Dear Parents,

Ready for a little poetry? Probably, you will be able to guess the age of the poet.

“A dad is a person who is loving and kind, and often he knows what you have on your mind. He’s someone who listens, suggests and defends. A dad can be one of your very best friends.”

Children who can write poems like this are saying that they feel that they really matter and are important in the lives of their fathers. A father can do a lot for a child but it is the emotional bond that the child feels, that their dad is really there for them and that their welfare and progress socially, intellectually and emotionally really matter to their dad.

As men have become more concerned about balancing work and family, they have recognised the enormous benefits, rewards and satisfaction from being a good parent. They see that the emotional investment they make in their children comes back to them in terms of making them more open and more satisfied as an adult human being.

Being a dad, however, entails knowing when to shift gear and move into a role that is appropriate to the development of our child. Mark Twain’s witty observation has some advice to offer: “When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have him around. When I got to 21, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years.”

One thing that we dads have to do is to make a conscious change in the way we handle our children when they reach adolescence. In our child’s young life we are, traditionally, the provider and the rule maker. When our child becomes a young teenager, we need to make a shift towards being an adviser, confidant and guidance counsellor. Instead of imposing rules, we can listen and allow our child to take some of the responsibility for making decisions and gradually take on a more adult role, while we provide the emotional security, nurturing and warmth that our child needs. If we fail to make the shift, we run the risk of giving our child the Mark Twain experience – a dad “gone missing” for seven years.

Oxford University’s “Tomorrow’s Men Project” surveyed more than 1500 boys between the ages of 13 and 19 and proved the importance of the role of a father. More than 90% of boys who felt that their fathers spent time with them and took an interest in their progress, emerged in the “can-do” category. By contrast 72% of those who felt that their fathers rarely or never did these things, fell into the group with the lowest self-esteem and confidence and exhibited behavioural problems.

There is much truth in the observation that “A man’s garden and his children, both reflect the amount of nurturing done during the growing season”. Author unknown. So, how about some more of that poem:

“Thank you, dad, for listening and caring for giving and sharing’ but, especially, for just being you. Happy Father’s Day!”

God, our Father,  
thank You for the difference between men and women: we eat differently, we dress differently, we smell differently, we cope with life differently. 
Help us to use who we are for the benefit of our children. 
May the guidance of Your wisdom and love be always with us. Amen.

Happy Fathers Day to all Fathers, Grandfathers and special Males in the lives of our children. We hope to see you at the school on Monday morning for breakfast and some reading!

R. Blissenden  
Richard Blissenden  
Principal
REYNOLDS EDUCATION NEWS

Upcoming dates:
30/8 Kindergarten Liturgy 12pm
13/9 Year 1 Liturgy 12.45pm

Sacramental Journey
For those parents and children interested in beginning the Sacramental journey. The next parent meeting will be on the 23rd October. This would generally be for the parents of children in Year 3.
At Corpus Christi we generally have the children complete their Reconciliation in Year 3, their First Communion in Year 4 and their Confirmation in Year 5

Penrith Community Kitchen
In preparation for their Christmas collection we would appreciate donations of new items such as deodorants, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, wipes, hairbrushes etc. The children in the Liturgy Team will help to promote and collect these items, so your support in sending in these items with your children to their class would be fantastic. There are many people in our local area that would benefit greatly from these donations.

FATHERS DAY
A reminder that fathers, grandfathers and special male role models are invited to school NEXT MONDAY morning for breakfast (8.25-8.55am) and a literacy session (reading) (8.55-9.30am). Please join us for a great morning of sharing – a simple breakfast and some reading!

LIVE LIFE WELL @ SCHOOL

Building healthy habits
Children are learning habits that will often last them a lifetime. Consider the following:
- Breakfast is important. Children who eat breakfast have better concentration. Eating breakfast can reduce snacking on high-energy foods in the afternoon in both adults and children.
- Be realistic about the size of the serve you offer children. Forcing children to finish what is on their plate when they are not hungry may lead to overeating and/or strong food dislikes.
- Avoid giving children processed snack foods high in sugar. Encourage brushing teeth in the morning and before bed to develop good dental habits.

Miss Bonser and Miss Buttigieg

ARRIVING EARLY
We have noticed some children arriving very early for school - even before 8am. Playground supervision commences at 8.25am and parents are asked to avoid dropping their child/ren early. If your child does arrive before 8.25am they need to sit outside the main office. Thank you for your co-operation with this procedure.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Have any of your contact details changed recently? ... Mobile number, emergency contact details, work phone numbers, court orders? If so please send details to the school office. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

SMS MESSAGING
The school occasionally sends SMS messages as reminders and updates. While infrequent and only on a needs basis, these SMS messages provide a timely way of sending messages to parents of the whole school, grade or class. The SMS number is unmonitored so please do not reply to it. If you need further information or wish to update your mobile number, please phone the school office.
MATHETHON 2013 Fundraiser

The students completed the Mathethon Challenge this week. Please collect sponsorship from family and friends. Bring your sponsorship card and money to school before Monday 16th September to get your name in the draw to win a mini ipad! Spot prizes will be drawn at each assembly in Weeks 8 & 9. You must have returned your sponsorship money to be in the draw. Prizes will also be presented during our Week 10 assembly for the student in each grade who has raised the most money, and a pizza party for the grade who have raised the most money. All funds raised will be used to purchase new ipads and MacBooks for our students. A tally of money raised will be published in the school newsletter each week.

ATHON SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Thank you to Mrs Susan Follan (BBQ Coordinator) and her wonderful team of helpers that included many parents! It was no mean feat to cook and assemble over 500 sausage sandwiches!!!! Thank you to our wonderful parents Terry Panitz, Paul Hocking, Mark May, Donna Field, Katherine Heywood, Jenny Whittaker, Jacqueline Roberts, Daisy Fenech, Melissa Dengate, Louise Stacey and Julie Harb who assisted. Thank you also to Mr John Follan and Ben Follan for the preparation of the BBQ, Mrs Pethybridge for collating the orders, Mrs Taylor for purchasing the sausages and Miss Ahern for purchasing the bread. All of these people contributed to make the BBQ such a great success.

ICAS SPELLING

Students who participated in the ICAS Spelling Competition were awarded their certificates this week. Congratulations to the following students who achieved a Credit Award:
- Ella Rodelas-Yr 3
- Christine Muscat-Yr 4
- Monique Dries-Yr 5
- Demi Field-Yr 5
- Daniel Hall-Yr 5

Big congratulations to Anthony Camilleri in Year 3 who achieved a Distinction Award!

FATHER’S DAY STALL AND RAFFLE

A big thank you to our Father’s Day Stall Coordinators Georgette Apap and Keri-Anne Hayes and to many parents who assisted on the stall. Luanne Grima, Jenny Whittaker, Julie Harb, Katie Murphy, Josie Monteleone, Jacqueline Roberts, Jody Buckley, Louise Stacey and

Curriculum News cont:

our Year 6 helpers: Mikhail Apap, Daina Sinclair, Isabella Lauer, Alicia Vella, Madeleine Apap, Mary Zieleniski, Mason Zahra

Leftover gifts will be sold on Friday 30th August at the school gate before school.

Father’s Day Raffle – $1 each OR 3 for $2
Tickets will be sold at the school gate in the mornings and on Thursday afternoon. Prizes will be drawn on Friday 30th August at the completion of the Father’s Day Stall.

1st Prize-Thermos & Small Esky
2nd Prize- 3m X 3m Picnic Blanket
3rd Prize- Camping Chair

Thank you for your support,

Maree Tonnet
Assistant Principal

ADVANCE NOTICE - BUNNINGS BBQ

Year 6 will be holding a sausage sizzle at our local Bunnings Warehouse (North Penrith) on Sunday 20th September. So if you are out that way on the day it would be great if you could drop by to say hi and purchase a yummy sausage sandwich. Thanks for your continued support!!

KINDERGARTEN 2014 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT - CHANGE OF DATE.

Due to Parish commitments the Parent information night will now be held Wednesday 16th October.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs McGrath and her husband on the safe arrival of their second child, Madison Rose, who arrived safely on the 20th August. We look forward to Mrs McGrath and Madison visiting us soon!
OLD PLASTIC GLASSES
(maybe the Black Plastic 3D Glasses you no longer need). We are in need of your old plastic glasses for a dance performance at Dance Fever in Homebush (about 100 pairs needed) – any donations welcome – just send them to the office or Mrs Bosworth. Thank you

PRG – NEWS

Cook Book
We now have over 100 Recipes logged in. Your last chance to have your family’s recipe in the Cook Book is fast approaching – please share with us am ORIGINAL favourite. Visit www.publishedauthors.com.au and enter your recipe and story!

Bush Dance – Friday 6th September
5.30pm arrival for 6pm start
Cost: $20 per family
Prize for best dressed
You can bring your own picnic or pre purchase a sausage or steak sandwich on the form below.
(Sandwiches have to be pre purchased – none will be sold on the night)
Dinner will be around 7 – 7.30pm
Cold drinks will be available on the night for $1.00.
Contact: Belinda Klukow-Leavey – ph 0416 059 390 or Sharon Hader – ph 0418 617 270

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2013
The Premier’s Reading Challenge has now finished for this year. Congratulations to all the students who have completed the challenge.

This week the students who finished the challenge are: Sky Daly K, Callum Donald K, Lucas Hader K, Sandra Stojanovic K, Christopher Xiberras K, Jadzia Dubois 1, Katiya Knoester 1, Abbe May 1, Tahlia Fawcett 2, Keira Field 2, Harrison Dengate 2, April Monteleone 2, Daniel Xiberras 2, Danijela Hader 3, Kiarnah Klukow-Leavey 3, Emily King 4, Samuel Phillips 4, Jasmine Woolford 4, Aiden Xiberras 4, Riley Ashmore 5, Demi Field 5, Alannah Hader 5, Lewis Looysschelder 5, and Montana Turnbull 5.

Well done everyone.
Library

WISHING WELL VACATION CARE - (SEPT/OCT)
Week One
Tuesday 24/09/13 - 1 vacancy
BearyFun Day Cost: $20

Week Two
Monday 30/09/13 - 2 vacancies
Roller Skating Cost: $20

Tuesday 01/10/13 - 6 vacancies
Lights Camera Action – no cost

Thursday 03/10/13 4 vacancies
Footy Fever – no cost

For bookings or more information please contact:
Wishing Well Childcare Centre
Tel: 02 47292318

Family Bush Dance – All prepaid orders are DUE Wednesday 4th September

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SCHOOL UNIFORM
Our ‘new’ uniform is almost two years old and as we approach the end of the phase in period (end of 2013) we would like to remind parents (especially in Years 2 to 5) of the following:

• Mixing and matching of the old and new uniforms is only allowed for students in years 2-6 and will not be allowed from the beginning of the 2014 school year.

• Term 1, 2014 marks the commencement of the ‘new’ uniform for all students and it will be known simple as the School Uniform

• All items of the School Uniform will need to be purchased through the Uniform Shop

• From Term 1, 2014 the Uniform Policy will be enforced including attention to details – hair ribbons, socks and polished shoes etc.

• During next term we will seek feedback on the Uniform. Thank you to the many parents who already send their child/ren to school beautifully presented in their uniform – your support is appreciated.

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 @cccranebrook @ccckindergarten @cccyearone @cccyear2 @cccyear3 @cccyear4 @cccyear5 @cccyear6

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.cccranebrook@parra.catholic.edu.au

Newsletter – available in print form every Thursday, via email, on our website and through the schoolbag app.

FEDERAL ELECTION
With the Federal Election approaching please find some information below relating to the major parties and their stand on Education

Where do the major parties stand?

Labor
• Better Schools Plan - $15 billion over 6 years from 2014
• Base level of funding for each student with loadings for disadvantaged students
• NSW Government and National Catholic Education Commission have signed the agreement
• Indexation at 3.6% (federal) and 3% (state)
• Will continue with national curriculum
• Will continue with My School website comparing NAPLAN results
• Will keep the school kids bonus

Coalition
• Will honour the new funding agreements for the next four years
• Supports a national curriculum
• Will review child care system and costs
• Will support state schools who want to become independent
• Want greater principal autonomy
• Will keep school chaplaincy program in state schools
• Will seek to scrap the school kids bonus

Greens
• Supports the Gonski funding model with an additional $2 b to kickstart the model
• Supports needs-based funding with priority for public schools
• Wants to direct funding from wealthiest private schools to disadvantaged schools
• Wants to remove school chaplaincy program and direct funding to teacher quality programs
• Would prioritise more teachers in government schools instead of metrics like NAPLAN etc

Source: Australia Votes
NETBALL

Last Tuesday the 20th August 2013, 90 children attended the St Nicholas Netball Club Gala Day at Jamison Park Netball Complex along with roughly 1800 other children. All nine of our teams competed with pride and displayed great sportsmanship. Some children learnt new skills whilst other children refined their skill.

Well done to our 9 year old girls team for coming 2nd, our 11 year old girls team for coming 3rd and our Junior Mixed team for coming 3rd. Congratulations to all involved in these teams.

A massive thank you goes to our coaches; Oliver Buzzi, Barbara Pianta, Sharon Hader, Jenny Whittaker, Vicki Whitbread, Louise Valesini, Vanessa Simmonds, Courtney McGrath, Miss Jeffery and Mrs Woodhead. These parents (and teachers) organised, trained and motivated their teams. All children, parents and teachers should be congratulated for their efforts.

A big thanks also goes to all our parents and friends who supported and cheered these children on. It was so lovely to see our fan base grow as the day progressed. The children loved having you there to cheer them on.

Lastly we must thank all our umpires from Xavier and Caroline Chisholm. These ladies gave up their time to help our students compete. They did this respect, pride and fairness. A big thank you is extended to these ladies.

Mrs Emilia Ahern

DIOCESAN ATHLETICS

Last Friday 23rd August 2013, I was lucky enough to attend the Diocesan Athletics Carnival held at Blacktown Sportspark. This day saw children from all over our Diocese compete in a variety of track and field events. Corpus Christi sent 10 children this event; Noble Laryea, Nicholas Pace, Baley Borthwick, Flynn Jelacic, Hayden Adams, Hayley Crane, Megan Cooper, Alannah Hader, Trent Whitbread and Ben Tucker. These boys and girls performed with the best and did so in style. Megan Cooper has been selected to attend the Mackillop trails for Shot Put. Congratulations to all our children for all their efforts and good luck to Megan Cooper at Mackillop trails later this term.

Mrs Emilia Ahern

INFANTS TABLOIDS SPORTS CARNIVAL

On Friday the 23rd of August 2013 the Infants’ classes participated in their sports carnival at school. The students participated in many different activity stations run by our parent helpers and the Year 6 Sports Team boys. Without the generous help from our parent helpers: Rachel George, Rita Muscat, Belinda Villetri, Melissa Dengate, Michelle Clifton, Barbara Pianta, Jodie Shanahan, Karen Burnham, Melissa Grant, Mark May and Karen Anderson we would not have been able to have such a successful sports carnival. Thank you to our parent helpers for your time and assistance on the day.

I would like to give another big thank you to the Year 6 Students, who helped the parent helpers and who also assisted Mrs Boyer with setting and packing up. These boys were extremely helpful, polite and hardworking during whole the carnival.

This year we asked the students to wear their House Colours and after the completion of the tabloid activities each colour house participated in a march past. The winning colour house for the best marching, colour wearing and cheering was Tamaroo (Green). Congratulations to Tamaroo students.

It was a great day and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Mrs Boyer
Stage 1 Coordinator

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

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

☐ I have completed the online Child Protection Course for Volunteers and returned a signed “Prohibited Persons Declaration” to the school office
## What’s on and When

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### Mathematics “Merit Awards”

- Xander Clement
- Sophie Vella
- Cooper Mosdall
- Will Whittaker
- Lachlan Whitfield
- Declan Northam
- Christian Bowe
- Liam Brincat
- Bailie Rosa
- Ben Tucker
- Noah Kelly
- Lachlan Fleming
- Catherine Kearns
- Harrison west
- Brendan Kearns
- Cooper Laing
- Samuel Mallows
- Alexander Sanchez.

### 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****

### NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY:

- PRG Cookbook
- Invitation for Fathers breakfast

### POSITIVE PLAYGROUND BEHAVIOUR

- Mieka Batten KB

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### Term 3 Week 8 - GENERAL INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

- **Monday** - Assembly 2.20pm
- **Tuesday** - Dance Fever
- **Friday** - Student Banking, Award stamping, PRG Bush Dance