Dear Parents,

We have had a great term...

Co-ordinator, Assistant Principal and Principal Awards continued to be presented, First Eucharist Celebrations, Feast of St Mary MacKillop, Feast of the Assumption and grade liturgies
NED show (Never Give Up, Encourage Others and Do Your Best) (K-6)
Grandparents Day Assembly with Open Learning Spaces and a wonderful Book Fair,
Excursions to CARES (Yr 4), Bi-Centennial Park (Yr 1), Canberra (Yr 6) and Bathurst (Yr 5),
ICAS English and Maths Competitions,
Dance Fever (weekly for 10 weeks) and the Dance Fever Inter School Challenge,
Zone and Diocesan Athletics Carnivals, Infants Tabloid Carnival, Netball, Soccer and Touch Football Gala Days
Voice of Youth Cluster, Semi-Final and Grand Final,
Tournament of Minds,
Combined Literacy/Numeracy/Book/ Environmental Awareness Week,
Fathers Day Breakfast and Reading session,
Math-A-Thon,
Lunch time activities including – board games, choir, gardening, book club, table tennis, radio station, Newspaper,
PRG events including a session on assisting your child with reading, a Fathers Day Stall, the launch of our own cookbook and the Bush Dance

Following such a busy and successful term everyone (including our great staff) deserves a restful holiday. I wish you all a fabulous break – remember to read every day and enjoy the break from the normal school routines.

Please take care in the holidays if you are getting haircuts for your child/ren as a few boys have had their hair styled in inappropriate ways over the past two weeks. Very short haircuts or shaved heads, especially patterns cut into scalps, are not allowed as they are NOT compliant with our uniform policy.

Have a wonderful, safe holiday!

R. Blissenden
Richard Blissenden
Principal

SCHOOL RESUMES TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER
Dear Parents,

Faith Formation and Reflection
25th Sunday in Ordinary time
Second Reading 1 Tm 2:1-8
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy
‘Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.
My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving …..
In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.’

Gospel Lk 16:1-13
You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Parents have recently received 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.

The 21st of September is the feast day for St. Matthew.

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Religious Education News cont:

The Sacraments communicate an incarnate memory we already hold deep within. They are linked to all of our senses and participating in them allows our whole person to become part of a network of relationships.

Kindergarten Liturgy and Year 1 Liturgy . Thankyou to all the parents, family and friends who were able to attend these celebrations. The children really love to share their prayer experiences with you and we hope that you found them just as beneficial to you own faith formation.

Religious Education Survey
You are invited to contribute to the review process by responding to the online questionnaire for parents. The questionnaire is located through the following URL and will be available from the 2nd September to the 20th September 2013.

To access the survey, type in the address underlined above into an internet browser, which is located at the top of any web page, and press the enter/return key.

Social Justice
National Bandanna Day this year is on Friday 18th October. Our support for the youth of Australia who are living with cancer has been a tradition here at Corpus Christi because of a number of children who have been part of our community and have been affected by this disease. We will be selling Bandannas for $4 and Pens for $3. The school will participate in Bandanna Day by wearing our bandannas on Friday 18th October. Donations on the day if you are wearing a bandanna from last year are also very welcome. If you would like any further information you may like to visit their website on www.canteen.org.au

As part of Canteen’s initiative this year they are also collecting old mobile phones. So search your cupboards and drawers at home and during the holidays ask family and friends to do the same. There is a collection box in the administration foyer.

Have a very enjoyable holiday
Sharon Shahoud
Religious Education Coordinator

PRAYERS NEEDED
Please keep in your prayers members of our community currently unwell and in hospital.

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CURRICULUM NEWS

MATHATHON 2013 Fundraiser
This week at assembly we awarded prizes for our Mathathon. The following students raised the most money for their grade and received a certificate and thank you gift at assembly this week.

K - Xander Clement
Yr 1 - Tiana Livesley
Year 2 - Olivia Mazurek
Year 3 - Joanna Simeon
Year 4 - Cohen Bloxsome
Year 5 - Alicia Livesley
Year 6 - Edward Balkin

The grade that raised the most money was Kindergarten with a total of $1,954.55. They shared a pizza lunch today to celebrate!

Congratulations to Lenah McKay in Year 4B who won the iPad Mini.

The total amount raised from the athon BBQ and sponsorship currently stands at $9,324.00. These funds will go towards purchasing technology devices such as iPads and MacBooks.

Thank you to all of our parents, grandparents and sponsors for your support of our Mathathon and our school! It is greatly appreciated.

A-Thon Committee

ICAS ENGLISH
Students who participated in the ICAS English Competition were awarded their certificates this week. Congratulations to the following students who received credit and distinction awards.

Credit Awards
Yr 3 - Corey Dunn, Meg Whittaker
Yr 4 - Christine Muscat, Gaia Fahed, Lauren Howell, Noah Kelly
Yr 5 - Monique Dries, Megan Cooper, Claire Palamara, Olivia Palamara, Trent Whitbread
Yr 6 - Elissa Simmonds

Congratulations to Thomas O’Sullivan in Year 6 who achieved a Distinction Award!

BUNNINGS BBQ
Year 6 will be holding a sausage sizzle at our local Bunnings Warehouse (North Penrith) THIS Sunday, the 22nd September. So if you are out that way on the day it would be great if you could drop by to say hi and purchase a yummy sausage sandwich. Thanks for your continued support!!

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AWARD MORNING TEA


Unfortunately Nicholas Kuschert 6G, Cameron Woodhouse 6B and Sarah Bonnici 6G were unable to attend due to their attendance at the Voice of Youth Grand Final. They will be invited to the Term 4 Assistant Principal Morning Tea.

Maree Tonnet
Assistant Principal

LIVE LIFE WELL @ SCHOOL

Why reduce television time?
- studies have shown we use less energy watching TV than sitting still
- TV influences the food choice of kids – Australia has a high rate of food advertising during children’s viewing hours
- TV replaces time a child can be active and enjoy physical activity
- there is an association between TV watching and being overweight

Miss Bonser and Miss Buttigieg
CANTEEN
Due to the increase in supply costs we have had to increase the prices of some items next term. A new price list – effective from the first Friday of term 4 will be distributed to all families next term. We have not increased our prices in over a year and we do try to keep items to the lowest possible price. Thank you for your understanding of this matter.

2014 SCHOOL YEAR
It is time to prepare for the 2014 school year where we require validation of student data. Correct and up-to-date information is needed to meet government accountability requirements, including compliance and government funding.

Student Data Validation Forms will be sent to parents and carers on the 30th September 2013. All forms will need to be returned to school for processing before the Friday 25th October 2013.

Please note: ALL FORMS are required to be sent back to the school office even if there are NIL changes.

IS YOUR CHILD LEAVING CORPUS CHRISTI?
If your child/ren are not returning to Corpus Christi Primary School in 2014 please advise Mr Blissenden with a letter via the office.

This letter must contain the following information:
- Child/ren last day attending Corpus Christi,
- The new school your child/re will be attending
- Any new contact details (address/phone)

Please note: This does not include Year 6 students moving onto high school.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Wednesday 16th October
Order forms were sent home last week.

Please read this form carefully.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
- Every student must have their own sealed envelope (even is payment is in another family member’s envelope)
- PLEASE DO NOT LOSE THIS ENVELOPE as spares are limited
- Family (sibling) photo order forms are available from the school office
- All envelopes are due NO later than Tuesday 15th October.
- Correct money is required. No change will be given.
- As previously discussed, with the introduction of the new uniform, photos for Years 2-6 may have students with both new and old uniforms.
- Formal uniform only – no sports uniform.

TERM 4
ASSEMBLY AND SPORT DAYS
With the conclusion of Dance Fever Assembly will resume back to Tuesday at 2.20pm.

Sports day for Term 4:
Kinder - Friday
Year 1- Friday
Year 2- Friday
Year 3 - Thursday
Year 4 - Thursday
Year 5- Friday
Year 6 – Wednesday
SOCIAL MEDIA AND STUDENTS YOUNGER THAN 13

Social Media, like Facebook, Kik, Instagram, Snapchat, etc can be fun and engaging to use, when used appropriately. Issues, however, easily arise with the use of these sites by very young people, as they often lack the social nuances required to communicate effectively in this medium.

The safe use of technology has been reinforced with students over many years here at Corpus Christi. We encourage students to use technology appropriately and there are serious consequences for students that engage in inappropriate uses of technology. As you know all students also sign our Acceptable Use of Technology policy. In Term 1 of this year Senior Constable Gallen of Penrith Local Area Command visited our Year 6 students and was very clear about the use of these sites being restricted to people over 13 years of age. We are also aware that, at times, students may be accessing social media sites at home with and without the knowledge of their parents.

With the holidays approaching I would suggest that it would be a good time to review with your child the safe use of technology. Could I ask that, if appropriate, you assist your child to deactivate social media sites that you no longer want your child having access to? One social networking site, Kik, has caused some issues for a few students this term. Kik is recommended for people aged 17 and older and parents are asked to review safe internet use with their child/children and restrict access to Kik, if appropriate. For information about Kik follow this link http://thecybersafetylady.com.au/2013/07/why-kik-messenger-is-unsafe-for-kids/?utm_source=buffer&utm_campaign=Buffer&utm_content=buffercab8d&utm_medium=twitter

BUS PASSES FOR YEAR 3 - 2014

If your child is currently in Year 2 and going into Year 3 in 2014, then you must apply for a 2014 bus pass. They will not automatically receive one. Applications are available from the office.
The PRG community Building Bushdance was held on 6th September and was a great night. We had 32 families attend and all seemed to have a great time. A special mention to Mrs Lauren Anderiesz, Miss Lauren Vella, Mrs Maree Tonnet and Mr Richard Blissenden who showed their support and even got in and had a dance (which we have footage of). Thank you to Mrs Anne-Marie Bosworth for her paparazzi skills and Mrs Chris Ryan for all the hay and riding props that decorated the hall. The Band (The O'Shea Brothers) were again a huge hit with the kids and the BBQ was to die for. Thank you to everyone involved who gave up their time in organising and for helping on the night.

We had 3 mini concerts this week for the parents and friends of students in Kinder, Year 1 and 2. Our instructors led the students through their routines and then had the visitors up on the dance floor enjoying some dancing too. Our mini-concerts followed the successes of last week’s Inter-School Challenge where we received 2 first places 1 second and 2 thirds in foxtrot, 2 firsts, 2 seconds and 1 third in Cha Cha – a total of 10 ribbons in all – along with the year 4 trophy. From the feedback about Dance Fever it is clear that the majority of students have enjoyed the experience and would like to have it back in 2014.
PRG FAMILY PORTRAIT DAY
Due to popular demand we are holding another PRG FAMILY PORTRAIT DAY on Sunday the 20th of October 2013.

Each session will run for 20 minutes and will include:
50-70 images taken per family
High resolution images on a disc
All images retouched and colour corrected if required.

Once again the photos will be taken by the award winning photographer Belinda Gerace. Each session will cost $80.00 and unlike other companies Belinda will not be selling additional photographs after the event and your photos will be copyright free for you to produce as many photographs or other products as you wish in time to print your portraits for priceless Christmas presents. Photos will be taken outside on the school grounds if weather permits. To view some of Belinda’s work, please go to: www.belindagerace.com.au Please find below a selection of times for your portraits. Times will be assigned on a first-in basis. Please mark your 3 most suitable times by putting numbers 1, 2 and 3 next to the allocated time slots. A $20 deposit is payable when you return your note. Funds raised will go towards purchasing technology and literacy resources for our children. The remaining $60 is payable before the 16th of October. Please place cash and preferred times in an envelope marked “PRG Family Portraits”. Your time will be confirmed ASAP.

Enquiries can be directed to Sharon Hader on 0418 617 270.

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Childs Name & class _________________________________ Contact Name __________________
Contact Number ____________________________________________________________________
Dear Parents,

This year, Year Six students have been focusing on using ‘Show, Not Tell’ in their writing. The concept is to leave the reader guessing and encouraging them to use reading strategies including visualising, inferring, making connections and predicting. They have been able to apply these skills to their ‘Voice of Youth’ speeches during Term Three. Students have learnt that writing requires them to use the 4P’s: Plan, Produce, Present and ‘Ph’eedback. This is a process that they have enjoyed and has resulted in the Year Six Teachers creating a blog where they can post their published writing and receive feedback from their peers and teachers. Here are a few pieces of writing from the Year Six Kidblog that are currently in progress. Can you use your reading strategies to identify what their topic is about? If you are still left guessing, you will locate the answers below.

**My heart beats at a thousand miles per second as I stand on a miniature wooden platform.**

Only made to feel secure with a tight and firm chord attached around my ankles and hooked to the platform. I think to myself, what on earth have I done? Blood, rushing through my veins like a raging river. My heart thumping through my chest like an incoming parade. Million thoughts and emotions running through my mind. Could I really do this?

I inhale a breath of fresh, cold air. I stare at the target, 200 metres below. I peer at the figure, holding my whole life in the palm of his hands and I reluctantly nod. The numbers I dread are blurted out. 5-4-3-2-1… I brace myself. I try to calm down but, jump! The pressure on my feet began to become lighter. I notice myself leaning on a tilt. I try to get a grip on the bridge but before I knew it I was free falling head first like a bird attacking a fish beneath the surface of the bright, blue ocean.

*By Tatijana P- Bungee Jumping*

Sirens blaring. Lights flashing. It’s over now. This competition to be the best has finally met the finish line. But why today? Why the one day that I argue with the world? If I could delete today, I would. It’s too late now. Tokyo is in ruins. Every second I wait, more is dissolved by the wall of water. I want to help. I need to help, but how can I make this situation any better? I’m just another person cowering beneath the surface of the bright, blue ocean.

*By Maddison N- Tanning at the beach*

I feel excruciating heartache as I see him lay cold. What could’ve possessed someone to do this? I need to leave and tell someone, but who? I don’t want sympathy, I need help! It feels as though I have just lost everything. Everything that’s important to me. Tears start to explode out of my eyes as reality kicked in. People in black uniforms and handcuffs on their belts offer to take me home. I nod with despair not being able to talk because the power of dread rushed through me like waves crashing on the shore.

*By Siobhan M- Everyone’s a suspect*

I am alone, but the voices of laughing and chatting are still behind me. I begin to become frustrated, so I wonder… should I go further? Should I go deeper? The temptation takes me further out into the luminous deep dark blue around me. Suddenly something big, black and hard as a rock swipes past my leg. The frightening touch made me feel sick and ache. What could I do? I am too far out to get help? What have I done? I let myself go into the middle of nowhere and now I’m so scared I can’t move. I’m stranded like a child lost in the city… All hope is lost. Is this is the end of me? Crash! Bang! Splash! I’m being attacked and I have no time to say goodbye to my family and friends. I will never see them again. I wonder if death is cold or if it hurts… hold on something’s happening!

*By Rachel C- Swimming at the beach*

Sleeping in the unknown. Parents near by. I’m snugged up in my metallic sack, trapped like a caterpillar in a cocoon. A low pitched shriek shatters the silence. I force myself up…

*By Dylan W- Camping in a tent*

As I am lying on my cold, wet bed, the taste of goblin blood is still fresh on my green, dehydrated tongue. I can feel the dew rising up from the icy ground. I can hear the yelling from inside and the sound of screaming from my parent’s next victim. I wish I could taste one fresh human. My parents are feeding again. I can hear the licking of lips, the slurping of blood and the crying. I can smell blood, fear, sweat and most of all I can smell forest trees. The sickening sound of howling werewolves talking to each other rattles my bones.

*By Ben L- Three headed dog*
What’s on and When

October

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| Week 2 | 16th | Wednesday | School Photos, 2014 Kindergarten Parents information night 7pm |
|        | 19th- 20th | Sat/Sun | PRG Family photo weekend |

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**“ Teachers Choice”**

**“Merit Awards**

Candice Trajcevski          Victoria Grew
Hannah Thompson            Lara Debrincat
Dominic Seguna             Ryan Yates
Matthew Kraus              Samantha Attard
Ely Rojas                   Leila Amituanai
Jakob Mazurek              Marcus Hayes
Georgia Fabre               Stella Wyngaard
Max Blackburn               Skylar McLean
Rebecca Hocking            Joel Bosel
Riley Ashmore               Tatijana Perri
Ben Simmons                 Ben LaGreca

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

Please note: the shop will not be open during the holidays.

Extended Hours Wednesday 9th October
8.30am to 3.30pm

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**PRICE INCREASE – TERM 4**

As from 8th October 2013 there will be a slight increase to the following items:

- Caps and Bucket Hats $16 (increase $1)
- Boys Grey Shorts $23.50 (increase .50c)
- Boys Grey Long Pants $26.50 (increase .50c)

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**POSITIVE PLAYGROUND BEHAVIOUR**

Olivia Mazurek 2E

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**NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY:**

- RE Education Survey
- PRG Family portraits
- Updated Uniform Price list
- Primary – Crunch and Sip
- PRG - disco

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**Term 4 Week 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION AND REMINDERS**

- **Monday** – Public Holiday
- **Tuesday** – Assembly 2.20pm
- **Wednesday** - Uniform Shop open from 8.30am to 3.30pm
- **Friday** - Student Banking