Dear Parents,

We all get a buzz from language that is used economically, particularly, if it contains humour. Take for example, the following two advertisements for a plumber: “We repair what your husband fixed”, and “Don’t sleep with a drip; call a plumber”. These ads have a lot more to them than the few words used in their expression. Likewise, a short story such as “The Two Pots” can be similar in effect:

“A Water Bearer had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole, which he carried across his back. One of the pots had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, the cracked pot spoke to the Bearer one day by the stream. ‘I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side allows my water to leak out all the way back to your house.’

The Bearer said to the pot, ‘Did you not notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot’s side? That’s because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back you water them. For two years I have been able to pick these flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, we would not have such beauty.’ –Author Unknown.

It is possible that, as we read the story, it is the “flaw” in another person that comes to mind rather than the “flaw” that is unique to us. None of us is perfect but it’s the cracks and flaws we each have that can make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. We have to take each person who appears in our life for who they are and look for the good in them. Jesus gave us a wonderful example, when he accepted hard-talking fishermen together with despised tax collectors and reviled prostitutes, to be his closest friends. Despite their “cracks and flaws” they became the founding members of our Church and its first line of Saints.

Children are probably too young and not sufficiently mature to have cracks and flaws in them. Rather, they could be regarded as mosaics in the making. As they move through the various developmental stages that lead eventually to adulthood, they might on occasion choose the wrong “piece”. It might fit awkwardly for a while but with proper guidance from a parent or friend, they might choose to discard that “piece” for a more appropriate one.

Of all children, our own children should be the most precious to us. They might not always fit the mould of the perfect child we might like them to be. Our children should be valued equally and if one is lacking in capacity in one way or another, we should heed the “Water Bearer’s” reaction and interpret that child to the advantage of the child’s self-image. Thankfully, not all “mosaics” will look the same when completed. Not all will have the same detail or perhaps attractiveness but each will be unique and should be esteemed highly and loved without reserve.

BLESSING

“May you have great dignity,
may you have a sense
of how free you are,
and above all may you be given
the wonderful gift of meeting the eternal light and beauty that is within you.
May you be blessed
and may you find a wonderful love in yourself, for yourself.
Amen.”

Have a wonderful week.

R. Blissenden
Richard Blissenden
Principal
Dear Parents,

Faith Formation and Reflection

November 1st

All Saints Day has its roots in the early Church's 'Martyrs Day', attested to by a hymn written in 359 by St Ephraim. It was called All Saints Day (All Hallows' Day) in the seventh century. A Saint is someone who the Church believes is in heaven with God. Wrongly, we often think Saints are perfect, but in fact their greatest witness is how they coped with the ordinary difficulties of life and how they reflected in a variety of ways the love of God.

All Saints Day is the feast which commemorates all those we know who may never be publicly proclaimed in the canon or list of saints, but who nonetheless are in heaven. Some of them may only be known to God. Others are people whose love, sacrifice and fidelity we have seen for ourselves and who have inspired us. Sometimes they can be our relatives and friends.

Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen.

November 2nd

All Souls' Day is traditionally a time for the Christian community to remember deceased family members and friends. Some churches have special services on or around All Souls Day. These services feature hymns, music and prayers that centre on the day's theme. Some churches invite the congregation to write the names of deceased friends or family members in a special book that would be placed on the altar at each mass or service during November. We remember on Saturday in particular all the families of our community here at Corpus Christi who have lost friends or relatives during this past year.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Catholic Culture

Reconciliation Final Preparation will be on Friday 15th November in the School Hall from 3.30 – 5.00pm. All children in the program are expected to attend this session as part of their final instruction before the celebration of their First Reconciliation. It is for the children only and they will be provided with afternoon tea. The teachers in Year 3 will escort the children to the Parish Centre in the afternoon after school. For further details please contact Mrs Marie Cottee at the Parish Offices- 47301249

Social Justice

National Bandanna Day this year was 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. Thankyou to everyone who participated, we raised more than last year having a total of $1725.00

As part of Canteen’s initiative this year they are also collecting old mobile phones. So search your cupboards and drawers at home and over the weekend ask family and friends to do the same. There is a collection box in the administration foyer. I will be sending them in at the end of Week 6: 15th November.

‘Sock it to Homelessness’ Crazy Sock Day. Thankyou to everyone for participating, we raised $313.00 for Catholic Mission and the homeless children in Mongolia.

Finally we had our appeal for the Bushfire crisis and we were able to raise $738.25. This was a great response and your support is always overwhelming. There were many stories of people with extraordinary acts of generosity and compassion for others. The empathy shown was not only by the adults of the community. The children were very responsive with their prayers in class and when the church was open for quiet prayer and reflection. Some children like Mathew Coleman, his brother Jeremy and his sister Jessie collected toys and took them down to the local fire station to donate for the children who lost everything. The loss of possessions was not the only thing on their minds, they also donated food and drink to the fireman who so bravely fought the fires. I know the family would not expect accolades for their efforts, however, these actions are truly showing the face of Christ to others in need. May the grace of God be with all those in need and all those being of service to others.

Have a lovely week

Sharon Shahoud
Religious Education Coordinator

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.
**KINDER 2014 TRANSITION**
The 2014 Kindergarten Transition Program commences in Week 6. The dates and times for the small group sessions are as follows:

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The whole group session will be on **Wednesday 20th November** from **9.15am-11.15am**. A Parent Information Session with Mr Blissenden in the School Hall will start at **9.30am**. All families are encouraged to attend the information session and to have a cuppa and meet other parents of 2014 Kindergarten students.

Parents are requested to enter and leave the school via the church gates. You DO NOT need to sign in at the School Office.

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**SMOKE FREE ZONE**
We have been approached by concerned parents regarding people smoking in the car park. Corpus Christi is a smoke free zone. Please do not smoke on school grounds – this includes the car park.

Thank you for your cooperation

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**STUDENT DETAILS**
**Student Data Validation Forms** were due last **Friday, 25th October 2013**.
To date only 186 families out of 344 have returned their form. Please ensure that all student validation forms are return to the school office even if there are NO changes.

At times it will be necessary to communicate with parents via **SMS**. In order for this to be successful we need current contact details of all families. Please contact the School Office to update any changes to future contact details.

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**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.

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**LIVE LIFE WELL @ SCHOOL**

**How much water do children need?**
The amount of fluid that children need varies between individual children. The older the child, the more fluid they need. Children should drink approximately 1–1½ litres of fluid a day. Children will need more when they are physically active and on hot and humid days. Water is the best drink – for both children and adults – in all situations.

*Miss Bonser and Miss Buttigieg*
ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL
Our catch cry is ‘be on time at five to nine’. A reminder that students need to be at school ready for learning to start at 8.55am – we have noticed a rise in the number of late comers over the past few weeks. We would ask families to perhaps leave home 5 minutes earlier so that we reduce the number of late arrivals. Parents are reminded that if you do arrive after 8.55am you will need to come into the office and sign your child in.

PRG MEETING - change of date
Due to a fund raising event that I will be attending for the Bush Fire Appeal we have moved the next PRG meeting to Monday 11th November 2013, commencing at 7pm. Our focus will continue the work we began at the last PRG. The workshop is called “How to help children overcome problems in their reading”. We hope to have many parents present so please mark this date in your diary.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA BUSHFIRE APPEAL
The Diocese has launched an emergency appeal to assist people who have been affected by the NSW bushfires. St Thomas Aquinas Parish at Springwood is one of the areas that have been hardest hit.
This appeal is for cash donations only. Donations can be made through Catholic Care Social Services Parramatta. A video appeal by Bishop Anthony Fisher OP is on Catholic Care’s website where you can make an online donation:
www.ccss.org.au
If making a donation by cheque, please make your cheque payable to Catholic Care Social Services – Bushfire Appeal and post to: Bushfire Appeal, PO Box 2023, North Parramatta, NSW, 1750.
Receive updates on the Bushfire Appeal via Facebook: www.facebook.com/CCSSParramatta

HELPERS NEEDED TO COVER BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY
If you are able to help cover books with contact paper for the library please complete the slip below. Please note: Contact paper will be supplied.
Thank you for your help, it is greatly appreciated.

Att: Library
Yes I can help cover books when needed.
Name: ____________________________
Contact Number: ____________________
Child’s name: _______________________
Class: ____________________________

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE GROUP (PRC) General Meeting - Monday 11 Nov 2013
The PRC General Meeting for Term 4 is on Monday 11 November 2013 at Diocesan Assembly Centre (DAC) Cnr Flushcombe Road and Marian Street, Blacktown. Doors open at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start and concludes at 9.30pm. All welcome.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY BAKE SALE
"Please support our Children's Liturgy Bake Sale this Saturday & Sunday after each mass. Parish members of the Children's Liturgy team are planning this event to raise funds to purchase pencils, Advent Wreath, a Christmas Tree, prayer cards and a Children's Bible"
There will be cupcakes, continental sweets, fudge and many other treats for sale.
## November

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School resumes Wednesday 29th January for Years 1-6 (including Kindergarten Pre-testing) Monday 3rd February for Kindergarten

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### "Encouraging Others"

**Merit Awards**

- Olivia Attard
- Madison Falzon
- Emily Robinson
- Kyle Wahlstrom
- Lenah McKay
- Ashton Salei
- Sophia Seymour
- Nathan Martin

- Victoria Grew
- Kiara Amitianai
- Lucas Barglik
- Beau Forrester Taylor
- Mitchell Gavin
- Mia Bryant
- Bradley Sultana

- Samuel Bulluss
- Daniel Edwards
- Jordan Gorgioso
- Liam Welna
- Riley Gorgioso
- Callum Mayo
- Lauren Penza

**PLAYGROUND AWARD**

Christian Bowe 2E

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS AWARDS**


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### UNIFORM SHOP

**Wednesdays**

- 8.30am – 9.30am & 2.30pm – 3.30pm

To ensure all items are returned to their owners - PLEASE mark clearly all items with your child’s name.

**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****

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### NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY:

- PRG – glow sticks
Congratulations to April Monteleone, Olivia Palamara, Emily McCurley, Braeydn Urban, Lauren Howell and Sarah Bonnici who were all presented with their Gold Principals Award at this week’s assembly. Their hard work over a number of months has paid off with this special award. Congratulations.

Halloween Disco Wrap Up - Well it’s official....... the Corpus Christi crew are definitely a scary bunch (when in costume of course)! What a great night and we are thrilled to report a record attendance of 393 students. Thanks to everyone for supporting this fundraiser. It was amazing to see so many students, teachers and parents wearing some very convincing Halloween costumes. A huge thanks is extended to Terry Ryan from the Balkin family for generously donating the bread. We also especially wish to thank Mr Blissenden, the teachers and our valuable parent helpers, listed below for their wonderful assistance on the night.

Terrianne Cox, Lisa Blewitt, Mark May, Linda Galloway, Rachel Bulluss, Suzette Dpenha, Nancy Acland, Donna Field, Katherine Heywood, Oliver Buzzi, Larissa Sullivan, Georgette Apap, Bonnie Montgomery, Jacqueline Roberts, Jill McQuaid, Daniela Attard, Karen Choice, Liahne Papworth, Deidre O’Rourke and Megan Rodwell

To the families who ordered a BBQ dinner, we wish to thank you for your patience. Introducing the BBQ was a new a concept and we have learnt from this experience. Many Thanks, PRG Fundraising Committee
Dear Parents,

Dancefever is proud to be introducing its After School Dance Program to Corpus Christi Primary School. Our very own experienced Dancefever instructors will be running the extra-curricular program for children who desire the opportunity to advance their skills to a more technical level.

This very popular program will commence in Term 1, 2014 and be open to all year levels. The program runs for 10 weeks one afternoon a week from 3:15pm-4:15pm. The cost will be $80 for the complete 10 week term, which will need to be made up front in week 1. Payments can be made by cash or alternatively by cheque. For your convenience, the after school class will be held at Corpus Christi Primary School.

The cut-off date for your child’s enrolment is Monday 18th November 2013.

Once we get an approximate number of interest, we will then send out an official Permission note.

Be sure not to miss out.

We look forward to seeing you in Term 1 2014

Gabrielle Russo

E: gabrielledancefever@gmail.com
M: Gabrielle - 0424628119

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Dancefever After School Dance Program

I __________________________ am interested in enrolling my child __________________________

(Parents Name) (Child's Name)

In year ______ in the Dancefever After School Dance Program in Term 1 2014.

Signed: __________________________