



# Corpus Christi Primary

Growing together as the body of Christ

## Newsletter

Term 4

Week 3

24<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Dear Parents,

The past week has been a stressful time for many in our community and our thoughts and prayers are with our friends and colleagues who have suffered loss or damage with the fires in the Blue Mountains over the past week. As you may know we have many staff who live in the mountains and have been looking after their homes in the past week. I know many of our students have been shocked by the number of homes lost. In class and as a school we have been praying for all those affected.



Our minds cannot always understand why there is tragedy and suffering, so in faith, we pray to God to bring hope to those who have lost property and livelihoods. It is also during these times that we see the very miracle of human faith – the ability of people, complete strangers, to reach out to others and help. So we also pray for the fire fighters, rescue workers, aid agencies and communities across Australia that unite and support their fellow countrymen in this time of great need.

Dear Lord,  
In your mercy restore your creation and heal our land.  
Show your kindness at this time and help heal the sadness and pain.  
Protect those who fight fires, and those who care for others.  
Guide and bless your people.  
Amen

I am very thankful to our supportive families and amazing staff & students who have managed the last week with ease. Many of our staff live in the mountains and have been affected by the fires. Our students have had restricted play as poor air quality kept them inside and two grades managed the disappointment of cancelled excursions with great maturity. Our staff have been terrific in their care and concern for the children. Particular thanks to our parents who, at short notice, were able to provide supervision for their children, yesterday. The directive came through from the Catholic Education Office late on Wednesday that our school needed to be open for supervision only. SMS messages were sent and notices posted on Facebook and Twitter. Our Website also carried important information. CEO also managed the initial SMS message on our behalf. The majority of families did receive the correct information, although we are hearing today that Telstra are advising that the network is slower than usual due to a heavy load so some families might not have been notified. We appreciate your support – especially with decisions that are out of our hands.

Finally the generous support that our parents and students are giving to the Bush Fire Appeal is outstanding. We will continue to have collection points for the appeal on Monday and Tuesday.

We hope the weekend brings with it a rest for our emergency workers and our families. Take care.

Have a wonderful week.

*R. Blissenden*

Richard Blissenden  
Principal



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Parents,

### Faith Formation and Reflection **30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time**

#### **First Reading**

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 - The Lord judges justly with no favourites.

#### **Second Reading**

2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 - Paul concludes his writing, is ready for the Day of the Lord.

#### **Gospel**

Lk 18:9-14 - Those who humble themselves will be exalted.

### Catholic Culture

For those parents and children interested in beginning the Sacramental journey the parent meeting was last Wednesday. If you did not attend and wish to participate in the programme please contact Marie Cottee in the Parish 47301249.

### Social Justice

**National Bandanna Day** this year was last Friday. 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 in our community who have been affected by this disease. Thankyou to everyone who participated. We raised \$1650.00

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



**'Sock it to Homelessness'**  
**Crazy Sock Day. Thankyou to everyone for participating. We raised over \$500 for Catholic Mission and the homeless children in Mongolia.**

Have a lovely week  
Sharon Shahoud  
Religious Education Coordinator



## CURRICULUM NEWS

Jessica Yates in Year 4 recently entered a poetry competition and was the winner. Her poem (below) was published on a bookmark.

### **The Baseball Game**

**When the game starts my parents are screaming,  
everyone's sweat is all so gleaming.  
A passing butterfly helps me to remember,  
my coach saying don't forget December!  
The smell of hotdogs in the air,  
I hope the heat does not mess up my hair.  
I have to run fast,  
if I get out it won't be a blast!  
Now I'm exhausted,  
like I have been running up a hill,  
now I look up it's 2/0.  
Woo Hoo we won,  
everyone squeal!**

### **MULTILIT Awards**

At assembly this week Gabriella Galluzzo and Kobi Borthwick were presented awards for their reading. Congratulations to you both on your reading achievements!

*Maree Tonnet*  
*Assistant Principal*



### **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 car park.

Thank you for your cooperation

### **AFTER SCHOOL EXTRA CURRICULA OPPORTUNITY**

This week we have included a note from Dance Fever who are seeking interest in an after school extra curricula activity that would possibly run in Term 1 2014. Please return the expression of interest form if you would like your child to participate. Please note there is a charge of \$80 for the term paid directly to Dance Fever.



### **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.



### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY BAKE SALE**

"Please support our Children's Liturgy Bake Sale on Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd November after each mass. Parish members of the Children's Liturgy team are planning this event to raise funds to purchase pencils, Advent Wreath, a Christmas Tree, prayer cards and a Children's Bible"  
There will be cupcakes, continental sweets, fudge and many other treats for sale.

### **PARENT REPRESENTATIVE GROUP (PRC) General Meeting - Monday 11 Nov 2013**

The PRC General Meeting for Term 4 is on Monday 11 November 2013 at Diocesan Assembly Centre (DAC) Cnr Flushcombe Road and Marian Street, Blacktown. Doors open at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start and concludes at 9.30pm.

Guest Speaker will be Dr John DeCourcy, Director Strategic Accountabilities Services, Catholic Education Parramatta. Dr DeCourcy will be presenting Gifted and Talented Education in Catholic Schools.

All welcome.

### **DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA BUSHFIRE APPEAL**

The Diocese has launched an emergency appeal to assist people who have been affected by the NSW bushfires. St Thomas Aquinas Parish at Springwood is one of the areas that have been hardest hit.

This appeal is for cash donations only. Donations can be made through Catholic Care Social Services Parramatta. A video appeal by Bishop Anthony Fisher OP is on Catholic Care's website where you can make an online donation:

[www.ccss.org.au](http://www.ccss.org.au)

If making a donation by cheque, please make your cheque payable to Catholic Care Social Services – Bushfire Appeal and post to: Bushfire Appeal, PO Box 2023, North Parramatta, NSW, 1750.

Receive updates on the Bushfire Appeal via Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CCSSParramatta](https://www.facebook.com/CCSSParramatta)

## STUDENT DETAILS

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

At times it will be necessary to communicate with parents via **SMS**. In order for this to be successful we need all families current contact details.

Please ensure that all student validation forms are return to the school office even if there are NO changes.

Please contact the School Office to update any changes to future contact details.



## LIVE LIFE WELL @ SCHOOL

### Why eat fruit and veg everyday?

Fruits and vegetables are high in vitamins, minerals and dietary fibre, as well as being rich in antioxidants. Research shows that people who eat adequate amounts of fruits and vegetables everyday can help prevent:

- ✓ coronary heart disease
- ✓ some forms of cancer
- ✓ overweight and obesity
- ✓ constipation
- ✓ high blood pressure and blood cholesterol levels
- ✓ help improve control of diabetes.



Aim to eat fruit and vegetables everyday - the greater the variety, the better health benefits.

*Miss Bonser and Miss Buttigieg*

## HELPERS NEEDED TO COVER BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY



If you are able to help cover books with contact paper for the library please complete the slip below. Please note: Contact paper will be supplied.

Thank you for your help, it is greatly appreciated.

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Att: Library

Yes I can help cover books when needed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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## WORLD TEACHERS DAY

Corpus Christi has a longstanding and fine tradition of providing quality learning and teaching across all curriculum areas. Our staff diligently and enthusiastically seek out new and better ways to provide stimulating and challenging learning environments that cater for the needs of ALL students. The staff at Corpus Christi work tirelessly to not only make learning the best that it can be for each and every child but also contribute greatly to the building of our wonderful community. They always make themselves available to discuss with you about your child, attend after school events, parent nights, excursions and so on (the list is too many to note). Today (Friday) was World Teachers Day and I know the teachers would appreciate an extra smile or greeting as a way of acknowledging their valuable contribution to our school community.

# What's on and When

## October

Week 3	25 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	PRG disco
Week 4	31 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday	NRL Workshop

## November

Week 5	5 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	PRG Meeting
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Award Stamping
Week 6	11 <sup>th</sup>	Monday – 13 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Kindergarten 2014 Transition Sessions
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Final preparation for Reconciliation – children only 3.30pm-5pm
Week 7	20 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Kindergarten 2014 Transition – whole session



### “Outstanding Writing” Merit Awards

Abi Amore	Angelina Barca-Boyle
Charlotte Wilson	Tegan Brabin
Logan Brandon	Gabrielle Vella
Lane Zahra	Dkon Dries
Braden Nastaly	Monique Granada
Dylan Major	Jade Parkes
Joshua Fleming	Marcus Fodor
Patrick Rose	Audrey Sanchez
Jasmyn Papworth	Flynn Jelacici
Connor Becker	

### PLAYGROUND AWARD April Monteleone 2E

### CHICKEN POX

Cases of Chicken Pox have been reported to the school. If you have any concerns please contact your Doctor.



### 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.

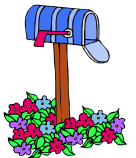
**A receipt IS REQUIRED for any faulty item or refunds.**

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

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

### NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY:

- PRG – update
- Year 3 excursion
- Year 4 – Yes conference
- School is open – Friday
- PRG Family portraits – Disk



## Term 4 Week 4 - GENERAL INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

- **Tuesday** – Assembly 2.20pm
- **Wednesday** - Uniform Shop,
- **Thursday** – NRL workshop
- **Friday** - Student Banking, Gymnastics- Kindergarten



Dear Parents,

Dancefever is proud to be introducing its After School Dance Program to Corpus Christi Primary School. Our very own experienced Dancefever instructors will be running the extra-curricular program for children who desire the opportunity to advance their skills to a more technical level.

This very popular program will commence in Term 1, 2014 and be open to all year levels. The program runs for 10 weeks one afternoon a week from 3:15pm-4:15pm. The cost will be \$80 for the complete 10 week term, which will need to be made up front in week 1. Payments can be made by cash or alternatively by cheque. For your convenience, the after school class will be held at Corpus Christi Primary School.

The cut-off date for your child's enrolment is **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November** <sup>2013</sup>.

Once we get an approximate number of interest, we will then send out an official Permission note.

Be sure not to miss out.

We look forward to seeing you in Term 1 2014

Gabrielle Russo

E: [gabrielledancefever@gmail.com](mailto:gabrielledancefever@gmail.com)

M: Gabrielle - 0424628119

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### Dancefever After School Dance Program

I \_\_\_\_\_ am interested in enrolling my child \_\_\_\_\_

(Parents Name)

(Childs Name)

In year \_\_\_\_\_ in the Dancefever After School Dance Program in Term 1 2014.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



# Halloween Disco

Tonight, 25<sup>th</sup> 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)

Although orders have closed, students are still welcome to attend. Please bring the permission form and money to your relevant session.

## 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	

For any further information, please contact Melissa Dengate on 0408 430 564 or [madengate@bigpond.com](mailto:madengate@bigpond.com).

Thank you for your continued support.  
**PRG Fundraising Committee**

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## DISCO PERMISSION SLIP –

(Please circle)

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