Dear parents,

In last week’s Newsletter I indicated that a new resource has been produced and will be distributed to all families in the coming days titled “God Is With Us”. The aim of this book is for families to pray together and aptly in the Gospel reading this Sunday from Luke, Jesus responds to his disciples requests about prayer. "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us; and lead us not into temptation."

In this Gospel reading, having taught his disciples to whom they should pray and for what to pray (God's Kingdom, bread, mercy and strength in adversity), Jesus then completes his lesson with advice on how to pray, namely, with persistence.

*Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.*

It is often said that prayer is such a powerful force and there is nothing too trivial that we can pray for. When you hear an ambulance or walk past a hospital, say a quick prayer for whoever is sick and for those who are caring for them. When you see someone in difficulties on the street, say a prayer for them. We all need to expand our circle of prayers out from ourselves, our family and friends. We are being called upon to pray for other people – including people in the world we have never met.

Prayer, the lifting of the mind and heart to God, plays an essential role in the life of a Catholic. Without a life of prayer, we risk losing the life of grace in our souls. Through prayer we enter into the presence of the God dwelling in us. It is prayer which allows us to adore God, by acknowledging his almighty power; it is prayer that allows us to bring our thanks, our petitions, and our sorrow before our Lord.

I encourage you to explore the resource “God is with Us” and as a family pray together.

The school is looking forward to welcoming many, many visitors to the school tomorrow as we celebrate Grandparents Day. ALL grandparents, great grandparents and special friends of our students are invited to attend our celebrations tomorrow and especially to join us in prayer at our special liturgy.

**R. Blissenden**

Richard Blissenden
Principal

**GRANDPARENTS DAY – TOMORROW**

Bookfair 10am – 1pm, Open Classrooms 10am, Prayer 10.30am & Morning Tea 11am
Dear Parents,

Faith Formation and Reflection

World Youth Day Prayer
Oh Father, You sent Your Eternal Son to save the world, and You chose men and women, so that through Him, with Him and in Him, they might proclaim the Good News of the Gospel to all nations. Grant us the necessary graces, so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the joy of being the evangelists that the Church needs in the Third Millennium may shine in the faces of all young people.

Oh Christ, Redeemer of humanity, the image of Your open arms on the top of Corcovado, welcomes all people. In Your paschal offering, You led us, by the Holy Spirit, to encounter the Father as His children. Young people, who are nourished by Eucharist, who hear You in Your Word and meet You as their brother, need your infinite mercy to walk along the paths of this world as disciples and missionaries of the New Evangelization.

Oh Holy Spirit, Love of the Father and of the Son, with the splendor of Your Truth and the fire of Your Love, shed Your Light upon all young people so that, inspired by their experience at World Youth Day, they may bring faith, hope and charity to the four corners of the earth, becoming great builders of a culture of life and peace and catalysts of a new world.

Amen

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2013 ICAS (INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS)

All entries have now closed for 2013. Students who have entered the ICAS English Competition will sit for the assessment on Wednesday 31st July.

NED Show Monday 22nd July

On Monday the 22nd of June a man named Clyde came to our school for the Ned Show! Clyde came with his cartoon poster of Ned. Clyde showed us lots of yoyo tricks such as: Around the world, walk the dog and the Eiffel tower.

Clyde told us the story about Ned and his own day before they came to our school. Clyde was saying how Ned was getting chased by aliens and wherever Ned went the aliens followed him. No matter what he did Ned didn’t give up trying to get away from the aliens. In the end Ned made it to our school safely.

Later on in the show, Clyde went around asking different people what was the message of the show was. A girl named Sarah Tuner from 3E said the message was, NED, Never give up. Encourage others. Do your best, and she was right. Sarah won a crazy balloon hat and a yoyo with a key chain.

If you’re about to give up try remember Ned.
N= Never give up. E= Encourage others. D= Do your best.
Alannah Hader 5B

NED merchandise will be sold at the school gate before school on Monday and Tuesday morning of next week. Please note that there will be no merchandise sold tomorrow due to Grandparents Day celebrations.

Stock available:
NED Yo $8 – SOLD OUT
Boomerang $15 – available
Cosmic Spin 2 $20 - available
2013 CORPUS CHRISTI CHESS

Congratulations to all of our chess players who participated in Round 8 of the Junior Chess Competition last Friday. The results were as follows:

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Games will be played away this week. Both teams will play Blaxland East at Blaxland East Public School. Parents and grandparents who have volunteered to drive please meet Mrs Tonnet in the library on Friday at 2.50pm sharp. This will be our final game for the year. Thank you to all of our parents and grandparents who have assisted with transport and afternoon tea. Our chess students have represented our school proudly. Certificates of participation will be presented to our chess students once they have arrived from NSW Junior Chess League. This is usually during Term 4.

Good luck to all players! For more information go to www.nswjcl.org.au

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Maree Tonnet
Assistant Principal

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

There will not be any school for the students on Monday 5th August as the staff will be on a mini pilgrimage in the footsteps of Australia’s first saint – Mary MacKillop.

PRG NEWS

Please keep the following dates free for our events this term:

- Monday 12th August – PRG Meeting 7pm
- Friday 6th September – PRG Bush Dance

Don’t forget to submit your recipes on line for our cookbook (we have a number of recipes in already and orders for the books can be placed now too!)

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

SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS

Term 3 fees were sent to your home address during the school holidays. Please notify the school office if you have not as yet received a school fee statement.

It is important to note that this is the final fee statement for this year (we do not charge fees in term 4). It would be greatly appreciated if families could finalise payments by 19th August so that the school may meet its financial commitments.

Thank you to all those parents who have already paid their fees or who have set up an arrangement.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL SURVEY

Thank you for the response to the recent Swimming Carnival Survey. The overwhelming support was for a twilight carnival to be held early in the New Year. Plans are now under way to secure a suitable venue and date – details to follow.
What's on and When

### JULY

| Week 2 | 26th Friday | Grandparents Day  
|--------|-------------|---|
|        |             | Bookfair 10am-1pm, Open classrooms 10am, Prayer 10.30am, Morning Tea 11am  
|        |             | Books approximately $5  
| Week 3 | 30th Tuesday | St.2 Boys Soccer Gala Day  
|        | 31st Wednesday | St.2 Girls Soccer Gala Day  
| August | 2nd Friday | Final Prep Eucharist – children only 3.30pm – 5pm  
|        | 5th Monday | Staff Development Day – No School for Students  
|        | 9th Friday | Award Stamping  
| Week 4 | 12th Monday | PRG meeting  
|        | 16th Friday | Yr 1 Excursion  
| Week 5 | 20th Tuesday | Netball Gala Day  
|        | 23rd Friday | Infants Tabloids  
|        |             | Award Stamping  

### DANCE FEVER CHALLENGE

For students in Years 3-6 we will again be entering the Dance Fever Challenge – held on the evening of the 11th September. Last year almost 100 of our students entered the challenge and had a wonderful evening using all the skills they had learnt in their Dance Fever lessons. Our aim this year is to have more than 120 students on the dance floor – please note this date in the diary and join us for a great evening.

### AWARD STAMPING

Dates for stamping class awards for Term 3 are:
- Week 4 – 9/8/13
- Week 6 – 23/8/13
- Week 8 – 6/9/13
- Week 10 – 20/9/13

### 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 KB
- Year 1 Excursion

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

- Assembly - Monday
- Boys Soccer Gala Day – Tuesday
- Girls Soccer Gala Day – Wednesday
- Final Prep Eucharist – children only Friday 3.30pm – 5pm