Dear Families and Friends,

Thank you to all children, staff and parents for your positive efforts as we reach the half way point of Term One. Much appreciated.

Thank you to Fr Giang for once again celebrating our Ash Wednesday Mass. Special thanks to Mrs Biondi (Religious Education Leader) for coordinating our liturgy prior to going on Long Service Leave, all staff, children and parents for their reverence and participation.

LENTEN REFLECTION

Lent is a time of reflection and renewal. It is a time for Christians to consider how they live the word of God and to renew this living. The Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are one way in which Christians embody the values of justice, compassion and generosity and the giving up of oneself. Do these practices have significance in your life during Lent? How can you live generously and justly during Lent?

God and compassion are one and the same. Compassion is the joy of sharing. It’s doing small things for the love of each other – just a smile, or carrying a bucket of water, or showing some simple kindness. These are the small things that make up compassion. Compassion means trying to share and understand the suffering of people (Mother Teresa, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta).

Growing in relationship with others involves listening, trusting and loving. The development of children’s relationship with others is influenced by positive, affirming and loving relationships at home, school and wider community. Keep loving your children!!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our SRC members selected by their classmates and teachers.

FOUNDATION - Cassandra & Costa
CE- Alexia & Rylan        SJ- Charli & Tessa
VA- Alexia & Gayathri    MP- Chloe & Antonio
GB- Melwin & Crystal     AJ- Alex & Nora
MJ- Dhanush & Anthony    PS- Michael & Arjoo
MS- Sajin & Medha

Thanks to our Parents Association who have donated profits of $7000 from Uniform Shop to assist with the purchase of a new Portable Interactive Whiteboard Combox for our 3/4 learning area. Great work!

TERM 1 2015

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS
Thursday 5th March - Friday 6th March
Catholic Education Office
School Review

TERMS 2

TERM ONE EVENTS

Thursday 5th & Friday 6th March
SCHOOL CLOSED
Catholic Education Office Review

Monday 9th March
LABOUR DAY Holiday

Thursday 12th/19th/26th March
Tuning into Kids Parent Session
9.30-11.30am

Friday 13th March
Year 6 Student Leaders Conference

Tuesday 17th March
Catholic Education Week Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral

Wednesday 18th March
5.30pm Catholic Education Week Family Sausage Sizzle. Details to follow

Thursday 19th March
10.00am Catholic Education Week School Mass

Friday 20th March
Bully NO WAY! Day
CASUAL DRESS FUND RAISER

Tuesday 24th March
7.00pm Year 5-6 Wonder of Living Evening

Friday 27th March
10.00am Stations of the Cross
12.30pm Children Dismissed
SCHOOL REVIEW
During Term One and Term Two we will be undertaking our four yearly School Review and Validation conducted by our external School Reviewer Dr Terry McCarthy and Catholic Education Office Staff. At various time we will be seeking parental feedback and input. Details to follow.

PARENT TEACHER THANK YOU
Thank you to all families and staff for your involvement and attendance at our Term One Parent Teacher Meet and Greet sessions. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated,

Teaching Staff email addresses are

Initial surname@ccglenroy.catholic.edu.au

Eg Stephen Lucardie slucardie@ccglenroy.catholic.edu.au

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SESSION THANK YOU
Thank you to all families who attended our first Supporting Children’s engagement in Learning session. Special Thanks to Mrs Polastri (Deputy Principal/Numeracy Leader), Mrs Tamara Moravski (Learning and Teaching/Information Technology Leader), Mrs Emma Hinss (Literacy Leader) and Mr Martin Prior (Community Engagement Leader) for their organisation and involvement. Much appreciated.

GRADE 5/6 SCHOOL CAMP Wednesday 29th April—Friday 1st May
Children in Year 5/6 will attend Oasis Camp, Mount Evelyn on Wednesday 29th April to Friday 1st May. Cost is $160.00. If experiencing any financial constraints regarding Camp please contact Mr Lucardie. Details of Camp will be sent out via the classroom. Please contact Mr Lucardie if you encounter any difficulties regarding your child going to Camp. Thank you.

AFTER SCHOOL
Children waiting for collection after school must wait inside the school grounds so supervision can be provided. At 3.45pm all children must proceed to the Office area to await collection. If children are walking home they should not linger in the playground after school playing games, but depart immediately and walk directly home.

BEFORE SCHOOL
Children should not be at school prior to 8.30am when Yard Supervision commences. With the introduction of BEFORE SCHOOL CARE we will be requesting families enrol in Before School Care if arriving at school before 8.30am. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. If parents have any concerns please feel free to contact Mr Lucardie.

FOUNDATION, YEAR ONE and TWO LITERACY ASSESSMENT
Throughout Term One all Foundation, Year One and Two Children will be individually assessed in the area of Literacy (Reading). The results of this testing will assist us in developing programs to meet the children’s needs. Results are also forwarded to the Catholic Education Office for analysis. Each battery of tests takes approximately one hour to administer. This is a large task for all teachers to complete and I thank them for their time and efforts.

RECESS & LUNCH TIME PICK UP
If you need to pick your child up between 11am—11.30am or 1pm—2pm for an appointment or family matter could you please do so before 11am or 1.00pm as children are difficult to locate in the yard, classrooms are locked and bags are inaccessible.

PLAYGROUP
Our wonderful Corpus Christi Community Playgroup will be once again held on Fridays. It will still be held in the Hall at 9.00am to 11.00am. New families always welcome. Just bring a piece of fruit to share.
EASTER 2015
Holy Thursday 2nd April
Good Friday 3rd April
Easter Sunday 4th April
Easter Monday 5th April

2015 Sacramental Dates

EUCARIST (YEAR 4)
The Sacrament of Eucharist (First Communion) will be held on the weekend of the Christ the King,

Sunday 31st May at 10.00am Parish Mass
at Corpus Christi Church.

PENANCE (RECONCILIATION) (YEAR 4)
Sacrament of Penance
Wednesday 20th May at 7.00pm
at Corpus Christi Church.

CONFIRMATION (YEAR 6)
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on the weekend of

Sunday 18th October (2.00pm)
at Corpus Christi Church.

Details of Parent Meeting Dates to be advised shortly.
Scarismatic Levy $15 (Year 6) and $20 (Year 4) are included in School account.

ELECTRONIC ROLL - PUNCTUALITY/ LATE ARRIVALS
Staff are using electronic rolls to record student attendance.
This enables staff to monitor student attendance and punctuality. Mid-year and end of year reports will record absences, late arrivals and early dismissals.

A reminder that children should be at school by 8.50am to ensure a smooth start to the school day.

Students arriving after 9.00am will be recorded as late arrivals.

School gates will be closed at 9.00am. After 9.00am students must report to the school office to receive a LATE ARRIVAL PASS and have their roll adjusted from absent to late arrival.

It is extremely important that children are on time, as late arrivals can cause delays to the commencement of lesson.

In primary school, some students miss more than 3 weeks of school per year.
That's over half a year of school by the end year 6!!
Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education.

Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind!!!
CORPUS CHRISTI PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Parents’ Association plays an important role in providing social, fundraising and recreational activities for our school. Without the Parents’ Association annual contribution to our budget, an increase in school fees could result to cover the financial shortfall.

Thank you to our wonderful Parents’ Association for your tireless efforts. Much appreciated. Big thank you to Frances, Leah, Robyn, Mark, Marnie, Kathleen and Maggie for your ideas and input.

TERM ONE ACTIVITIES

Sunday 15th MARCH 8.00am-1.00pm CAR BOOT SALE (Volunteers still required to assist)

Monday 2nd March HOT CROSS BUN Fundraiser (Details to Follow)

Wednesday 18th March 5.30pm FREE Family Sausage Sizzle Evening

Friday 20th March Catholic Education Week Casual Dress day
   (GOLD Coin Donation)

The next General meeting of our Corpus Christi Parents’ Association will take place on

**Thursday 16th April**

**commencing at 2.30pm in the Community Room**

PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION UNIFORM SHOP

The Parents’ Association Uniform Shop will be **open on Wednesdays (8.45am-9.15am) and Fridays (3.15-3.45pm) only.**

Located in Atrium Entrance from the Big Yard.

Please ensure your child is in correct uniform at all times. Runners should only be worn on your child’s sports day unless otherwise notified. If your child is out of uniform a note explaining the reason would be appreciated. Please ensure ALL items of clothing and personal belongings are clearly labelled.

Lost property will be situated inside the Atrium.

REMINDER “Runners” are not part of our daily school uniform. Black school shoes should be worn on non-sports days. Please ensure your child has correct black shoes. If your child is out of school uniform a note is required.

PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION CANTEEN

Children must bring their lunch orders to school in a bag clearly labelled with their NAME, CLASS, and ORDER and place it in their classroom lunch basket before 9.30am. Children are not permitted to place lunch orders over the counter. Children SHOULD NOT carry large amounts of money to purchase items at the Canteen.

**NO CREDIT is permitted at the Canteen.**

Volunteers are required to assist with the Canteen. A note has been sent home requesting parents to indicate their availability to assist with Canteen Duty. Please contact Anita or Maria in the Canteen as soon as possible if able to assist with Canteen roster.

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH SCHOOL EDUCATION BOARD

**COFFEE, CAKE and CONVERSATION MORNING - “What Makes An Ideal School?”**

Meeting on **Thursday 23rd April 2015 at 9.00am.**

ALL Parents are invited to join with interested parents to:

- Support the Catholic ethos of Corpus Christi Primary School
- Support the Parish Priest, Principal and Staff of Corpus Christi Primary School
- Provide a discussion forum for current educational issues
- Annually set school fees
- Provide feedback on school management issues.

Items for discussion need to be presented to Mr Lucardie prior to the meeting to be able to be discussed. Items raised on the day will be agenda itemed for following meeting. Thank you for your cooperation.
SUNCARE POLICY – NO HAT! NO PLAY!!
All children are to wear our Corpus Christi Sun Hat for protection from the sun when involved in any outdoor activities (eg sport, games, play/lunch time) Children without the school sunhat will be required to remain under the shade of the covered ways. Sun hats are available from the Parents’ Association Uniform Shop.
Children are advised to apply sunscreen as well. Sunglasses are recommended for outside activities.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
For safety and supervision reasons, children are not permitted to play on the playground equipment before or after school. Your support and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

ABSENT NOTES
It is a requirement that if a child is absent for any reason, a note should be sent to the child’s class teacher explaining the reason for their absence. These notes are retained on file for legal requirements.

CHILDREN’S MOBILE PHONES
We understand the need for parents and children to contact each other before or after school hours in emergency situations.

We request that if children require a mobile phone at school that Mr Lucardie be advised in writing and that the children check the phone (clearly labelled with their name and class) in at the School Office for safe keeping.

Phones should not be kept in school bags or classrooms as they can be lost or stolen.
Children are not permitted to use mobile phones to make or receive phone call during school hours.

Some children have been found playing with them at recess and lunchtime.
Children should be made aware that they must be responsible in using their phones at all time.

“NO SHOW-LET US KNOW!”
If your child is absent from school we request you inform our school of their non-attendance by 9.00am on the day of absence using the following methods
Contact School Office (Answering Machine before 8.30am) 9306 3062 / 9306 3322
Email Child’s name and class to: principal@ccglenroy.catholic.edu.au OR
Text Child’s Name and Class to School Mobile 0499 856 243 OR
Thank you for your continued support and assistance

Hadfield Football Club
Hadfield Football Club would like to invite & welcome footballers of all age groups to be part of this great family club.
Registration Day Friday 27th Feb, 5pm—7.30pm in the clubrooms at Box Forrest Road.

ROAD SAFETY
Children should always enter the car from the safety of the curb using the passenger side door. Children should not walk onto the road to enter the car. Please ensure that children wear seatbelts at all times.
PLEASE do not DOUBLE Park when collecting dropping off children.
A reminder to parents that parents and children should use the crossing in Cromwell St rather than walk out from between parked cars. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.
Your assistance in ensuring your children follow correct safety procedures will help avoid a serious or even fatal accident.

REMEMBER OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR MOST PRECIOUS GIFT.
2015 Extend BEFORE and After School Care
ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

Last week at Before and After School Care we celebrated Valentine's Day by having different types of Valentine's themed activities throughout the week. We made special cards, and different shaped crystals using only pipe cleaners, string and borax. They turned out beautifully and were a big hit! But, the cooking activity was the highlight of the week. We made pink jelly accompanied by love heart shaped chocolates. Although they were a mess to make, they tasted super yum!

- Lara

STUDENT OF THE WEEK - Kenul Gunasekara
Being a great role model to our younger students, and always willing to give a helping hand to staff and children. Well done Kenul!

Monday 2nd March: Science experiment: Cloud making
Tuesday 3rd March: Construction: DIY Catapult
Wednesday 4th March: Construction: DIY Kites
Thursday 5th March: Pupil Free Day
Friday 6th March: Pupil Free Day

Extend OSHC at Corpus Christi Primary School
New Families – Enrol in BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Enrol online – allow 24 hours
Enrolling is quick and easy! Simply set up your own account online via the Parent Portal. Please note it is government regulation that all children must be enrolled BEFORE attending an Extend service. For information on operating hours and fees for your school, visit your After School Care venue or school website.

Enrol now, pay later
The annual enrolment fee per family of $20 is NOT payable until you first use the service. So why not enrol now so you can access the service later? It doesn’t matter if you don’t end up using the service, because you won’t be charged.

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

ANZ HOTSHOTS
As part of the Physical Education Program the school has involvement with the ANZ Hot Shots. All Corpus Christi children are entitled to a free T-shirt.

To claim the T-shirt go to: hotshots.tennis.com.au/claim
For assistance or questions please see Heather Harrison, PE Teacher.

2015 TERM DATES

TERM 1 -
Thursday 29 January–Thursday 27th March

TERM 2 -
Monday 13 April–Friday 26 June

TERM 3 -
Monday 13 July–Friday 18 September

TERM 4 -
Monday 5 October–Friday 18 December

STEPHEN LUCARDIE
PRINCIPAL