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 2013 school year. Special welcome to Mrs Suzanne Sciberras (NSP Reading Recovery), Mrs Maria Rizzotto and Mrs Geeta Satish (Learning Support Officers) and Miss Jill Slevinson who re-joins our staff for 2013. Thank you to all children, staff and parents for your wonderful start to the school year.

"Peace is not just God’s gift to His creatures.
Peace is our gift to each other"

Elie Wiesel, Nobel Peace Prize, 1986

There’s a wonderful mythical law of nature that the three things we crave most—happiness, freedom and peace of mind—are always attained by giving them to someone else!

Unknown

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 Keith Hoy for preparing the school environs for the commencement of the school year. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Wishing everyone a successful and enjoyable 2013.

CONGRATULATIONS
We express our congratulations to Lia Marra and Jules Sauzier on their recent marriage. We wish Lia and Jules all the best for their future lives together.

Congratulations to the Habeeb Family (Michael 1/2SJ and Maryam 1/2JS) on the recent birth of their sister Maria. We hope Maria brings much joy and happiness to the Habeeb Family.

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)
FOCUS PROJECTS
Throughout 2013 staff will be involved in the implementation of a number of Catholic Education Office projects. These programs are:

- Social Emotional Learning (Whole School),
- More Support for Students (1-2 teachers and Mrs Hinss),
- Collaborative Literacy Learning Communities (5-6 Teachers and Mrs Frayne)
- National Family School Partnership: Kind Kids (with St Dominic’s and Holy Child)-Year 3-4 and Miss Sky,

We thank staff and children for their preparedness to continue to strive for excellence in educating our children. Much appreciated.

STUDENT LEADERS
Congratulations to our 2013 Year 6 Leaders Vishnu Satish, Chanilka Jayakody, Christian Newton-Weeks, Ken Tran, Jessica Nguyen, Sabrina Batras, Ananya Joshi and Natasha Baronessa. We wish them all the best in their leadership roles. Classrooms will soon be selecting Student Representatives to support our school community.

CONDOLENCES
We express our deepest sympathies to the De Biasi Family (Michele 1/2JS) on the sad passing of Michele’s Grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers during this time of great sadness.

PLAYGROUP - NOW ON FRIDAYS!
Our wonderful Corpus Christi community playgroup has moved to Fridays this year. It will still be held upstairs with Hana from 9-11am. New families always welcome. Just bring a piece of fruit to share. Begins Friday 8 February. Enquiries to Sally (Family School Partnerships) 0418 279 047.

COMMUNITY ROOM TEA AND COFFEE
Parents are most welcome to avail themselves of the tea and coffee facilities situated in our Community Room situated next to the Canteen. Drop in for a ‘cuppa’ or a chat. Tea and Coffee Room is open daily both before school. Volunteer(s) required to coordinate opening times for Tea and Coffee Room. Please see Mr Lucardie if interested. Thank you.

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH SCHOOL EDUCATION BOARD
The next meeting of the Corpus Christi Parish School Education Board will be our TERM ONE ANNUAL General Meeting to be held on Thursday 21st FEBRUARY 2013 at 9.00am.
ALL Parents are invited to join with interested parents to:
- To Support the Catholic ethos of Corpus Christi Primary School
- To 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 Agenda need to be presented to Mr Lucardie prior to meeting to be able to be discussed. Items raised on the day will be agenda itemed for following meeting. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you would like me to voice any concerns or constructive feedback on your behalf, I would be very happy to put it on the agenda for discussion at the next Board meeting. Alternatively you are warmly welcome to attend the meeting yourself. Please email me with anything you’d like discussed at the Board meeting at rmkeenan@optusnet.com.au
Rachel Keenan
TERM ONE PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS WEEK 3
Term One Parent-Teacher meetings will be conducted

Monday 18th February/ Tuesday 19th February 2013 (details to follow shortly)
This is 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 1st May—Friday 3rd May 2013
Children in Year 5/6 will attend Oasis Camp, Mount Evelyn on Wednesday 1st May to Friday 3rd May. Cost of $150.00 is to be paid by Friday 19th April. Please note cost increase from previously notified cost due to travel, insurance and staffing increases. 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.

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. (Date and Details to be advised)

Part 2 – Classroom Helpers

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

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
Any parent holding a current Health Care Card on the 1st February 2013 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 $150.00 per year, per child and $200.00 per Foundation Year.
Final date to lodge the form at the School Office is Friday 28th February 2013.
Department of Education will not process late applications.

SCHOOL FEES
Thank you to all families who have paid Tuition Fees ($170 per child) as required on day one of the school year. If you have not paid Tuition Fees (due Wednesday 30th January 2013) 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 $735 is to paid in three instalments –
Term One $245  Term Two $245  Term Three $245
Term One Family Fee accounts will be sent out on Friday 1st March and due for payment on or before Friday 15th March.
FOUNDATION STARTING TIMES TERM ONE
Starting and finishing times for Foundation

Week 2  Monday 6th February  8.50am – 1.00pm
Week 3  Monday 13th February  8.50am – 2.15pm
Week 4  Monday 20th February  8.50am – 3.30pm

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.
2013 STAFF

2012 CLASSROOM TEACHERS

Foundation DD  Mrs Deborah D’Aprano
Foundation CE  Miss Claire Ellis
1/2 SJ  Miss Jill Slevison
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 Georgina Biondi
Learning and Teaching Coordinator and Information Technology Coordinator:  Mrs Tamara Moravski
Well Being Coordinator:  Miss Simone Sky
Literacy Coordinator/Reading Recovery :  Mrs Mercia Frayne/ Mrs Suzanne Sciberras
Lead Teacher Student Support:  Mrs Emma Hinss
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
Learning Support Officers Fil Mifsud, Mary Demetriou, Geeta Satish, Maria Rizzotto, 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.
ASH WEDNESDAY MASS 13th FEBRUARY
Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated at 11.45am on Wednesday 13th February 2013. 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 2013
Holy Thursday 28th March,
Good Friday 29th March,
Easter Sunday 1st April,
Easter Monday 2nd April

2013 Sacramental Dates

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

Saturday 7th September (2.00pm)
at Corpus Christi Church.

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

Sunday 24th November (time to be confirmed)
at Corpus Christi Church.

PENANCE (RECONCILIATION) (YEAR 4)
Sacrament of Penance
Wednesday 12th November 7.00pm
at Corpus Christi Church.
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.

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

Children should not arrive at school before 8.30am.

All children waiting collection are to wait on school premises to enable us to provide proper supervision.

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, Miss Simone 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 your 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 your cooperation with using the Cromwell St Crossing or crossing at the corner of Melbourne Ave and Cromwell St. Much appreciated.

ANGLICARE HOMEWORK CLUB

Anglicare Homework Club situated at 32 Widford Street, Glenroy, is available for Year 5 and 6 students. Homework Club will begin on Tuesday 12th or Thursday 14th February. Information packs are available at the school Office. Participation is not possible without forms being completed.
PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION UNIFORM SHOP
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 Nicole Ritchie 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.

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 4th 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 4th FEBRUARY 2013.
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 2014 ENROLMENT CLOSING DATE
Year 6 children enrolling for Year 7 Catholic Secondary School in 2014 must have enrolment forms returned to their relevant secondary school by the end of Feb 2013.
For the exact date please ring the secondary school direct.

Back to School 2013 – 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 12th February commencing at 9.00am,

Agenda:
Election of 2013 Executive office Bearers
Planning social and fundraising activities for 2013.

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.

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. The WWC Check is being phased in over five years. If you need a WWC Check, you must apply by the due date for your field of child-related work.

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 can be obtained from Post Offices.
Please see Mr Lucardie to obtain relevant information. 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.

enrolment hotline
Phone our friendly customer service staff on: 1300 366 437
www.extend.com.au

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.
## 2013 TERM ONE EVENTS

### PREP STARTING TIMES TERM ONE

Starting and finishing times for Prep:

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- **Friday 1st February**: 11.45am beginning of Term Mass
- **Monday 4th February**: Year P-2 Literacy Testing commences
- **Tuesday 12th February**: 7.00pm Parents’ Association Annual General Meeting
- **Wednesday 13th February**: 11.45am ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
- **Monday 18th February**: Term One Parent Teacher meetings
- **Tuesday 19th February**: Term One Parent Teacher meetings
- **Thursday 21st February**: 9.00am Corpus Christi School Education Board
  - Year 5/6 Museum Excursion
- **Friday 1st March**: Applications for Catholic Secondary School 2014 Year 7 close
- **Monday 11th March**: Labour Day Holiday
- **Thursday 14th March**: Catholic Education Week School Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral
- **Friday 15th March**: Year 6—22nd Squadron Service at the Shrine
- **Sunday 17th March**: 10.30am Catholic Education Week Parish School Mass
- **Wednesday 27th March**: SCHOOL PHOTOS. Details to follow.
- **Thursday 28th March**: 12.30pm End of term

### TERM TWO

- **Monday 15th April**: SCHOOL RESUMES
- **Thursday 25th April**: ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY

## 2013 TERM DATES

**TERM 1**
- Term concludes 12.30pm on Thursday 28th March
- (EASTER - Holy Thursday 28th March, Good Friday 29th March, Easter Sunday 1st April, Easter Monday 2nd April)

**TERM 2**
- Monday 15th April – Friday 28th June

**TERM 3**
- Monday 15th July – Friday 20th September

**TERM 4**
- Monday 7th October – Thursday 19th December
  - Staff Friday 20th December

STEPHEN LUCARDIE
PRINCIPAL
**STUDENT WELLBEING**

Hello Students and Families, HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all! Please take note in each newsletter for our page dedicated to WELLBEING events and information. You will notice our NEW logo above promoting Social and Emotional Learning. Stay tuned for more to come…. I look forward to chatting with you all sometime soon, Simone Sky (Student Wellbeing) ssky@ccglenroy.catholic.edu.au

**POSITIVE PARENTING SESSIONS**

At Corpus Christi Primary School starts FEBRUARY 18TH

TUNING INTO KIDS (4-8 years) **MONDAY FEBRUARY 18TH**
10am – 11.30am, Community Room. (Open for a cuppa from 9am)

TUNING INTO TEENS (9-14 years) will be offered after hours at Women’s House, Broadmeadows from 21st February 2013, 6pm-8.30pm.

Detailed Flyers have been sent home with your eldest child. For more info contact: Simone Sky (Student Wellbeing) 93063062 ssky@ccglenroy.catholic.edu.au (Flyers also at the Front Office.) Learn some positive parenting tips from experts in the field.

**CASEA 2013 - A whole school wellbeing program**

Through our work with the Royal Children’s Hospital CASEA program our school community has been educated with many useful mental health strategies. During Week One and Two classes focus on “Getting to Know Others”, discussing rules and appropriate consequences, and helping understand their strengths and differences. All children in Grades Prep to Six will participate in classroom activities where they “get to know” others and develop an understanding of each other’s strengths.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SUPERSTAR STUDENTS!**

Who completed all areas of their STAR CHART at the end of 2012! Well Done!

The STAR CHART starts all over again this year – so keep making positive choices!
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.
“DROP US A LINE!”

We are looking at various ways and opportunities for members of our school community (parents, friends, children and staff) to provide feedback to enhance our school community.

You may like to give someone (staff, parent, community member or student) a “Pat on the Back”, raises a “Question or Concern”, suggest an “Idea” or provide some “general Feedback.

- A “PAT ON THE BACK”-This space is for you to let us know that someone is doing a great job in our community. Everyone like to hear positive thoughts and we would love to share your good news and affirmations of members of our Corpus Christi School Community.

- A”QUESTION” or “CONCERN”- You may have a QUESTION or CONCERN about school organisation, policies, events, educational practices which you may like clarified or further information on. I will follow-up and get back to you.

- An “IDEA” - This is a space for you to share some thoughts and ideas that may allow us to do things more creatively, more efficiently or enhance our school community and environment. Ideas may be short term or long term suggestions. Ideas are valuable tools!

- General Feedback—This space is for you to give any sort of feedback you’d like: A hello, how are you going, I’m keen to help, etc.

In each section there will be a tick box if your thoughts are confidential. If you tick this box it means that they will not be shared publicly. If you are happy for us to share your feedback, some may be discussed at School Board Meetings, Parents’ Association meetings, Staff Meetings and Student Leader or SRC meetings.

Looking forward to hearing from our school community!!
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