Dear Parents

How busy are households in the morning! Getting everyone out of bed can be a task in itself and then comes finding the clothes they are to wear that day, the things they need to take with them to fulfil the requirements of that day’s routine and then, breakfast! Thankfully, all these pre-breakfast chores are predictable, even repetitive. Imagine being the White Queen in “Alice through the Looking Glass”, who made it a practice to believe six impossible things before breakfast!

One “impossible” for Christian people is understanding the Trinity. However, it is especially important to have some understanding of the Trinity because it is central to our faith. “Trinity is the Christian name for God.( Karl Barth). The understanding of the Trinity stresses that The Creator or Father has come near to us in human form in Jesus and lives in us in the Holy Spirit.

God is not removed from the pain and suffering of our world and has shown profound love and compassion for us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and in the continuing indwelling of the Holy Spirit with its gifts for sustaining us. St Paul tells us that, “Long ago in many ways at many times, God’s prophets spoke His message to our ancestors. But now at last God sent His Son to bring His message to us.” Hebrews 1:1. So, what was His message?

In the “civilizations” of Greece and Rome, no one would have dreamed that leaders should in any way be servants. Indeed, Aristotle argued that the poor and the underprivileged should be kept well and truly in slavery, so that “superior men” would have leisure to think and participate in the governance of the community. Aristotle cherished the “great-souled man” who was proud, honourable, aristocratic and rich. The job of the leader was to stay above the common people and lead. But Jesus invented the notion that the way to lead is by serving the needs of others, especially those who are the most needy: “Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant ….. for even the Son of man did not come to be served but to serve.” Mark 10 : 43. Jesus was born in a stable and lived most of His life as a carpenter’s apprentice. Usually, He travelled by foot, His first disciples were fishermen and craftsmen and He lived and moved among the common people.

Jesus broke the taboos. From society’s point of view, and even from some of His male disciples point of view, Jesus scandalously permitted women, even women who were outcasts because of their lifestyle, to travel with Him and to be part of His circle of friends and confidants. “The Christian prohibition of adultery, viewed as equally serious for men and women, placed a moral leash on the universal double standard that commanded women to behave themselves while men did as they pleased.” Dinesh D’Sousa.

The message through Jesus is that, in God’s eyes, all people are of equal importance and we are to love ourselves and others, as God loves us. We are to do this because, “God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit whom He has given us.” Ron. 5 : 5. And, of course, the Spirit produces, “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control.” Gal. 5 : 22,23. These are additional gifts to assist us to carry on the message as Christians, the Christs of our time. St Paul had a great insight into the Trinity, when he gave this blessing to the people of Corinth; “May the grace of the Lord, Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” And may Paul’s blessing be with us all, this very day.

Peace and Best Wishes.

R. Blissenden
Principal

Parents – please come along to our PRG meeting where we will share information about teaching Mathematics at Corpus Christi – details inside this newsletter.

6-7pm – Fundraising and Community Events Discussion – ALL welcome
7-8pm – Numeracy Learning at CC – All welcome

There is a lucky door prize for one parent who books in with TryBooking – details inside!

Congratulations to Classes 2B & 5E for nil partial absences for Week 3.
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS
At last week’s assembly our first Assistant Principal’s Awards were awarded. These awards are part of our new-tiered awards system. These students have received six Class Awards and a Coordinators Award. Congratulations to Cooper Greatrex KE and Christine Muscat 4B. Students who receive an Assistant Principals Award will be invited to morning tea with Mrs Tonnet at the end of the term.

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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2013 CORPUS CHRISTI CHESS
Congratulations to all of our chess players who participated in Round 2 of the Junior Chess Competition last Friday. The results are as follows:

Mt Riverview B 2 Corpus Christi A 2
Montgrove College E 3 Corpus Christi B 1

Thank you to Mrs Shahoud for coordinating the chess in my absence and to the parents who transported the students to other schools. Games will be played at home this week.

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

Maree Tonnet
Assistant Principal

TERM 2 SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS
Term 2 fees are due Monday 3rd June 2013. Fees can be paid via EFTPOS, BPay, Postbillpay, cash, cheque or money order.

PRG MEETING Monday 27th MAY
Our next PRG meeting is NEXT MONDAY NIGHT – to date we have had 3 parents register interest – please consider coming along to learn more about how we teach Numeracy (Maths) at our school. You can 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
FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI
Please join us for our celebrations on Monday 3rd June.
9.30am Mass
10.30am – 11am Visit our Learning Spaces
11am – 11.30am Morning Tea
1.45pm – 3pm Corpus Christi’s Got Talent Expo

Please note there will be no assembly on the 4th June as we will be engaged in Peer Support activities that afternoon.

CAR PARK – some reminders that help EVERYONE in the car park
• **DO NOT PARK** along the fence in front of the church the afternoons – **it is just that simple** – parking here makes it very difficult for cars to move out of the marked spaces and it is dangerous.
• **DO NOT ALLOW** your child to exit (or enter) the car **on the road side** of the vehicle in the mornings if using the Kiss and Drop line
• **DO** join us for breakfast after WALKING TO SCHOOL SAFELY tomorrow!

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE
Congratulations to the follow students who have completed the PRC for this year.
Danielle Freeman         Year 4
Alexis McAlpine            Year 4
Bernadette Wakeling    Year 4

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 eg. @cccyear4)
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.parra.catholic.edu.au
Newsletter – available in print form every Thursday, via email, on our website and through the schoolbag app.

SCHOOL CANTEEN - News

1) **PLEASE** have child’s name and class clearly marked on all lunch orders.
2) We are in desperate need of volunteers to assist us. If you are available please complete and return the slip below ASAP. The canteen opens on Mondays and Fridays only.

Att: Canteen Co-ordinator

I can assist in the Canteen – please put my name on the roster and contact me.

Name _______________________________________ Contact Phone Number __________________

☐ Please Tick Days Available  ☐ Monday  ☐ Friday  ☐ Both
☐ Please Tick Time Available  ☐ 9-10am  ☐ 12.30-2pm  ☐ Both
☐ Please Tick Days Available  ☐ Weekly  ☐ Fortnightly  ☐ Monthly

☐ I have completed the online Child Protection Course for Volunteers and returned a signed “Prohibited Persons Declaration” to the school office
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 - tomorrow
Week 6 7th June
Week 8 21st June

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

THE ‘GET THAT JOB INFORMATION EVENING’
Tuesday 28th May 6.30pm
An information night is being held for all Teachers, Parents, Families, Students and Community Members at the Parramatta RSL. We encourage family members and students from Year 9 to Year 12 to attend.
This Information Evening is a Free Event and will be in the format of Q & A with a panel of experts to talk about Apprenticeships, Traineeships and Alternative Career Paths. The panel will include representatives from Group training Organisations, Employers, Careers Advisor, Australian Defence Force, NDCO, TAFE and Uni Pathways.
This evening will be an invaluable opportunity for Parents, Families and Students to come together and explore the many possibilities for students interested in exploring an Apprenticeship or Traineeship and to ask questions and explore various opportunities of employment pathways.

PRG TRIVIA EVENING
Friday 14th June
Details in this newsletter – get your table together TODAY so you don’t miss out! Raffle tickets have been distributed to each family and you are encouraged to return these – sold or unsold – as soon as possible. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

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  
| Term 2 MAY |  | Walk to school – Breakfast  
|  |  | This event will take place rain hail or shine  
| Week 5 | 27th Monday | PRG Meeting (6-7pm Fund raising 7-8pm “Maths”)  
| JUNE | 31st Friday | Year 2 - Zoo excursion  
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| Week 6 | 3rd Monday | Corpus Christi Feast Day  
|  | 4th Tuesday | No Assembly  
|  | 7th Friday | Kindergarten “Farm” Excursion  
| Week 7 | 10th Monday | Queens Birthday – Public Holiday  
|  | 14th Friday | PRG – Trivia Night  

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**“Excellent Playground Behaviour”**

**Merit Awards**

Kaillan Jones  
Emily Guthrey  
Tommy Crowe  
Lachlan Colantonio  
Thomas Deery  
Kiarnah Klukow-Leavey  
Jasmine Woolford  
Jack Whitfield  
Brandon Colantonio  
Jordan Bellamy  
Monique Neill  
Abigail Howse  
Hayley Flood  
Judd Cavallaro  
Taleah Rosa  
Rafel Hazeem  
Rilley Tilley  
Saoirse Milligan  
Leyton Sullivan  
Alisha Livesley  
Tatijana Perri  
Maddison Northam  
Scott Goodwin  
Judd Cavallaro.

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

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

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**WHOOPING COUGH**

A case of whooping Cough has been reported to the school.  
Any concerns please see your doctor.

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**NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY:**

- Primary Sports Carnival  
- Walk to School – RSVP  
- PRG Meeting

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**Week 5 - GENERAL INFORMATION AND REMINDERS**

- PRG Meeting - Monday  
- School Assembly - Tuesday 2.20pm  
- Year 2 Excursion