Term 3  Week 1  15th July 2013

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the third term of 2013. Having spoken to many of our students I know that the holidays were a great break from the routines of school. The term has begun very well with all students returning eager to commence work on their learning. At the School Assembly on Monday I spoke to the children about the importance of Term 3 – the term where we can consolidate learning, work on areas identified in the recent Three Way Interviews and take time to really enjoy our learning together.

Some of the many events we are all looking forward to are listed below but as we are now half way through the year, I wanted to start the Newsletter with some very important reminders:

- The newsletter is the main form of communication with our community – it is published each Thursday and is sent home with the eldest child in paper form. It can also be emailed to parents. Our newsletter is available on our website and you can set up RSS feeds and use the SkoolBag app on smart phones to have the Newsletter ‘pushed’ to your phone or tablet. Please take the time to check for updates in the newsletter each week.

- School commences each day at 8.55am. Our goal is to have students at school, on time, ready for learning every school day (unless they are sick). Remember “Be on time for 5 to 9”.

- If you have any concerns regarding your child/children the first port of call is your child’s teacher, followed by our Leaders of Learning (Co-ordinators), the Assistant Principal and myself.

Term 3 promises to be a term of great learning – in and out of the learning space. Please mark the following events in your calendars or look out for further information from your child’s teacher.

Families are encouraged to engage in Family Prayer and to assist parents in their important role of leaders of prayer in the home a new resource has been produced and will be distributed to all families in the coming days titled “God Is With Us”. Further details are included with this Newsletter.

A Term Planner is included with this Newsletter but please note the following:

Grandparents Day – will be celebrated on the Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim, Friday 26th July. ALL grandparents, parents and special friends of our students are invited to Corpus Christi on this day.

First Eucharist Celebrations will be held over the weekend of 3rd/4th and on the 11th August – please come to mass over those weekends to support our students as they make their First Eucharist.

Assemblies – Mondays 2.20pm (no assembly next Monday)

Dance Fever Challenge (Years 3-6) on the evening of September 11th – parents and students encouraged to attend.

I wish you all a very successful Term 3 and look forward to seeing you at one of the many events planned this term as we work and learn together.

R. Blissenden
Richard Blissenden
Principal
Dear Parents,

Faith Formation and Reflection
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Catholic Culture
Group sessions for the Sacramental programme for First Holy Communion will commence in the week starting the 22nd July. The final preparation afternoon for the Sacrament of First Communion is on Friday 2nd August from 3.30pm – 5pm. Final tips for parents will follow this from 5.00-5.15pm.

Upcoming dates:
26/7 Celebrating Grandparents
8/8 Feast of St. Mary of the cross Mackillop
23/8 Kindergarten Liturgy 12pm
13/9 Year 1 Liturgy 12.45pm

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.

Social Justice
This term we will be supporting the work of Penrith Kitchen. In the past we have had a wonderful response to this social justice venture and we hope that it will once again be a great success.

Have a lovely week
Sharon Shahoud
Religious Education Coordinator

ADVANCE NOTICE –
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Monday 5th August 2013
There will be no school for the students on this day as the staff will be engaged in some spiritual Formation and engaging in a mini Pilgrimage.

AWARD STAMPING
Dates for stamping class awards for Term 3 are:
Week 1 – 19/7/13
Week 4 – 9/8/13
Week 6 – 23/8/13
Week 8 – 6/9/13
Week 10 – 20/9/13
THE NED SHOW IS COMING TO CORPUS CHRISTI!
Date: Monday 22nd July
Time: 2pm
Venue: School Hall

What is the NED Show?
The NED Show assembly teaches pupils how they can develop three valuable characteristics to become CHAMPIONS at school and in life.

Never give up
Encourage others
Do your best

A NED Show flyer for each child has been sent home today. NED merchandise will be sold in the breezeway next week. The merchandise will be for sale from Tuesday 24th July until Thursday 26th July during lunch 1 and lunch 2.

DUE TO THE NED SHOW THERE WILL BE NO ASSEMBLY ON MONDAY 22ND JULY!

2013 CORPUS CHRISTI CHESS
Games will be played at home this week. Good luck to all players!

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

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Maree Tonnet
Assistant Principal

PRG NEWS
On Monday you would have received a letter outlining our latest Fundraising Event – as we publish our very own cookbook. Our Cookbook will be unique to Corpus Christi and feature recipes from current and past families, staff and members of our parish community. This is an opportunity for your family to share a favourite recipe, a much-loved meal or treat your family enjoys or even a recipe that has been passed down from generation to generation.

We also want to record the reason why your family chose that recipe to share, therefore, every recipe will have a personalised section at the bottom. Please help us compile this wonderful cookbook by submitting your favourite family recipes. We hope to receive ONE original recipe per family. You can submit your recipe on line or via the recipe card included with this note. It doesn’t cost anything to submit a recipe.

Once we have compiled the Cookbook our plan is to sell them as a fund raiser – for the very affordable price of $25 each (or $20 each when 3 are ordered at the same time). The Cookbook will be available before Christmas and will make a wonderful present for family and friends.

How to submit your favourite family recipes

➤ Just go to the Published Authors website www.PublishedAuthors.com.au and submit your recipe using their simple template. This process is really very easy and takes only minutes to do.

OR

➤ If you don’t have access to the internet, then just complete the Recipe Card on the original note and return to Miss Bonser by 30th August.

Please submit your recipes AND return the attached Order Form by: 30th August 2013
HOW TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH ALL THE HAPPENINGS AT CC!

We endeavor to keep you completely up to date with happenings at our school – have you followed us on:

**Twitter** - @cccranebrook – along with each grade
@ccckindergarten
@cccyearone
@cccyearly2
@cccyearly3
@cccyearly4
@cccyearly5
@cccyearly6

**FaceBook** - search for Corpus Christi Cranebrook

**YouTube** - search for Corpus Christi Cranebrook – lots of videos of recent learnings

**SchoolBag** - an app for your iPhone and Android – get push notifications and more

**Website** – Visit www.cccranebrook@parra.catholic.edu.au

**Newsletter** – available in print form every Thursday, via email, on our website and through the schoolbag app.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premiers Reading Challenge for this year.

Kailan Jones K, Daniel McAdam K, Joshua McAdam K, Chelsea Shanahan K, Lucas Galea 1, Nate Galea 1, Zoe Shanahan 1, Kiani Slaughter 1, Olivia Hayes 2, Jessica Buzzi 3, Stephanie Hayes 4, Joel Galea 5, Joshua Grima 5

There are only 6 weeks to go before the end of the challenge. Books must be entered online by 30th August so we can validate them for the students to receive their certificates.

Enjoy your reading.

NRMA MOTORING & SERVICES – KEEP SCHOOL ZONES SAFE SURVEY

NRMA Motoring & Services recently launched its “Keep School Zones Safe” survey. The purpose of the survey is to obtain information on the number of 40km/h school zone signs and road marking that are faded or obscured by trees of poles.

The survey contains just six questions and allows respondents to upload photos of the signs and other safety features at their school zone.

The survey will remain open until the 29th July 2013.
School zone signs were first installed in NSW over twenty years ago and many signs are now well past their use by date.

In 2009 NRMA successfully campaigned for the standard yellow school zone colour to be upgraded to a much brighter fluorescent yellow green. This colour really stands out and can be seen twice as far away as the standard yellow signs.

The NSW government has committed to upgrading all faded signs. The feedback from this survey will provide NRMA with vital information which will aid us in ensuring that the upgrade of school zone signs is completed so that we can “Keep School Zones Safe”

If you have any queries about this survey, please contact Jonathan Hennessy, Policy Advisor- Traffic Projects, NRMA Motoring & Services on 0292767219 or Johnathan.Hennessy@mynrma.com.au
Parents will shortly be receiving a copy of *God is with us, a prayer book for families*, a book of prayers for use in the family home. Along with traditional and daily prayers, there are prayers for special occasions. Special reference is made to the devotion of The Angelus, which is prayed daily in every Catholic school in the diocese.

**SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS**
TERM 3 FEES WERE SENT TO YOUR HOME ADDRESS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.
Term 3 fees are due Monday 19th August 2013. Please advise the school if you have not received your fees by Friday 19th July 2013. Thank you to all those parents who have already paid their fees or who have contacted the school in regard to setting up the Flexible Payment Plan.
The FLEXIBLE PAYMENT PLAN is a fantastic way of paying off your fees. This method helps you plan your budget for the year and relieves the burden of paying the fees in lump sums. 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.

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**SWIMMING CARNIVAL SURVEY**
Since our carnival in February this year we have been having discussions about the carnival, we need to consider student participation, the impact to learning for those attending and not attending and also if a twilight carnival might be a possible alternative. Hosting the swimming carnival as a twilight event would allow more parents to attend (as it would be an after work event), would have no impact on quality learning time and would allow sufficient time to organise the event (currently we hold the carnival within the first few days of the school year making note and money collection difficult). Our proposal is to hold a twilight carnival on a Friday night in November of each year. Those students participating would need to be transported by their parents. We would still require parent volunteers for timing etc on the night. Those students who swim qualifying times would go onto the Zone Swimming carnival held in the following March. Students who turn 8,9,10,11 or 12 years in the following year would be eligible to swim at the event in November.

Thank you for the responses received so far to this survey. If you haven’t responded please provide your feedback via this short survey.

Please note: We have added an option of an evening carnival early in 2014.

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**SWIMMING CARNIVAL SURVEY**
Family Name ___________________________________________________

Please tick

☐ We are supportive of a Twilight Swimming Carnival at the end of this year

☐ We prefer the option of a Day Time February 2014 Swimming Carnival.

☐ We prefer the option of a Twilight Swimming Carnival early 2014

Comments:

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NIGHT OF THE NOTABLES 2013

The students’ presentation was the result of their outstanding work during Term One and Two. Each child worked autonomously to research and learn about a ‘notable’ person from the Creative Arts Field.

Their task included writing a mini biography; researching and including information about their ‘notable’ in some way or form; presenting an informal speech about their ‘notable’ to their class; preparing their display and costume for the night. The lives of 84 different ‘notables’ were explored.

Each student has also prepared answers to open-minded questions, which were used to encourage sharing about their ‘notable’

Although “Night of the Notables” is usually offered as part of an enrichment program for gifted students, each of our Year 6 students were invited to participate. Each student directed their own learning and research, focusing on the achievements and human values displayed by those who have made remarkable contributions to the Arts.

We congratulate the students on their achievements throughout this exciting venture.

Our thanks also to our Creative Arts & Research Skills Team (C.A.R.S.T) Rose Antonelli, Jo Hartog, Margaret Micallef and the Year Six Teachers: Emilia Ahern, Michael Manton Rebecca Talbot and Tony Weber.

DANCE FEVER AND SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

A reminder that during Term 3 Dance Fever will take place on Tuesdays and as such our assemblies will move to Monday afternoons. Please join us from 2.20pm for the assembly.

Parents of students in Years 3-6 please mark 11th September in your diaries for the Dance Fever Challenge.

With Dance fever happening during Term 3 ONLY students are required to wear their sports uniform on the following days:

Kinder – Tuesday  
Year 1 – Friday  
Year 2 – Friday  
Year 3 – Thursday  
Year 4 – Tuesday  
Year 5 – Friday  
Year 6 – Tuesday

DO YOU DRIVE INTO THE CARPARK IN THE MORNING OR AFTERNOON?

Please note the following:-

Morning Drop Of

“Kiss and Drop Procedures” operate in the mornings only.

Things to do…….

- Cars should move to the front of line – filling all spaces
- Avoid cutting into the line of traffic
- Cars should stay in the line and not overtake
- Children should alight from the footpath side of the care
- Drivers should stay in the vehicle and NOT get out
- Bags should be inside the care not the boot
- Be patient
- Check the crossing for people

Things not to do…….

- Do not beep the horn
- Do not turn the engine off or get out
- Students shouldn’t run alongside the car once they have alighted
- Do not wave repeatedly to children

Afternoon Collection

Parents must collect children from designated area inside the school.

Things to do…….

- Park in marked spaces only
- Cross the internal road at the marked pedestrian crossing
- Wait to be crossed by the supervisor
- Kindergarten children and their older siblings are collected from the area in front of the Church
- Children in Yrs 1 & 2 and their older siblings are collected from the sails area (parents are to wait on the verandahs not under sails)
- Children in Yrs 3 to 6 are collected from the courtyard on the far side of the office

Things not to do…….

- Do not park along the green fence adjacent to the Church
- Do not walk on the road adjacent to the school office
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**“Wearing the School Uniform with Pride” Merit Awards**

BJ Dhillon                   Joshua Montgomery
Chelsea Shanahan             Cohen Bellingham
Kimberley Noonan             Jemma Papworth
Jemma Nero                   Brendan Avery
Victoria O’larra              Nicholas Killey
Hayley Muscat                Emma Bonadio
Gabriella Galluzzo           Charlotte Seymour
Lachlan McKay                Brandon Micallef
Mya Braddock                 Mya Dries
Lauren Penza                 Nicholas Shearer

**JNR INDOOR SOCCOR/NETBALL SUMMER COMP-**

Starting September
Where: Indoor Sports and Recreation - St Marys
For more information:
Ph: 9623-5523
info@stmarysindoorsports.com.au
www.stmarysindoorsports.com.au

**Term 3  Week 2 - GENERAL INFORMATION AND REMINDERS**

- No Assembly - Monday
- NED Show - Monday
- Cares Yr 4 Monday - Wednesday
- Grandparents Day - Friday

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Wednesdays
8.30am – 9.30am
& 2.30pm – 3.30pm

**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:**

- Letter to class KB
- Corpus Christi – Cookbook
- Letter to whole Grade Yr 2
- Ned Show