Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The relationship that the school has with the parent community is vital. It is a partnership that we enter into when we enrol our child into a school, that ensures that the student’s learning is the centre of all decisions. This partnership has many implications but a important one is, communication. The school will continue to publish quality information about the school, its mission and practices while constantly drawing the parents into a conversation regarding important matters. The parents’ responsibility is to ensure that they read all newsletters and correspondence that comes home while also attending information evenings when they are offered.

The first information session for parents to attend will occur early next week. All parents are warmly invited to come along and participate in the relevant evening and become more familiar with your child’s teacher and the planned learning journey ahead. The details are:

**Monday 15th February**
- 6:30pm - Kindergarten
- 7:15pm - Yrs 1 & 2

**Tuesday 16th February**
- 6:30pm - Yrs 3 & 4
- 7:15pm - Yrs 5 & 6

We look forward to continuing the home / school partnership throughout the years ahead.

Yours in education,

Paul Devlin
Principal

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**Change of newsletter format**

We always plan to provide the parent community with concise information about the school, upcoming events and its plans for the future. The newsletter is a vital element of sharing this information. The newsletter is currently published every week on Thursday and has a wealth of information. In an attempt to sharpen our focus on providing concise information, the school will move to a different format for newsletters. The newsletter will now be published fortnightly with an “UPDATE” published on alternate weeks. Parents will find quality articles that are short and concise. This will allow parents to be informed of school life quickly and accurately. Newsletters will be published on the first week of every term and then fortnightly thereafter.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Parents,

Faith Formation

Gospel Lk 4:1-1 Jesus is tempted in the desert.

A beginning point for discussion of this week’s Gospel with children:

Why did Jesus go into the wilderness?
What did the devil try to tempt Jesus to do?
What did Jesus say to the devil?

In Lent we also have to make some choices. We prepare for Easter by praying and doing good works.

What are some of the things you would like to do in these next weeks of Lent?

Catholic Culture

Understanding Faith Online Resource

We are able to use an online resource to support our religious education.

Why not check it out for yourselves.  understandingfaith.edu.au

user : ceo.parra.6735
password : 2016.ceo.parra

Social Justice

Our Pancake Breakfast for Shrove Tuesday was a great success. This year the donations will be going directly toward our WYD2016 pilgrim’s work in the Phillipines prior to World Youth Day in Poland. We managed to raise $898.15 for this wonderful initiative.

Have a peaceful week
Sharon Shahoud
Religious Education Coordinator

LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to be a Parent Volunteer? It is a Catholic Education Parramatta Diocese requirement that all volunteers working in our schools complete child protection training. Volunteers are required to complete an online training module once every 2 years. After successfully completing the module, an email notification will be sent automatically to the volunteer’s email address and to the school email address. This email is a confirmation that the volunteer has successfully completed the training.

The course - “Child Protection for Volunteers” - may be accessed via the following link:


Volunteers only need to complete this training once every two years. If you completed this training last year there is no need for you to complete the online course this year. Please feel free to complete this course from home. If you are unsure as to when you last completed your training please contact Mrs Deanne Hearnden in the school office.

SCHOOL FEES

Term 1 Fee statements have been sent out and Term 1 Fees are due Monday 7th March 2016. If you wish to participate in the Flexible Payment Plan please make sure you send the completed form back to the Catholic Education Office at Locked Bag 4 North Parramatta 1750 or in the Reply Paid envelope that was provided with your school fee statement. These must be sent in before 26th February 2016.
Disabled Car Parking Places
Parents are reminded that only drivers with a current “Disability Parking Permit” can use car parking spaces with a Disability symbol. Please respect the need for fellow parents / caregivers who need to park closer to the school entrance.

Award systems at Corpus Christi
We have an extensive and well planned award and incentive system at Corpus Christi that rewards effort and achievement of the many facets of your child’s school life. A letter explaining this full program will be sent home next week to ensure that all parents are well informed of the school’s focus on developing every child.

MERIT AWARDS - POSITIVE ATTITUDE TO LEARNING

Charlotte Manser - KB Mikayla Morgan - 4B
Charlotte Morris - KE Lucas Galea - 4E
Elijah Sham - KG Krystal Daly - 4G
Olivia Junge - 1B Lane Zahra - 5B
Leonie Woods - 1E Sophia Chicharro - 5B
Kayla Horvat - 2B Grace Clark - 5E
Julia Taylor - 2E Olivia Hayes - 5G
Nathan Galea - 2G Meg Whittaker - 6B
Cooper Greatrex - 3B Nicholas Killey - 6E
Chantelle Rowland - 3E Natalie Shaylor - 6E
Joshua King - 3G Georgia Skinner - 6G

Playground Award Week 3: Amanda Mazurek 2B

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE GROUP - PRG

Welcome BBQ 19 02 16
All families are warmly invited to the Welcome BBQ hosted by the PRG. This great event will be held on Friday evening 19 February at 6:00pm in the school hall. It will be a terrific social event with Dance Fever helping to entertain the children during the night. Please return all reply slips to the school by 11 Feb so that catering can be arranged. We hope to see many families there.

Families with specific dietary requests. Unfortunately we cannot provide for the vast range of families needs in this area. Parents with children with particular dietary needs are asked to provide their own to ensure the safety of their children.
NOTES DISTRIBUTED THIS WEEK

- Ash Wednesday—Mass & Liturgy
- Yr 6 Induction Letter

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****

Term 1 Reminders

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***********Change in Assemblies***********
Commencing next week, assemblies will occur at Corpus Christi every fortnight. The new time for assemblies will be 2:10pm and they will still be held in the school hall. This will give the students additional learning time to move through their studies.