Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

We joyfully welcome all new and returning families and staff to our school community and look forward to working cooperatively throughout the 2012 school year. Special welcome to Mr Andrew Jones who joins our staff for 2012. Thank you to all children, staff and parents for your wonderful start to the school year.

"Peace begins with a smile"

Mother Teresa

"If in our daily lives we can smile, if we can be peaceful and happy, not only will we, but everyone will profit from it. This is the most basic kind of peace work".

Tich Nhat Hahn

A reminder that if any parent has any concerns regarding their child (e.g. health, academic, emotional, social, learning, expectations), please contact the relevant people/teacher to convey your concerns. We wish to foster open communication and trust. Please remember that teachers are responsible for children once the bell has been rung, so an appointment should be made to find a suitable time to meet. Teachers shouldn’t be approached to discuss concerns during class time. If you have a concern of a more general nature please feel free to contact the School Office to make a time to see Mr Lucardie.

Special thanks to Dana Milligan, Jeanette Neesham and Glenda D’Elton for preparing our school administration for the new year. Special thank you to all teaching and support staff for their time and efforts in preparing for the school year. Special thank you to Dan Keirs for preparing the school environs for the commencement of the school year. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Wishing everyone a successful and enjoyable 2012.

CONDOLENCES

We express our deepest sympathies to Ms Lia Marra on the sudden passing of her beloved mother. We ask that you keep Lia and Family in your prayers and thoughts during this time of great sadness.

Sincere condolences to the Liyanage family, Venuka 3/4MJ and Amaya PEH, on the passing of their Grandmother overseas. Keep them in your prayers.

COMMUNICATION

Our school newsletter, “The Corpus Christi Chatter” is distributed on a fortnightly basis. Please read the “Chatter” to ensure you are aware of school happenings and events. The “Chatter” is distributed via the eldest child in each family. If you are not receiving your “Chatter” please contact your child’s teacher. Please regularly check school bags for notes. Copies are also available at the Office counter or on the school website.

To access the Chatter online go to :

www.ccglenroy.catholic.edu.au

click News and Events

click Download current newsletter (in red)
TERM ONE PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS WEEK 5
Monday 27th February/Tuesday 28th February
Term One Parent-Teacher meetings will be conducted Monday 27th February/ Tuesday 28th February 2012 (details to follow) as an opportunity for parents to meet with your child’s classroom teacher to discuss any relevant information regarding social, emotional, medical or academic concerns. Thank you

GRADE 5/6 SCHOOL CAMP Wednesday 21st March-Friday 23rd March 2012
Children in Year 5/6 will attend Don Bosco Camp Safety Beach, Dromana on Wednesday 21st March to Friday 23rd March. Cost of $120.00 is to be paid by Friday 16th March.
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. Further details to follow via the classroom. Thank you.

DEVELOPING LITERACY PARTNERSHIPS /CLASSROOM HELPERS-TERM ONE

Developing Literacy Partnerships’, is a program designed specifically for parents to give you the tools to assist your child to develop their Literacy skills.
Part 1 – Reading With Your Child (for Prep Parents). Other Parents welcome.

Monday 27th February at 9.00am. Details to follow.

Part 2 – Classroom Helpers ( Date to be advised )

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS are required for all school helpers (eg Canteen, Parents Association, classroom, sport, excursions etc).

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Abtisam Odiesh and Bashar Lazar on the arrival of a new son and brother for Dimtri 1/2MP.

2012 Playgroup
Playgroup recommences Monday 6th February 9.00am-11.00am in the Corpus Christi West Wing Upstairs Special Project Area. Please bring a piece of fruit.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
Any parent holding a current Health Care Card on the 1st February 2012 with your child’s name on it may be eligible for the Educational Allowance. If you think you may be eligible, please call at the School Office with your Health Care Card to obtain an application form. It takes 10-12 weeks for the claims to be processed. The cheques will be sent to the school and signed over to the school as part of fees payment. Education Maintenance Allowance is $235.00 per year, per child.

Final date to lodge the form at the School Office is Friday 24th February 2012.
Department of Education will not process late applications.

SCHOOL FEES
Thank you to all families who have paid Tuition Fees ($165 per child) as required on day one of the school year. Thank you to, Dana Milligan, Jeanette Neesham and Glenda D’Elton, for their assistance with Fees Collection, which helped make a smooth start to our administrative year. Your time and energies are greatly appreciated.
If you have not paid Tuition Fees (due Thursday 2nd February 2012) your assistance in doing so would be greatly appreciated. If you are experiencing any difficulties regarding payment of fees please contact the School Office to make an appointment to discuss alternate arrangements.
Families who have had payment arrangements in previous years are reminded that they must still contact the School Office to review or re-validate their arrangements.

The Family Fee of $720 is to paid in three instalments –
Term One $240   Term Two $240   Term Three $240

Term One Family Fee accounts will be sent out on Friday 2nd March and due for payment on or before Friday 16th March.
2012 STAFF

2012 CLASSROOM TEACHERS

P DD  Mrs Deborah D’Aprano
P EH  Mrs Emma Hinss
1/2 CE  Miss Claire Ellis
1/2 MP  Mrs Maria Pringipas
1/2 SJ  Miss Simone James
3/4 MJ  Mrs Margaret James
3/4 PS  Mr Patrick Sherlock
3/4 MS  Mrs Michelle Smith
5/6 GB  Mrs Georgina Biondi
5/6 VA  Miss Vanessa Aquilano
5/6 CJ  Mrs Catherine Johnson (Tues-Fri)/Mrs Tamara Moravski (Mon)
5/6 AJ  Mr Andrew Jones

Principal: Mr Stephen Lucardie
Deputy Principal /Numeracy Coordinator: Mrs Rina Polastri
Religious Education Coordinator: Mrs Margaret James
Learning and Teaching Coordinator: Mrs Tamara Moravski
Information Technology Coordinator: Mrs Tamara Moravski
Well Being Coordinator: Miss Simone Sky
Literacy Coordinator/Reading Recovery: Mrs Mercia Frayne
Maths Intervention: Mrs Susan Arians
Italian: Mrs Sandra Lucardie
Library: Mrs Alena Kosciuk
Physical Education: Ms Heather Harrison
Performing Arts: Miss Simone Sky
POL Release/New Arrivals Support: Ms Lia Marra
Administration Officers: Mrs Dana Milligan, Mrs Jeanette Neesham, Mrs Glenda D’Elton
Integration Classroom Support: Mrs Fil Mifsud, Mrs Lidia Senjov, Mrs Glenda D’Elton

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.

SKATEBOARDS /BIKES

A number of children use skateboards, scooters or bikes to travel to school. We require children to use safe practices when travelling to school.

We request skateboard/scooter, bike users wear a helmet and appropriate safety gear (eg knee pads/elbow/wrist supports).

Children should not ride their skateboards /scooters or bikes in our school grounds.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.
ASH WEDNESDAY MASS 22nd FEBRUARY
Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am on Wednesday 22nd February 2012. Parents most welcome to attend to join us in this celebration of the commencement of the Lenten/Easter period of our Church’s Liturgical Year.

EASTER 2012
Holy Thursday 5th April,
Good Friday 6th April,
Easter Sunday 8th April,
Easter Monday 9th April

2012 Sacramental Dates

CONFIRMATION (YEAR 6)
Sacrament of Confirmation Celebration
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on the weekend of
Saturday 1st September (2.00pm)
at Corpus Christi Church.

EUCHARIST (YEAR 4)
Sacrament of Eucharist Celebrations
The Sacrament of Eucharist (First Communion) will be held on the weekend of the Feast of Corpus Christi,
Saturday 24th November (6.00pm)
at Corpus Christi Church.

PENANCE (RECONCILIATION) (YEAR 4)
Sacrament of Penance
Wednesday 14th November 7.00pm
at Corpus Christi Church.
**PREP STARTING TIMES TERM ONE**
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Please arrange to collect your child promptly during week two and three. Thereafter, Prep children will be dismissed at 3.30pm from their classroom, to a parent or to someone designated by parents in arrangements with your child’s classroom teacher.

**SCHOOL HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
8.50am-3.30pm

Wednesday (8.00am Staff Meeting)  
9.15am-3.30pm

Recess  
11.00am -11.30am

Lunch  
1.00pm - 2.00pm

**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.

**VALUABLE ITEMS**
A reminder that children should not bring valuable items (monetary or sentimental value) to school as items may be damaged, misplaced, lost or taken. Children should not bring large amounts of money to spend at the school Canteen as this can also go missing.
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 lessons.

Children being collected for early dismissal (eg. dentist appointment, doctor) must be signed out through the School Office. A note should be provided to indicate time of early dismissal and to identify who is collecting your child if it is not the normal pick up person.

If running late please notify the School Office, as this can assist us in easing any anxiety that your child may experience.

Children should not arrive at school before 8.30am.

Schoolyard supervision is conducted between 8.30am-8.50am and 3.30pm-3.45pm.

At 3.45pm all children must wait at the School Office. To avoid confusion or distress it is advisable to have a nominated meeting place where your child awaits collection. Your support and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

CLASS TWO HOUR LITERACY BLOCK

Once again this year we will be participating with the Catholic Education Office in an approach to teaching Literacy called CLASS (Children’s Literacy Success Strategy). A requirement of CLASS is to have a daily two-hour literacy block (One hour reading/one hour writing). To enable us to implement the two-hour literacy block effectively, we need to commence teaching at 9.00am. We need families assistance to be at school by 8.50am so children can unpack school bags, place lunch orders, return notes and be marked on the attendance roll.

Teachers and children will be in classrooms from 8.50am to enable administrative tasks to be completed prior to 9.00am. The music/bell will commence at 8.50am indicating all children should be in line ready. Late arrivals cause disruptions to the learning of other children, also the child who has missed the introduction to the lesson. Your assistance in ensuring punctuality will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for contributing to the learning success of the children. We will be conducting Parent Workshops later this term to assist parents developing their child’s Literacy at home. Details will be sent home once dates and times are finalised.

YEAR PREP, ONE and TWO LITERACY ASSESSMENT

Throughout Term One all Year Prep/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. Special thanks to Mrs Pringipas, Miss Slevison, Miss Ellis, Mrs D’Aprano, Mrs Hinss and Mrs Frayne.
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. Thank you for you continued support and cooperation.

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.

If parents have any concerns please feel free to contact Mr Lucardie.

Thank you to all families and staff for your continued support and cooperation.

SEVERE FOOD ALLERGIES

We have a number of children who have life threatening food allergies. We ask all parents to discuss with their children correct disposal of uneaten lunches, not to share food with other children and to practise good hygiene habits (ie. washing hands before and after eating).

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.

Thank you to all families for you cooperation with using the Cromwell St Crossing or crossing at the corner of Melbourne Ave and Cromwell St. Much appreciated.
WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS
If you work or volunteer with children you may 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
Working With Children Check application forms have been sent to school to assist volunteers with the application. They are available for collection from Mr. Lucardie. Application forms can also be obtained from Post Offices. Please see Mr Lucardie to obtain relevant information and application forms. Thank you.

Notes Sent Home on:
BLUE—will require the return of a reply slip/form to either classroom teacher or school office as stipulated on the reply slip.
WHITE—fees accounts/school newsletters/general notices
PINK—Performing Arts information from Miss Sky
YELLOW—will be associated with Parents’ Association activities may include a reply slip to be returned to our Parents’ Association.
GREEN—healthy living newsletters from Mrs Harrison Health / Physical Ed.

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH EDUCATION BOARD
The next meeting of the Corpus Christi Parish School Education Board will be our Term Four General Meeting on Tuesday 6th March at 7.00pm. Hope to see new and familiar faces there to ensure the ongoing success of our Parish Education Board.
A number of vacancies currently exist on the Corpus Christi Education Board. Interested parents can contact Mr Lucardie to express their interest in participating on the Parish Education Board.
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Provide feedback on school management issues.

Over the next twelve months we are aiming to focus on developing/reviewing the role of the School Board, developing our School Board Constitution, documenting procedures, practices, protocols and role descriptions to ensure our School Board continues to work to support Fr. Giang and our school community.

FEES
Thank you to all families for your continued financial support.
Families who have not met their financial commitments and have not contacted the School Office will be contacted to discuss their situation.

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT FEES COMMITMENTS ARE MET OR CONTACT WITH THE SCHOOL OFFICE IS MADE TO ASSIST US WITH OUR BUDGETING AND FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS. Thank you.
The Parents’ Association Uniform Shop will be open Wednesdays (8.45am-9.15am) and Fridays 3.15-3.45pm only. Located in Uniform Shop near 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.

Thank you to our Parents’ Association Executive and Uniform Shop Coordinators: Rita Carino, Tina Kalaitzis, Margaret Palmer and Marie Keirs for preparing and opening the Uniform Shop prior to the school year to assist families. Much appreciated.

Lost property will be situated inside the Atrium.

Thank you for your continued support, patience and co-operation.

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 REOPENING Monday 6th February

The Corpus Christi Parents’ Association School Canteen will once again be open for lunch orders and for the purchase of snacks at playtime and lunchtimes as of MONDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2012.

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 will be sent home soon requesting parents to indicate their availability to assist with Canteen Duty. Please return form as soon as possible to assist with Canteen roster.

YEAR SEVEN 2013 ENROLMENT CLOSING DATE

Year 6 children enrolling for Year 7 Catholic Secondary School in 2013 must have enrolment forms returned to their relevant secondary school by the end of Feb 2012. For the exact date please ring the school direct.

Back to School 2012 – Tips for Parents and Carers

A significant ‘spike’ in asthma symptoms, and subsequent hospital admissions of children occurs during the first few weeks of Term 1. While there have not been direct links established, the February ‘asthma spike’ is believed to be largely due to children coming into contact with triggers that they have had time away from now that they have returned to school.

What can parents and carers do to help their children avoid asthma exacerbations at school?

Ensure that your child is always carrying their reliever medication (eg. Ventolin, Asmol, Airomir or Bricanyl) as well as a spacer. Also ensure that you provide medication to the school or preschool that your child attends if required.

Ensure that you have provided the school or preschool with an updated Asthma Action Plan that has been signed by a medical practitioner.

Ensure that your child knows how to recognise early asthma symptoms, and can self-administer their reliever medication properly.

Encourage your child to seek assistance from school/preschool staff if they experience asthma symptoms.

For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au
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 throughout this term. Much appreciated.

The Annual General meeting of our Corpus Christi Parents’ Association will take place on Tuesday 7th February commencing at 7.00pm.

Agenda:
- Election of 2012 Executive office Bearers
- Planning social and fundraising activities for 2012.

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Parents are most welcome to avail themselves of the tea and coffee facilities situated in the Parents’ Association Tea and Coffee Room situated in the Hall Kitchen. Drop in for a ‘cuppa’ or a chat. 

Volunteer(s) required to coordinate opening times for Tea and Coffee Room. Please see Mr Lucardie if interested. Thank you.

Welcome Extend After School Care at Corpus Christi Primary School

We hope you have enjoyed your holidays and are ready for fun and exhilarating activities that will sure make this school year exciting! To see what jam-packed activities we have in store for your child be sure to check the OSHC room to see the Term plan.

**All families must register annually**

Government regulations require all families to complete and sign a registration form for each child prior to using an Extend service.

Don’t forget to also complete & sign the ezidebit form. Registration forms are available from the Extend website or from the school office.

Need assistance? If you require assistance with registering feel free to visit the ‘FAQ’ page on our website or speak to our friendly customer service staff at the Extend Head Office.
**2012 TERM ONE EVENTS**

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Friday 3rd February  
11.45am beginning of Term Mass

Monday 6th February  
Year P-2 Literacy Testing commences

Tuesday 7th February  
7.00pm Parents’ Association Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 22nd February  
10.00am ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Monday 27th February  
Term One Parent Teacher meetings

Tuesday 22nd February  
Term One Parent Teacher meetings

Wednesday 2nd March  
Applications for Catholic Secondary School 2013 Year 7 close

Monday 12th March  
Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday 13th March  
ACMA Cybersafety Parent Session 7.00pm

Thursday 15th March  
Catholic Education Week School Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral

Sunday 18th March  
10.30am Catholic Education Week Parish School Mass

Wed 23rd-Friday 25th March  
5/6 Camp Don Bosco Safety Beach Dromana

Wednesday 28th March  
SCHOOL PHOTOS . Details to follow.

Friday 30th March  
12.30pm End of term

**TERM TWO**

Monday 16th April  
SCHOOL RESUMES

Wednesday 25th April  
ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY

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**2012 TERM DATES**

**TERM 1**  
Term concludes Friday 30th March

(EASTER - Holy Thursday 5th April, Good Friday 6th April, Easter Sunday 8th April, Easter Monday 9th April)

**TERM 2** - Monday 16th April – Friday 29th June

**TERM 3** - Monday 16th July – Friday 21st September

**TERM 4** - Monday 8th October – Thursday 20th December

Staff Friday 21st December

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STEPHEN LUCARDIE  
PRINCIPAL
PARENT INVOLVEMENT AND COMMUNICATION WITH OUR SCHOOL.

1. Involvement in school events such as parent-teacher interviews, participation in the Parents and Friends Association and support of the Canteen, for example, keeps you in touch with the life of our school and shows your children how interested in them and the school you are.
   As soon as possible it is a good idea to start communication with your child’s teachers.
   Find out the best way to keep in touch, a quick phone call or weekly emails so that you become quickly aware of any concerns or issues that arise.

2. Set up a copy of the school calendar in a prominent position at home (the fridge in the kitchen!). mark important dates and events such as interview days, non-school days, term breaks, and school camps.
   Refer to it regularly.

3. Make sure your child is at school every day possible – “there is no substitute for attendance”.

4. Send your child to school each day in full and appropriate school uniform, well groomed.
   Pride in the school uniform and in how one presents to others.

5. Lay some ground rules for the year: a time for bed each school night, a time to rise each morning, mobile phone and computer usage times (these should not be in a child's room at night – leave them in the kitchen!). set the alarm clock and have a set time for meals. This gives children routine.

6. Encourage and support your child in getting involved in the full life of school
   Encourage them to try out for the sports teams, .help prepare class and school prayers and liturgies, raise funds for the many and varied charities the school supports such as St Vincent de Paul.

7. Designate a time and place for your child to do homework – routine is essential for children.

8. Find time each day to talk with your child about their day – it shows you care and listen to them.
   This is important for self esteem and self confidence.

9. Make sure that your child is in good physical and mental health. Schedule doctor and dental check-ups early in the year and outside school time.
   This way you may be able to identify any issues early and address them before they start to effect school performance.

10. Prepare nutritious meals for breakfast, lunch at school, after school snacks as well as the evening meal.
    Nutrition is such a strong key for your child’s ability to concentrate during the day – good nutrition gives them brain power!
    Maximising student learning so that your children acquire new knowledge, skills, attitudes, values and beliefs throughout 2012.