter begin to sink when he got out of the boat?

What did Jesus do?

Jesus comes to help us when we find things hard.

What are some of the things that you need Jesus to help with?

We pray that we might believe in Jesus, even in the hard times.

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Catholic Culture

The group sessions for the sacrament of First Communion commenced this week for any further information please contact Mrs Marie Cottee at the parish on 47301249.

The final preparation afternoon for the Sacrament of First Communion is on **Friday 22nd August** from 3.30pm – 5pm. Final tips for parents will follow this from 5.00-5.15pm.

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting –
22nd October, 2014. 7.30pm/school hall

Looking forward to sharing this special time with you all.

Religious Education News cont:

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. Years 3,5 & 6 will be celebrating with the parish at mass at 9am on this day.

The feast of The Assumption is a holy day of obligation and Year 2 and Kindergarten will be attending the parish mass on this day, Friday 15th August at 9am.

Social Justice

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

SCHOOL PHOTOS

**** NEW DATE ****

Tuesday 28th October 2014
Week 4 Term 4



SMOKE FREE ZONE

We have been approached by concerned parents regarding people smoking in the car park. Corpus Christi is a smoke free zone. Please do not smoke on school grounds – this includes the carpark – especially the seat area.

Thank you for your cooperation



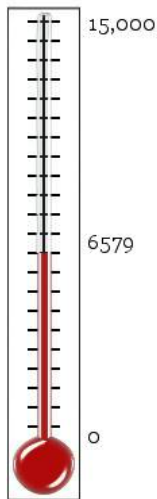
Games-athon 2014 Fundraiser

Each week we will update the amount of money raised from our Games-athon. So far we have raised \$6,579.00. Thank you to everyone who has returned their sponsorship money.

Don't forget that to be in the draw for the mini-ipad in Week 8 you must have returned your sponsorship money!

Spot prizes are also drawn each week at assembly. So please collect and return your sponsorship money promptly. The spot prize at this week's assembly was awarded to: **Cameron Harband** Congratulations Cameron!

Thank you for your support,
Games-athon Committee



2014 ICAS (INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS)

All entries have now closed for 2014. Students who have entered the ICAS Mathematics Competition will sit for the assessment on Tuesday 12th August.

CAN YOU HELP ON THE FATHER'S DAY STALL?

The Father's Day Stall will be held on Wednesday 3rd September. We need some volunteers to assist in selling the items to the students. If you are willing to assist our stall coordinators please contact the office and leave your name. They will then forward your details to our friendly Father's Day Stall Coordinators!

Thank you for your support

Mrs Maree Tonnet
Assistant Principal

YEAR SIX VISITED CANBERRA

The year Six Team returned last Friday evening with the Year Six students following a very successful trip to Canberra. As part of their study about Australian Democracy the Year Six Students visited Parliament House, The Electoral Education Centre, Old Parliament House and a number of other venues in Canberra. I was very impressed with the students behavior and level of engagement in this excursion. Many members of the general public stopped me to praise our students, their manners and their level of questions being asked of our guides. Congratulations to the Year Six students and my thanks to the teachers who gave so freely of their time to take the children to Canberra – Mrs Ahern, Miss Hiser, Mrs Talbot and Mr Manton.



ENDANGERED ANIMALS ART EXHIBITION

Last term we had a number of children enter an artwork for our Great Barrier Reef Art Exhibition in the Library. This term we are having an 'Endangered Animals' Art Exhibition. If any children or parents would like to contribute an artwork for the display please hand them in to the library, Mrs Shahoud or Mr Lanyon for displaying.

Don't forget to take some time and stop at the windows of the library to look at the display.



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Premier's Reading Challenge 2014 finishes on 22nd August.

Congratulations to the following students who completed the PRC this week.

Samuel Bulluss 1, BJ Dhillon 1, Jasmine Stacey 1, Thomas Whittaker 1, Tahlia Cremen 2, Katiya Knoester 2, Liam Looschelder 4

There has been some great reading done by Corpus Christi students with 72 students completing the challenge for 2014. For students that have not yet finished there is only 2 weeks left. The closing date for the Premier's Reading challenge for the year finishes in two weeks on **Friday 22nd August**.



TEACHERS ARE LEARNERS TOO

Over the past week many of our staff have continued their professional learning – Mr Lanyon and Mr Blissenden attended a full day on Writing in Years 3-6, Mrs Sloan, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Attard and Mrs Peterson attended a full day on Reading in Years 3-6 while Miss Bonser continued her Mathematics intervention training.

ELECTRICITY SAFETY WEEK – SEPTEMBER 8-12

We will be participating in Electricity Safety Week by looking at how we can use less electricity in our school and our homes. We will be conducting surveys and the Environmental team will be presenting at assembly with a focus on 'Being safe with electricity'.

CORPUS CHRISTI ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Tuesday the 15th of July we held our annual school Athletics Carnival. The weather was very kind to us and enabled us to have a successful day. Congratulations to all the children who competed and displayed great sportsmanship.

A HUGE thank you to all our parent helpers. These parents assisted in all our events and allowed us to catch up time and finish a little earlier than anticipated. Without your assistance these days are just not possible. Thank you!

The winning house colour was: Tamaroo (Green)

Age Champions will be announce at the next school assembly- Monday 18th August

On Friday 8th August 46 students will be representing our school, attending the Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival at Blacktown Sports Park. Congratulations to the following children and good luck tomorrow.

Mrs Ahern - Sports Coordinator

| Year 3 | Year 4 | | Year 5 | Year 6 | |
|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| Samara H | Olivia D | Anthony C | Rachel F | Hayden A | Madeline B |
| Olivia D | Danijela H | Corey D | Catherine K | Joel B | Sophia B |
| Jessica G | Zena Hader | Matthew K | Makinley L | Jacob B | Megan C |
| Branden J | Tahlia O | Noble L | Lucy O | Matthew D | Hayley C |
| Ryan P | Ella R | Bailie R | Jasmine V | Blake G | Rebecca H |
| Tyler T | Ben A | | Paris Z | Cameron H | Shannon M |
| Liam W | | | Baley B | Flynn J | Maegan O |
| | | | Benito B | Samuel M | Clare P |
| | | | Ryan S | Deakin R | |
| | | | | Trent W | |

PRINCIPALS AWARD

Special congratulations to our recent Gold Principal Award winners. Their hard work, persistence and efforts have been outstanding: Joshua King 1, Aleisha Moore 1, Jack Giampietro 1, Shiloh Dpenha 1, Jackson Moore 4, Daniel Panitz 4, Keelie Pennings 4, Ella Rodelas 4, Ryan Slaughter 5, Braedyn Urban 5, Matilda Dib 6, Demi Field 6, Audree Campbell 6,



What's on and When

| Aug | | | |
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| Week 4 | Fri | 8 th | Award Stamping, Feast of Mary of the Cross Mackillop |
| Week 5 | 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 |
| Week 6 | Mon | 18 th | PRG Meeting |
| | Fri | 22 nd | Eucharist Preparation for children 3.30-5pm & parents 5 -5.15pm Award Stamping, last day for data - Premiers Reading Challenge |
| Week 7 | Fri | 29 th | Yr 6 – Internet Safety |



“Religion” Merit Awards

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| Chase Peterson | Sete Kaufusi |
| Georgia Baldwin | Emily Guthrey |
| Emily Tempone | Charlotte Clarke |
| Jadzia Dubois | Emly Abnett |
| Amy Baker | Cassandra Sanchez |
| Liam Brincat | Natalie Sprycha |
| Corey Dunn | Lilyanah Sandison |
| Joshua Morgan | Rhiannon Combe |
| Rosie Kaufusi | Hayley Crane |

Playground Award:
Victoria Grew 1B

GILROY CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Art and Photography exhibition
Tuesday 12 August 2014
Ph: 8853 8200

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:

- PRG – Movie Night
- Letter for 5G



Term 3 Week 5 - Reminders

- **Monday** – STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN
- **Tuesday** – Dance Fever, ICAS Maths
- **Wednesday** – Uniform Shop, Voice of Youth,
- **Friday** – School Banking
- **Sunday** – Bunnings BBQ