Dear Parents,

I have often been heard to say that we have ‘High Expectations’ of our students – and it is true we do. But it is also true that those expectations need to be realistic. Having expectations that are high—yet also realistic—is essential for school success. Think of a balloon. If there’s no air (like no expectations), it’s flat. If you put in too much air (expectations that are too high and impossible to meet), the balloon bursts. Finding the right balance of expectations will stretch children to grow without frustrating them. Here are some tips I came across during the week in my reading.

**Top Tips for Success…**

**Help children develop predictable routines** around waking up, getting ready for the day, eating nutritious meals, taking care of their bodies, going to bed at a regular time, getting enough sleep and arriving at school *on time* ready for learning every day. Children are more likely to be successful when their routines help them thrive.

**Build on your children’s interests.** They’re more likely to meet high expectations when they’re doing things they enjoy.

**Talk with your children about the goals you’ve set and achieved in your life.** Explain how you overcame obstacles to meet your goals. Check in today about your child’s goal and how it is progressing – does it need modification or changing?

**Expect bumps along the way.** Achieving high expectations is not like climbing a ladder where each step is a step up. Expect setbacks and doubts. They’re all part of the process. The key is to work through the difficulties along the way.

**Encourage children to grow and develop at their own pace.** Don’t compare your child to other children. Some are early walkers. Some are late walkers. Both are normal. Follow your child’s lead and be supportive.

**Watch out for pressures that you might place on your child because of your preferences rather than your child’s needs.** For example, not all sports-mad parents are going to have sports-mad children.

**Give young children extra time to practise new things.** Expect the process to be bumpy and slow. Be encouraging and don’t expect perfection. Research tells us we need 200 “hits” to learn a new skill – if done once every school day that learning will require a full school year!

**Have high expectations for homework and schoolwork.** Make it easier for your children to do their homework every day by sitting next to them. You can do your own project or work and be available for questions.

**Help children break large, difficult tasks into smaller, more manageable tasks.** This is called ‘chunking’ and can build confidence as they achieve each part.

**Find activities that get your children excited.** Encourage them to set goals and to have fun at the same time.

Good luck as you use some of the above tips this week with your child/ren.

*Peace and Best Wishes.*

**R. Blissenden**
Richard Blissenden
Principal

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Congratulations to 2B (2 weeks in a row) for nil partial absences for Week 4.
Dear Parents,

This Sunday is the feast of ‘The Body and Blood of Christ’. It would be a wonderful opportunity for families to come along to one of the masses this weekend to celebrate our Parish and school feast.

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 Marie Cottee at the Parish Office on 47301249.

May the Holy Spirit fill us with Wisdom to help us to be truly wise and follow the way of God.

May the Holy Spirit fill us with Understanding to help us to see things as God sees them.

May the Holy Spirit fill us with Knowledge to help us to see the goodness of God.

May the Holy Spirit fill us with Right Judgement to help us the make good choices in our life.

May the Holy Spirit fill us with Courage to help us to follow Jesus.

May the Holy Spirit fill us with Reverence to help us to love, honour and respect God.

May the Holy Spirit fill us with Wonder to help us to see and appreciate the wonder of God.

The St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal is one way we can reach out. Our school initiative this term is to reach out through ‘Sockeianies’ 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

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.
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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PARENT SESSION FOR YEAR 1 PARENTS ON E-A REPORTING

Year 1 parents are invited to attend an information session on E-A reporting in the library on Wednesday 5th June at 2.30pm. The session will run for approximately 20 minutes.

2013 CORPUS CHRISTI CHESS

Congratulations to all of our chess players who participated in Round 3 of the Junior Chess Competition last Friday. The results are as follows:

Corpus Christi A  1½  Wollemi E  2½
Corpus Christi B  1  Montgrove A  3

Games will be played at away this week at Wollemi College (Corpus Christi A) and Montgrove College (Corpus Christi B). Parents who have volunteered to drive please meet Mrs Tonnet in the library on Friday at 2.50pm sharp.

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

Thank you for your support,

Mrs 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.

DEALING WITH ISSUES

Please go through the right channels when an issue arises concerning your child. Let matters relating to children attending Corpus Christi be dealt with at school by our staff. Do not approach children or other parents directly when an issue occurs.

Approaching someone else’s child translates into a Child Protection issue that can be avoided if the issue is brought to the attention of the child’s teacher or a member of the School Leadership Team.

If there are changes in routine, home life etc that could affect the children, please inform us so we can provide the care needed for the children at school to support you.

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!
PEER SUPPORT: PROMOTING HARMONY
In next week’s Peer Support session, the children will be looking at how each individual has their own rights. Activities will remind the children that although they may find themselves in difficult or awkward positions, they still need to remember to do the right thing.

Discuss with your child a situation you were in that was potentially difficult or awkward and explain the decision you made and why it was the right thing to do.

Thank you,
Mrs Emilia Ahern, Mr Michael Manton, Mrs Rebecca Talbot and Mr Tony Weber.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL
Many thanks to Mrs Ahern for her co-ordination of the Walk Safely to School day last week – many parents and children enjoyed toast in the hall on arrival (even if there was a little wait - - -our thanks for your patience with the slow toaster – we promise to be better at this in future). One of the repeated comments of the morning was how much parents enjoyed the walk (even from up the road) to school and how quiet the car park was. Our thanks also to those parents able to donate items for the breakfast – especially Terry Ryan for the donation of the bread. Thank you all for your support.

YEAR 5 AND 6 - BOYS SOCCER GALA DAY
On Tuesday 28th May, students from Years Five and Six travelled to Aquilina Reserve, Rooty Hill to play in the Boys Soccer Gala Day. The boys played brilliantly as a team, displayed many skills and proudly represented Corpus Christi. The boys played seven games, winning three of them, having three draws and one loss. A fantastic effort boys! Their success resulted in the boys finishing in third place. Congratulations to all of the members of the squad, including Ben, Nicholas, Brandon, Daniel, Bradley, Lachlan R, Connor, Hayden, Scott, Nathan, Luke, Harry and Lachlan W.

Mr Michael Manton

GREG ALEXANDER SHIELD
Congratulations to the team which represented Corpus Christi at the Greg Alexander Shield rugby league competition on Tuesday. The students thoroughly enjoyed representing their school and displayed excellent behaviour and fine sportsmanship throughout the day. Many thanks to the family members and friends who supported the team.
Team Members – Deakin Rizzo, Callum Mayo, Flynn Jelacic, Brody Grech, Colt Currell, Ben Simmons, Brandon Coles, Preston Matia, Tyson Woodhouse, Ethan Field

Mr David Conroy
TRIVIA EVENING - 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.

OUR AWARDS SYSTEM
During Term 2 Children will be able to get their awards stamped on the following Fridays: (8.30am – 8.55am)
Week 6  7th June
Week 8  21st June

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 - @cccratebrook – (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.

PRG MEETING
On Monday evening 14 parents joined Mrs Boyer, Mr Manton, Mrs Tonnet and myself for an exploration of Numeracy @ Corpus. It was a very hands on 60 minutes of mathematical exploration with some very good take home messages. In term 3 our meeting focus will be on Reading and helping your child to read.

In other PRG News – The Trivia Night is approaching and with amazing prizes you will need to book your table as soon as possible. This week we sent home the first of three Trivia Updates so keep a look out for the next on Tuesday. The PRG are prepared to arrange family photos as they did last year, but before committing to a day for this to happen they would like to know how many families would be interested. If you would like to express interest in this opportunity please complete and return the slip by Friday 7th June.

Return Slip for an Expression of Interest in Family Photos for the PRG
Our family is interested in the PRG offering a Fund Raising opportunity in Term 4, 2013 for Family Photos
Name _________________________________________ Contact Phone ______________________
SYMBALOO - ONLINE ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS

The Symbaloo website allows teachers to set up direct links to websites that are related to the learning and teaching in their schools. I have taken the opportunity to create a page where students from K-6 are able to find relevant and useful activities targeted at their level of ability. Please take the time to look through the website alongside your child: http://www.symbaloo.com/mix/corpuschristi. Please be aware that because it is online, popups and advertisements from Google appear randomly down the side of the page. Unfortunately it is something that I can't control.

As I am sure you are aware, each student has signed an ‘Appropriate Use of Technology’ form, which explains the expectations at school when it comes to using technology. I ask that you keep an eye on your child when they are at home and ensure that they are using technology appropriately.

Mr Michael Manton

PARENTS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL PRC – TERM 2 GENERAL MEETING

3rd June 2013 7pm – 9.30pm
Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe Rd and Marian St Blacktown

The PRC welcomes Greg Whitby presenting Parental Engagement in our technology rich Catholic Schools.

PENRITH ROVERS
SCHOOL HOLIDAY SOCCER CLINIC:

Coaching Coordinator: Robert Bradshaw
Dates: Monday 1st to Thursday 4th July 2013
Cost: $120  Age Groups: U5 – U14
Time: 9am – 12pm
Venue: Harold Corr Oval, Cambridge Park
Contact: Patrick Shannon Ph: 0431898700

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!!

ENROLMENT PROCEDURES

Christi Christi, Cranebrook follows the Parramatta Diocesan document Enrolment Procedures in Parramatta Catholic Systemic Schools, January 2002. This document states that when demand exceeds number of places available, priority for enrolment will be given to first, ‘children of Catholic families who live within the geographic boundaries of the parish (or parishes) for which the school was established, on which the school depends OR live outside the parish geographic boundaries but regularly attend such a parish’. This document can be obtained from the school office or is available on our website or the Catholic Education Office website.

ST JOSEPH’S PRIMARY SCHOOL
50TH JUBILEE DINNER

Friday 28th June 7pm
Tickets $50 each
(nibbles on arrival, 3 course dinner, band or DJ)
Emu Sports Club
For more information ph: 47323999
**URGENT - CANTEEN HELPERS**

Our canteen is becoming even more popular with our families and we are catering for more and more students each week – so much so that we have just purchased an additional pie warmer to cope with the demands over winter. We now need **some additional volunteers** as some of our parents have had to leave the roster (for work commitments etc). Please consider joining the roster as without some additional help we may have to consider the long term operation of the canteen. Helpers are needed 9-10.30am (preparation, money counting) and 12.30 – 2.30pm (bagging lunches and selling at Lunch 2 to the students). The more helpers the less frequently you will be needed. Ideally we need 3 volunteers per session.

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**Monday 10 June, 2013** - Public Holiday

**Friday 14 June, 2013**

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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

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## What’s on and When

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|            |      |        | Award Stamping 8.30- 8.55am |
| Week 6     | 10th | Monday | Queens Birthday – Public Holiday |
|            | 14th | Friday | PRG – Trivia Night |
| Week 7     | 17th | Monday | Primary Sports Carnival |
|            | 18th | Tuesday| ICAS Spelling competition |
|            | 19th | Wednesday| Parent Only meeting – Eucharist 7.30pm |
|            | 20th | Thursday| Night of Notables Year 6 |
|            | 21st | Friday | Award Stamping  
|            |      |        | Final Preparation for Confirmation Children only 3.30 – 5pm |
| Week 8     | 26th | Wednesday| Anti Bullying Show - (whole school) |
|            | 27th | Thursday| Confirmation 5pm & 7.30pm |
|            | 28th | Friday | Confirmation 7.30pm |
|            |      |        | Last Day of School Term 2 – No School Banking |

School Resumes Term 3 Monday 15th July 2013

### “Excellence in Religion” Merit Awards

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### PLAYGROUND AWARDS

Tara Tjahjadi 2B  
Owen Pickering 1B

### UNIFORM SHOP

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

If your child/ren do not need to try on items OR you are unable to attend the uniform during shop hours, please place a pre-paid order. All orders will be fulfilled and sent home with your child on Wednesday.

### NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY:

- Trivia Night flyer

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**Week 6 - GENERAL INFORMATION AND REMINDERS**

- Corpus Christi Feast day - Monday  
- NO School Assembly - Tuesday  
- Kindergarten Excursion – Friday  
- Award Stamping – Friday
SCHOOL FUNDING

As you are no doubt aware the NSW Government has ‘signed up’ to the Gonski funding agreement with the Federal Government. The Federal Government has launched its plan for funding and The Prime Minister has written to all Principals in NSW outlining the commitment the Government is making to this funding model. Information about the plan, and how it will work, is available at www.betterschools.gov.au

Despite this there are still some outstanding questions including

- When will the final financial outcomes for each of the six years of the rollout, 2014 to 2019 inclusive, for each Catholic school be known?
- What guarantees do we have that the full funding for the model will actually be found, or delivered, by 2019?
- Questions about the review of indexation in 2015 and funding thereafter.

I have written to the Prime Minister asking these questions so that I can communicate her response to you. I would encourage you to continue the conversation with our local state and federal members of parliament.

Yesterday I was invited to meet with the State Minister of Education, the Honorable Adrian Piccoli, as part of a Forum of Principals from Government and Non Government schools. We engaged in an interesting discussion around a range of topics including Teacher Training, Reporting to various Government Departments, School Exemptions and of course Funding of schools.

The Minister was not able to give the assembled Principals details regarding funding into 2014 and as you would appreciate the end of the school year is only six months away it is virtually impossible for schools to plan their budgets. The issue of overall finding gap between Government and Non Government schools was also raised because as you are aware Catholic schools are resourced at around 10% less than government schools. Income per student at Catholic schools is $11,079 per student and for government schools it is $12,034. We sort a commitment that this gap would not widen in future years. The Minister did not address this question with sufficient clarity.

I am also writing to Minister Piccoli to request a response to these questions and I look forward to sharing his answers with you in due course.

Richard Blissenden
Principal