Thursday 16th February 2012  Chatter No. 2.

Dear Parents

Thank you to all children, staff and parents for your wonderful start to the school year. Much appreciated

Thank you to Fr Giang for once again celebrating our beginning of Year Mass. Special thanks to Mrs James (Religious Education Leader) for coordinating our liturgy, and all staff, children and parents for their reverence and participation.

2012 CORPUS CHRISTI PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION

Thank you to all parents who attended the Annual General Meeting of our Corpus Christi Parents’ Association. Special thanks to our 2012 Executive –

President – Tina Kalaitzis
Vice President – Rita Carino
Secretary - Leah Jones
Assistant Secretary – Georgina Biondi / Rina Polastri
(Staff Representatives)

Treasurer – Lyella Long
Canteen Co-ordinators - Leonie Trabert, Maria Baronessa
Uniform Shop Coordinators - Tina Kalaitzis, Rita Carino, Leah Jones, Margaret Palmer

Thank you to all who attended the Parents’ Association Annual General meeting, and to the parents who submitted their apologies due to prior commitments and who have expressed an interest in supporting our Parents’ Association. Much appreciated

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

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2012 TERM ONE EVENTS

Starting and finishing times for Prep
Week 4  Monday 20th February
8.50am – 3.30pm
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
Wednesday 7th March
7.00pm AGM School Education Board
Monday 12th March
LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Tuesday 13th March
ACMA Cybersafety Parent Session 7pm
Thursday 15th March
Catholic Education Week School Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral
Sunday 18th March
10.30am Catholic Education Week Parish School Mass. All welcome.
Wed 21st—Friday 23rd 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
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 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.

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.

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 Workshop Monday 19th March 9am. Details sent home shortly

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 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.

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 be 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 PLAYGROUP

Playgroup Mondays 9.00am-11.00am in the Corpus Christi West Wing Upstairs Special Project Area.

Please bring a piece of fruit.
CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK WHOLE SCHOOL PARISH MASS
Catholic Education Week in 2012 will be celebrated from 13 to 18 March. The theme for 2012 is “Throw Open the Doors—Let in the Light”

We invite all families and staff to attend a celebration of 57 years of Catholic Education in the Corpus Christi Parish Glenroy at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 18th March 2012. Details to follow.

One representative from each class will attend the St Patrick Day Mass with Mrs Margaret James (Religious Education Leader) at the Cathedral on Thursday 15th March. Details to follow.

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 Christ the King, 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.

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

God of light,
As we begin this year,
May we be a source of light for those around us.
   May we comfort those who are upset,
   Reach out to those who are struggling,
   Love those who feel they are unlovable,
   And defend those who are too weak to defend themselves.
In doing this may we help others shine and allow them to use the gifts you have blessed them with.
May our actions be a source of light and hope for others.
   Amen
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 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.
CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL SONG
Below is a copy of our Corpus Christi School song, which you and your children may like to familiarise yourselves with, so you can participate in our 8.50am Monday morning flag raising ceremony.

Chorus: GOD OUR FATHER HELP US TO GROW IN WISDOM AND GRACE BOUND TOGETHER THE RED AND THE GOLD LOVING EACH OTHER AT CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL

1. WE COME TOGETHER SHARING OUR LIFE, IN THE WORK WE DO, IN THE GAMES WE PLAY, LEARNING TO LIVE, ONE WITH ANOTHER, GROWING, SHARING, EACH NEW DAY.

2. WE COME TOGETHER, GIVING OURSELVES IN THE SONGS WE SING, IN THE PRAYERS WE PRAY, BUILDING OUR SCHOOL, BY LEARNING AND WORKING, LOVING AND CARING EACH NEW DAY

Our students and teachers have been investigating cybersafety as part of our focus on wellbeing and building positive relationships. This week’s cybersafety tip was composed by Anirudh and Vishnu (5/6VA)

CYBER BULLYING IS NASTY YOU SHOULD NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSWORD BE SURE WHAT WEBSITES YOU GO ON EMAIL ONLY THE PEOPLE YOU KNOW REMEMBER TO LOGOUT AND SHUT DOWN SCAMMING IS THE WRONG THING TO DO ASK PARENTS BEFORE MAKING NEW ACCOUNTS FACEBOOK IS NOT FOR KIDS UNDER 18 EDIT ONLY THE THINGS YOU POST ONLINE TELL PARENTS ABOUT THE PEOPLE YOU CHAT TO YOUR PASSWORD MUST BE KEPT A SECERET

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos will be taken on WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH 2012 (Week Nine Term One)

Children must wear summer uniform.

GROUP PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN WITHOUT JUMPERS. Individual/and family photos may wear jumpers. Thank you for your cooperation

Sports clothes are not to be worn for photos, but runners may be brought in children’s bags to change into after photos have been taken.

Individual order envelopes will be sent home soon with details of photo packages available. Indicate the photo package you would like on the Photo Order Envelope and return to your child’s classroom by the advised date with correct money. The photographers will only take photos if envelope and money have been returned.

NO CREDIT. Further details as they come to hand.
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, Leah Jones 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.

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.

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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 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.

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).
PREP STARTING TIMES TERM ONE
Starting and finishing times for Prep

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

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.
Pleasing 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.

Thank you to all the parents who have kindly donated uniform to the School Uniform Shop. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. If you have uniforms in good condition and no longer have a use for them please consider donating them. All donations help families within our school community.

Thank You
Tina, Margaret, Rita and Leah (Uniform Shop Coordinators)
Extend After School Care at Corpus Christi Primary School

A recap from the Team Leader:
“Welcome back everyone! It has been really exciting to see some old faces back out our service again, and awesome to see some new additions also. Last week at After School Care we have made wonderful classroom decorations and made a brilliant class calendar. We also had a blast making our creepy crawly insects which look wonderful!”
- Ayse

Star of the week is Massimo C. for making a fantastic start to the new year.

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

Did you know you can make bookings and cancellations online? Visit our website at extend.com.au and click on “Online Bookings” on the top right hand corner. If you are enrolled for this calendar year you will be able to make bookings and/or cancellations 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.*

We hope this makes life just a little bit easier amongst your busy schedule!

*On the day bookings must be phoned through to Head Office to ensure the safety of your child(ren).

ENROLMENT HOTLINE
Phone our friendly customer service staff on: 1300 366 437
www.extend.com.au
The CASEA program is continuing this term in all classrooms. The program, developed by psychologists at the Royal Children’s Hospital aims to help children learn important skills for managing their emotions and behaviour.

During Session One the classroom activities focus on “Getting to Know Others”, creating 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.

During Session Two of the CASEA Program the focus of the activities is Feelings. Children will discuss how they identify and express their own feelings, and talk about how to recognise how others are feeling. In particular the importance of recognising feelings by looking at facial expressions and body language, and listening to a person’s tone of voice, will be discussed. The session also focuses on Strong Emotions. The aim is to assist children in understanding that some emotions are more intense than others. They will learn to identify how to recognise their body’s “warning signals” so that they can identify when they are becoming angry.

All children in Grades Prep to Six will participate in classroom activities that focus on identifying

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Parent Evening

Parents and Carers are invited to attend a Family Information Session on

- School Wellbeing Policy

plus

- Royal Children’s Hospital CASEA presentation

“HOW DO I GET MY CHILD TO DO WHAT I WANT?”

Thursday March 1st
9am, 5pm or 7pm

Please register your preferred time by phone, email or note to office for Ms Sky.
Phone: 93063062
Email: ssky@ccglenroy.catholic.edu.au

Sessions will run only if enough RSVP’s received.

Student Wellbeing Booklets have gone home this week. Please ask your child!