Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

ASH WEDNESDAY REFLECTION
God of love and truth, you called us forth from the dust of earth and claimed us for Christ in the waters of baptism. Look upon us as we enter these forty days bearing the mark of ashes.
Bless us on our journey through Lent to the waters of rebirth.
May our fasting be a hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.
All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus, for in his cross you proclaim your love now and forever.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES
Thank you to Michael O’Kane for conducting the first of our English conversation classes. Parents and friends are still able to attend. Next session Monday 18th February at 7.00pm in our Community Room. All welcome

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to the Misho Family (Jalal 5/6 AJ and Gabriella 1/2 MP) on the recent birth of their brother Christian. We hope Christian brings much joy and happiness to the Misho Family.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS in February are scheduled so that teachers can get to know the students and families.
The teachers will be interested in information that will assist them to best support your child/children.
Please spend some time prior to the meeting thinking about these...

- Family cultural background/languages spoken at home
- Family composition
- Your child’s interests and activities
- Health issues
- Your child’s strengths and challenges as a learner
- Goals you have for your children
- Your child’s friends
- Television and Internet habits and access
- Homework habits

There will be an information night scheduled for later in the term where teachers, in Year levels, will present information to parents about the exciting learning year planned for 2013.

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SCHOOL PHOTOS

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TERM TWO
Monday 15th April SCHOOL RESUMES
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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)

Receiving newsletter by email.
In the past you may have subscribed to our enews via the website. The school did not use this enews facility. Instead, we are going to use Mailchimp to send our newsletters. There is a link to sign up to receive Mailchimp newsletters on our website.

www.ccglenroy.catholic.edu.au > newsandevents > e-news > , and then complete the online form.

A separate note will be sent home shortly, asking for current email addresses, so that we can update our records and better utilise email as a form of communication.

Our aim is to phase out paper copies of the newsletter to reduce costs and for environmental reasons. We hope to cease printing hard copies by the start of term two. We will keep you updated.

STUDENT WELLBEING BOOKLET

During this week your family would have received or are going to receive the Student Wellbeing Booklet. Please read and discuss with your child/children. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to speak to me. Ms Simone Sky

PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION

The Parents’ Association plays an important role in providing social, fundraising and recreational activities for our school. Without the Parents’ Association annual contribution to our budget, an increase in school fees could result to cover the financial shortfall.

Thank you to our wonderful Parents’ Association for your tireless efforts. Much appreciated.

The Annual General meeting of our Corpus Christi Parents’ Association will take place on

Thursday 14th March commencing at 9.00am,

Agenda:
Planning social and fundraising activities for 2013.
Hope to see new and familiar faces at the next meeting. Thank you.

Thank you to all parents who attended the Annual General Meeting of our Corpus Christi Parents’ Association.
Tina Kalaitzis, Rita Carino, Keith Hoy, Nicole Ritchie, Ivanna Maiorana, Pili Primo-Sanzo, Gunasiri Hali-hinga, Georgina Biondi / Rina Polastri, Sally Beattie (Staff Representatives)
Canteen Co-ordinators - Anita Leggieri, Maria Baronessa
Uniform Shop Coordinators - Tina Kalaitzis, Rita Carino, Nicole Ritchie, Margaret Palmer

Thank you to the above mentioned parents and staff 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.

EASTER RAFFLE

Our First Fundraiser will be our Annual Easter Raffle to be drawn on Monday 25th March at Assembly. Details and request for donations to follow.
TERM ONE PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS WEEK 3

Term One Parent-Teacher meetings will be conducted

Monday 18th February/ Tuesday 19th February 2013

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 previous 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.

9.00am Monday 25th February 2013


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

Final date to lodge the form at the School Office is Friday 28th February 2013.

Department of Education will not process late applications.

See Chatter number 1 for details.

SCHOOL FEES

Accounts will be sent home on Friday 1st March 2013. Term 1, $245.00 is due on or by 15th March.

All Tuition Fees due on day one of the school year should be finalised.

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 FRIDAY 1st MARCH 2013.

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.
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.

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.

COMMUNICATION
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.

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 will be open from 8.30am before school on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS. 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:
- Support the Catholic ethos of Corpus Christi Primary School
- Support the Parish Priest, Principal and Staff of Corpus Christi Primary School
- Provide a discussion forum for current educational issues
- 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
PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE KEYBOARD/GUITAR

After discussions with Primary Music Institute (PMI) we will no longer be offering in school guitar or keyboard lessons. PMI should have notified parents. Please ensure you are not being charged for 2013.

If parents wish to access private guitar or keyboard lessons Charise (Keyboard) and Alex Davies (Guitar) are available for private tuition.

CG Piano Studio - Piano Tuition
I am a former Keyboard Instructor at Corpus Christi. I live in Glenroy, near Pascoe Vale Road shops.

All levels of ability are catered for.
Affordable, fun and educational lessons with the highest standards of professionalism.
Contact : Charisse (BMus.Hon) 0425 776 557

Private Guitar Tuition
My name is Alex Davies and I was the Guitar teacher at Corpus Christi last year and am hoping to continue lessons with previous and new students. Different music styles can be accommodated for each student. These lessons are designed to be fun while also teaching students the techniques and theory they need to advance to higher levels.
The cost is $30 per half hour lesson.
Lessons will be held at your house.
Contact Alex Davies at; Email: s3333268@student.rmit.edu.au or Mob: 0433 344 805

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.
ASH WEDNESDAY MASS 13th FEBRUARY
Ash Wednesday Mass was celebrated at on Wednesday 13th February 2013. Thank you to Fr Giang Tran, parishioners and families who joined 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.

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.

Schoolyard supervision is conducted between 8.30am-8.50am and 3.30pm-3.45pm. All children waiting collection are to wait on school premises to enable us to provide proper supervision.

Children should not arrive at school before **8.30am**.

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 Slevion, 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 you 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. 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.
Lost property is 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
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 has been sent home requesting parents to indicate their availability to assist with Canteen Duty. Please return form as soon as possible to assist with Canteen roster.

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.

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
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 Three and Four classes will focus on 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.

Student will also explore the importance of being able to stop strong emotions before they become out of control, as well as help them to identify different ways of coping with anger. In particular children will learn how to use the “Calming Down” strategy. All children in Grades Prep to Six will participate in classroom activities that focus on managing anger and “calming down”.

SCHOOL NURSE
The Primary School Nurse will be visiting our school this month.

All FOUNDATION parents are to return their School Entran Health Questionnaire this week.

Any other families who would like their child to see the School Nurse please see your class teacher or Ms Sky.

On Monday 25th February Brainstorm Productions will be presenting ‘Being Brave’ - a play about dealing with our emotions and coping with change. With humour, song and dance, the show gives children strategies for dealing with difficult situations like family break-ups and changing schools.

‘Being Brave’ will help our children to be more resilient and develop sound emotional and mental health.
For more information on the company follow go to www.brainstormproductions.com.au
**Fortnightly Recap:**

Hi everyone! I’d like to welcome you all back to school and hope you have recuperated over the summer holidays. We have made a smashing start to the school term with a peak in student numbers, and have a few more students coming across from Glenroy Central Primary School. It’s fantastic to see the two groups of students bonding really well and feeling comfortable working together throughout activities.

Last week students have been busy decorating their portfolio bags, preparing the class birthday calendar and also putting together the class dollar mites games.

Our team this term:
Team leaders - Ayse Karatekeli & Megan Turner  
Assistants - Jordan Yule & Megan Tuner

If you have any questions, please feel free to drop in for a catch up and we’d be more than happy to help you. - Ayse

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**MagaPupil free days – booking procedure**

Please note throughout the term if there are any pupil free days that you will require a full day service, contact our office to make a booking. Pupil free days run from 8.00am to 6.00pm and will only be delivered subject to minimum bookings of 12. Due to minimum bookings required there are strictly no refunds or cancellations on pupil free day bookings. Bookings close 7 days prior to each pupil free day and parents will be notified on this day by COB. Fees are $65 per child – pay between $15.93 - $32.50 after child care entitlements including the non-income tested 50% Child Care Rebate.

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**Our Extend Superstar is…**

Nayomi G. for settling in really well with the students at Corpus Christi After School Care.

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**Next week’s activities:**

- Monday 18 February:
  - Blow painted monsters
- Tuesday 19 February:
  - Doodle birds
- Wednesday 20 February:
  - Yoghurt pot herb garden
- Thursday 21 February:
  - Apple crumble
- Friday 22 February:
  - Magazine faces

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**Have you secured your bookings?**

As you would be aware, all enrolments from last year have been rolled over to 2013, including any permanent bookings from Term 4. If you need to change these bookings you can via our website or by calling our office.

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au  
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

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**Kinder Programs—MORELAND**

Enrolment Registration Forms will only be accepted for children who will be turning 4 years of age by April 30 2014. Enrolments start March 1 2013.

The Enrolment Registration form and Information Booklet will be available for collection from Monday 25 February 2013 at the listed participating Kindergarten or a Council Citizen Service Centre. ( Glenroy Citizens Services Centre, 796N Pascoe Vale Road, Glenroy).

Glenroy Memorial Preschool– 10 Murrell Street 9306 9767

**Soccer For Girls**

Darebin Falcons will run girls only soccer programs for Under 5, 7 and 9 year olds and will field teams in Under 9, 11 and 12 competitions during the 2013 season.

Come along and give soccer a go! For Girls Aged 4-11, Feb 17th, 2013 10.30am-12pm. A.H. Capp Reserve, Halwyn Cres, Preston. For more information contact Jasmine Hirst 0422 991 687 ojazhirst@yahoo.com.au www.falcons.org.aunts
2013 TERM ONE EVENTS

PREP STARTING TIMES TERM ONE
Starting and finishing times for Prep

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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
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Lent 2013 is a season in which we are called to a renewal of faith. Especially, in this special Year of Faith for the Universal Church, we all need to go back to the very foundations of our faith. Our Catholic faith is the most fundamental value of our lives – never more so than when we experience testing times. Let us never forget God calls us into the desert only to strengthen and deepen our faith.

From a spiritual perspective, the ‘desert’ is that place we enter to be reminded of the One who is truly essential in our lives, where we stand before God with no false veneer or pretence. For many of us there can be the ‘desert’ of illness, of joblessness, of anxiety, of conflict and of doubt; the ‘desert’ of moving to get back on to one’s feet after a bewildering setback.

Particularly during this Lent 2013 we are specially mindful, as a local Church here in Australia, of the ‘desert’ that has been created by the tragic crimes of sexual abuse perpetrated by some of our fellow Catholics and the devastation it has wrought upon innocent persons.

No matter the ‘desert’ we enter into, it must become for us that place where we confront the challenges of daily life, not as insurmountable problems but as stepping stones to growth. It is that place where we confront ourselves with no other support than God.

Yet we cannot face this Lenten journey relying only on our own willpower. We can all be so easily overwhelmed by our sense of our own weakness and anxiety about the future. Without faith as our bedrock, as our Holy Father Benedict XVI reminds us in his 2013 Lenten message, our plans and activities cannot bear authentic fruit.

So it was that Jesus spent forty days and nights in the desert. Harassed and tempted by Satan’s temptations, he proved faithful to his Father and to his mission for our sakes. He showed how a life of holiness requires prayer. Prayer is simply being present to God.

And so it is for us during the forty days of voluntary ‘desert’ living this Lent. Our prayer, penance and fasting take us to the ‘desert’ where, stripped of customary comforts and excess, we learn to rely on God alone.

Grounded in faith – from which all authentic charity flows – we are called to act justly and love tenderly especially by showing compassion and mercy to the poor and disadvantaged.

So during our Year of Faith this Lent let us deepen our journey of faith as disciples:

• Fridays of Lent in our Archdiocese should become special days of fasting and prayer. Days of special penance where we implore the Lord to bring deep healing to all those suffering from the crimes of sexual abuse

• I encourage you to go on ‘pilgrimage’ to pray at the special churches designated as pilgrimage churches during the Year of Faith. Such journeying reminds us of the need to pray frequently and intensely for divine grace which is our only salvation in times of special pain and crisis.

• Charity and solidarity for the poor and disadvantaged is also a vital way of deepening our Catholic faith. Please support Project Compassion and the works of the St Vincent de Paul Society. A quiet act of charity for someone in need – unknown and unnoticed – is also a powerful way of living our Catholic faith.

Pope Benedict XVI reminds us that in order to journey through the ‘desert’ and face the temptations and wiles of the Evil One we must become people of deeper faith. It is only by accepting God’s unconditional love that we sinners can journey on.

No matter then what challenges are ahead of us – this Lent 2013 we remember it is never too late to start again.

May the God of all consolations be with us all in this our special Year of Faith.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE
“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 Feed Back.

- 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 feed back 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!!
“DROP US A LINE!”

- A “PAT ON THE BACK” -

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- A”QUESTION” or “CONCERN” -

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