OPENING MASS AND SCHOOL LEADERS

We celebrated our Opening Mass yesterday to start our liturgical celebrations for 2017. Our Year 6 students were given their leadership badges and also recited the leadership pledge to the community that they had written themselves. We also presented our new Kindergarten children with their own holding cross as a tactile reminder for our young children to say a simple prayer each day. It was lovely to see many parents at Mass.

Thank you to Fr Bernard who celebrated Mass for us and to the teachers who assisted with the preparations.
CORPUS CHRISTI APP
The Corpus Christi APP is up and running. My thanks to Adrian Pulley for efforts behind the scenes to iron out as many bugs as possible before we went live. We have seen a positive response from parents and a high level of take up. We are interested in feedback, so let us know what you think.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Starting from next week, we will only produce the school newsletter every second week. That means in odd weeks this term, the newsletter, more or less in its current form, will be emailed home. Every alternate week (even weeks this term), we will post ‘Corpus Catch Up’ on the school website. This will mainly include details about coming events as well as weekly student awards. There will also be links to articles, reports and photos that have been posted on our website by the teachers and students that highlight student learning and special achievements in the school. We will trial this over coming weeks to determine readership responses or changes in patterns of use and we will then decide if this format will continue into Term 2.

CLASS PARENTS
Thanks to all those who have already responded to the class parent survey through google doc. We will start to collate these as soon as we can and distribute the information to those who have volunteered to be a class parent for 2017. If you haven’t replied yet and wish to be included on the class parent contact list for your child’s class please follow the link attached and complete both the first and second sections. [https://goo.gl/forms/A1f7kRXtdUwyujhz1](https://goo.gl/forms/A1f7kRXtdUwyujhz1)

CLASS PARENT & VOLUNTEERS MEETING
A meeting for all class parents and volunteers will be held on Monday 13th February at 9.15am straight after assembly in the All Purpose Room. It will be an opportunity to hear about the role of class parents and volunteers and to hear how parents can assist in classrooms, as well as updates around privacy, communication and our new App!!
Canteen Update
Thank you to those who have offered to be part of the new canteen team for 2017.
The canteen will open for over-the-counter-sales of ice-blocks for the children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 on Friday 17th February when the rest of the school are at the swimming carnival. It will give the chance for the littlies to buy with many less children about.
The first day of full canteen service will be on Tuesday 21st February at this stage. Please check for updates in next week’s ‘Corpus Catch Up’.

Staff Development Day: Friday 10th February:
This Friday 10th February is a pupil free day at Corpus Christi as we conduct the Mathematical Assessment Interviews (MIA) with each child. By now all parents should have an interview time.

Each interview takes about 30 - 40 minutes and the children are free to go home when their interview is finished. The children don’t need to bring anything with them, other than a water bottle and they don’t need to wear school uniform.

If your child is assessed this week prior to the MAI day, parents will be advised before Friday.

Bush Dance Saturday Night 11th February
The RSVPs for the bush dance are looking very healthy and it promises to be a great night. The P&F are looking for anyone who could assist to set up and assist with clean up afterwards. Please email corpuschristipf@gmail.com to help out.
We have been asked to leave the carpark in front of the church free for parishioners who will be attending 6pm Mass. The school car park will be available for parking, but please exercise extra caution as excited children will be about.

Parent & Teacher Information Night: Wednesday 15th February
The information night for parents will be held on Wednesday 15th February. There will be two sessions to allow parents to get to more than one classroom. The presentation in the first session is repeated in the second session.

Kindergarten to Year 4: (repeat sessions)
Session One - 6.45pm to 7.15pm
Session Two - 7.15pm to 7.45pm

Year 5 and Year 6:
A one hour session 6.15 - 7.15pm

The teachers will outline the teaching and learning plans and general classroom organisation for the term. Teachers will address ways parents can assist their child to settle into their new class. There will be opportunities for you as parents to ask general questions.

At the parent information meeting, parents will be given a questionnaire about your child and you are asked to write down anything that the teachers might find helpful for teaching your child. Please complete the questionnaire and return it to your child’s teacher.

The questionnaire also has a space for you indicate if you would like a preliminary interview. This interview is an opportunity for you to talk to your child’s teacher about anything you think might help the teacher. It is a little early in the year for teachers to give you anything other than general information about students’ learning at this stage, as teachers are still very much in the stages of gathering data about your child’s learning behaviours.

Interviews for those who request them will be held in coming weeks. Teachers will confirm interview times with parents.
P&F GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday 15th February
Following the Information sessions – please come along to the Parents & Friends Association meeting in the Library at 8pm. The teachers will be introduced to help everyone put a name to the faces you see on the playground. New parents to Corpus Christi are particularly welcome.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL: Friday 17th February
The school swimming Carnival is Friday 17th February at Pymble Pool. Permission notes and events selection have been mostly returned.

ISDA DEBATING
The teams have been selected for the ISDA debating. The competition starts on Friday 24th February with the first debate being at Brigidine as a ‘home’ debate. We are entering 2 teams into this premier debating competition as the junior school of Brigidine College.

STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION WED 8TH MARCH TO FRI 10TH MARCH
Year 5 and Year 6 students will travel to Canberra in early March as part of their History unit on Australian Government and the Nation’s capital. Students will visit Parliament House, The War Memorial and Questacon as well as other places of interest and learning. Additional details about the upcoming excursion will be made available at the Stage 3 Parent Information Night next week, Wednesday 15th February at the earlier starting time of 6.15pm in Room 12.

STUDENT & FAMILY DETAILS VALIDATION FORMS & PERMISSION FORMS
Every family should have received an envelope containing the Student & Family Details Validation Forms & Permission Forms. This package includes:
- Student & Family Details Validation forms
- Internet User agreements*
- Local area walking permission note
- Photography permission note

These forms need to be completed and returned to school as soon as possible. If your family doesn’t receive them, please contact the office and we will ensure the forms are sent home. If you have any questions, please call the office

*INTERNET USER AGREEMENTS
Every student will be sent home an Internet User Agreement that needs to be read and explained to the children by parents. Children in Years 3 to 6 are also expected to sign the agreement. With children in Kindergarten to Year 2, while students can sign, we recommend parents are to sign on their behalf. There is also a separate Internet User Agreement for parents to sign. Children will be limited in their use of computers until the signed user agreements are returned to the class teacher.

Some ‘Back to School’ Reminders:

This week we have included information about many organisational aspects of school life. We suggest that you print off this week’s newsletter and keep the information handy.

SCHOOL RULES
We only have three school rules:
- Respect for Self and Others
- Respect Learning
- Respect for the Environment
KEEPING KIDS HEALTHY
At the start of the school year it is useful to get into healthy routines that ensure your child can make the most of their day at school:
- Arriving at school at around 8.30am every day to ensure children have a settled start to the day
- Healthy morning tea & lunch
- Good sleep routines and regular early nights on school days
- Water bottles for the children to drink throughout the day
- Fresh fruit or vegies for ‘Crunch & Sip’
- Regular and thorough hand washing practices
- Having the school hat everyday
- Application of sunscreen every morning

STUDENT ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL
If your child is going to be absent please contact the front office before 9.30am. You can email or phone the school in the morning when your child is going to be absent from school. When the child returns to school following any absence, they need to bring a signed note explaining their absence for their class teacher.

SICKNESS
If your child becomes ill with a gastric infection, please note that NSW Health Dept recommend the child does not return to school until 48 hours after the last ‘gastric episode’. This is to try to minimise the spread of such infections. Similarly, if your child has a bad cold/cough, keep them at home until they have fully recovered as it minimises the spread of infection. Ensure that when your child returns, they are ready and able to learn.

It is also important to be considerate of members of the school community that may be immune supressed and we wish to ensure their welfare.

ASTHMA
If your child has ever had an episode of asthma, the school needs to be provided with an Asthma Plan on the official appropriate ASCIA form which must be signed by your GP. Please send this paperwork to the front office as soon as possible.

ANAPHYLAXIS
If your child has been diagnosed as having severe allergic reactions and/or anaphylaxis, the school needs to be provided with an Anaphylaxis Plan on the official appropriate ASCIA form which must be signed by your GP. This would include directions for the administration of the Epipen® or antihistamine.

Due to the high incidences of children who attend this school having severe allergies to nuts of any sort, we strive to be a nut free school. We appreciate vigilance in sending nut free foods to school. If you have any inquiries about sending in food for birthday celebrations – please contact the class teacher.

ALLERGIES
If your child has been diagnosed as having allergic reactions of any kind, the school needs to be provided with an Allergy Plan on the official appropriate ASCIA form which must be signed by your GP. This would include directions for the administration of antihistamine or topical skin creams.

MEDICATION POLICY
We are not permitted to administer any medication (prescription or over-the-counter) to children without written/signed permission from the parent. This has been the regulation for some time in NSW. If your child needs any medication at school regularly or occasionally or one off, we must have your written permission which includes the dose and the time the medication is to be administered.
All medication must be in the original packaging that included dosage instructions. If your doctor indicates that medication is to be administered by the office staff during the school day, written instructions must be provided by the doctor. This must be given to the Office Staff with the medication before going to class.
Students are not permitted to self-administer any medications during the day and all medications must be stored in the school office.

If you have any items for the newsletter, please send to ccsi@dwb.catholic.edu.au by Tuesday 12 noon
LEAVE FOR STUDENTS
Government regulations about student attendance state that if you are planning to take your child/children out of school for any period of time more than 10 school days, you must seek permission for leave to be granted by the school principal. This permission must be sought prior to the student’s absence. If the leave is approved, you will be granted an exemption that authorises your absence for that specified time. If you have any questions about this, please contact the school office.

PUNCTUALITY
It is very important that children arrive at school well in time for the first bell at 8.45am. Lateness to school is distressing for children if they are arriving after the rest of the class has started for the day. It also disrupts teaching time. Occasionally we can all be caught short and have one of those mornings where everything seems to go wrong, but these need to be the exception not the rule! Children who regularly miss the start of each day cumulatively miss out on learning at the peak times.

Any child arriving after **8.45am** must be accompanied to the front office by their parents and be signed in.

Just a reminder that all visitors who enter the school during the day for any reason, parents, grandparents included, must sign in at the school office.

PRIVACY LAWS
Privacy laws prevent us from providing information about any student to anyone other than the child’s parent. Standard Collection Information outlines how the Catholic Schools Office manages any information about your child as well as how they respond to agencies such as the Commonwealth Government’s requests for information.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
We are delighted to see the children returning to school looking so smart. We hope this excellent start continues. During the term we will focus on school uniforms as part of our school rules initiative.
- School uniforms need to be clean and in good repair
- White sports shoes are preferred
- Black school shoes should be polished often
- The broad brimmed blue school hat with crest are compulsory
- The child’s name must be written clearly inside the crown of the hat
- New hats can be purchased from the uniform shop
- Girls hair need to be tidy and if longer than shoulder length, needs to be tied back with blue or white ribbons/scrunchies
- Boy’s hair must be shorter than collar length and undercuts are to be avoided
- All students need a raincoat

All children’s belongings need to be clearly marked with the child’s name.

LOST PROPERTY
There is no Lost Property box at school.
All labelled items will be returned to their rightful owners. These include jackets, hats, lunch boxes and drink bottles. Anything is not labelled will be recycled or handed to the Uniform Shop for re-sale.

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS
School Phone Numbers: **9988 3135**
School Mobile **0417 880 256**
Email address: ccsi@dbb.catholic.edu.au
COMMUNICATING WITH TEACHERS

If you need to speak to your child’s class teacher there are a number of ways you do this:
- Write a brief note to the teacher
- Drop into the front office and ask for a message to be passed onto the teacher
- Phone the office and a message will be passed onto the teacher
- Send a brief email to the teacher — but understand they probably won’t reply until the end of the school day
- Please appreciate that emails sent to teachers after 5.30pm will be answered the following day
- For older children, write a note in their diary

Please do not speak to the teacher as the class is getting underway in the morning. The teachers need to give all the children their undivided attention at this time and get the morning’s instruction underway.

DRIVE THRU/KISS N’ DROP

‘Drive thru’ assists families to pick up children after school without having to park the car — but the guidelines do need to be strictly adhered to.

- Clearly display family name on the sun visor (if you need a name card, contact the office)
- Drivers must remain in the vehicle at all times
- Enter ‘drive thru’ zone three cars at a time as directed and come to a complete stop in one of the three marked drive thru bays.
- Do not overtake vehicles in ‘drive thru’
- Children to enter the vehicle from the passenger side only
- If you need longer to load the children and their belongings into the car, you must park the car in the bays opposite ‘drive thru’
- Please take extra care as children are around

In addition:
- Inform anyone else who collects your children from ‘Drive Thru’ of the guidelines
- Exit speed from the driveway onto the slipstream is 5km/hour
- Watch for pedestrians.
- Observe the 40 km/hr school zone in Link Rd (8am – 9.30 & 2.30 – 4pm)

Please note that no parents/grandparents/carers are permitted to drive into the school car park during the school day.

LINK RD KIDS

Link Rd Kids continues to offer quality care for children before and after school. For registration or any information please contact 0423 260 666

RESTRICTED VEHICLE ENTRY TO SCHOOL GROUNDS

To ensure the safety of all students, parents are only permitted into the school car park on regular school days before 7am and after 6pm.

Principal
Religious Education

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening School Mass
Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents and friends who were able to share this celebration with us yesterday. What a wonderful way to start our school year. We welcomed our Kindergarten students and our Year 6 students were inducted as leaders of our school.

Sacramental Program – RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING
The first parent meeting will take place on Thursday 16th February at 7:30pm in the Church. If you have any questions please contact parish Sacramental Coordinator Kathy Lee at sacraments@corpuschristi.com.au.

Katie McDermott
Religious Education Coordinator
Katie.mcdermott@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Book Club News

Welcome to our Corpus Christi readers for 2017!

Check the backpacks for the first edition of Book Club.

For those who are new to the school or ordering for the first time, please follow the simple LOOP ordering system found in the brochure.

You just need to have a browse of the Book Club brochure and order/pay online. Your goodies will then be delivered to you within two weeks via your child’s multi-talented backpack.

All purchases earn the school points that are then used to purchase more books for our library - win/win!

Stephanie and Georgie
Book Club Co-ordinators

If you have any items for the newsletter, please send to ccsi@dbb.catholic.edu.au by Tuesday 12 noon
The school library system “Destiny” is available at [http://destiny.dbb.org.au/](http://destiny.dbb.org.au/) Students in Year 3-6 can search for books in the library catalogue, read and write reviews and recommend books to each other.

- Click on St Ives
- Save to your favourites.
- Click on catalogue or
- Click on Destiny Quest

Destiny Quest is also available as a free App for iPhone or iPad. Simply download the App and enter the URL [http://destiny.dbb.org.au/](http://destiny.dbb.org.au/)

- Choose St Ives
- Enter your username and password or explore as a guest if you do not have a password yet.

**Help wanted**

Thanks to the parents who have already emailed me. **If you are already on my email list and are happy to continue helping there is no need to contact me.** Book covering can be done at home and you do not need to commit to shelving books every week, any help at all is appreciated. Please email me at penny.delmane@dbb.catholic.edu.au. Toddlers are always welcome in the library. Shelving help is needed on Tuesdays from 2.10pm

Penny Delmage
Teacher Librarian
B a n d  N e w s

Band Enrolments Due!
Welcome to all our new band members. Lessons for all band members commenced this Monday (Feb 6) and we have had a good influx of new students. There are still vacancies left to learn the following instruments in 2017:
*Percussion
*Trumpet
*Flute
*Euphonium
If your child is interested in taking up an instrument in the band for 2017 and you have not yet enrolled please contact Teaching Services Australia on 9651 7333 or email enrolments@teachingservices.com.au. You can also enrol online at www.teachingservices.com.au.

E x t r a - C u r r i c u l a r  P r o g r a m s

Helen O’Grady Drama Academy—www.helenogrady.com.au
SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2017
The 2017 swimming carnival is next Friday 17th February at Ku-ring-gai Fitness and Aquatic Centre, Pymble.

The permission note (Part A) and the online google entry form (Part B) are now overdue. Please ensure both have been completed ASAP.

We are also in need of some more parent volunteers to assist on the day, as well as two parents who are able to transport the shade tents to the pool. If you're able to help please let us know as soon as possible.

Laura Bahri (Sport Coordinator)

Standard Collection Notice

1 The school and the Diocese both independently and through its schools collects personal information, including sensitive information about students and parents or guardians before and during the course of a student’s enrolment at the school. This may be in writing or in the course of conversations. The primary purpose of collecting this information is to enable the school to provide schooling to students enrolled at the school, exercise its duty of care, and perform necessary associated administrative activities, which will enable students to take part in all the activities of the school.

2 Some of the information we collect is to satisfy the school’s legal obligations, particularly to enable the school to discharge its duty of care.

3 Laws governing or relating to the operation of schools require certain information to be collected and disclosed. These include education, public health and child protection laws.

4 Health information about students is sensitive information within the terms of the Australian Privacy Principles under the Privacy Act. We may ask you to provide medical reports about your child from time to time.

5 If we do not obtain the information referred to above, we may not be able to enrol or continue the enrolment of your son/daughter.

6 The school may disclose personal and sensitive information for educational, administrative and support purposes. This may include:
   • Other schools and teachers at those schools
   • government departments and agencies
   • the Catholic Schools Office
   • the Catholic Education Commission NSW
   • the Diocese of Broken Bay and its parishes
   • medical practitioners
   • people providing educational, support and health services to the school, including specialist visiting teachers, sports coaches, volunteers, counsellors and providers of learning and assessment tools
   • assessment and educational authorities, including the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority
   • people providing administrative and financial services to the school
   • anyone you authorise the school to disclose information to
   • anyone to whom the school is required or authorised to disclose the information to by law, including child protection laws
7 Personal information collected from students is regularly disclosed to their parents or guardians. On occasions information such as academic and sporting achievements, student activities and similar news is published in school newsletters, magazines and on our website. This may include photographs and videos of pupil activities such as sporting events, school camps and school excursions. The school will obtain permissions annually from the pupil’s parent or guardian (and from the student if appropriate) if we would like to include such photographs or videos (or other identifying material) in our promotional material or otherwise make this material available to the public such as on the internet.

8 Parents may seek access to personal information collected about them and their son/daughter by contacting the school. Older students may also seek access to personal information about themselves. However, access may be refused in certain circumstances such as where access would have an unreasonable impact on the privacy of others, where access may result in a breach of the school’s duty of care to the student, or where students have provided information in confidence. Any refusal will be notified in writing with reasons, if appropriate.

9 The school from time to time engages in fundraising activities. Information received from you may be used to make an appeal to you. It may also be disclosed to organisations that assist in the school’s fundraising activities solely for that purpose. We will not disclose your personal information to third parties for their own marketing purposes without your consent.

10 If you provide the school with the personal information of others, such as doctors or emergency contacts, we encourage you to inform them that you are disclosing that information to the school and why.

11 The school may use online or ‘cloud’ service providers to store personal information and to provide services to the school that involve the use of personal information, such as services relating to email, instant messaging and education and assessment applications. Some limited personal information may also be provided to these service providers to enable them to authenticate users that access their services. This personal information may reside on a cloud service provider’s servers which may be situated outside Australia. Further information about the school’s use of online or ‘cloud’ service providers is contained in the school’s Privacy Policy.

12 The Diocesan Schools System Privacy Policy sets out how to make a complaint about a breach of privacy and how the school will deal with such a complaint.
Netball News

Netball Registration
To all Netballers wishing to register to play or if you are after more information regarding the upcoming Netball season please be advised that we are holding registrations at 2.45pm Thursday (tomorrow) afternoon on 'The Deck'. We will also be holding our Corpus Christi Netball Club AGM on Wednesday 22nd February, 2017 for any parents wishing to take on a position on the Netball committee for the upcoming season. Please email me at tim@rwns.com.au or give me a call on 0403 902 392 if you are after more information on the AGM.

Tim O’Halloran
CCNC President

Soccer News

SOCCER REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN (U6-U12 Mixed & O35 Men’s) AND WILL CLOSE ON THURSDAY MARCH 10TH @ www.myfootballclub.com.au (see below for details). Early Bird Pricing available until FEBRUARY 26TH!

The soccer season will kick off on April 1st and will run through to late August. Soccer games are also held every first and last Saturday of any holidays, with just the middle Saturday considered a break.

Team nominations are due to the NSFA on March 11th so the sooner we start the registration process, the better!

For all parents unfamiliar with soccer, Junior Mixed (boys and girls) games are held on Saturdays around the north shore area and soccer practice typically takes place one day a week, straight after school.

Coaching is usually done by very kind parent volunteers (or family members) who have agreed to take on their child’s team so flexibility is required and very much appreciated. A grassroots’ training program will be provided to the coaches prior to the start of the season and a weekly program with tips re drills etc. is sent out via email.

Every Junior team will require a coach and a manager, so please do send an email now to cchawks10@gmail.com if you would be keen or happy to help out. These roles are very rewarding and we can’t do it without your help 😊.

There is also an Over 35 men’s team – registration process is the same as for the Junior players. We had gauged the interest in setting up an All Women’s team, but given lack of interest, there won’t be one in 2017.

Girls who play netball are most welcome to join the soccer club as well! Special times can be requested from the NSFA in order to facilitate girls attending both games on Saturdays. Friends attending other schools are also welcome to join the club.

We hope that the information will be helpful and look forward to another great year of soccer!

Kind regards,
Corpus Christi Soccer Club
Emma Kerdic & Carole Neese