



Dear Parents,

Last night we had the privilege of welcoming to the school parents (and some grandparents) of students who will be commencing 'Big School' in 2014. Some very excited and nervous parents were present. Our information spanned many areas of school life and gave those present an opportunity to meet other parents with children starting school next year. Father George extended a welcome from the Parish and an invitation to join parishioners at mass each Sunday. Mrs Tonnet and Mrs Sloan shared information about their roles in the school and the Kindergarten Teachers talked about the curriculum for next year.

It was also an opportunity for me to share some tips about school which I repeat here as the tips are good reminders, regardless of where your child is on their school journey, as to how you can support your child's education.

7 things you can do to assist your child with their education

- **Read, Read, Read** – including reading to and with your child, is critical to becoming a successful learner. Use the local library, give books as presents, show your child you read too!
- **Be knowledgeable about your child's academic life** – know the names of the teachers working with your child, know how we teach reading, writing and mathematics and know what they are learning about at school.
- **Know your child's friends** – they may be lifelong friends of your child!
- **Be part of our PRG** – there are multiple opportunities to be involved in the life of the school – socially and academically. Our Parent group meets regularly to assist with fund raising, arrange social events for students and parents and also as a forum to discuss educational issues.
- **Be involved in school life** – can you assist with reading, in the canteen, covering books, on excursions? The more involved you are the more your child will see you value education.
- **Be aware of learning moments at home** – use all the little moments during the day that can be used to expand learning at home.
- **Show you value education at home** – talk positively about school, share your own learning for work or pleasure, repeat the mantra be on time ready for learning every day!



In the coming weeks we will have an opportunity to welcome the children of Kindergarten 2014 to the school for their transition programme. My thanks to the many staff members present last night who helped to make it a successful welcome to Corpus Christi for our new and existing families.

Have a wonderful week.

R. Blissenden

Richard Blissenden
Principal



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Parents,

Faith Formation and Reflection

29th Sunday in Ordinary time

First Reading : Ex 17:8-13

With the staff of God, Moses helps Israel defeat Amalek.

Second Reading : 2 Tm 3:14-4:2

All scripture is inspired of God.

Gospel : Lk 18:1-8

The widow and the irreligious judge.

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.

Religious Education News cont:

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 a number of children in our community have been affected by this disease. We will be selling Bandannas for \$4 and Pens for \$3.



Bandannas will be available for purchase in a wide choice of colours from 8.15am under the sails.

Please pay a teacher at the gate, get a token and then move to one of the Student Leaders to choose your bandanna or pen.

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.



'Sock it to Homelessness'

Crazy Sock Day: Friday 25th October.

Crazy colourful socks can be worn on this day with your normal school uniform. We are raising money for Catholic Mission and gold coin donations would be very much appreciated.

Have a lovely week
Sharon Shahoud
Religious Education Coordinator



CURRICULUM NEWS

KINDERGARTEN 2014 INFORMATION NIGHT

Last night we held an information night for the parents of our 2014 Kindergarten students. The parents were welcomed at the gate by our student leaders and escorted to the School Hall. While many of the parents were from existing families, we also welcomed many new families into our school community. Mr Blissenden and Father George welcomed the parents and highlighted the close link between the School and Parish Communities. The parents then rotated through a number of stations: Uniform Shop, Kindergarten House Keeping, Kindergarten Curriculum, Learning Support and Transition. Transition for Kindergarten 2014 will start on Monday 11th November. During this week the 2013 Kindergarten students will attend a session in a small group with a Kindergarten Teacher. Then on Wednesday 20th November they will attend a whole group session.

A big thank to Father George, Mrs Betros, Miss Dane, Miss Jones, Mrs Sloan, Mrs Portelli, Mrs Paton, Mrs Taylor and Ms Dixon for their contributions to the night. Also thank you to our student leaders: Jade Parkes, Madison Northam, Sarah Bonnici, Damien Sullivan, Brent Severino and Ben Xiberras who 'welcomed and escorted' our 2014 parents, exhibiting great pride in their school. Thank you also to their parents who did the transport run. Overall a very successful night due to the hard work of many people!

If you have a child starting school next year and you were unable to attend the information night, please contact Mrs Karen Portelli in the school office and she will ensure that you receive your information pack.

2013 International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS)

Congratulations to all of our students who entered the Mathematics Competition for 2013. You should have received your certificate of participation this week. Congratulations to the following students who received a **Credit Award** at this week's assembly:

Anthony Camilleri Yr 3

Lauren Howell Yr 4

Christine Muscat Yr 4

Megan Cooper Yr 5

Joshua Grima Yr 5

Trent Whitbread Yr 5

Samuel Mallows Yr 5

Jake Horne Yr 5

Maree Tonnet

Assistant Principal

NAPLAN

On Thursday of last week students in Years 3 and 5 took home their NAPLAN reports for their parents. All of our students are to be congratulated for their outstanding efforts with this test. There were some excellent results in both grades and as a staff we were delighted with the overall results especially in reading comprehension – which has been an area of focus for our school over the past few years. Parents are encouraged to read through the report and speak to their child's teacher if they have any questions about the NAPLAN results.

Please Note: Parents of children in Year 5:

Please keep these Naplan results in a safe place as they are required when applying for high school.

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

As part of our ongoing process of review and improvement we are trialing lunch time "timeout" for inappropriate behaviour in Years 3-6. This is designed to support students with their behaviour and encourage them to reflect on their choices. The students will complete a 'Stop and Think' sheet alongside a teacher whilst discussing the importance of making positive choices. This sheet will be sent home for parents to sign and give you the opportunity to comment if you wish before returning it back to school. Time out aligns with our behaviour management plan where we seek to promote a respectful, secure environment where students can prosper. During time out, students will undergo the process of Restorative Justice with the duty teacher or a member of the Leadership Team whilst completing a Behaviour Reflection task. More information is available from Mr Michael Manton or Mrs Emilia Ahern.

2014 SCHOOL YEAR

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.**

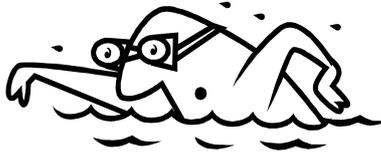
Please note: ALL FORMS are required to be sent back to the school office even if there are NO changes.



LIVE LIFE WELL @ SCHOOL

Be healthy – be active

Children and adults need physical activity every day. Activity helps build better bones, muscles, joints and helps maintain a healthy weight. Physical activity can also reduce the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers. Get active anyway you can - walking, riding, swimming, and playing active games such as Duck Duck Goose or Bull Rush.



Miss Bonser and Miss Buttigieg



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.

COLES BACKYARD LEAGUE PROGRAM (3-6)

The backyard League aims to teach boys and girls to co-operatively play safe and modified games of "Backyard" Rugby League. Backyard League lessons are syllabus friendly. NRL development has ensured the lessons satisfy Active Lifestyle and Games and Sport outcomes while emphasis on skills such as decision-making and communication will be features of the program. The development officers will teach students the framework of games and then expand all gender inclusive activities to extend the leadership and co-operative play of the class group. Emphasis will be placed on safe, inclusive and challenging activities. The timetable below outlines when the children in Year's 3-6 will be participating in the Coles Backyard League Program.

Thursday 17th and 31st October

11.30-12.05	Year 6
12.05- 12.40	Year 5
12.40- 1.15	Year 3
2.00-2.30	Year 4

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING AND COLES BACKYARD LEAGUE PROGRAM

In partnership with this program and Year 6 Graduation Fundraising, the students in Year 6 will be offering an opportunity for students to have their free rugby league ball pumped up and labelled during the last day of this program on Thursday 31st October. The children in Year 6 will charge 50 cents to will pump up the rugby league ball and label it with the child's name in black texta. Please encourage your child to support us in this fundraising endeavor.

Mrs Emilia Ahern



ALEXANDRA HURST 5G

Ally competed in the NSW State Titles for Martial Arts on 8 Sept. She competed in 7 events including sparring, sumo wrestling, swords and weapons. In each event she qualified for the NSW team, including a second in the State for Freestyle Forms. She will be going to the Gold Coast to compete in the Australian Titles as part of the NSW team on the weekend of 30/11/13 (coincidentally her birthday).

ETHAN FIELD 6G

In the last week of term 3 Ethan represented Mackillop in the 2013 NSW Softball State Championships at Camden. Ethan was identified as displaying good leadership skills and was appointed captain of the Mackillop team. Ethan then went on to be selected in the NSW team. Ethan will attend a 3 day training camp later on this term at Narrabeen and then compete against other State teams at the School Sports Australia (SSA) Championships held at Blacktown International Sports Park, Rooty Hill from November 3 to 8.

We wish Ethan all the best at this competition and in following his dreams in the field of Softball.

BUNNINGS BBQ

On Sunday 22nd September, we held our Bunnings BBQ fundraiser for the Year Six end of year events. The day would not have been a success without the assistance of the Year Six parents. A massive thank you to those parents who gave up their time on the Sunday to ensure that we would raise as much money as possible and assist in the selling of 800 sausage sandwiches. A great achievement! Thank you to those students who helped out by organising the bread so that it made everyone else's role easier. Finally, thank you to the families who made donations for the event including all the bread and sauces!

The Year Six Team

VOICE OF YOUTH GRAND FINAL

On Thursday 19th September, the Year Six students travelled to St Margaret Mary's, Merrylands to support Tatijana Perri at the Voice of Youth Grand Final. The five finalists spoke with enthusiasm and confidence, delivering their speeches in front of an audience of over 400, including students, parents, teachers, principals and judges. These finalists had beaten over 1000 other students from across the Parramatta Diocese to voice their topic. Tatijana proudly delivered her speech about bungee jumping and although she did not finish first, her peers and teachers acknowledged that it was an outstanding achievement to represent her school and diocese. Congratulations Tatijana!

The Year Six Team

FACEBOOK COMPETITION

The CEO are running a FaceBook competition (for those on FaceBook) to nominate and thank their favourite teacher. Details are on the CEO Facebook site and a summary is printed here. World Teachers Day is celebrated in Australia next

Don't forget
to thank your teachers on
World Teachers' Day
25 October 2013

WIN a \$100 iTunes gift voucher
for you and your teacher
PLUS a \$500 voucher
for classroom resources

HOW TO ENTER
Enter our [Facebook](#) competition and tell us in 25 words or less
or submit a 30 second video why your teacher is a
great teacher.

Your video needs to be uploaded to YouTube or Vimeo first.
Competition closes 24 October 2013.
Winners will be notified by email and on our [Facebook](#) page.
Conditions apply see terms and conditions.

Good luck!

Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta

Friday 25th October.

What's on and When

October

Week 2	18 th	Friday	Bandanna Day, Kindergarten Gymnastics begin
	19 th - 20 th	Sat/Sun	PRG Family photo weekend
Week 3	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



"Teachers Choice" Merit Awards

Cooper Humphreys	Taj Jelacic	Elise Proctor
Owen Pickering	Summer Chahoud	Ryan Yates
Jasmine Williamson	Lauchlan Prince	Joshua Debritt
Kandis Rockstroh	Ben Attard	Leila Amituanai
Lachlan Grady	Lily Currell,	Georgia Thomas
Emily Palamara	Cody Simmons	Huntley Jones
Harrison Williams	Matthew Bonnice	Aaron Melrose
Colt Currell	Kaden Smith	Edward Balkin
Siosi Kaufusi	Lachlan Wyngaard	

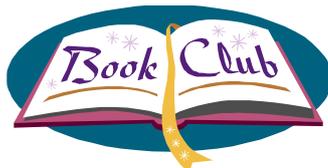
and all students from 6E

PLAYGROUND AWARD

Kodi Coleman 1B

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Theresa Grima 2E
Madison Petkovic 3G
Joshua Morgan 4B
Bernadette Wakeling 4E



**BOOKCLUB ORDERS DUE
THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER**



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******

SCHOOL BANKING REWARDS FOR 2014.

A new "automated reward tracking & redemption system" will be implemented in 2014. The Commonwealth Bank will automatically track & reward direct from their system, so once it identifies the child has had 10 deposits our Student Bank Volunteer will be notified & order the child's item online.

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY:

- PRG – school packs
- Year 6 – end of year activities
- Bandanna & Crazy Sock day



Term 4 Week 3 - GENERAL INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

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

ATTENDANCE AWARDS TERM 3

At assembly this week we handed out certificates to students who attended school every day, all day in term 3. Please remember that the children are required to be at school on time, every school day unless they are sick. Congratulations to the following students who received a certificate.

KE Lucas Hader Emily Matthews Aleisha Moore	3E Jessica Buzzi Anthony Camilleri Jakob Mazurek Jackson Moore Katie Rose Joanna Simeon Sarah Turner	5G Brandon Colantonio Deakin Rizzo Kaden Smith Trent Whitbread
KG Angus Macphail Lachlan Pryke Hannah Thompson	3G Dylan Major Daniel Panitz	6B Lachlan Rizzo
1B Olivia Axisa Nate Galea Douglas McAlpine Kayla Woodward	4B Joshua Morgan Cody Simmons Braedyn Urban	6E Sarah Fitzpatrick Matthew Mallows
1E Cohen Bellingham Lucas Camilleri Jadzia Dubois Riley Fahey Mikayla Morgan Harrison Smith	4E Tahlia Dwyer Alexis McAlpine Aiden Xiberras	6G Sarah Bonnici Rachel Cole Nathan Martin
1G Ava Markas Maxwell Neal Abbe May Gabrielle Vella	4G Benito Budianto Monique Fisher	
2B Tara Tjahjadi Kyle Urban	5B Nicholas Camilleri Joshua Grima Alannah Hader Emily McCurley Alicia Pianta	
2E Christian Bowe Olivia Mazurek Ryan Pianta	5E Brody Grech Samuel Mallows Brandon Micallef Maegan O'Connor Claire Palamara	
2G Jade Limpic-Fleming Jaylen Moore		
3B Corey Dunn		



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)

PRG DISCO - PRICE LIST for items available on the night

Glow Bracelets/Pendants \$1.00	Flashing Eyeball/spike Rings \$2.00
Flashing Pendant \$2.50	Flashing Mouth Guard/Fangs \$3.00
Flashing Spike Bracelet \$3.00	Flashing Ghost /Skull on Lanyard \$3.50
Devil Horns Head Band \$3.50	Shutter Shade \$3.50
& Drinks \$1.00	

BBQ: 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Sausage Sandwich	\$2.50
Steak Sandwich	\$3.50
Drinks	\$1.00 to be purchased on the night

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

DISCO PERMISSION SLIP – due TOMORROW Friday 18th October 2013

(Please circle)

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)

BBQ ORDER FORM – due TOMORROW Friday 18th October 2013

Family Name: _____ Eldest Child's Class: _____

Sausage Sandwiches _____ x \$2.50 = \$ _____

Steak Sandwiches _____ x \$3.50 = \$ _____ (not \$2.20 as advertised in last week)

Total = \$ _____