Dear Parents,
Welcome back from holidays. I trust that Easter was an opportunity for you and your family to celebrate the true meaning of the season – celebrating new life through the Resurrection of Jesus. As I wrote in the newsletter prior to the holidays, by rising from the dead, Jesus shattered the hold that death had over all of us. Death could not keep him down and, if we are joined to him, neither can it keep us down for we are “Easter People”, full of the new life of Jesus. This is why Christian faith does not rest on the death of Jesus and an empty tomb but on the continuing experience of the risen Jesus.

As we enter the third week of Easter may we reflect on how we are disciples and our lives are on a journey with Jesus. The Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35) - The two disciples in this story are on a journey with Jesus. They start walking with Jesus. They draw closer to him as they listen and learn about the Scriptures. They recognise him as they ‘break bread’ together at the table.

The holidays are also a wonderful opportunity to develop your relationships with your children and rituals and traditions build close families. In fact, a strong food culture underpins most strong families. These rituals build wide relationships – that is, they gather the tribe together creating a wide relationship circle. Individual parent-child relationships need to go deep. The easiest way to build a deep relationship between you and each child is to spend **one-on-one time together**. Go somewhere for a whole day with a child. Go away for a weekend with just one child. Do things you enjoy. Talk. Cook. Mooch. These shared experiences can have a magic impact on relationships. They can sometimes lead to vast improvements in children’s behaviour.

Another way to build deep relationships is to have a shared interest with a child. Having something in common whether it’s shared love of sport, books or a hobby, creates an individual bond that goes deep. Deep relationships provide leverage. Developmentally, it’s easiest to build deep relationships in the opportunity years of latency - five through to ten years of age.

Generally it won’t just happen by accident. It takes time. It takes energy. It takes a support mechanism to make them happen. One-on-one time is the coat hook upon which each of your children will hang their memories of you.

It is also the same with our relationship with God – you need to make time to spend one on one time with God in Prayer. Why not make this Easter Season that time?

Peace and Best Wishes.

**R. Blissenden**

Richard Blissenden
Principal
Dear Parents,

**Faith Formation**

**3rd Sunday of Easter : Year A**

First Reading  Acts 2:14, 22-33
Peter addresses the people on the day of Pentecost.

Second Reading  1 Pt 1:17-21
We are delivered through the blood of the lamb.

Gospel  Lk 24:13-35
Jesus greets disciples on the road to Emmaus.

*A beginning point for discussion of this week’s Gospel with children:*
What did the two men walking on the road say to Jesus?
Why do you think that they didn’t know it was Jesus?
When did they recognise it was Jesus who was with them?
What would you say to Jesus if he was beside you?
We remember that Jesus is always with us.

**Catholic Culture**

Congratulations once again to all the children who presented themselves for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation last year. It has been noted that the number of children making their sacraments does not match with the number of students on the grade. For whatever reason your child has not participated in the programme it is important to note that through Baptism they already started on the journey. By participating in the programme they are continuing the journey that you as parents already chose for them. They are then able to fully participate in the sacramental life of the Church and the celebrations we have as a school. We nurture, plan and prepare our children for many things and their spiritual life should be part of this as well. Please watch for dates and times when these will be available again this year.

**Confirmation Parent Meeting**

14th May, 2014. 7.30pm/school hall
First Eucharist Parent Meeting –
30th July, 2014. 7.30pm/school hall
First Reconciliation Parent Meeting –
22nd October, 2014. 7.30pm/school hall
Looking forward to sharing this special time with you all.

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**Social Justice**

*Did you know* that Catholic Care Social Services responds to more than 20,000 calls for help each year? There are many requests for relationship or gambling counselling, or for assistance in dealing with a disability, mental ill health or ageing.

*Did you know* that DWF supports the 13 seminarians in training and more than 1000 Catechists working in state schools in Western Sydney?

*Did you know* that DWF Appeal provides funds for Youth Ministry and Faith Education in Western Sydney too!

Your donations will be Faith @ Work!

Faith at Work is the theme of the Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) Appeal being held in parishes and Catholic schools during May. This appeal is an opportunity to act together as a diocesan family to support ministries and services that no single individual or parish can offer. For example, it supports catechists who teach the faith in state schools, seminarians who are preparing for the priesthood, young adults working in youth ministry, and the All Saints of Africa Centre in Blacktown for recent refugees and migrants. Visit the website to watch a video message from Bishop Anthony and to find out more about how you can make a difference: [www.faithatwork.org.au](http://www.faithatwork.org.au)

Have a lovely week

God Bless

Sharon Shahoud
Religious Education Coordinator

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**ENROLMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2015**

Enrolments are now open for **Kindergarten 2015**.
If you have a child who will turn 5 before the 31st July, 2015 you are welcome to collect an enrolment package from the school office and apply for enrolment. If you know of families in the area looking for a quality Catholic Education for their child – please let them know that we are currently accepting enrolments.
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May, students will take the 2014 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with a disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers.

The dates and times for the tests are below:

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How can you as parents support your child?

- Ensure your child has a good night’s sleep
- Give them a solid healthy breakfast – but don’t over load them
- Provide healthy snacks and lunch on test days and plenty of water
- Cut back on after school activities if your child is tired, but encourage fresh air and a fun play outside

2014 ICAS (INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS)

Entry forms for ICAS were sent home last term. Please ensure that the office receives entries before the closing date by 9am. Unfortunately we are unable to process late entries.

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Please note that the Spelling Competition entries close on Friday 16th May.

MOTHERS DAY STALL – Thursday 8th May

Gifts for sale @ $3, $4, $5 and $10

There are plenty of gifts available so children are welcome to purchase gifts for Mum, Nan, Step-Mum etc.

PLUS – Mother’s Day Raffle – $1 each OR 3 for $2

Tickets are available for students to purchase before school at the school gate. They will also be sold at the stall. Prizes will be drawn on the day of the Mother’s Day Stall. The major prizes are listed below. Minor prizes will also be awarded. Thank you to the families who have donated prizes for the raffle.

1st Prize-Cellini Handbag (Value - $120)
2nd Prize- Overnight Personal Bag (Value - $80)
3rd Prize- Personal Beauty Bag & Products (Value - $65)

Leftover gifts will be sold at the school gate on Friday 9th May. Be early to avoid disappointment!

Thank you to the many parents who have volunteered to assist on the stall. Please meet Georgette Apap (Stall Coordinator) at the stall outside the School Hall on the morning of Thursday 8th May after you have dropped off your children.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHESS 2014

The first match for our chess teams will be on Friday 9th May. More details will be sent home once the draw is finalised. Please go to www.nswjcl.org.au for more information.

Maree Tonnet
Assistant Principal
SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS
TERM 2 FEE STATEMENTS WERE SENT HOME RECENTLY. Term 2 fees are due Wednesday 4th June 2014. Thank you to all those parents who have already set up an arrangement or who are participating in the FLEXIBLE PAYMENT PLA. The FPP is a fantastic way of paying off your fees and is easy and convenient. This method helps you plan your budget for the year and relieves the burden of paying the fees in lump sums. Information in regard to the FLEXIBLE PAYMENT PLAN (FPP) was enclosed with your fee statement at the beginning of the year. Please contact the school on 47 290 696 if you would like further information in regard to an arrangement. Please remember that you can still pay your fees with cash, cheque, money order, BPAY, Postbillpay the Flexible Payment Plan or by using our EFTPOS facilities.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE 2014
Congratulations to the following students who have already completed the PRC for 2014: Carla Colantonio K, Morgan Parkes K, Kaitlyn Grima 1, Joshua King 1, Lachlan Colantonio 3 and Brandon Colantonio 6. 
Well done, great reading.

ST DOMINICS COLLEGE
Just a reminder: Enrolments for Year 7 2015 are due this Monday 5th May, 2014.

PRG MEETING MONDAY 19TH MAY
Your Invitation – to the next PRG is included with this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you on the 19th with educator Dr Kate Highfield. 7-8.30pm in the School Library.

ANZAC DAY
Anzac Day is the day on which we remember Australians who served and died in all wars, struggles, and peacekeeping procedures. The spirit of Anzac, with its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity. During our school assembly this week we had the opportunity to pray for all those who have served and died in all wars and we will continue to pray for peace in our world.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES-
TERM 2-
F.A.S.T Football Academy will be holding an after school soccer program for grades Kindergarten to Year 4. The program will start on the 15th of May and run each Thursday afternoon for 6 weeks on the school grounds. If you wish to sign up you can register online www.fastfootballacademy.com.au or return the form to the office.

The DanceFever after school program continues on Fridays during Term 2.
The contact is Gabrielle 0424628119.

LOOKING FOR A QUALITY MOTHERS DAY GIFT?
Why not order a Corpus Christi Cook Book? “From Our Table To Yours” is still available (limited quantity) so to ensure you have one for the mothers, grandmothers, God Mothers and special ‘mums’ on Mothers Day – order a copy NOW – return the order form below.

CORPUS CHRISTI COOK BOOK ORDER FORM
Name:___________________________ Child’s Name:_____________________Class:_________
Number of Cookbooks required:
The cookbooks are only $25, or just $20 each if you order 3 or more.
Total enclosed $_____________ cash, cheque or etfpos is available at the school office
Payment in full is required with your order.
Cheques: Please make payable to: Corpus Christi Primary School
PEER SUPPORT:
RELATIONSHIPS: KEEPING FRIENDS,
We have commenced our Peer Support lessons this week. The whole school participates in Peer Support for 30 minutes each week. Two Year Six and Year Five peer leaders facilitate a small group of 9-10 students from Kindergarten to Year 5, who will work together through a number of structured activities. Each teacher supervises 2-3 groups in their learning space. We are working on a module called Keeping Friends, which helps us to explore the concept of friendship, building relationships and developing skills in empathy and critical thinking. The module will run each Monday afternoon during Term Two. Our first session enabled the children to get to know everyone in their group, agreeing on how they will work together and interact cooperatively with others. They have begun to think about the meaning of friendship. We encourage you talk to your children about Peer Support every week, as it will help to reinforce the concepts learned in each session.

During Peer Support next week the children will look at qualities their friends may have and the concept that we choose friends based on the qualities we admire in them. They will also explore the skills of friendship, specifically those of cooperating and listening. During the week, encourage your child to show they are interested in the person they are talking to by being an active listener.

Thank you,
Mrs Emilia Ahern, Miss Alexis Hiser, Mr Michael Manton and Mrs Rebecca Talbot.

YEAR 5 AND 6 - GIRLS SOCCER GALA DAY
On Tuesday 29th April, students from Year Five and Six travelled to Aquilina Reserve, Rooty Hill to play in the Girls Soccer Gala Day. They played brilliantly as a team, displayed many skills and proudly represented Corpus Christi. The girls played seven games, winning three of them and having four draws. They finished the day with a total of 20 points, which left them only one point behind the first placed team. A fantastic effort girls!

Their success resulted in the girls finishing in second place. Congratulations to all of the members of the squad, including Joanne, Madeline, Sophia, Maegan, Hayley, Demi, Rosie, Maddison, Danielle, Bernadette, Gabriella and Jasmine.

Mr Michael Manton

PARENTS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
The Parents Representative Council, Parramatta Diocese will be holding a Reflection Day at Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa on Sunday 18 May 2014, 9.30am to 2.30pm. A relaxing Day is planned with a Presentation by Fr Richard Leonard - The World in our Face: How do people of Faith download the Best and Leave the Rest? Cost is $20/person and includes tea & coffee on arrival, lunch and mass. Please email prcparraevents@hotmail.com for registration. Parents, grandparents & carers welcome.

GYMNASTICS TERM 2
During Term 2 the students in Year 1 and Year 2 will participate in Gymnastics. Students will need to wear their sports uniform every Friday. Students in Year 2 will wear normal school uniform on Wednesdays.
## What’s on and When

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### “Being Organised” Merit Awards

| Georgia Blackman       | Olivia Kosorukow   |
| Jack Peachey           | Victoria Grew      |
| Jasmine Slack          | Sienna Galloway  |
| Callum O’Connor        | Olivia Axiwa      |
| Lara Debrincat         | April Monteleone  |
| Mitchell Bonadio       | Dean Gavin         |
| Jorja Amore            | Danielle Yates     |
| Lawrence Galea         | Katie Rose         |
| Maddison Sullivan      | Bernadette Wakeling|
| Mia Papapavlou         | Riley Ashmore     |
| Joshua Grima           | Brandon Coles      |

### 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 anytime 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 SENT HOME RECENTLY:

- N/A

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### Term 2 Week 2 - Reminders

- Tuesday – Assembly 2.20pm; Preview of Mothers Day Stall gifts/raffle; Diocesan cross country
- Wednesday – Uniform Shop
- Thursday – Mothers Day Stall/raffle
- Friday – School Banking; Award Stamping; Gymnastics Yr 1 & 2; Mothers Day Stall leftovers

### TERM 2 DATES - ADVANCE NOTICE

- Monday 19th May - PRG meeting 7pm
- Monday 26th May - Staff Development Day – PUPIL FREE DAY
ATTENDANCE AWARDS TERM 1 2014.

Congratulations to the following students who attended every day in term 1.

KB
Abby Andrews
Mikaylah Elks
Sophie Faheys
Robert Gilbert
Isobel Johnson
Leo Leatherbarrow
Sienna Smith

KE
Isaiah Gabb
Benjamin McWilliams
Jordan Neal
Rose Wilson-Waters

KG
Georgia Baldwin
Logan Buzzi
Kyesha Carter
Carla Colantonio
Bailey Dempsey
Isaac Hardy
Jack Peachey
Noah Pickering
Conner Pryke
Ellora Zorzo

1B
Lindsay Chong
Alexander Clement
Callum Donald
Aleisha Grant
Lucas Hader
Leni Harb
Joshua King

1E
Hannah Lopez
Dominc Wakeling

1G
Skye Daly
BJ Dhillon
Jack Giampietro
Lachlan Pryke
Sandra Stojanovic
Natalie Vella
Jakub Wos

2B
Lucas Camilleri
Charlotte Clarke
Daniel Edwards
Riley Fahey
Callum O’Connor
Richard Rodelas
Ryan Yates

2E
Olivia Axisa
Lily Ceniza-Fulgado
Codie Davidson
Jadzia Dubois
Ethan Junge
Douglas McAlpine
Gabrielle Vella
Kayla Woodward

2G
Krystal Daly
Jack Edwards
Lukas Looyeschelder
Abbe May
Maxwell Neal
Adrian Salazar
Harrison Smith

3B
Lucas Barglik
Mia Colantonio
Olivia Hayes
Sonny Lawford

3E
Ezekiel Gabb
Matthew Kraus
Daniel Richardson
Tara Tjahjadi
Daniel Xiberras

3G
Rafel Hazeem
Olivia Mazurek
Nicholas Papapavlou

4B
Liam Looyeschelder
Jakob Mazurek
Hayley Muscat
Nathan Pauling
Bailie Rosa
Jack Shannon

4E
Benjamin Attard
Jonathan Cole
Thomas Deery
Daniel Panitz
Joshua Woodward
Danielle Yates

4G
Jessica Buzzi
Olivia Dixon
Jessica Holt
Kiarnah Klukow-Leavey
Adam O’Connor
Ella Rodelas
Sarah Turner

5B
Stephanie Hayes
Myles Lawford
Alexis McAlpine
Charlotte Seymour
Jasmine Vella
Aiden Xiberras

5E
Dylan Baxter
Matthew Bonnice
Benito Budianto
Makinley Laing
Stella Wyngaard

5G
Gabriella Galluzzo
Brianna Grosso
Mia Papapvlou

6B
Brody Grech
Brandon Micallef
Ella Muscat
Frankie Muscat

6E
Luke Attard
Lewis Looyeschelder
Olivia Palamara
Alicia Pianta
Audrey Sanchez
Montana Turnbull

6G
Madeline Barglik
Neelima Menakath
Maegan O’Connor
Gemma Pauling
Deakin Rizzo