Dear Parents,

As we approach the midpoint of the year and with holidays just around the corner I thought I would share some thoughts about using these holidays well. Australian families are increasingly time-strapped. The busy-ness of life can make it difficult for adults and children to participate in enjoyable activities or just to ‘hang out’ as a family. Do you engage regularly in activities that involve play and laughter or are all your interactions with children of a managerial nature?

School holidays offer families a chance to unwind away from the normal routines. They also provide the window of opportunity for parents to spend some enjoyable time with children. There are many theories about promoting healthy parent-child relationships and strengthening families. It is, however, easy to overlook a simple, cheap way of forming family relationships – spending enjoyable time together.

American family researcher John DeFrain has found that the happiest childhood memories that adults hold have two common threads. First, childhood happiness always centres on activities experienced together as a family. Second, the most pleasurable childhood times almost always centre on simple, inexpensive activities. During the holidays do something fun and enjoyable with your children. It doesn’t have to be expensive but it should be something different, something fun and something that involves laughter and play. Money can’t buy happiness, but loving family relationships can create it.

Holiday ideas to do with children and young people:
- Ask children about their favourite activity and take your cues from them.
- Take older children on a date - one-on-one.
- Plan an outing in advance and use public transport if that is not your normal mode.
- Start and finish reading a novel to older children
- Take a photo of you and / or your child reading and tweet about it
- Have a TV Free day – play a board game, play cards or listen to some good music
- Visit the library or local park.
- Make the alternative activities so good that the kids look forward to the ‘games’ day.

This week has seen hundreds of parents visit the school along with their children to participate in our Three Way Interviews. The interviews were highly successful – thank you for your participation.

As we finish Term 2 may I extend my thanks to our dedicated staff for their work this term, to the students who have work hard and achieved great successes in their learning and to you, the parents for your ongoing support.

Enjoy the holidays – and don’t forget to participate in the Winter Reading Review!

Peace and Best Wishes.

R. Blissenend
Richard Blissenend
Principal
Dear Parents,

Faith Formation
Saints Peter and Paul - Apostles
First Reading  Acts 12:1-11
The Lord rescues Peter from Herod.

Responsorial Psalm  Ps 33:2-9. R. v.5

Second Reading  2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18
Paul concludes his letter, ready for the Day of the Lord.

Gospel  Mt 16:13-19
Jesus asks, 'Who do people say I am?'
A beginning point for discussion of this week’s Gospel with children:
In today’s Gospel what question did Jesus ask his disciples?
Who was the apostle who replied that Jesus was the Son of the living God?
What does ‘Peter’ mean?
Why would Jesus call him a ‘rock’?
Peter and Paul passed on their faith to the early Christian communities, even though they had some difficult experiences.
Who are the people who pass the faith on to others today?
We pray that we may have strong faith like Peter and Paul and be God’s messengers of hope in the world.

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St Peter and St Paul were two great leaders of the early church. Peter was a fisherman whose original name was Simon. Jesus called him and his brother Andrew to be “fishers of men”. St Peter was the leader of the apostles, selected by Jesus to be “the rock” upon which the early church was built. The Gospel according to Mark is believed to be based on Peter’s teachings. St Paul was originally named Saul, a man who persecuted the early Christians. On the road to Damascus, Saul had a vision of Jesus, who told him to become a Christian and preach to the gentiles. St Paul became a tireless missionary whose ideas and thoughts made an enormous impact on the early church. Traditionally, both Peter and Paul were persecuted and executed by the Roman Emperor Nero, and their remains are believed to be buried at the Vatican.

Catholic Culture
The following is an excerpt from a letter that has been sent out to the parents of Year 4 students. ‘The Bishops of NSW and ACT in 'Catholic Schools at a Crossroads' invite educational leaders and staff, clergy and religious, parents and parish communities, to dedicate themselves to ensuring that our schools are “truly Catholic in their identity and life” and “enable our students to achieve high levels of ‘Catholic religious literacy’ and practice.”

With you, we are concerned to develop children's literacy in every area of learning, and this includes Religious Education. In one sense, a focus on ‘religious literacy’ is not new. Religious Education in Catholic schools has always aimed to develop children's capacity to express their growing understanding, appreciation, thoughts, questions and insights into God, Jesus, the Scriptures, the Church, the Sacraments, Prayer and life as a Christian. This is essential to their participation in the religious life of the school and the parish.

In addition to school-based assessment, and in consultation with Bishop Anthony and the Parramatta Diocesan Schools Board, all Year 4 students will participate in a formal Diocesan Assessment of their Religious Literacy during Term 3.

We would like to wish all the children and their teachers all the best in their journey through this very uplifting learning experience.

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.

The Feast of Corpus Christi was celebrated last week as a school and on Sunday as a parish. Thankyou to all the family and friends who were able to celebrate mass with us on this day. We are becoming more familiar with our seating arrangements and although some parents did stay away because they thought there would not be enough room we still did have some spaces available so hopefully you will be able to join us in the future. A very special thanks to Fr. George who was not well and still celebrated with the community.

Social Justice
The St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal is one way we can reach out. Our social justice initiative this term is to reach out through ‘Sockanies’ so remember to send in scarves, beanies and socks for all those who will be suffering through the winter months.

Have a lovely week
Sharon Shahoud
Religious Education Coordinator
CURRICULUM NEWS

2014 ICAS (INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS)

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 English closes tomorrow at 9am.

Feast of Corpus Christi Morning Tea
Thank you to Victoria Olarra’s family who donated morning tea for our parents and visitors after mass last Friday. The cakes and slices were delicious. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

2014 CORPUS CHRISTI CHESS
Congratulations to all of our chess players who participated in Round 7 of the Junior Chess Competition last Friday. The results are as follows:

Wollemi College D  4  Corpus Christi A  0
Wollemi College E  ½  Corpus Christi B  3½

This was the final game for the year. Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who transported the students to away matches. Thank you also to Mrs. Pethybridge and Mrs. Fowler-Whitbread who set-up for chess and served afternoon tea for the home matches. Certificates from NSW Junior Chess League will be presented at an assembly in Term 4.

For more information go to www.nswjcl.org.au

Maree Tonnet
Assistant Principal

ADVANCED NOTICE
Staff Development Day
No School for Students
11th August 2014
Monday Week 5 Term 3

CAINTEEN
Please find enclosed with this Newsletter a new Canteen Menu. We have had to increase some prices but have also added a few new items. Commencing, on a trial basis, will be the sale of Noodles. These will be served at an appropriate temperature. To order the Noodles – add it to the paper bag as an order item along with any other items you wish to order. Items other than Noodles will be returned in the paper bag. Students who have ordered Noodles will need to take their paper bag to the canteen where they will be exchange their bag for their Noodles.

UNIFORM PRICE UPDATE
We have now been supplying our uniform for over 2 years and in that time we have not had a major price increase, although the manufacturers have increased the price they charge us a number of times. Some items have increased in price and a new price list and order form was sent home with last week’s newsletter.

SUB-DIVISION / CHANGE OF LUNCH TIMES
Work is scheduled to commence during the holidays on the sub-division of the land towards the Northern Road and from Term 3 we will not have this area as extra playground. We plan to trial two lunch times to give our students maximum use of the playground.

Lunch 1 (recess) is unchanged 11am – 11.30am.
Lunch 2 (lunch):
Yrs 3 - 6
12.50 - 1.00pm eating time
1pm - 1.30pm Playtime
Kindergarten Yr 1 -2 – unchanged
1.20pm - 1.30pm. eating time
1.30pm - 2pm Play time
TEACHERS ARE LEARNERS TOO
Miss Bonser has continued her learning in Mathematics and today welcomed a Teacher Educator to work with her on site. The whole staff last week engaged in sharing their own work in Mathematics at our weekly Professional Learning Meeting. Mrs Shahoud, Mrs Calderwood and Mr Blissenden attended a professional learning day on Religious Education last week adding new learning experiences to our plans for the students in coming weeks.

ROAD SAFETY AROUND YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL-
Driving near school buses
There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is setting down or picking up school children. This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving. The 40km/h speed limit must be obeyed when the rear wig wag lights on the bus flash. Flashing headlights on these buses also alert oncoming motorists that children are close by. As a driver, remember: When the lights on the bus are flashing, you must slow down to 40 km/h. Never park in or near a bus stop or bus zone. For information about fines and demerit points, visit rms.nsw.gov.au

On and off the bus safely
Your child is most at risk in the minutes after getting off the bus. You can reduce this risk. Meet your child (or arrange for another trusted adult to meet your child) AT the bus stop, NEVER on the opposite side of the road. Wait until the bus has been driven away before choosing the safest place to cross the road, then follow the usual road crossing procedures with your children.
STOP! One step back from the kerb.
LOOK! For traffic to your right, left and right again.
LISTEN! For the sounds of approaching traffic.
THINK! Whether it is safe to cross.
Teach your children to keep turning their head in both directions to look and listen for traffic as they cross the road. While waiting at the bus stop, stand well away from the passing traffic. Never wait right at the kerb. Remind your children that when a bus is fitted with seatbelts, they must buckle up.
Until they turn ten, hold hands with your child as you cross the road.

DANCE FEVER AND SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES
Dance Fever returns in Term 3 each Tuesday. This means that during Term 3 our Assemblies will be held on a Monday. Our first assembly will be held on Monday 14th July.

With Dance fever happening during Term 3 students are required to wear their sports uniform on the following days:
Kinder – Friday
Year 1 – Friday
Year 2 – Friday
Year 3 – Tuesday
Year 4 – Tuesday
Year 5 – Wednesday
Year 6 – Tuesday

MAYOR FOR A DAY
Congratulations to Alannah Hader who has been chosen to be Penrith’s Mayor for a day and to Anna Pallister who has been chosen as a Jnr councillor. A number of Year 6 students entered this competition this term and to have 2 councillors chosen is a great effort. Next term the girls will attend 2 sessions with a real councillor as they prepare to run a mock council meeting. Good luck to Mayor Alannah and councillor Anna.
NIGHT OF NOTABLES
Last Thursday evening our Year 6 students presented their research work to parents, grandparents and invited guests in the hall and year 6 Learning Spaces. The night was the culminating event which followed months of research and preparation. Night of Notables combines Creative Arts with Research and Presentation Skills. Our Year Six students each researched a different notable person from the field of the Creative Arts and then showed their research in creative ways including dressing and acting as their notable person. Our CARST team of Mrs Antonelli, Mrs Micallef and Mrs Faccin were supported by the Year 6 teachers – Miss Hiser, Mrs Ahern and Mr Manton. Congratulations to all involved. Here are just a few of the notable people...

What’s on and When

| June  | Friday 27th | LAST DAY OF TERM 2 |
| July | Week 1 | Mon 14th | First Day of TERM 3, Assembly 2.20pm |
| | Tues 15th | Primary (Yrs. 3-6) Sports Carnival, Dancefever begins |
| | Wed 16th | Uniform Shop 8.30am – 3.30pm |
| | Fri 18th | Gymnastics, School Banking |

“Creative use of Technology” Merit Awards

Ashley French
Cooper Galea
Nikola Klinsic
Lucas Camilleri
Nate Galea
Ellise Koomen
Keira Brabin
Emma Bonadio
Harrison West

Sete Kaufusi
Cooper Mosdall
Douglas McAlpine
Keira Field
Thomas Deery
Rachel Flitowski
Preston Matia

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY:

- Yr 6 fundraiser
- Letter 4E
- Ltr Yr 4 & 6 – Religious Literacy

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Corpus Christi School Price List Term 3 2014
Canteen Open on Mondays and Fridays
Lunch 2 ONLY

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| Sandwhiches                            |       |
| Veggemite                              | $1.80 |
| Cheese                                 | $1.90 |
| Cheese and Tomato                      | $2.30 |
| Tuna                                   | $2.30 |
| Ham                                    | $2.80 |
| Chicken Loin                           | $2.60 |
| Salad                                  | $2.70 |
| Extras                                 |       |
| Lettuce                                | $0.20 |
| Cheese or Tomato                       | $0.40 |
| Salad                                  | $0.60 |

| Extras                                 |       |
| Paper Bag                              | $0.10 |
| Tomato or BBQ Sauce                    | $0.20 |

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| Ice Blocks – lunch time only            |       |
| (Only over the counter at Lunch 2)     |       |
| Ice Blocks                             | $0.50 |
| Berry Juice Cupos (Orange / Pineapple / Apple) | $1.00 |
| Mini Yoghurt Ice Blocks                | $0.30 |
| Moosies                                 | $1.00 |

| Drinks – lunch time                    |       |
| (Order or at counter)                  |       |
| Milk (300ml) (Chocolate or Strawberry) | $1.50 |
| Orchoy NAS Pop Top Juice (200ml)       | $1.50 |
| (Orange or Apple)                      |       |
| Water (Plain 350ml)                    | $1.00 |
| Hot Chocolate                          | $1.80 |
| Slushy (Raspberry or Fruit Burst)      | $1.80 |

NOTE - food listed in shaded section must be ordered by writing child’s name and class on a

Effective from 14th July 2014