From the Principal

Father Greg Homeming
No doubt you are now aware that Fr Greg has been appointed the Bishop of Lismore by Pope Francis. Father Greg will be installed as the Bishop in Lismore on Wednesday 22nd February. The Parish has planned a farewell brunch this Sunday following the 10.00 am Mass in the school grounds – with food served on the deck. For many of our community it will be the last time we see Fr Greg celebrating Mass at Corpus Christi for a while.

I wish to acknowledge and thank Fr Greg for all that he has given the school community over many years. His ability to relate to the children in his homilies has been both powerful and heartfelt. He communicates with adults on an extraordinary level too. He has always been a very strong supporter of our school. He will be missed not only by the St Ives Carmelite community, but also by the parish and the school community as well.

Please keep Fr Greg in your prayers at this significant time in his ordained life.

BUSH DANCE
Despite the incredible heat – the Corpus community showed yet again that we have what it takes to handle the toughest of conditions in the pursuit of a great time!! It was an extraordinary night!! Yes it was hot, very hot, but that didn't dull the energy or the spirit. It was wonderful to see so many people who came along to have some fun, meet other families and also support the work of the P&F and the wider school. Estimates based on the amount of pizza consumed would suggest about 250 people came along.

The Bush Band - Ducks on the Pond certainly generated a great atmosphere and the children joined in the dances with gusto!! Having said that – the P&F Exec thought of everything and the Chill Out Room was popular too!!

Congratulations to the P&F Exec and helpers for a well-planned night. Particular thanks to Cam, Jane, Tania, David and Rob for all their efforts. The team were here most of the day in pretty awful conditions setting up as well as cleaning up at the end of the night. Thanks also to Adrian Pulley for his efforts in organising the band and helping with setup.
CLASS PARENTS
Thanks to all those who have volunteered to be a class parent for 2017. Teachers will talk about the role and you can still volunteer if you wish. At this stage most classes have at least 1 volunteer for class parent. A huge thank you to all those who have put up their hand to assist the teachers this year.

CANTEEN UPDATE
Thank you to those who have offered to be part of the new canteen team for 2017.
**Friday 17th February:** Canteen will open for over-the-counter sales of ice-blocks for the children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2.
**Tuesday 21st February:** Full canteen service recommences and will continue on Tuesday and Fridays providing there is enough support and helpers.

COMING EVENTS

PARENT & TEACHER INFORMATION NIGHT: Wednesday 15th February
The information night for parents is tonight.

There are 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

P&F GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday 15th February
Following the Information sessions – please come along to the Parents & Friends Association meeting in the All Purpose Room at 8pm and put a name to the faces of our teaching staff. New parents to Corpus Christi are particularly welcome.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL: Friday 17th February
The school swimming carnival is for all students in Year 3 to Year 6 as well as 8 year olds in Year 2 who have chosen to participate. Permission notes and events selection have been mostly returned. Many thanks to all those who volunteered to help on the day. Please note buses will leave the school at 8.45am. All students attending the carnival must arrive at school by 8.30am.

ISDA DEBATING
ISDA debating competition starts on Friday 24th February with the first debate being at Brigidine as a ‘home’ debate.

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, 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 at the earlier starting time of 6.15pm in Room 12.

NEWSLETTER AND CORPUS CATCH UP
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 if readership responses or changes to patterns of use and we will then decide if this format will continue into Term 2.
STUDENT & FAMILY DETAILS VALIDATION FORMS & PERMISSION FORMS
Every family should have received an envelope containing the Student & Family Details Validation Forms & Permission Forms.

About 70% of these forms have been returned. The information is required for a number of reasons and it would greatly assist the office staff if these forms could be returned to school as soon as possible.

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 and parents are to countersign on the back.
♦ 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.

Principal

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Religious Education

Pope Francis @Pontifex · 13h
It is good to know the Lord takes on the burden of our fragilities and patiently gets us back on our feet with the strength to start over.

Ash Wednesday – Wednesday 1st March
In two weeks’ time we will mark the commencement of the Lenten Season with our Ash Wednesday Mass 9:15am (Years 3-6) and Liturgy 11:20am (K-2). All parents and families are invited to share in these celebrations.

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

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Sports News

SWIMMING CARNIVAL THIS FRIDAY
We are looking forward to a wonderful day of friendly competition at the swimming carnival on Friday. If any parents who are free to help out with a job on the day please let us know. A reminder that students will be travelling to the pool via bus so please ensure they arrive at school by 8.30am.

Students will need to bring their recess, lunch, healthy snacks, a refillable water bottle, swimmers, towel, cap, goggles, and sunscreen and a hat. It is predicted to be a warm sunny day and children will be expected to wear a t-shirt when they are in the stands and not racing.

Please let the office know if you’re able to transport the shade tents to the carnival for us.

Laura Bahri (Sport Coordinator)
The Annual Soccer Boot Swap is on again!

There will be a soccer boot swap outside the second-hand uniform shop on **Wednesday mornings starting from 22 February.**

If you have any second-hand boots that are clean and in good condition, drop them off and exchange them (where possible). Any left-overs can go to our new kindy players or to charity.

We will be available during this time to assist children who need boots fitted.

**Early Bird Registration Reminder**


Regards,

Emma Kerdic & Carole Neese

Corpus Christi Soccer Club Committee
Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for canteen duty next week. At this point we require parent assistance to co-ordinate the canteen including rostering and ordering. We require parent input to sustain operations two days a week. Please contact Cris Jesperson if you are able to help co-ordinate on a regular basis.

Please SMS to Cris Jesperson @ 0431 347084

OPEN DAY
TUESDAY 14TH MARCH, 2017
9am - 11am

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2018

Everyone is welcome to visit the school for our 2017 Open Day.

☆ Year 6 students will be giving tours of the school
☆ Open Classrooms
☆ Enrolment packs available