Dear Parents

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

Thanks to Mrs James and Mrs Rose Lauria for accompanying our class representatives to the Catholic Education Week St Patrick’s Mass. Much appreciated

GRADE 5/6 SCHOOL CAMP
Thank you to all our Year 5/6 Children, Mrs Biondi, Mrs Johnson, Miss Vanessa, Mr Jones, Mr Sherlock, Miss James, Miss Sky and Mrs Polastri for a great time at Camp last week. Well done.

YEAR 2013 PREP ENROLMENTS
Enrolments for children eligible to start school in Prep in the Year 2013 will commence at the start of Term Two (Monday 16th April until Friday 1st June). 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).

TERM TWO SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
We are conducting a Staff Professional Learning School Closure Day on Friday 11th May. Fr Richard Leonard will conduct the day with the topic “Lights! Action! Camera! How can Catholic Education form believers in a media saturated Culture?” We will be joined by St Francis de Sales, Holy Child and St Dominic’s Staff.

CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL. Thank you.

STATE GOVERNMENT GRANT REFURBISHMENT
Thank you to all children, parents and staff for your patience and support during the refurbishment of our Upstairs learning areas. Year 3/4 and Italian will operate from the refurbished upstairs area with 5/6 VA moving to the West Wing New Building and 1/2MP relocating to the lower floor near 1/2CE. Thank you to children and staff for great efforts in moving this week.
At the beginning of Term Two Cromwell St access will be from the gate located near the BLUE shipping container near the Cromwell St Crossing.

EASTER RAFFLE
Thank you to our Parents Association Tina Kalaitzis, Leah Jones, Rita Carino, Margaret Palmer, Pili Sanz and Anita Leggieri for wrapping all of our 60 prizes. Great Efforts.

Congratulations to all winners!

TERM TWO EVENTS

**Monday 16th April**
Term Two Starts
2013 Prep Enrolments commence

**Tuesday 24th April**
Year 5-6 Fire Education

**Wednesday 25th**
ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY

**Thursday 26th April**
1-2 Excursion to CERES

**Thursday 3rd May**
9.00 Parents Association

**Friday 4th May**
3-4 Excursion Werribee Zoo

**Wednesday 9th May**
Mothers Day Stall

**Thursday 10th May**
Mothers Day Breakfast

**Friday 11th May**
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

**Tuesday 15th May**
Grades 3 & 5 NAPLAN

**Wednesday 16 May**
Grades 3 & 5 NAPLAN

**Thursday 16th May**
Grades 3 & 5 NAPLAN

**Wednesday 30th May**
District Cross Country

**Thursday 7th June**
Corpus Christi Feast Day
9.00am Parents Association Meeting

**Thursday 14th June**
5-6 Maths Day

**Friday 15th June**
School Disco

**Thursday 21st June**
CEO Well being Drama

**Friday 22nd June**
Mid Year Reports sent home

**Monday 25th June**
Parent Teacher Meetings

**Tuesday 26th June**
Parent Teacher Meetings

**Friday 29th June**
End of Term
Netiquette

Sometimes it’s easy to forget that the other person you are chatting to on IM, playing a game with, or posting to their profile is a real person. It’s easier to say and do things online that you might not do in ‘real life’. This may hurt that person’s feelings or make them feel unsafe or embarrassed. It’s important to be kind and polite to others online—and to stop and think about how your behaviour will affect them.

- **Treat other people the way you would like to be treated.** Avoid using bad language and don’t say things to someone to make them feel bad.
- **Learn about the ‘netiquette’ of being online.** What’s considered okay to do and say and what isn’t? For example, if you type a message to someone in UPPER CASE they may think you are shouting at them.
- **If someone says something rude or something that makes you feel uncomfortable, don’t respond.** Leave the chat room or forum straight away.
- **Tell your parents** or another adult you trust if you read upsetting language, or see nasty pictures or something scary.

Internet Cybersafety Hint

5/6 AJ

“Be careful what you write
Check before you hit enter
Once you click send
It’s in CYBERSPACE for ever”

2012 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

Thank you to all the children and their families for participating in the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge. There are 112 children from our school registered for this Challenge. Registration closes at the end of this term. The aim of the Challenge is to foster a love for Reading. This year is the National Year of Reading, so we would like our students make reading a daily activity.

In order to complete the Challenge, students in Prep to Grade 2 have to read or “experience” 30 books by early September, including at least 20 books from the Challenge booklist (10 books can be the children’s choice). The students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 can read books by themselves or with help from a parent, teacher, brother or sister, classmate or friend. The Challenge for Grade 3-6 students is to read 15 books by early September, including at least 10 books from the Challenge booklist (5 books can be the children’s choice).

A copy of all the booklists can be found online at [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc) under “Books”. The classroom teachers have a printed list of the books too. An adult (teacher or parent) must sign a paper record to confirm the participant has read each book. This record must be available to school staff in order to verify the books that have been read. The student is responsible for keeping an online record of his/her reading on the Reading Challenge website. Many of the books listed for the Challenge are available in Home Reading boxes, our School Library or in the local library.

Students who meet the Challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement from the Premier and have their names published in The Age newspaper’s Honour Roll (only with parental permission). If you require further information about the Premiers’ Reading Challenge, please visit [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)

Completing the Challenge is a very achievable goal for all our students.
EASTER

Easter is Christianity’s most ancient and important yearly feast. By the 3rd century a preparatory season of forty days — Lent — was joined to this holy time.

What do these seasons celebrate?

Easter celebrates the death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, “powerful in word and deed”, who was seized and crucified by his enemies during the Passover feast in Jerusalem. On Easter morning he rose from the dead, appearing to his followers and assuring them of God’s favor. Easter recalls these events yearly.

A New Passover

From the outset Christians recognized God’s hand in what happened. Early on Jesus’ followers, taught by the Risen Lord himself, interpreted his death and resurrection in the light of the Exodus story. “Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed.” (1 Corinthians 5:7)

The ancient Jewish Pasch was fulfilled in Christ. The lamb sacrificed by the Jews in Egypt was a sign from God of their redemption from slavery. Jesus’ sacrificed life now offered all people an escape from death and a way to freedom.

Jesus, a new Moses, would lead a new people, his church, through desert trials to a heavenly kingdom. On their journey he offered them the water of eternal life and bread from heaven. He would be with his church always.

Believe and be baptized

“Believe and be baptised” was the message his disciples announced to people throughout the world. Their stories of Jesus’ life and teaching, the “Good News” that was his gospel, brought people everywhere to believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and Redeemer. And they baptised those who believed in water and the Holy Spirit.

Today Lent and Easter are times for hearing the “Good News” once more and celebrating the sacraments that are signs of the power of Christ’s death and resurrection. They remind us of our great journey with Christ. Once more these seasons call us to believe and recall our baptismal life.

The Roman Catholic Church celebrates the Lenten season from Ash Wednesday to the Mass of Holy Thursday. The Easter feast is celebrated from Holy Thursday evening till Easter Sunday, then through the Easter season which lasts till the feast of Pentecost.
PARISH LENTEN PRAYER
During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be conducted at 7.30pm every Friday in Corpus Christi Church. All welcome

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.
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. (Please note new date)

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.

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

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.

A TIME FOR EVERYTHING!
For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

All God of the seasons, you believe in us, you enrich us,
you entrust us with the freedom to choose life.
For all this we are grateful. Amen
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.

END OF TERM ONE ARRANGEMENTS
Term One will conclude for students on Friday 30th March at 12:30pm. A note detailing how your child will travel home (collected by parent, walk or ride) has been sent home.
We will conduct our End of Term Assembly at 9.30am followed by our Holy Week Paraliturgy at 11.45am in the Hall. Parents most welcome to attend.

CORPUS CHRISTI 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.

The next General meeting of our Corpus Christi Parents’ Association will take place on
Thursday 3rd May 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.

2012 CORPUS CHRISTI PARENTS' ASSOCIATION
Special thanks to our 2012 Executive for their efforts during Term One. Greatly appreciated.
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

Corpus Christi Parents Association
Important Dates to Remember

May
Wednesday 9th - Mothers Day Stall.
Thursday 10th – Mothers Day Breakfast.

June
Friday 15th – Disco.

August
TBA – School-a-thon fundraiser.
Wednesday 29th – Fathers Day Stall.
Thursday 30th – Fathers Day Breakfast.

September
Monday 17th – Footy Fun Day
CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH EDUCATION BOARD

The next meeting of the Corpus Christi Parish School Education Board will be our General Meeting to be held on THURSDAY 14 June at 9.00am.

Hope to see new and familiar faces there to ensure the ongoing success of our Parish Education Board.

A number of vacancies currently exist on the Corpus Christi Education Board. Interested parents can contact Mr Lucardie to express their interest in participating on the Parish Education Board.

The function of the Parish Education Board is:

- 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.

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

FEES

Thank you to all families for your continued financial support.

Families who have not met their financial commitments and have not contacted the School Office will be contacted to discuss their situation.

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT FEES COMMITMENTS ARE MET OR CONTACT WITH THE SCHOOL OFFICE IS MADE TO ASSIST US WITH OUR BUDGETTING AND FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS. Thank you.

CORPUS CHRISTI 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.

Lost property will be situated inside the Atrium.

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

REMEMBER “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 Thank you to Ivanna Maiorana, Tracey Ward and Marie Keirs for their assistance this week whilst Leonie was unavailable. Great efforts. Much appreciated.

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.

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).
**Extend After School Care at Corpus Christi Primary School**

What's on next week?
A recap from the Team Leader:
“Last week at After School Care we were busy as can be, despite us approaching the end of Term 1! Students are still energetic and enthusiastic which is fantastic to see. We enjoyed hand painting as well as various games with the new grip balls at our program. Students really had a blast playing dodge ball against staff members!”
- Ayse

Our stars for the past fortnight are:
Christian N. for being a woderful role model to other students at After School Care.
Wennie L. for listening to instructions and painting a wondaerful picture.

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**2012 TERM DATES**

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School Holiday Program enrolments now open at a location near you!

Friday 30 March – Monday 16 April
(dates vary according to location)

We have heaps of jam-packed activities and incursions ranging from a Jungle Party to Easter crafts. Visit the Extend website at extend.com.au for locations, program timetables, enrolment forms, and activity descriptions.

Enrolments close Friday 16 March – book now to avoid disappointment.

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**enrolment hotline**

Phone our friendly customer service staff on: 1300 366 437

www.extend.com.au
Week Seven of the CASEA Program focuses on Negotiation and Cooperation. The session aims to help children develop skills in negotiating so that they learn to choose solutions where both their own and other people’s needs are met. This session continues to focus on the importance of sharing, turn-taking, cooperation, and friendly behaviours.

All children in Grades Prep to Six will participate in classroom activities that focus on how to cooperate and negotiate solutions that meet everyone’s needs.

This term also marks the end of the CASEA class activities for the year. The whole school will continue to use the CASEA strategies when managing out emotions. Next term we will be running a small group Program with invited students and families that involves the CASEA Cool Tools and helpful ways to express our feelings. We also aim to run the parent session “How to Get My Child to Do What I Want” again for interested families.

Thanks to all children and teachers for participating in the CASEA activities this term.

Friday March 16th was National NO BULLY! Day. Students and Staff acknowledged the day by discussing how to stand up to bullying and not to be a bystander when you see bullying! Each student decorated a cut out of their hand print and wrote what they would do to STOP bullying at our school. All the handprints were joined together to create the word STOP! More info http://www.bullyingnoway.com.au