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 2016. 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 Micalef shared information about their roles in the school and the Kindergarten Teachers talked about the curriculum for next year. Mr Paul Devlin was also introduced to the parents as the new Principal for Corpus Christi from 2016.

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 & Write, Write, Write & Pray Pray Pray** – 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 life long 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!

**Term 4 Week 2 15th October, 2015**

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  - Andrew Chinn Concert
In the coming weeks we will have an opportunity to welcome the children of Kindergarten 2016 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.

Richard Blisenden
Principal

**REligious Education**

Dear Parents,

**Faith Formation**

First Reading Is 53:10-11
Through suffering, the Lord offers his life.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

Second Reading Heb 4:14-16
Jesus faced the same temptations as us.

Gospel Mk 10:35-45
Whoever aspires to greatness must serve the rest.

A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:
Think of some times when you really like being first.
What sort of things do you do to make sure you are first?
When should you let others go first?
Jesus says anyone who wants to be first has to be a servant. What does this mean?
How can we be servants of others?

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**Catholic Culture**

World Youth Day Raffle
Raffle tickets have been distributed today. The proceeds from these raffle tickets will go directly to our school and parish to support pilgrims going to World Youth Day in Poland 2016. Please sell them and bring them back asap.

**Social Justice**

This is our final week to bring toiletries in for Penrith Kitchen. In the past we have had a wonderful response to this social justice venture, donations have been slow but we hope that it will once again be a great success.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Continued

Crazy Sock Day - Monday 19/10/15

Next Monday will be Crazy Sock Day. Students are encouraged to wear crazy socks with their normal school uniform and bring a GOLD coin donation. All donations received will go towards Catholic Mission.

Pilgrimage

Pope Francis sends this message:

The gospel of compassion has guided many into service beyond their own lives and self-interests. The gospel of compassion: to see, to feel and to do something, is a driver of change that pays no regard to differences in gender, color, community or faith. It is a call to minister and serve those who find themselves on the margins of any given society. We may all come from different traditions and cultures, but we should all be able to agree on our broader duty to provide access to a decent standard of living, protect the poor and promote justice.

Rome 2015

Have a lovely week,
Sharon Shahoud
Religious Education Coordinator
CURRICULUM NEWS
ICAS MATHEMATICS
Students who participated in the ICAS Mathematics Competition were awarded their certificates this week. Congratulations to the following students who received merit, credit and distinction awards.

**Merit**
Jessica Yates - 6E
Benito Budianto - 6B

**Distinction**
Shuoheng Yang - 3G
Anthony Camilleri - 5G

**Credit**
Tara Tjahjadi - 4G
Olivia Hayes - 4E
Liam Looyschelder - 5E
Lachlan Caffrey - 5G
Christine Muscat - 6B

GRANDPARENTS DAY @ CORPUS CHRISTI

**Who's invited?**
Nan, Pop, Grandma, Grandpa and other people who take on the significant role of grandparents in the lives of our students

**When?**
Tomorrow-Friday 16th October

**What's on?**
8.30am -12 noon- Book Fair- School Library
10am- Grandparents invited to visit the learning spaces
10.30am- Prayer/Reflection For Grandparents in the School Hall (Book Fair closed)
11am- Morning Tea for Grandparents- served by students in our Hospitality Team

We hope that many family members are able to join us on this special day.

BOOK FAIR

**Friday 16th October 8:30-12 noon**
Scholastic will have a great selection of Books available to purchase from the Library on Friday. This is an opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done with clearance books starting from just $3. Please come along and support our annual Library fundraiser with proceeds going towards new books for the students. The Corpus Christi Recipe Book will also be available to purchase on the day and Students also have the opportunity to donate a book directly to the Library if they wish.

Natalie Micallef
NATIONAL ROSARY FOR AUSTRALIA
October is the traditional month in which we are encouraged to pray The Rosary and last Tuesday there was a National Rosary Day. So what is “The Rosary”?

THE ROSARY

History of the Rosary
Over the centuries the Church has always honoured Mary, the Blessed Mother of God. Praying the Rosary is one of the many ways in which we do this. According to tradition, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in a rose garden, holding a garland of flowers. It is thought that Rosary originates from this.

How to Pray the Rosary
The Rosary is a special type of prayer called a ‘mediation’. In this prayer, we use our hands, our lips, our minds and our hearts to help us think about Jesus and Mary as we move our fingers along the Rosary beads.

When we pray the Rosary we reflect on a set of five ‘mysteries’. Each ‘mystery’ focuses on a special event in the life of Jesus and Mary. There are twenty mysteries in total (five Joyful, five Sorrowful, five Glorious and five Luminous).

SPECIAL THANKS
Recently our two school captains, Bernadette Wakeling and John Galea, represented the school at the blessing and unveiling of a new statue at St Patrick’s Cathedral in Parramatta. The statue is of the founder of both World Youth Day and our Diocese – St John Paul II – was installed on the steps to the Cathedral. Some stunning images of this unveiling are contained in the most recent issue of Catholic Outlook – which was sent home this week to all families. Thank you Bernadette and John for representing us at the unveiling.

RECENT GROUNDS WORK AND PURCHASES
In the last week of the term we lay 250 square metres of new grass along the back fence. Given the recent good grass growing weather it is already in use! We have also purchased 12 new iPads, new Macbook Airs and many books from our Dance-A-Thon funds with more to come. We have also added some new pinboards to learning spaces and will also shortly install some new TV’s to allow for the easy sharing of student work during class times. Finally ‘giant dominos’ and a ‘giant checkers’ set have also been purchased for recess and lunch use by the children.

YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS
During the recent holidays we received the sad news that Mrs West’s mother had passed away and this was followed by the news that Mrs Shahoud’s grandmother also passed away. Last weekend Mrs Ahern’s grandfather passed away. “Eternal Rest grant unto them O’Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.” We have also heard of a number of families in our community that have members who are very unwell and we ask you to keep these people in your thoughts and prayers also.
PLAYGROUND AWARD
Logan Cooney - 1E

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS AWARD
Kiah Ogden - KE
Luca Vella - KG
Hamish Richardson - 1B
Olivia Kosorukow - 1B
Jordan Hepburn - 1B
Kyan Brinks - 1G
Jake Xiberras - 1G
Summer Chahoud - 3B
Ethan Junge - 3B
Declan Northam - 3B
Atang Gaw - 3G
Tara Tjahjadi - 4G
Hayley Muscat - 5G

MERIT AWARDS - Outstanding writing
Isaac Rodwell - KB
Ashleigh Britton - KE
Ella Humphreys - KG
Jayla West - 1B
Jack Peachey - 1E
Lorelei Jarrett-Dalton - 1G
Natalie Vella - 2E
Katlyn Grima - 2G
Madison Falzon - 3B
Daniel Edwards - 3E
Riley Fahey - 3G
April Monteleone - 4B
Nicholas Papapavlou - 4E
Elise Kooman - 4G
Joseph Spoleti - 5B
Alexander Sanchez - 5E
Tahlia O'Donnell - 5G
Tahlia Dwyer - 6B
Adam Neill - 6E
Lleyton Sullivan - 6G

Reminder: No Kinder Gymnastics on Friday due to Grandparents Day

SCHOOL PHOTOS - TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER
Order envelopes were be sent home Monday 12th October.
Sibling order envelopes are available from the School Office.

Important Information
✦ Every student must have their own sealed envelope (even if payment is in another family member’s envelope)
✦ Correct money is required as no change is available
✦ Formal uniform only – No sports uniform
✦ Orders are not accepted at school after Tuesday 27th October
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!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
On 30th November 2015 religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to be a part of our Christmas celebrations. Andrew’s songs, such as “These Hands”, “Together As One”, “Rainbow” and “In the Beginning” are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. Parents/parishioners are warmly invited to be a part of the celebration of faith and fun. The concert will take place in the hall 6.30pm We look forward to seeing you there. Before the concert you may like to bring your own picnic and enjoy this with your family on the grounds of the school. Picnic from 4.40pm and Concert from 6.30pm.

#GOODQUESTION
This evening Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta will be hosting a Facebook Question and Answer session as part of the initiative #GoodQuestion. The topic will be ‘How do I talk to my teacher about my child’s progress? Tim Hardy, Mary Creenaune and Lisa-Maree Browning will be available to answer parents questions.

This initiative is on TONIGHT 7:00-7:45pm.

BOOK CLUB
All orders MUST be received by 22/10/15. Please make sure that your children’s name and class are marked on the form and that the correct money is enclosed.
CONGRATULATIONS

Leila Amituanai who has been selected for the 2016 - 11 years representative development squad for the Penrith District Netball.

Did you know? –

Pope Francis called for a ‘Year of Consecrated Life’ and this will conclude on 2nd February 2016. Our school, like many school communities, was founded upon the hard work and sacrifice of the consecrated women and men who gave of themselves in the hope that future generations might come to have an education imbued with the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. In the coming weeks we will be looking for ways to celebrate and give thanks for the work of these consecrated women and men. The early days of Corpus Christi Parish and Primary School were supported by three different Religious Orders and each has left its mark on our school. This week we look at the Mercy Sisters and their contribution to our school. The Religious Sisters of Mercy (R.S.M.) are members of a religious institute of Catholic women founded in 1831, in Dublin, Ireland, by Catherine McAuley (1778 - 1841). Catherine recognised the needs of those who were marginalised and oppressed by unjust social attitudes and practices of the day. She responded by establishing a House of Mercy in Dublin which provided educational, religious and social services for women and children who were at risk of homelessness through exploitation and entrenched poverty. Within the first ten years, Catherine’s sisters had heard the missionary call inherent in the vocation of a Sister of Mercy and crossed the oceans bringing mercy to Newfoundland, England, United States of America, Scotland, Australia and New Zealand. In 1986 the Mercy Sisters of North Sydney were asked to establish the new school of Corpus Christi in Cranebrook. The first Principal of the school – Sister Loraine visited our school some time ago and is still in contact with some of the original members of staff. We owe much to the work of the Sisters of Mercy.

2016 SCHOOL TRAVEL PASS APPLICATIONS

Your child may be eligible for free or subsidised travel on public transport, between home and school, as part of the School Student Transport Scheme.


To find out more about the scheme, including information for new applicants and existing pass holders, visit transport.info/school-students
**SCHOOL COUNSELLOR**

**Triple P Group in Cranebrook in English - Tuesday 27/10/2015 till Tuesday 24/11/2015**

Need some more tools for your parenting toolbox?

- How to build strong and positive relationships with your children; and
- How to manage mistaken behaviour; and
- How to make parenting more enjoyable and less stressful; and
- Get support from the group as you practice your new parenting strategies.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Those parents who currently do not have custody of their child/ren and have a FACS caseworker, a referral will need to be made through the caseworker.

**COST:** FREE  
**LOCATION:** Koolyangarra, Corner of Kington Place and Pendock Way, Cranebrook NSW 2749  
**TELEPHONE:** 0247 218 520 or 0409 986 121

**Teen Triple P - Wednesday 21/10/2015 till Wednesday 18/11/2015**

This group is for parents of teens.

Need some more tools for your parenting toolbox? We cover...

- How to build strong and positive relationships with your teens  
- How to manage mistaken and emotional behaviour, and set limits  
- How to make parenting more enjoyable and less stressful  
- Get support from the group as you practice your new parenting strategies.

**COST:** FREE  
**LOCATION:** 71 Henry Lawson Ave. Werrington County NSW 2747  
**TELEPHONE:** 0247 218 520 or 0409 986 121

**Cool Little Kids - Thursday 22/10/15 till Thursday 12/11/2015**

This group is a treatment programme for parents of children aged 3 to 8 years who are excessively shy or who are demonstrating anxiety at home and in the community. Children do not attend this program.

Cool Little Kids is a programme written by the Centre for Emotional Health at Macquarie University. The programme provides parents with the knowledge and skills to help manage and gain control of their children’s anxiety.

The programme covers: understanding shyness and anxiety; causes and risk factors for anxiety; ways of responding to anxiety; strategies to help your child face fears; setbacks and difficulties; maintaining progress.

**COST:** FREE  
**LOCATION:** South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre, 3 Trent St, South Penrith NSW 2750  
**TELEPHONE:** 0247 218 520 or 0409 986 121

**ADHD Workshop in GLENMORE PARK - Friday 16/10/15 - 10:00am-12:00pm**

For parents who want to know more about ADD, ADHD, and ODD.

A one-hour seminar on ADHD, ADD, ODD - what they are, treatment, interventions. Followed by one hour of discussion and questions. Special guest is Janine Boggs, mother of 4 children with ADHD.

**COST:** FREE  
**LOCATION:** Floribunda Community Centre, 1 Floribunda Ave, Glenmore Park NSW 2745  
**TELEPHONE:** 0247 218 520 or 0409 986 121

**Triple P Seminar in South Penrith in English - Friday 23/10/15 till Friday 06/11/15**

Stepping Stones Triple P  
For parents who have a child with a disability  
You may attend any or all of the seminars.  
1. Positive Parenting for Children with a Disability 23/10/15 10am to 12pm  
2. Helping your Child Reach their Potential 30/10/15 10am to 12pm  
3. Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour 6/11/15 10am to 12pm

**COST:** FREE  
**LOCATION:** South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre, 3 Trent St, South Penrith NSW 2750  
**TELEPHONE:** 0291 144 106
MUSEUM OF FIRE

Corpus Christi Primary School

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR - Continue

MUSEUM OF FIRE

FEATURES:
- Face Mask Fair
- Jewelry, Craft Fair
- Teddy Bear and Animal Supplies
- Pottery Love and Spillers
- Wooden Toys and Furniture
- Work and Accessories
- Designer Dolls

When and Where

12 noon to 4 pm
Saturday, 24 October, 2022

In support of our annual fund raising.

Small Steps

Small steps in the early childhood years lead to a life without barriers.

School teaching and parenting

Supporting parents of children with disabilities.
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*****

NOTES DISTRIBUTED
THIS WEEK

- Stage 2 & 3 Basketball Gala Day - Selected Students.
- Year 4 - Powerhouse Museum Excursion.
- 5G - Teacher’s Leave
- Milo After School in2CRICKET Skills Program

Term 4 Week 2 Reminders

19/10/2015 Monday Crazy Sock Day - Gold Coin Donation
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22/10/2015 Thursday
23/10/2015 Friday School Banking Award Stamping 

NO KINDERGARTEN GYMNASICS