



Dear parents,

Welcome back to the final term of 2013. Having spoken to many of our students I know that the holidays were a great break from the routines of school. The term has begun very well with all students returning eager to commence work on their learning. At the School Assembly on Monday I spoke to the children about how this term we all need to be working towards achieving our learning goals. While working on our goals we also need to be mindful of helping others – and by doing so we can achieve our own goal too.

The story I shared was as follows...



There was once a king who was just and wise and ruled his kingdom fairly. But the king had one big problem: his horrible brothers. These two boys were unkind and selfish, and, above all, greedy. At royal parties, they would push and shove their way to the front of the queue for the buffet. Then they would stuff themselves with food and drinks.

One day, the king decided to do something about these two awful brothers, who thought only about themselves. He ordered his royal guards to march the boys into a small dark room.

Inside the room was a table. On the table was every kind of food you could imagine. There were pies and puddings, cake and biscuits, fried chicken and hamburgers, tarts and trifles, lollies and icecream, and every kind of tasty thing.

Standing next to this table covered with goodies was the king, looking very solemn. The king told his brothers that they had to follow two important rules when eating all this delicious food.

“Rule number one,” the king said, in his sternest voice. “You must eat the food using only the spoons I give you. Rule number two. You must hold the spoon only by the very end of its handle. Break either of these rules and you will be thrown into the dungeon.” The king then left the room, locking the door behind him. The two greedy brothers rushed forward to grab the spoons, pushing each other out of the way to get to the food. They laughed when they saw the spoons, each a metre long, and picked them up to start eating.

And then they remembered they had to hold the spoon by the end of the handle.

Oh dear. The spoons were too long and their arms were too short. However desperately they tried, the two brothers were unable to eat even one crumb. It was only after days and days of trying, when they were weak with hunger, that they came up with the idea of helping each other. Only by co-operating, taking turns and carefully feeding each other, were they able to get any food at all. Once they helped each other, they could use the long-handled spoons to eat the food without any trouble at all.

The next day, the king unlocked the door and found two changed people inside. The brothers had finally learned how to think of others, how not to be selfish and how to work as a team. They had learned the lesson that if you help each other, you can solve problems together.

We have included a term planner for your information with this newsletter and I look forward to both a successful term for you and your child and to an opportunity to see you at one of the many events planned for this term.

Have a wonderful week.

R. Blissenden

Richard Blissenden
Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOS WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Parents,

Faith Formation and Reflection **28th Sunday in Ordinary time**

First Reading 2 Kgs 5:14-17

Second Reading 2 Tm 2:8-13

Gospel Lk 17:11-19

Whilst both the first reading and the gospel tell stories about the healing of those with skin diseases, the common factor is actually about their expressions of gratitude and conversion of heart. In the gospel, all ten men are healed but it is only the stranger; the foreigner; the Samaritan, who comes back to give thanks and to praise God. The others – Jewish men, presumably – are only concerned about themselves and have no time to acknowledge the graciousness of God that they have experienced. The gospel writer has Jesus emphasise the point that it is the Samaritan – the outsider – who has recognised God’s activity in his cure and come back to give praise and thanks. It is only he who has experienced the change of heart; the conversion of faith.

Reflection by Greg Sunter



St Francis of Assisi was born the son of a wealthy merchant of Assisi in 1181. After a conversion experience as a young man, St Francis renounced his inheritance and even his clothes, instead wearing the simple garments given to him by the bishop of Assisi. Living a life of extreme poverty, St Francis preached in the streets, begged for his sustenance, served the sick and lived in harmony with nature. After attracting followers, he founded the Franciscan order in 1209. He continued living in poverty, preaching and working with lepers. In 1221 he resigned as the head of the Franciscans. After living in meditation on Mount Alvernia he received the stigmata, which bled periodically for the remaining two years of his life. His prayer, ‘Canticle of the Sun’, epitomises St Francis’ communion with God and the universe and makes him an obvious patron of environmental causes.

Religious Education News cont:

Catholic Culture

For those parents and children interested in beginning the Sacramental journey. The next parent meeting will be on the 23rd October. This would generally be for the parents of children in **Year 3**. I would encourage all parents to discuss this with their children as it is advised that the children complete this process before they enter secondary school. At Corpus Christi we generally have the children complete their Reconciliation in Year 3, their First Communion in Year 4 and their Confirmation in Year 5. In the past a number of parents have expressed to me that they were going to allow their children to make the decision themselves. If that is the case in your family please take the thoughts of St. Augustine into consideration. ‘*Our heart is restless until it rests in you.*’ Our schools are Sacramental Communities and by passing on the essential elements of the Church’s memory; Profession of Faith, Celebration of Sacraments, Path of the Commandments and Prayer we are engaging the whole person in a relationship with the Living God. The Sacraments communicate an incarnate memory we already hold deep within. They are linked to all of our senses and participating in them allows our whole person to become part of a network of relationships.

Social Justice

National Bandanna Day this year is on Friday 18th October. Our support for the youth of Australia who are living with cancer has been a tradition here at Corpus Christi because of a number of children who have been part of our community and have been affected by this disease. We will be selling Bandannas for \$4 and Pens for \$3. The school will participate in Bandanna Day by wearing our bandannas on Friday 18th October. Donations on the day if you are wearing a bandanna from last year are also very welcome. If you would like any further information you may like to visit their website on www.canteen.org.au

As part of Canteen’s initiative this year they are also collecting old mobile phones. So search your cupboards and drawers at home and during the holidays ask family and friends to do the same. There is a collection box in the administration foyer.



Have a lovely week
Sharon Shahoud
Religious Education Coordinator

CANTEEN- UNIFORM PRICE INCREASE

Due to the increase in supply costs we have had to increase the prices of some items. A new price list for both canteen and uniform shop – effective week 1 term 4 was distributed to all families last Tuesday. We do try to keep items to the lowest possible price. Thank you for your understanding of this matter.

2014 SCHOOL YEAR

It is time to prepare for the 2014 school year where we require validation of student data. Correct and up-to-date information is needed to meet government accountability requirements, including compliance and government funding.

Student Data Validation Forms were sent to parents and carers on the 30th September 2013. All forms will need to be returned to school for processing **before the Friday 25th October 2013.**

Please note: ALL FORMS are required to be sent back to the school office even if there are NO changes.



LIVE LIFE WELL @ SCHOOL

Encourage fair play

Sport and games are a great way for children to learn about teamwork, rules, winning, losing as well as providing invaluable physical activity.

Parents can encourage fair play by:

- ⊙ Emphasising effort and having fun, not just winning.
- ⊙ Cheering and acknowledging good play by both teams.
- ⊙ Talking about the game not the result.

For more information about encouraging fair play go to the NSW Sport and Recreation website www.dsr.nsw.gov.au or phone 131 302.

Miss Bonser and Miss Buttigieg

SCHOOL PHOTOS

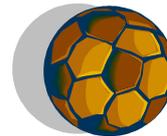
Wednesday 16th October

All envelopes are due NO later than Tuesday 15th October



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Every student must have their own sealed envelope (even if payment is in another family member's envelope)
- Correct money is required. No change will be given.
- Formal uniform only – no sports uniform.



TERM 4

ASSEMBLY AND SPORT DAYS

With the conclusion of Dance Fever Assembly will resume back to Tuesday at 2.20pm.

Sports day for Term 4:

- Kinder - Friday
- Year 1- Friday
- Year 2- Friday
- Year 3 - Thursday
- Year 4 - Thursday
- Year 5- Friday
- Year 6 - Wednesday

IS YOUR CHILD LEAVING CORPUS CHRISTI?

If your child/ren are not returning to Corpus Christi Primary School in 2014 please advise Mr Blissenden with a letter via the office.

This letter must contain the following information:

- Child/ren last day attending Corpus Christi,
- The new school your child/re will be attending
- Any new contact details (address/phone)

Please note: This **does not** include Year 6 students moving onto high school.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Diane Woodward (nee Mizzi) (Yr 4 teacher) on her wedding during the break. Mrs Woodward had a wonderful day and celebration. We congratulate her and husband Scott.

To Tony Weber (Yr 6 teacher) on the safe arrival of his first Grandchild – Amir. Congratulations.

PRG FAMILY PORTRAIT DAY

Due to popular demand we are holding the PRG FAMILY PORTRAIT DAY on both Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th of October 2013.

Once again the photos will be taken by the award winning photographer Belinda Gerace. Each session will cost \$80.00 and unlike other companies Belinda will not be selling additional photographs after the event and your photos will be copyright free for you to produce as many photographs or other products as you wish in time to print your portraits for priceless Christmas presents. Photos will be taken outside on the school grounds if weather permits. Please find below a selection of times for your portraits. Times will be assigned on a first-in basis. Please mark your 3 most suitable times by putting numbers 1,2 and 3 next to the allocated time slots. A \$20 deposit is payable when you return your note. Funds raised will go towards purchasing technology and literacy resources for our children. The remaining \$60 is payable before the 16th of October. Please place cash and preferred times in an envelope marked "PRG Family Portraits". Your time will be confirmed ASAP.

Enquiries can be directed to Sharon Hader on 0418 617 270.



PRG FAMILY PORTRAIT DAY - SATURDAY 19th October 2013

	Preferred Times (1,2 & 3)		Preferred Times (1,2 & 3)		Preferred Times (1,2 & 3)
9:00-9:20		11:00-11:20		13:20-13:40	
9:20- 9:40		11:40-12:00		13:40-14:00	
9:40-10:00		12:00-12:20	BREAK	14:00-14:20	
10:00-10:20		12:20-12:40		14:20-14:40	
10:20-10:40		12:40-13:00		14:40-15:00	
10:40-11:00		13:00-13:20		15:00-15:20	

Childs Name & class _____ Contact Name _____

Contact Number _____

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. An updated menu/price list was sent home last Tuesday.

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

Name _____ Contact Phone Number _____

- Please Tick Days Available Monday Friday Both
- Please Tick Time Available 9-10am 12.30-2pm Both
- Please Tick Days Available Weekly Fortnightly Monthly
- Yes – I have completed the Child Protection training process
or
- I am in the process of completing the Child Protection training

IMPORTANT SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

On October 6 2013 Busways became the operator responsible for delivering bus services in the area known as Sydney Metropolitan Bus Contract 1.

This means all services, including school bus services, operated by Westbus and Hawkesbury Valley Buses in the Penrith/St Marys/ Richmond/Windsor areas prior to October 6 2013 are now operated by Busways in addition to their existing services in the Blacktown/Mt DrUITT areas.

Useful information about Busways:

Online school bus service information

School bus timetables, route descriptions and travel information can be found at www.busways.com.au.

School bus passes

School bus passes should be applied for via the usual process through the school office.

Replacement school bus passes (for lost or damaged school bus passes) and Term Passes (a reduced cost travel pass for students who are not eligible for a free bus pass) can be purchased online at www.busways.com.au/travelling_with_us/school_bus_passes or alternatively by visiting one of the bus depots.

Bus depots

Busways are operating out of three depots in the region. Enquiries about bus services, school bus passes and more should be directed to your closest depot:

Busways Penrith: 2151 Castlereagh Rd, Penrith 2750 – (02) 4721 8871

Busways Windsor: 91 Mulgrave Rd, Mulgrave 2756 – (02) 4574 9200

Busways Blacktown: 150 Glendenning Rd, Glendenning 2761 – (02) 9625 8900.

Feedback or enquiries

Please contact Busways at Infoline@busways.com.au for feedback, requests or enquiries.

Alternatively, call your local depot or the NSW Transport Infoline on 131500.



BUS PASSES FOR YEAR 3 -2014

If your child is currently in Year 2 and going into Year 3 in 2014, then **you must apply** for a 2014 bus pass. **They will not automatically receive one.** Applications are available from the office.

What's on and When

October

Week 1	11 th	Friday	Award Stamping
Week 2	14 th	Monday	Yr 3 (3E & ½ 3B) Lakes Excursion
	16 th	Wednesday	School Photos, 2014 Kindergarten Parents information night 7pm
	18 th	Friday	Bandana Day, Kindergarten Gymnastics begin
Week 3	19 th - 20 th	Sat/Sun	PRG Family photo weekend
	22 nd	Tuesday	Yr 3-6 Basket ball
	23 rd	Wednesday	Yr 3 (3G & ½ 3B) Lakes Excursion, Parent Meeting Eucharist 7.30pm
	24 th	Thursday	Yes Conference Yr 4
	25 th	Friday	PRG disco



"Wearing the School Uniform with Pride" "Merit Awards"

Jacob Vos	Hayley Vella
Jasmine Slack	Jadzia Dubois
Kodi Coleman	Lucas Galea
Olivia Hayes	Isabelle Pallister
Amy Baker	Cooper Easthorpe
Christine Muscat	Tahlia Dwyer
Jasmine Woolford	Lilly King
Nathan Chambers	Jasmyn Papworth
Maddison Glasheen	Christian Webb
Bree McGrath	Nicholas Tesoriero

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Christopher Xiberras KE
Imogen Buttigieg 1B
Luke Fenech 1E
Denis Hanna 4B
Lewis Looschelder 5E
Benjamin Xiberras 6G
Lauren Penza 6G
Nathan Martin 6G



UNIFORM SHOP

Wednesdays
8.30am – 9.30am &
2.30pm – 3.30pm

To ensure all items are returned to their owners - PLEASE mark clearly all items with your child's name.

EXCHANGES OR REFUND

Although exchanges and refunds are accepted. All items must be in original condition with all packaging including tags attached.

A receipt IS REQUIRED for any faulty item or refunds.

A receipt is issued for all purchases including pre-paid orders

****PLEASE KEEP YOUR RECEIPTS****

PRICE INCREASE – TERM 4

As from 8th October 2013 there will be a slight increase to the following items:

Caps and Bucket Hats \$16 (increase \$1)
Boys Grey Shorts \$23.50 (increase .50c)
Boys Grey Long Pants \$26.50 (increase .50c)

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY:

- Canteen price list
- Uniform shop price/order form
- PRG Family portraits
- Kindergarten – Gymnastics
- Yr 3 excursion



Term 4 Week 2 - GENERAL INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

- **Tuesday** – Assembly 2.20pm, Yr 3-6 Basket Ball
- **Wednesday** - Uniform Shop, Yr 3 excursion (3G & ½ 3B), Parent meeting Eucharist 7.30pm
- **Thursday** – Yes Conference Yr 4
- **Friday** - Student Banking, International Teachers day, PRG Disco, Award Stamping



Halloween Disco

Friday, 25th October 2013

Don't forget to return your forms and money by Friday, 18th October 2013.

TIMES: Session 1: Kindergarten to Year 2 4.30pm – 6.00pm
 Session 2: Year 3 to Year 6 6.30pm – 8.00pm

DISCO COST: First Child \$5.00
 Family Ticket \$10.00 (2 or more children – students only)

BBQ: 5.30pm – 7.00pm Steak and sausage sandwiches will be served during these times. Pre-order is required.

Sausage Sandwich \$2.50
 Steak Sandwich \$3.50
 Drinks \$1.00

RSVP: Friday, 18 October 2013 (Forms available from school office or email below.)

Refreshments, glow sticks and flashing LED products will be on sale at the disco.

For any further information, please contact Melissa Dengate on 0408 430 564 or madengate@bigpond.com.

Thank you for your continued support.

PRG Fundraising Committee

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DISCO PERMISSION SLIP – due Friday 18th October 2013

(Please circle)

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____ Session One /Two
 Child's Name: _____ Class: _____ Session One /Two
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 Child's Name: _____ Class: _____ Session One /Two

I give permission for the above child/children to attend the Halloween Disco on Friday 25th October 2013.

Total enclosed \$ _____ (\$5.00 per child / \$10.00 – 2 or more children)

Signed: _____ Full Name: _____ Mobile Number: _____
 (Parent/Guardian)

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BBQ ORDER FORM – due Friday 18th October 2013

Family Name: _____ **Eldest Child's Class:** _____

Sausage Sandwiches _____ x \$2.50 = \$ _____

Steak Sandwiches _____ x \$2.50 = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____