Dear Families and Friends,

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2016 will be:

"Be the face of mercy".

Pope Francis has declared that from 8 December 2015 until 20 November 2016, the Catholic Church will celebrate an ‘Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy.’ The document which outlines the ‘spirit’ of the year, its intentions and outcomes (the Bull of Indiction), uses the image of the door as a powerful symbol. The Year of Mercy began with the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter’s Basilica in Rome on 8 December 2015. Pope Francis has declared that for this year it will be a ‘Door of Mercy’ through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons and instills hope. Catholic Education Week 2016 celebrations will reflect the Year of Mercy, drawing on the symbolism that Catholic schools ‘open doors’ for students in a holistic educational sense. Catholic Education Week will be conducted from Sunday 13– Sunday 20 March 2016.

Thank you to all families and staff for your support of our Staff Professional Learning Day. Over 150 teachers and support staff from Holy Child Dallas, St Brendan’s Flemington, St Matthew’s Nth Fawkner, St Mark’s Fawkner and Corpus Christi attended.

PARENT WELCOME MORNING TEA
Thank you to parents, parishioners and friends who attended our Welcome Morning Tea. Thanks to our Wonderful Parents Association for organizing. Much appreciated.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK Family SAUSAGE SIZZLE. 5.30pm Thursday 17th March. Note was sent home this week.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING
Thursday 10th March 9.15am Parents’ Association Meeting

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences to Mr Martin Prior (our National Family School Community Engagement Leader) on the sad passing of Martin’s beloved sister Catherine. In our thoughts and prayers during this sad time.

CONGRATULATIONS (These are a few of my favourite things!!)
Congratulations to Annie Jones who has been cast as “Gretl von Trapp” in the upcoming production of the Sound of Music at the Regent Theatre Melbourne. Annie is one of three girls who will perform the role during the Melbourne season of The Sound of Music.

“What do you with a problem like Annie oops... Maria!!” Well done Annie!
GRADE 5/6 SCHOOL CAMP
Monday 21st March—Wednesday 23rd March
Children in Year 5/6 will attend Don Bosco Safety Beach  Cost of $170.00 .
Camp Fee is due by Thursday 17th March 2016.
If experiencing any financial constraints regarding Camp please contact Mr Lucardie.
Details of Camp have been sent out via the classroom.
Please contact Mr Lucardie if you encounter any difficulties regarding your child going to Camp.
Thank you.

SCHOOL FEES
The Family Fee of $780 is to be paid in three instalments –

Term One $260  Term Two $260  Term Three $260

Term One Family Fee accounts were sent out on Thursday 19th February and due for payment on or before Friday 4th March.

HELP REQUIRED
Our Telstra funded new basketball rings have arrived and require assembling.
I am calling for help to assist with assembling.
If available to assist please contact Mr Lucardie.

EXTEND BEFORE SCHOOL / AFTERSCHOOL CARE
Children should not be at school prior to 8.30am when Yard Supervision commences.
We will be requesting families enrol in Before School Care if arriving at school before 8.30am. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated. If parents have any concerns please feel free to contact Mr Lucardie.

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.
The next General meeting of our Corpus Christi Parents’ Association will take place on
Thursday 10th March
commencing at 9.15am in the Cafe

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 needed to assist with the Canteen. If you have any spare time or can help on a regular basis please drop into the Canteen and meet Maria and Anita to organise a time to help.

COMMUNICATION
Our school newsletter, “The Corpus Christi Chatter” is distributed via email on a fortnightly basis. Please read the “Chatter” to ensure you are aware of school happenings and events. If you are not receiving your “Chatter” please contact the Office to ensure we have correct email details.
Please regularly check school bags for notes.
To access the Chatter online go to:
www.ccglenroy.catholic.edu.au
  click  News and Events
  click  Download current newsletter (in red)
RECESS & LUNCH TIME PICK UP
If you need to pick your child up between 11.00am—11.30am or 1.00pm—2.00pm for an appointment or family matter could you please do so before or after these times a children are difficult to locate in the yard and classrooms are locked and bags are inaccessible.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS
If you work or volunteer with children you will need to apply for a WWC Check. Employers, volunteer organisations and agencies must ensure that any of their staff or volunteers who need a WWC Check have applied by the due date. This legislation requires we apply for a “Working With Children Check” for all non-teaching staff and all parent helpers (Eg. Canteen, Uniform Shop, Parents’ Association, Classroom Helpers, Swimming Program, Sports programs, PMP helpers).

All volunteers are able to apply for a FREE Working With Children Check
Please see Mr Lucardie to obtain relevant information. Thank you.

SECURITY — FENCE
We request that parents do not talk to their children from outside our boundary fence as we are trying to educate our children not to talk to passer-by’s outside the fence. If parents wish to talk to their children they are most welcome to sign in via the Office. All visitors to our school are required to obtain a Visitors Pass from the Administration Office. Parents working in the classrooms, PMP program canteen and Uniform Shop must have a Working with Children Check Card which must be displayed in the Visitors Pass.

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 but depart immediately and walk directly home.

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH SCHOOL EDUCATION BOARD Coffee and Conversation
TERM TWO Meeting on Date to be confirmed at 2.30pm.

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
Provide feedback on school management issues.

Items for Agenda 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.

PLAYGROUP
Our wonderful Corpus Christi Community Playgroup will be once again held on Fridays. It is held in the Special Project Area at 9.00am to 11.00am. New families always welcome. Just bring a piece of fruit to share.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST CLUB
Commenced on Wednesday 17th February at 8.30am in the CAFÉ. Cost $2.00 per child. Order forms available from Canteen.
The season of Lent during this Jubilee Year should be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God’s mercy. The readings are from the Gospel of Luke; the ‘gospel of mercy’. On the Fourth Sunday the reading is the parable of the two sons, the third of the ‘lost and found parables’ (Luke 15:1-32). In these parables we find the core of the Gospel. (9, 17)

Pope Francis (The Face of Mercy, Misericordiae Vultus)

EASTER 2016
Holy Thursday 24th March
Good Friday 25th March
Easter Sunday 27th March
Easter Monday 28th March

HOLY TUESDAY (22 March)
Chrim Mass: 11.00am at St. Patrick’s Cathedral
No Parish Mass at 9.00am

HOLY WEDNESDAY (23 March)
Mass: 9.00am

HOLY THURSDAY (24 March)
Mass: 7.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY (25 March)
Individual Confession: 8.45am-9.30am
Stations of the Cross: 9.30am
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion: 3.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY (26 March)
Mass: 7.00pm

EASTER SUNDAY (27 March)
Masses: 8.30am & 10.00am

2016 Sacramental Dates

Eucharist (Year 4)
The Sacrament of Eucharist (First Communion) will be held on the Feast of Corpus Christi Sunday 29th May @ 10am Mass.
Eucharist Parent Meeting: Tuesday 26th April @ 7pm

Confirmation (Year 6)
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on the weekend of Saturday 8th October (6.00pm)
at Corpus Christi Church.

Conformation Parent Meeting: Tuesday 30th August @ 7pm

Penance (Reconciliation Year 3)
Sacrament of Penance
Wednesday 23rd November at 7.00pm
at Corpus Christi Church.

Reconciliation Parent Meeting: Tuesday 25th October @ 7pm
2016 Extend BEFORE and After School Care
ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

New Families
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.

AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN AT A SCHOOL NEAR YOU!
Book by the deadline to take advantage of lower rates! VIC & QLD booking deadline: Friday 18 March

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can’t wait for you to attend! Create a diorama of the Amazon jungle, mould an autumn leaf dish out of clay, and participate in lots of group games including a time challenge and secret agent maze! Join in on all this and more at Extend’s Autumn Holiday Program. To check out what’s on and where your local program is, visit our website at extend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal.

Our recap:
We've been celebrating the different cultures we all bring to After School Care this past week. We've created our own world map displaying where we all come from, made flag displays and earth paintings, and experimented and cooked different foods from around the globe! It's been heaps of fun embracing diverse cultures. Lara

Star of the week:
Vince Jacob Valero -For: Settling into after school care fantastically, and always using his lovely manners when speaking to both staff and other children. Keep it up Vince!!

This week’s activities:
Monday 7th March: Yarn Monsters
Tuesday 8th March: Science: Making Monster caves from Crystal Geodes
Wednesday 9th March: Monster Jaws
Thursday 10th March: Painting Splat Monsters
Friday 11th March: Monster Bookmark Corners

2016 TERM DATES
TERM 1 -
Thursday 28 January–Wednesday 23rd March
TERM 2 -
Monday 11 April–Friday 24 June
TERM 3 -
Monday 11 July–Friday 16 September
TERM 4 -
Monday 3rd October–Tuesday 20th December