



Dear Parents,

Each year there are words that gain entry to dictionaries for the first time. These words have been in circulation already, have become part of daily usage and so have earned the right to take their position amongst other officially recognised words. Some of the more unusual candidates a few years ago were: Muffin top: Roll of fat that overflows from tight jeans. Schmiddy: Beer glass with a capacity less than a pint but more than a half pint. Queucumbered: To be trapped in a queue, which slowed down the instant you joined it.

At the other end of the dictionary, are words that have fallen into disuse but need to be listed still, so that we can refer to their meaning if we come upon them by accident. It has been suggested that one such word might be “respect”; a once commonly held word whose practice could be seen and experienced in the daily lives of ordinary people. However, an increase in disrespect has grown to almost crisis point in our society and is evidenced in the increased violence and anti-social behaviours that are reported daily through the various forms of the media.

Individually, we can't change society but we can make a big difference in our little corner of it. It's up to us to make sure that we're doing our part to be respectful adults and to teach our children to be respectful emerging adults. We parents can quickly lose credibility, if we are rude to our children while teaching them to be polite. The following piece of writing is a young person's response to the invitation to put into writing their feelings about respect – there is a moral to this piece of writing:

“Everyone expects respect no matter who they are.  
The only way to gain it is to treat everyone as a friend, as an equal person,  
As part of our extended family no matter their colour or creed.  
Only then, will you start to get the respect you so dearly need.” *David Harris.*

And the moral: Respect has to be earned not demanded.

It's for sure that children learn their standards of respect from what they see around them and parents are in a powerful position to teach by their own example as well as by instruction. Because our children take their cues from us, we need to be sure that we are setting the best possible standards. Schools teach children about respect but parents have the most influence on how respectful children become.

Respect is not the same as obedience. Children might obey because they are afraid but, if they respect their parents, they will obey because they know that parents want what is best for them. Respect is an attitude and being respectful helps children succeed in life. If children don't have respect for parents, peers, authority or themselves, it's almost impossible for them to succeed. The best way to teach respect is to show respect. When children experience respect, they know what it feels like and begin to understand how important it is.

**Some recent things I've heard on the grapevine are not only untrue they can be disrespectful to the people involved. It is a good reminder to not always believe what you hear in the car park or on that grape vine.** If we reinforce our children's positive and respectful behaviour, and eliminate disrespect by immediately calling attention to it so as to discourage it, we are helping to develop the moral intelligence of our children. This will improve their ability to be able to apply critical analysis to television, films and music whose content is increasing in the portrayal of disrespectful behaviour. It is true that we can't change society, but it's also true that we can be a powerful influence in our little corner of it.

**God, our Father, we ask that the love You have for us,  
be evident in the love we have for our children. Amen.**

Peace and Best Wishes

*R. Blissenden*

Richard Blissenden  
Principal

**Reminder – PRG Meeting – Monday Night 7pm – Bring a Friend!**



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Parents,

### Faith Formation and Reflection

First Reading :2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

Responsorial Psalm : Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15

Second Reading : 2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5

Gospel : Lk 20:27-38

### Catholic Culture

Reconciliation Final Preparation will be on **Friday 15th November** in the School Hall from 3.30 – 5.00pm. All children in the program are expected to attend this session as part of their final instruction before the celebration of their First Reconciliation. It is for the children only and they will be provided with afternoon tea. The teachers in Year 3 will escort the children to the Parish Centre in the afternoon after school. For further details please contact Mrs Marie Cottee at the Parish Offices- 47301249

### Social Justice

*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. I will be sending them in at the end of Week 6: 15<sup>th</sup> November.*



### **CORPUS CHRISTI CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL**

Once again we will be supporting our Parish and its branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society with the Corpus Christi Christmas Hamper appeal. Please remember to send in your donations of canned food, tins of ham and Christmas goodies to fill our class hampers. Classes are making hampers for a specific number of people of differing ages in a family and if you would like to donate a gift we would ask that it be wrapped and clearly labelled eg. Boy 9yrs or Adult female. These will be presented to Fr. George and the parish after our final assembly on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Your contribution will make someone else's life a little easier this Christmas.

Have a lovely week  
Sharon Shahoud  
Religious Education Coordinator



## CURRICULUM NEWS

### KINDER 2014 TRANSITION

The 2014 Kindergarten Transition Program commences next week. The dates and times for the small group sessions are as follows:

<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>9.15am- 10.45am</b>	<b>11.45am- 1.15pm</b>
<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>9.15am- 10.45am</b>	<b>11.45am- 1.15pm</b>
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>9.15am- 10.45am</b>	<b>11.45am- 1.15pm</b>

The whole group session will be on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November** from **9.15am-11.15am**. A Parent Information Session with Mr Blissenden in the School Hall will start at **9.30am**. All families are encouraged to attend the information session and to have a cuppa and meet other parents of 2014 Kindergarten students.

Parents are requested to enter and leave the school via the church gates. You **DO NOT** need to sign in at the School Office.

*Maree Tonnet  
Assistant Principal*



## LIVE LIFE WELL @ SCHOOL

### Kids love rewards

Praise healthy habits. This may be snacking on fruit, drinking water and being active. Use treats like stickers, special games and outings, hugs and praise. Avoid using food as a reward.

*Miss Bonser and Miss Buttigieg*

## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Parents would be aware that we have procedures in place for emergency situations – from small events like wet, windy or hot weather (we stay inside at recess and lunch) to lock down and evacuation procedures for more serious incidents. Our procedures also include what we would do in the event we had to evacuate the site. We have alternate venues arranged capable of accommodating us at short notice, procedures to supervise every student until they are collected and even procedures for communicating information to parents – including via SMS. While we hope we would never have to use these in a real emergency we conduct regular drills and practices throughout the year – including lockdown and evacuation – and your child will come home in the next two weeks to tell you about one of these drills!

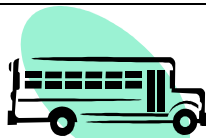
## MOVING SCHOOLS OR LEAVING CORPUS CHRISTI AT THE END OF 2014?

It is a **legal requirement** that you inform us of the school your child will be attending in 2014. If you are moving house or changing schools please advise the school office in writing of your new contact details and the name of the school your child will be attending. We have a number of families on our waiting list now (people are hearing good things about our school and want to come here) and we would like to offer them places where we can. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.

*Please note: This does not include students in Year 6 moving onto high school as we already have this information*

## PRG MEETING

Our next PRG meeting is this Monday, the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013, commencing at 7pm. Our focus will continue the work we began at the last PRG. The workshop is called “*How to help children overcome problems in their reading*”. We hope to have many parents present so please mark this date in your diary. From 6pm interested parents are invited to discuss fundraising and community events – reviewing 2013 events and planning for 2014



## 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.



## CLASS AWARD STAMPING



Congratulations to all the students that have received class awards this year.

Just a reminder that there are only three more times this year to have your 3 awards stamped to receive a Coordinator, Assistant Principal or Principal award. If you don't have 3 awards just remember to hold onto the ones you have because, the award system continues next year. There is no need to start again. The dates for stamping of your awards are week 5 - 8/11/13, week 7 - 22/11/13 and week 9 - 6/12/13.

## BASIL HAZEEM (3E) SENT US AN EMAIL THIS WEEK

Basil is doing well with his treatment and is looking forward to being back at school soon!



*Hi everyone*

*Everybody has one family but I have 2. The first, at home and my second family is Corpus Christi. Thank you for everything you have done for me and the support you have shown me. And a special thank you to Mrs Attard and Mr Blissenden for being there when it was most important*

*Thank you staff and students, especially 3E for caring and*

*wishing me a happy birthday, it is much appreciated I miss you guys so much and I look forward to coming back*

*Thank you Jackson, Anthony, Beau, Ella, Jessica, Joseph, Joanna, Brock, Bailie, Georgia, Nicholas, Lawrence, Aliyah, Britney, Lilyana, Branden, Sarah, Alana, Katie, Elise, Joshua, Jonathan, Jacob and Daniela.*

*From Basel Hazeem*

# What's on and When

## November

Week 5	8 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Award Stamping
Week 6	11 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	– 13 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday Kindergarten 2014 Transition Sessions
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	PRG Meeting
	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 Reconciliation 5pm + 7.30pm
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday	End of Year Mass
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Friday	Award Stamping
Week 8	25 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Staff Development Day – No School for students

## December

Week 9	6 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Andrew Chin – Christmas celebrations – No gymnastics for Kindergarten
Week 10	11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	LAST DAY for Uniform Shop 8.30am – 6pm (lunch break 11.30am – 12.30pm)
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Yr 6 - Motiv8, last day for Student banking
Week 11	16 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Change over afternoon, Yr 6 Mass and Awards
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Final Assembly
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	last day for Students

School resumes Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January for Years 1-6 (including Kindergarten Pre-testing)  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February for Kindergarten



### "Excellence in Religion" Merit Awards

Leni Harb	Christopher Xiberras	Sandra Stojanovic
Alicia Xiberras	Riley Fahey	Brock Gavin
Jack Melito	Christian Bowe	Joanna Simeon
Jessica Yates	Alexander Papapavlou	Emily Palamara
Emily McCurley	Bernadette Wakeling	Brandon Micallef
Megan Cooper	Madeleine Apap	Tyson Woodhouse
Mary Zielinski	Scott Goodwin	

### PLAYGROUND AWARD

Alicia Pianta 5B



### 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 – Meeting



## Term 4 Week 6 - GENERAL INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

- **Kindergarten Transition Sessions Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**
- **Monday** – PRG Meeting
- **Tuesday** - Assembly 2.20pm
- **Wednesday** - Uniform Shop
- **Friday** - Student Banking, Gymnastics- Kindergarten, Final Preparation for Children – Reconciliation.



**Please mark the following important dates in your diary**



Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 7pm – PRG Meeting – all parents invited to attend.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 9.30am – End of Year Celebration Mass, followed by our Parent Thank You Morning Tea.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Staff Development Day – no school for the children – staff working on the new English Syllabus.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Andrew Chinn Workshop and Evening Concert – BYO Picnic from 4pm Concert from 6pm – ALL students required to attend.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Reports and TATs Folders sent home.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Change Over Afternoon, Year 6 Graduation Mass 7pm.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Final School Assembly for the year.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of school for the students.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> & Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Staff Development Days – no school for the students.

## PRG Stationery Pack Order Form

The PRG recently sent home a note outlining the PRG Fundraiser Stationery Packs that are being sold through the school. These PRG Fundraising Stationery Packs are provided as a option for parents.

The Stationery Packs for each grade are now available to order. The cost of each pack is set out below. The lists have been based on the Stationery Requirements list that will be distributed to parents later this year. Each pack contains well known and quality brands at reduced prices. The contents are listed on the reverse of this page.

The purchase of the Stationery Pack is optional for parents. By buying the packs in bulk, the PRG is able to sell these packs to parents at significantly lower than recommended retail value. In addition to the reduced pricing, if you do purchase the Stationery Pack the school will receive a portion of the sale of these packs in the form of a rebate that they can use with the supplier, Torstar who is the school's main stationery and in-class resource provider. The packs will be delivered to the school and will be available for collection on Change Over day.

The cost of each pack is listed below:

Year 1 Year 1 Pack \$27.00	Year 3 Year 3 Base Pack (no Dictionary) \$54.00 Year 3 Pack (with Dictionary*) \$87.00	Year 5 Year 5 Base Pack (no Dictionary) \$40.00 Year 5 Pack (with Dictionary*) \$73.00
Year 2 Year 2 Pack \$44.00	Year 4 Year 4 Base Pack (no Dictionary) \$48.00 Year 4 Pack (with Dictionary*) \$81.00	Year 6 Year 6 Base Pack (no Dictionary) \$48.00 Year 6 Pack (with Dictionary*) \$81.00

\*The Dictionary comes with a separate bonus Thesaurus

If you would like to order a stationery pack for your child/children, please complete the form below and return this to school by Thursday 14 November 2013.

Please note that payment is required in cash. Credit card payments are not available. Please contact Denise Caffrey on 0409 558 553 if you have any questions about the packs.

## PRG Stationery Pack Order Form

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

Contact Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade of Oldest Child: \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/> Year 1 Pack \$27.00 Qty: _____ Student Name(s): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Year 3 Base Pack \$54.00 or <input type="checkbox"/> Year 3 Pack (with Dictionary) \$87.00 Qty: _____ Student Name(s): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Year 5 Base Pack \$40.00 or <input type="checkbox"/> Year 5 Pack (with Dictionary) \$73.00 Qty: _____ Student Name(s): _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Year 2 Pack \$44.00 Qty: _____ Student Name(s): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Year 4 Base Pack \$48.00 or <input type="checkbox"/> Year 4 Pack (with Dictionary) \$81.00 Qty: _____ Student Name(s): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Year 6 Base Pack \$48.00 or <input type="checkbox"/> Year 6 Pack (with Dictionary) \$81.00 Qty: _____ Student Name(s): _____

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *cash*

I would like my Stationery Pack(s) to be distributed for collection as follows: *(please select)*

- To my child on Change Over Day (in their learning space for 2014)  
 To be made available for collection from the Hall on Change Over Day (please nominate the relevant session:  8:30am-10:00 am or  2:30-3:30pm); or  
 I will collect my Stationery Pack from Torstar (located at Shop 1,157 Smith St, Sth Penrith – open Monday – Friday from 6am to 6:30pm, Sat 6am -5pm and Sunday 6am-12 noon)

## Stationery Pack Contents

### Year 1

8x Staedtler HB Pencils  
4 x 35g UHU Blue Glue Sticks  
2 x Crayola Twistable Crayons (12 pack)  
2 x large boxes of Tissues  
2 x Marbig Doculopes with button  
1 x Pkt Baby Wipes  
1 x Pair Coby Stereo Earphones

### Year 2

8 x Staedtler HB Pencils  
1 x Marbig Pencil Case  
4 x 35gm UHU Blue Glue Sticks  
1 x Crayola Twistable Crayons (12 pack)  
2 x Staedtler Colour Pencils (24 pack)  
1 x large box of Tissues  
1 x Pkt Baby Wipes  
2 x Marbig Doculopes with button  
1 x Pair Coby Stereo Earphones  
1 x Pack of 5 Highland Sticky Notes in Assorted Colours  
1 x 30cm clear Plastic Ruler

### Year 3

8 x Faber-Castell HB Pencils  
1 x Marbig Pencil Case  
5 x 35gm UHU Blue Glue Sticks  
1 x Crayola Twistable Crayons (12 pack)  
1 x Staedtler Colour Pencils (24 pack)  
1 x Wallet Faber Connector Markers (Wallet of 20)  
1 x Bantex Pencil Sharpener with Canister and double hole  
2 x Erasers  
2 x Artline 8210 Ball Point Pens – Red  
1 x Pair Scissors  
1 x large box of Tissues  
1 x Pkt Baby Wipes  
2 x Marbig Doculopes with button  
1 x Pair Coby Stereo Earphones  
1 x 30cm Micador Wooden Ruler (cm and mm markings)  
1 x USB Flash Drive  
*Optional Extra*  
Macquarie Pocket Dictionary with Bonus Thesaurus

### Year 4

10 x Faber-Castell HB Pencils  
1 x Marbig Pencil Case  
5 x 35gm Bostik or UHU Blue Glue Sticks  
1 x Staedtler Colour Pencils (24 pack)  
1 x Wallet Faber Connector Markers (Wallet of 20)  
1 x Bantex Pencil Sharpener with Canister and double hole  
2 x Erasers  
4 x Artline 8210 Ball Point Pens – Blue  
2 x Artline 8210 Ball Point Pens – Red  
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### Year 4 (Cont.)

1 x Pair Scissors  
1 x large box of Tissues  
1 x Pair Coby Stereo Earphones  
1 x 30cm Micador Wooden Ruler (cm and mm markings)  
1 x Celco Maths Set  
1 x Mon Ami Whiteboard Marker Bullet Point Black  
*Optional Extra*  
Macquarie Pocket Dictionary with Bonus Thesaurus

### Year 5

4 x Staedtler HB Pencils  
1 x Marbig Pencil Case  
5 x 35gm Bostik or UHU Blue Glue Sticks  
1 x Staedtler Colour Pencils (24 pack)  
1 x Bantex Pencil Sharpener with Canister and double hole  
2 x Erasers  
4 x Artline 8210 Ball Point Pens – Blue  
2 x Artline 8210 Ball Point Pens – Red  
1 x Pair Scissors  
1 x large box of Tissues  
1 x Bantex Pencil Sharpener with Canister and double hole  
2 x Marbig Doculopes with button  
1 x Pair Coby Stereo Earphones  
1 x 30cm Micador Wooden Ruler (cm and mm markings)  
1 x Celco Maths Set  
*Optional Extra*  
Macquarie Pocket Dictionary with Bonus Thesaurus

### Year 6

6 x Staedtler HB Pencils  
1 x Marbig Pencil Case  
5 x 35gm Bostik or UHU Blue Glue Sticks  
1 x Crayola Twistable Crayons (12 pack)  
1 x Staedtler Colour Pencils (24 pack)  
1 x Bantex Pencil Sharpener with Canister and double hole  
2 x Erasers  
5 x Artline 8210 Ball Point Pens – Blue  
5 x Artline 8210 Ball Point Pens – Red  
1 x Bantex Pencil Sharpener with Canister and double hole  
1 x Pair Scissors  
2 x large box of Tissues  
1 x Pkt Baby Wipes  
1 x Pair Coby Stereo Earphones  
1 x 30cm Micador Wooden Ruler (cm and mm markings)  
1 x Celco Maths Set  
2 x Marbig Doculope Wallets with button  
*Optional Extra*  
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