



Dear Parents,

The "Antique Road Show" has been a popular television programme for quite a few years. Viewers seem to get a buzz when someone, who has paid a few dollars for an item at a garage sale, learns from one of the experts that their item is really worth a few hundred dollars and on occasion several thousand dollars.

When Luke wrote his Gospel, he was on assignment from a wealthy man named Theophilus who wanted to know if what he had heard about Jesus was true, because he seemed to be a very different teacher to other Jewish teachers. Luke tells us how he went about his assignment: "I have made a careful study of everything and then decided to write to you and tell you exactly what took place. Honourable Theophilus, I have done this to let you know if what you have heard is true." *Luke 1: 3, 4.*

So, what had Luke learned?

That Jesus took special interest in the less respected members of society. Many Jewish religious leaders believed that poor people were religiously inferior, that God wasn't blessing them because they weren't living correctly. Jesus did not think that way at all: "The Lord's Spirit has come to me because he has chosen me to tell the good news to the poor." *Luke 4:18.*

Jewish leaders of that time considered women to be inferior. Jesus treated women as individuals and recognised both their faith and their feelings. Women helped pay for the cost of Jesus' ministry: "Joanna, Susanna and many others had also used what they owned to help Jesus and his disciples." *Luke 8:3.* The first person on whom the Holy Spirit came was Elizabeth. *Luke 1:41.*

The first person to be called "blessed" was Mary. *Luke 1: 28, 42.* The first people to learn of the Resurrection were three women: "Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Mary the mother of James." *Luke 24:10.*

Many people of that time believed that handicaps were evidence of sin. Jesus had special compassion for the disabled and took care of their needs: "Blind people are now able to see and the lame can walk. People who have leprosy are being healed and the deaf can now hear." *Luke 7: 22.*

Jews considered non-Jews to be on a lower social and religious level. Jesus attitude towards other ethnic groups was revealed in the parable of the Good Samaritan. Jews despised Samaritans but Jesus dared to use one as a good example. *Luke 10: 25– 37.* Jesus broke through social values and practised equality.

Luke's portrayal of Jesus to Theophilus has touches of the "Antique Road Show" about it. Jesus befriended people who were not seen as valuable by the world around them and placed a very high value on them. By doing this, he showed us the value God has for each of us, for Jesus, early in Luke's assignment had said, "Didn't you know I had to be about my Father's business." *Luke 2: 49.*

As Christians in today's world, we are confronted by marginalised people whose lives have been swallowed by poverty, by addiction, by abuse, by personal weakness, by the greed of others, by depression. The question for us is, "In what ways can we be like Jesus to these people?"

**"Jesus, we ask that we be bearers of compassionate love, that we be more discerning of justice and need, that we be thoughtful and generous in confronting the pain and humiliation of people pushed to the margins of our community. Amen."**

Peace and Best Wishes.

*R. Blissenden*

Richard Blissenden  
Principal



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### KINDERGARTEN LITURGY

Kindergarten parents are invited to join their child in prayer on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 9:15am in the Kindergarten Learning Space. The theme of this prayer celebration will be God's Creation. Please take this opportunity to pray with your child. ALL family members are welcome!



## ADVANCED NOTICE

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

**\*\* NEW DATE \*\***

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014  
Week 4 Term 4

### FORGOTTEN ITEMS

The number of forgotten items from home (ie hats, homework, library books, lunch, jackets, footy gear etc) being brought to the school office during class time is increasing. As you can appreciate constant messages to the class room is very disruptive to the teacher and students.

We want to minimise interruptions as much as possible. Please encourage your child to take responsibility for all their school items.

We appreciate your understanding.



## CURRICULUM NEWS



**Did you know that Week 7 is Literacy/ Numeracy/Book Week at Corpus Christi? Please keep Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August free so that you can join us as we celebrate our learning!**

Students/Staff are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book. Please keep it simple so that it is not a burden. We will have a Book Character Parade at 9.30am in the School Hall. This will be followed by a Teacher led Reader's Theatre. After this the children will then move to their learning spaces to participate in a Quality Literature session that focuses on an author or story. ALL WELCOME!

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Maree Tonnet  
Assistant Principal

# Games-athon 2014 Fundraiser



Each week we will update the amount of money raised from our Games-athon. So far we have raised \$8,348.00. 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.

Thank you for your support,

Games-athon Committee



## Information for parents about research into online assessment

As a result of decisions taken by Education Ministers, the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is investigating the possibility of administering the annual NAP Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assessments online.

With the approval of school jurisdictions and authorities, ACARA is working with schools that are willing to participate in research activities.

In August to September 2014, ACARA will trial its online tailored test design, which is expected to provide better information about student performance by better engaging students in the assessment experience. These tailored tests will be trialled with students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9, in Reading and Numeracy. Grammar and Punctuation will be assessed at the end of the Reading test.

A small number of schools will pilot a new form of Spelling test. In these tests, students will use headsets to listen to spelling words delivered via audio files.

Your child's school is participating in these vital research activities for online assessment. One class in both Year 3 and Year 5 will participate in this online assessment. Students in participating classes will complete the tests over two days. The dates for the assessment are the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> August.

The tests will be administered in the schools by trained test invigilators.

Only non-identifiable student data will be collected and stored.

This research about how students engage with online testing will allow ACARA to provide Education Ministers with important information to assist in their decisions regarding future national assessment programs. It will also assist ACARA to ensure the best possible tests are developed in the future.

## CAN YOU HELP ON THE FATHER'S DAY STALL?

The Father's Day Stall will be held on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



## VOICE OF YOUTH

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August, we had three students participate in the 'Voice of Youth' cluster final in the Corpus Christi multi-purpose hall. This final included a total of twelve speakers from St Joseph's, Our Lady of the Rosary, St Nicholas of Myra and Corpus Christi. Each of the students spoke with enthusiasm, confidence and knowledge about their chosen topic. Our finalists included Matilda, Preston, Madeline and Adeena (Reserve). Each of the students proudly represented Corpus Christi and delivered amazing speeches. Well done!

Out of the twelve speakers, Preston in Year Six finished first with his speech on 'Mobile Phones'. He has now qualified for the semi-finals in the Western Division at Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

Congratulations Preston!



Mrs Ahern, Miss Hiser, Mr Manton and Mrs Talbot.

## BUNNINGS BBQ

This Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> August, Year Six will be holding their annual fundraiser event at Bunning's, North Penrith. The BBQ will be cooking all day long so please make your way over and help our students to raise as much money for their end of year events as possible. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Year Six Team.



## DANCE FEVER CHALLENGE

Each year students in years 3-6 are invited to attend the Dance Fever Challenge evening. Our Challenge evening has been confirmed for the 11<sup>th</sup> September it will be held at Homebush. This is an exciting evening where the children have the opportunity to perform the dances they have been learning as a grade each week. In addition those students attending will perform as a whole school (Yrs 3-6) in a Show Dance. While more details will follow please mark this date in your diaries. We are strongly encouraging students to attend with their families as this is an outstanding opportunity and a great celebration of our students' talents.



## Countdown to end of the Premier's Reading Challenge!

### Challenge closes for students on Friday, 22 August

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the PRC for this year.

Kaitlyn Dilley	K
Skye Daly	1
Daniel Sprycha	1
Krystal Daly	2
Anita Garland	2
Mikayla Morgan	4
Natalie Sprycha	4
Joshua Morgan	5

For students who have not yet finished the challenge, there is only 1 week left. Enjoy your reading.



## TEACHERS ARE LEARNERS TOO

Our Staff Development Day this week focused on Mathematics. The staff worked together on the components of the Numeracy Block and spent time on each of the three components – the 'warm up', 'rich open tasks' and the 'reflection'. Mrs Boyer contributed to the planning and delivery of an excellent day of learning for the whole staff. This week Mr Blissenden has been attending the annual Principal's Master Class – an opportunity for Principals of the Diocese to work together over two full days (and an evening) consolidating their knowledge and skills.

## CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE NEXT PRG MEETING

Due to a clash in dates of the next PRG meeting has been moved (the Panthers have a home game next Monday night and we know many families will be watching that game!) Replacing the PRG evening meeting will be a Pop Up PRG Meeting from 2-3 for interested parents on Friday 22/8 – it will include a Q&A with the Principal – more details to follow. For interested parents there will be a PRG Community and Fund Raising Group Meeting in the library with video for any children of parents attending this meeting – from 3-3.30pm.

## JUNIOR MAYOR AND JUNIOR COUNCILLOR

Congratulations to Alannah Hader and Anna Pallister on their debut as Junior Mayor and Junior Councillor last Monday evening. As Junior Mayor Alannah led the councillors through the meeting and the Junior Councillors – including Anna – debated two motions before the Junior Council on playgrounds and theme parks in Penrith. Mrs Ahern, Miss Hiser, Mr Manton and Mr Blissenden were able to be present (apologies from Mrs Wakeling and Mrs Talbot) and we were very proud of the girl's achievements.



## NUDE FOOD FRIDAY

When: This Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August

This Friday we encourage students to bring their food in reusable containers. This helps us to keep our school clean and to look after our environment. As part of the Environmental Team, student leaders will visit each grade to encourage students and see how clean their spaces are!

Environmental Team

## BOOK CLUB

Last day for Book club is due Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August.



## DEALING WITH ISSUES

Please go through the right channels when an issue arises concerning your child. Let matters relating to children attending Corpus Christi be dealt with at school by our staff. Do not approach children or other parents directly when an issue occurs.

Approaching someone else's child translates into a Child Protection issue that can be avoided if the issue is brought to the attention of the child's teacher or a member of the School Leadership Team.

If there are changes in routine, home life etc that could affect the children, please inform us so we can provide the care needed for the children at school to support you

## DIABETES RESEARCH TRIVIA NIGHT

Support TEAM CRITTO and join the fight to help find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August at St. Mary's Band Club 7:00pm start.

\$150 for a table of (max) 8 people  
Includes a platter of hot finger food per table.  
Loads of fantastic prizes up for grabs including lucky door, silent auction and raffles plus heads & tails, whisky bottle coin toss and lucky number.

**To book your table please register at**  
<http://www.jdrf.org.au/fundraisingpage?tab=0&frsid=405#sthash.11gX3aWD.LT5YYAmi.dpbs>

Click donate and add your table name.

For more information contact  
Julie on 0402 109 602 or  
Shane on 0408 230 894.



# What's on and When

<b>Aug</b>			
Week 5	Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	Bunning BBQ Yr 6 Fundraiser
Week 6	Wed	20 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten Liturgy 9:15am
	Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Eucharist Preparation for children 3.30-5pm & parents 5 -5.15pm Award Stamping, last day for data - Premiers Reading Challenge PRG Q&A Meeting 2-3pm and fundraising 3-3:30pm
Week 7	Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Literacy/Numeracy/Book Week</b>
	Fri	29 <sup>th</sup>	
Week 8	Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Father's Day Stall
	Thu	4 <sup>th</sup>	NRMA Science and Road Safety Day
	Fri	5 <sup>th</sup>	Infants Sports Carnival



## DOGS

We request that you do not bring dogs into the school grounds. I know that it is convenient to use the walk to school as an opportunity to exercise your dog. Dogs however are unpredictable. The safety and wellbeing of all our students is extremely important.

PS Many of us are dog lovers at Corpus Christi!

## PRO KENNEX JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING CLINIC

For Beginners: From 8 years to 14 years of age  
Enrol in the ten (10) weeks course and receive a free **Pro Kennex Tennis Racquet**.

Cost: \$160 per child  
Lesson: Monday to Friday (after school)  
Saturday and Sunday Mornings  
Phone: 0419 297 237

TENNIS COURTS: Werrington & Lapstone

## 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\*\*\*\*

## SCHOOL CANTEEN

Our Canteen is run by volunteers and we are in desperate need of NEW volunteers to assist us. If you are available please complete and return the slip below ASAP. The canteen opens only on Mondays and Fridays.



## CANTEEN HELPER

I can assist in the Canteen – please put my name on the roster and contact me.

- I have completed the Child Protection Training Module for Volunteers
- I will complete the Child Protection Training Module for Volunteers

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

- Please Tick Days Available       Monday     Friday       Both
- Please Tick Time Available       9-10am     12.30-2pm     Both
- Please Tick Frequency       Weekly       Fortnightly     Monthly

## Term 3 Week 6 - Reminders

- **Monday** – Whole School Assembly 2:20pm
- **Tuesday** – Dance Fever
- **Wednesday** – Uniform Shop, Kindergarten Liturgy 9:15am
- **Friday** – School Banking  
Eucharist Preparation for children 3.30-5pm & parents 5 -5.15pm  
Award Stamping, last day for data - Premiers Reading Challenge,  
PRG Q&A Meeting 2-3pm and fundraising 3-3:30pm