Dear Parents

**Pentecost Sunday**
Pentecost Sunday is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles and St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. It is the 50th day after Easter if we count both Easter and Pentecost.

“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other languages, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.” Acts 2:1–6

At Corpus Christi, we are looking forward to reflecting on this event where the apostles prayed together and received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit including the ‘gift of tongues’ and the ability to speak in other languages so that they could be believers who could comfort and guide others. We are also keeping in our prayers those students, mainly in year 5, who are currently preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This great sacrament confirms the promises made at Baptism and completes the Sacraments of Initiation.

Please remember these students, their teachers and families in your prayers this week.

Peace and Best Wishes

**R. Blissenden**
Richard Blissenden
Principal

**Celebrations to mark the Feast of Corpus Christi** – please mark the 3rd June in your diaries as the day to join us for Mass at 9.30am. At the celebration of this Liturgy we will acknowledge the Feast (celebrated by the Church on Sunday 2nd June), open our learning spaces for visitors (10.30-11am), celebrate a special morning tea (11-11.30am) and finish the day with our CCGT Expo (Corpus Christi’s Got Talent Expo) (1.45-3pm)
Dear Parents,
When have started our united prayer with the whole church. We have been called to prayer and in every school across the Diocese of Parramatta ‘The Angelus’ is being recited at midday. God calls us to pray because he loves us and wants our unity with Him to grow stronger. We respond to His call to prayer because we love God. The Angelus is a simple but earnest practice of devotion that causes us to recall the gift of God’s Son. You may like to start this devotional prayer yourself at home or when you are up at the school and the bells ring at midday you will know that we are all praying.

Our Sacramental Programme will be continuing with family groups for Confirmation through to the 6th June. Final preparation for the children will be on Friday 21st June from 3.30pm-5.00pm. All children are required to attend this meeting (The children will be provided afternoon tea). For any enquiries please contact Mrs Maree Cottee at the Parish Office on 47301249.

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Come O Holy Spirit, come into our lives.
Fill us with your WISDOM so that we will think about God’s love for us, and live each day as his children.
Give us your UNDERSTANDING so that we will listen to and understand God’s ways, and be more aware of the people with whom we live and work.
Let your KNOWLEDGE come to us, so that we will see God’s will in all the events and people we meet each day.

Religious News cont.:

May we be filled with your gift of RIGHT JUDGEMENT so that in every event of our lives we will choose to live as Jesus has shown us.
Give is the COURAGE we need so that we will always do the things that please God our Father.
Let your Spirit of REVERENCE come to us so that we will always love and worship God who is good, and so that we will always respect each other.
Fill us with the WONDER and awe as we learn about God and the world he created. May we always praise God for His wisdom and goodness.
Come O Holy Spirit, come into our hearts and fill us with your life.
Amen

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

We will be celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi as a school on Monday 3rd June. This day traditionally commences with a celebration of the Eucharist. This would normally be Father George’s day off but he has very kindly offered to say mass for us on this day. It will commence at 9.30am and we would love family or friends to come along. The mass will be followed by open classrooms and morning tea.

Have a lovely week
Sharon Shahoud
Religious Education Coordinator
2013 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 the Spelling Competition entries close TOMORROW at 9am.

2013 CORPUS CHRISTI CHESS
Congratulations to all of our chess players who participated in Round 1 of the Junior Chess Competition last Friday. The results are as follows:

Corpus Christi A 3 Blaxland East E 1
Corpus Christi B 1 Holy Spirit St Clair C 3

For more information go to www.nswjcl.org.au (click on “Schools”)

Games will be played away this week at Mt Riverview Public School (Corpus Christi A) and Montgrove College (Corpus Christi B). Parents who have volunteered to drive please meet Mrs Shahoud in the library on Friday at 2.55pm sharp. Please sign in at the school office before meeting in the school library.

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

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE
The winners in the Mother’s Day Raffle were:
1st Prize – Edward Balkin 6B
2nd Prize – Alanah Hader 5B
3rd Prize – Tahlia Dwyer 4E

Grade Prize Winners:
Kinder: Austin Tunaley
Year 1: Nicholas Galea
Year 2: Charlie Whittaker
Year 3: Kiarnah Klukow-Leavy
Year 4: Christopher Whitton
Year 5: Callum Mayo
Year 6: Mason Zahra

The total raised from the stall and the raffle will be published once costings have been finalised. Thank you again to all involved in coordinating and assisting on the stall.

Maree Tonnet
Assistant Principal

NAPLAN WEEK
This is NAPLAN week - there are often concerns reported about NAPLAN causing anxiety in children and parents. At Corpus Christi, we use information gained from the NAPLAN tests as a diagnostic tool, taking data from the one week of tests to add to the profile of information we have about our students and how they are learning. We prefer to maintain a constructive perspective to NAPLAN and ensure that we are providing a safe and affirmative environment for learning to occur.

TERM 2 SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS
Term 2 school fee statements were sent to all families during the April school holidays. Term 2 fees are due Monday 3rd June 2013. Please phone the school office if you have not received your statement.
Note: Fees can be paid via EFTPOS, BPAY, Postbillpay, cash, cheque or money order.
OUR AWARDS SYSTEM
During Term 2 Children will be able to get their awards stamped on the following Fridays:
(8.30am – 8.55am)
Week 4  24th May
Week 6  7th June
Week 8  21st June

STUDENT ATTENDANCE
Last week we distributed many certificates to students who attended school every day in term 1. In terms of student attendance this was our best term for many years. Congratulations to Kindergarten who had the least number of days away from school and to KE for the class with the least number of days away from school. The research is very clear – days away from school affect not only the learning of the child who is away but also the entire class. Our mantra is if your child is well they should be at school every day, on time ready for learning. Being away from school for just a few days can add up over the course of the year and over their primary education – for example if your child has 2 days away from school every term – they will have missed over a term of school by the time they leave Year 6 – and 7 days away every term, adds up to one whole year of lost learning time. We award perfect attendance certificates when a child has been at school (on time – that is no late arrivals or early departures) every day in a term. A larger award is given at the end of the year for perfect attendance for the whole year.

EARN AND LEARN
Please continue collecting your Woolworths stickers. Remember to place them on the cards and return them to school. These cards can then be placed in the box located near the gate in the morning or drop them into the box in Year 6. If you find you need another card then there are spares located in the office or you can download it off the website.

Our goal is to collect 40000 stickers this year. We are planning to purchase Mathematics equipment this year. Please help us reach this target.
Mrs Emilia Ahern

PEER SUPPORT: PROMOTING HARMONY
Next week in Peer Support, the children will be participating in activities helping them to identify and accept differences in people. Children will also identify ways they can demonstrate being caring through their actions.

Discuss with your child the importance of accepting differences in other people. Perhaps take the time to identify and discuss the various differences people may have, e.g. appearance, religion, culture, disabilities. Ask your child to share the qualities they appreciate in their friends.

Thank you,
Mrs Emilia Ahern, Mr Michael Manton, Mrs Rebecca Talbot and Mr Tony Weber.
RETIREMENT OF MISS MERLYN FERNANDES

After a teaching career spanning more than 48 years Miss Fernandes has decided to retire and follow some of her passions outside teaching including international travel. During Term 1 of this year Miss Fernandes took some Long Service Leave and continued her travels. Miss Fernandes begin teaching in 1965 and spent 18 years teaching at St Margaret Mary’s, Merrylands before moving to Corpus Christi. Miss Fernandes has been teaching here for the past 20 years. Over her career Miss Fernandes taught over 1200 students and interacted with approximately 900 families. Her love of learning, keen sense of humour, dedication to the teaching profession and willingness to share her talents will be remembered by all those lucky enough to have worked with her. Miss Fernandes is planning to visit us soon to allow the children an opportunity to farewell her and will also do some casual teaching with us before the end of the year. We wish her the very best in her retirement.

PRG MEETING – MONDAY 27TH May 7pm

Our next PRG meeting will have a focus on Learning Numeracy (Maths). Our evening will be facilitated by some of our staff and be very practical. It doesn’t matter if you love mathematics or not – everyone will learn something new! To ensure we have enough equipment for everyone parents are asked to book in for this FREE event using the booking site we are trialling called TryBooking. Simple follow this link and enter your contact details. You will be sent a ‘ticket’ via email which means you have registered for the evening – there is no need to print the ticket. We will use the site to generate name tags and ensure we have equipment ready for you to use. The system is just like buying a ticket online – except it is FREE!! Don't delay – register today. There will be lucky door prizes, lots of Numeracy learning and laughs on the night. Register today at http://www.trybooking.com/CWYK

FRIDAY 24TH MAY 2013

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

As part of this event we will be handing out stickers and certificates to those children who walk to school. We will also be hosting a breakfast on this day outside the hall. So please take some extra time to walk to school and come and share some toast with your child/children and rehydrate with some water.

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

Thanking you for your support
Mrs Emilia Ahern

PRG TRIVIA EVENING

Friday 14th June
Details in this newsletter, get your table together TODAY so you don't miss out!

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are open for Kindergarten 2014. If you have a child who will turn 5 before the 31st July, 2014 you are welcome to apply for enrolment and collect an enrolment package from the School Office. 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. Please do not delay in contacting the office if you have a sibling starting school next year as we have had many enquiries regarding enrolment in 2014 and it would be a shame to miss out on a place – call today!!
## What’s on and When

### Term 2 MAY

| Week 4 | 24th | Friday | Award Stamping 8.30-8.55am  
|        |      |        | Walk to school - Breakfast  
|        |      |        |  
| Week 5 | 27th  | Monday | PRG Meeting  
|        | 31st  | Friday | Year 2 - Zoo excursion  

### JUNE

| Week 6 | 3rd  
|        | Monday | Corpus Christi Feast Day  
| 4th  | Tuesday | No Assembly  
| 7th  | Friday | Kindergarten “Farm” Excursion  
|       | Award Stamping 8.30-8.55am  
| Week 7 | 10th  | Monday | Queens Birthday – Public Holiday  
| 14th  | Friday | PRG – Trivia Night  

### “OUTSTANDING WRITING” Merit Awards

- Kaitlyn Grima
- Daniel Sprycha
- Mikayla Morgan
- Ashley Vella
- Keira Field
- Joshua Woodward
- Liam Welna
- Zachary Hansen
- Hayden Adams
- Taj Jelacic
- Evie Chicharro
- Abbe May
- Sophia Chicharro
- Jade Papworth
- Brock Valesini
- Matthew Tempone
- Meagan Turner
- Alexandra Hurst

### UNIFORM SHOP

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

### SCHOOL SOCKS – UNIFORM POLICY

Our shop is fully stocked with our school uniform. A reminder that from the start of 2014 school year ONLY the new uniform is to be worn. If your child has grown out of the old uniform (Yrs 2-6) consider purchasing a new item now! It has also been noted that some students are not wearing the correct socks. Low cut/incorrect colour socks are not to be worn.

The uniform policy for socks is:
- Girls – White turndown ankle socks
- Boys* – Grey (with green and white stripe)
- Sports* – white with green and yellow strip and school logo

**Low-cut socks are not to be worn at any time.**
* only available from the school uniform shop

### ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

- Cooper Greatrex KE
- Christine Muscat 4B

### PLAYGROUND AWARD

- Logan Brandon 1E

### NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY:

- N/A

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### Week 4 - GENERAL INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

- School Assembly - Tuesday 2.20pm
- Award Stamping – Friday 8.30am – 8.55am
- Walk to School - Friday