Thursday 19th July 2012 Chatter No. 12

Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

Welcome back to Term Three. A busy term lies ahead with the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 1st September, our Multicultural Arts Festival, our annual Parents’ Association Fathers’ Day stall and breakfast and other exciting fundraisers. Thank you for your continued support.

Thank you to all staff and parents for your wonderful efforts with Mid – Year reporting. Much appreciated.

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 should not 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 me.

During these colder winter months we encourage everyone to remain positive and maintain your enthusiastic attitudes to family, friends, school and work to ensure another successful term. This is an ideal time to stop in our busyness and reflect upon the important elements of our lives - family, friends, faith and relationships. Take time to share a meal as a family, tell each other how much you care and love each other, switch off the television and talk, play a game or go for a walk, visit Church, ring or visit a friend.

It is extremely important in our daily lives that we continue to provide our children with a feeling of comfort and security. Through our words and actions we can provide a sense of hope and well-being and continue to provide a positive, affirming environment. Listen to your children, talk to them, give them your time and love. Stay positive as we pray for a peaceful and welcoming world community.

We welcome back Mrs Rina Polastri (Deputy Principal) and Mrs Michelle Smith from Long Service Leave. We hope Rina and Michelle had an enjoyable and restful break full of wonderful experiences.

Rest in Peace

Fr. Ronald Paulsen (Corpus Christi Parish Priest 1962-1987) passed away at the age of 91 on June 28th 2012.

We give thanks to God for Fr. Paulsen’s life of service to our Catholic Church, in particular to our Corpus Christi community for many years. Rest in Peace.

BEST WISHES

We send our best wishes to Dale Stevenson (our Year 3-4 BluEarth Coordinator) who will be representing Australia at the London Olympics in Shot Put. Go Dale!!

TERM THREE EVENTS

Multicultural Arts Festival

Friday 20th July
Beginning of Term Mass at 11.45am

Wednesday 25th July
Year 4’s Penola Production of Aladdin

Thursday 26th July
5-6 Excursion Immigration Museum

Wednesday 1st August
7.00pm Confirmation Parent Evening

Thursday 9th August
Parents Association Meeting 9.15am

Friday 10th August
Adidas School Lapathon Fundraiser

Wednesday 15th August
Feast of the Assumption

Friday 17th August
Year 6 Prayer Day

Wednesday 22nd August
“How to Help Your Child Succeed at School Parent Seminar –Andrew Fuller

Wednesday 29th August
Fathers Day Stall

Thurs 30th August
Fathers Day Breakfast

Friday 31st August
Confirmation Preparation Day

Saturday 1st September
2.00pm Confirmation

Wednesday 5th September
5-6 Excursion Shrine To be confirmed

Monday 17th September
Footy Fun Day

District Athletics
Years 4-6 Tuesday 21st August

Thursday 20th September
11.45am End of Term Mass
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.
An information evening for parents with children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Wednesday 1st August 2012 at 7.00pm.

EUCHARIST (YEAR 4)
Sacrament of Eucharist Celebrations
The Sacrament of Eucharist (First Communion) will be held on the weekend of the Christ the King, SUNDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 10.30 AM

PENANCE (RECONCILIATION) (YEAR 4)
Sacrament of Penance
Wednesday 14th November 7.00pm at Corpus Christi Church.
An information evening for parents with children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Eucharist will be held on Wednesday 17th October 2012 at 7.00pm.

Sacramental Levy $15 (Year 6) and $20 (Year 4) is included in School account.

God of Love
Tender God of heaven and earth,
you are the Holy One in our midst.
Your justice is our peace;
Your peace is our hope;
Your presence, our delight!

Make our hands your hands;
Our hearts, your heart;
Our lives, your life!
Give us this day, and always, a bread of freedom
to share;
A cup of hope to pour upon the earth.

Forgive us our hatreds and walls.
Teach us to forgive the walls of others as well.
Do not permit us tests beyond our strength.
And deliver us from evil’s grip.

For everything above us and under us,
Everything within us and without us,
Must bend the knee to the glory of your freedom,
The everlasting victory of your justice and peace.
**Internet Cybersafety Hint**

Your Password is a secret don’t share it with anyone. PREP DD

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**SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES**

Students **should not** be dropped off **before 8:30 am** or picked up **after 3:45 pm** (unless prior arrangements have been made with Mr. Lucardie). The school provides before school yard duty supervision from 8:30 am till 8:50 am and after school yard duty supervision from 3:30 pm till 3:45 pm.

**ANY TIME BEFORE 8:30 AM OR AFTER 3:45 PM, CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE AT SCHOOL.**

There have been times when students have been left in the Office area till after 4:00 pm. It is very disruptive to the staff who are required to attend afterschool meetings and preparation for next day teaching.

In the case of unforeseen lateness or an emergency please contact the School Office as soon as possible to avoid distress to children who are waiting to be collected.

**DOUBLE PARKING FINES/PARKING TOO CLOSE TO SCHOOL CROSSINGS**

The State Government has announced that fines for double parking will increase. Parking too close to School Crossings will incur a fine. Parking Officers will be regularly patrolling areas around schools. Infringement notices maybe issued through the mail!!

Please ensure you park safely at all times for the sake of our children and families and to avoid heavy fines. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

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**VICTORIAN PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE**

Congratulations to the following children who have recently completed the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge:

- Meher Bhatia 1/2 MP
- Christopher Kalaitzis 1/2 CE
- Emmanuel Macalalad 3/4 PS

There are now 53 children who have finished the Challenge.

**WELL DONE! A FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENT!**

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**YEAR 2013 PREP ENROLMENTS**

Enrolments for children eligible to start school in Prep in the Year 2013 are still available.

To be eligible to enrol children must turn five by 30th April 2013. Copies of Baptism, Birth and Immunisation Certificates must be presented to the School Office. Further information and enrolment forms may be obtained from the School Office during school hours (8.30am – 4.00pm).
Student Absences

The number of days absent for the semester is considered most important as it reinforces the importance of attendance at school.

While most school absences are unavoidable, it is informative for parents to know that there can be a direct link between school attendance and achievement. Regular attendance encourages motivation, persistence, resilience and coping strategies, as well as the forming of positive relationships, and keeps students safe.

Some key facts about the number of days absent in a semester:

0 – 6 days  This is within an acceptable range.

7 – 10 days  This attendance is below average and if this occurs from Prep to Year 10 the student would miss over one year of schooling.

11 – 20 days This is a poor attendance rate and if this occurs from Prep to Year 10 the student would miss over two years of schooling.

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH SCHOOL EDUCATION BOARD

The next meeting of the Corpus Christi Parish School Education Board will be our TERM 3 General Meeting to be held on Thursday 23rd August 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.

Annual Report to School Community has been ratified by Catholic Education Office and now posted on School Website.

Our current Board Member is Mrs Rachel Keenan who brings valuable insight, experience and knowledge as a parent of Daniel (Year 5), Rebecca (Year 4), Emma (Year 1) and Nicholas to our Corpus Christi Parish School Education Board. Rachel is actively involved with School Board, classroom activities and excursions and the life of our school. Rachel is happy to talk to interested parents about her role and the valuable contributions parents can make to our school community. We would love to have other parents involved!!

“I’m a parent representative on the Education Board at Corpus Christi. The Board discusses many aspects of school life, such as policies like bullying and wellbeing and other school matters like the school concert, NAPLAN results, uniform and school fees. In the last 6 years I’ve seen Corpus Christi thrive in many areas, however we are always striving to do better. We need parent and student feedback and support to do this.

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
CORPUS CHRISTI PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKLET
This is your last chance to purchase the 2012|2013 Greater Melbourne Entertainment™ Book packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers from the best restaurants, cafes, hotel accommodation, attractions and activities. Here are just a few of the valuable offers you and the kids may enjoy these school holidays:
- Pancake Parlour Vouchers ($30 value), Melbourne Aquarium (free admission with one purchase ticket),
- AFL MCG (free ticket with one purchase ticket), Hoyts Tickets at a cheaper price, Imax (free ticket with one paid ticket),
- Puffing Billy (one free ticket with a purchased ticket), Sovereign Hill (25% off regular price for up to four persons)
- AMF Bowling (one free game with a purchased game)…..and lots more.
Have a look at the sample book in the office. Purchase online or at the uniform shop. Cost $65.00

ADIDAS SCHOOL FUN RUN August 10th 2012
The Adidas School Fun Run is coming to Corpus Christi. A fun day to celebrate health and fitness and the Olympics! You’ll get a drink on the day, a certificate and a prize if you raise $10.00 or more. What’s more exciting is that you choose your gift! Early next term your classroom teacher will provide you with all the information you need to create your own profile on the website. The school break is a great opportunity to begin to consider who you might ask to sponsor you! Remember 70% of the total money raised goes to Corpus Christi! We can do great things with that money….start thinking of a wish list!

The next General meeting of our Corpus Christi Parents’ Association will take place on
Thursday 9th August commencing at 9.15am,

Agenda:
Planning social and fundraising activities for 2012.
Hope to see new and familiar faces at the next meeting. Thank you.

Important Dates to Remember

August
Adidas Fun Run August 10th
Monday 17th – Footy Fun Day
Wednesday 29th – Fathers Day Stall.
Thursday 30th – Fathers Day Breakfast.

September
Monday 17th September—Footy Fun Day

MEETING DATES
Thursday 9th August 9.00am
Thursday 6th September 9.00am
Thursday 11th October 9.00am
Thursday 8th November 9.00am
December To Be Advised

NORTHERN AREA PARENT SEMINAR
TOPIC: HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED AT SCHOOL
Presenter: Andrew Fuller
Ages: Primary and Secondary
Wednesday 22nd August 7.00pm-9.00pm at Corpus Christi Primary School Glenroy

Whether your child is in Year 12 or just starting out, the skills and knowledge that you will gain from attending this session will help you to have a positive impact on your child’s life. It will also save you hours of useless arguing about things that don’t make a difference to academic outcomes. Topics covered will include:
- What the latest brain research tells us about the most vital skills for success
- How parents can improve children’s concentration, memory and sequencing skills
- How to build a positive mindset for success
- How playing games improves intelligence
- Why short sharp homework sprints are better for learning than long marathons of study.

FREE TO ALL CORPUS CHRISTI FAMILIES
EARN & LEARN
Thank you for your support with collecting stickers for ‘Earn & Learn’. Keep collecting stickers during the holidays and all of July until **Sunday 22nd July**. If you need extra cards they are available at the office.

Get double the stickers.

From Wednesday the 18th - 24th July, you will get double the amount of stickers by just spending $10 or more and including at least one Kelloggs, Dairy Farmers, Be Natural, Pura or Berri product in your basket.

**COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS HAS BEGAN.**

Wonderful effort!!!

Thank you for a wonderful start to the collection of vouchers received so far.

You can collect tokens from 13th June to 14th August and remember, the more vouchers our school collects, the more sports gear our school will receive!

Collection box is located at the school office.

**You are invited to join the Principal, Mr. Chris Blake, on an informative tour of both the Year 7 & 8 Junior Campus and Years 9 – 12 Senior Campus**

**GLENROY CAMPUS – JUNIOR CAMPUS**
(35 William Street, Glenroy)
Monday August 6th
Tuesday August 28th

**BROADMEADOWS – SENIOR CAMPUS**
(29 Gibson Street, Broadmeadows)
Thursday August 16th

**9.00am - 10.30am**

Tours will conclude with morning tea. Come and see each Campus in action.

For further information or to state your interest in attending, contact our Registrar,
Mrs. Dawn Daws on 9301 2777.

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**
Zone District Athletics Years 4-6 Tuesday 21st August

**CIRCUS PERFORMANCE**
Please start collecting costumes for our Circus Performance which will be held in week 9 of Term three. Opportunity shops are a great way of finding items such as glitter hats, wigs and baggy pants.

Ms Heather (Physical Education)
2012 TERM DATES

TERM 2 - Concludes 12.30pm
TERM 3 - Monday 16th July
TERM 4 - Monday 8th October

Friday 29th June
Friday 21st September
Thursday 20th December
Staff Friday 21st December

Wishing everyone a safe, enjoyable and exciting learning term!
Take care!

STEPHEN LUCARDIE

Family fun night Coburg Library
6 pm, Friday 10 August
Learn how to draw manga with Stephanie Kelso
Discover some interesting information books
Board games for all the family
Bookings are essential: 9353 4000

Extend OSHC at Corpus Christi Primary School

We would like to welcome back everyone to term 3. We hope you all enjoyed your mid-year break and are back refreshed and ready for another term filled with great learning activities! The team at Extend have been busy over the break organising various new activities and can’t wait to get started with an exciting program in store! We look forward to seeing you at Extend!
ARTS FESTIVAL 2012  

GET INVOLVED!

CARDBOARD CREATIONS! In July students can bring in LARGE BOXES or interesting scrap materials. Check out our inspiration at http://cainesarcade.com/

Parent and Child AFTER SCHOOL WORKSHOP – Thurs 26th July 3.30-4.30pm in the Studio!

CORPUS CHRISTI LIGHTS UP! Tuesday 7th August from 5.30pm – 8pm
Bring your torches, glow sticks and lanterns as Corpus Christi comes to life at night!
Bring the whole family and join in with Art activities, Shadow Puppetry and much more!

CORPUS CHRISTI LIGHTS UP THE WORLD! Wednesday 12th Sept 5.30-8pm
Arts Displays, Cultural Food and Performances. Celebrating our vibrant school community!

WORKSHOPS!

In August Corpus Christi will be coming alive with Art and Cultural workshops. Come and share your artistic skills or cultural traditions with us! You choose when and how you would like to be involved!

Please return the below note to your child’s teacher.

Family Name: 

Cultural Background: 

Eldest Child: 

Class: 

Circle below what you would like to share from your culture:

Food  Dance  Song  Game  Story  Art/Craft  Other:

Would you like to help with the Art Workshops? YES/NO