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Dear Parents and Children,

*Lord, we often fail to see the goodness in ourselves
Help us to realise we are made in your image:
That we have a capacity to know how to love:
That our knowledge can lead us to wisdom which
Will grow in us if we believe in you,
trust in you and seek our guidance and strength from you.*

*Help us Lord, to carry out decisions – no matter how small.
May these decisions help us to take another step forward,
Or help us to help another to take a step,
which will bring out personal growth and commitment to others.
May we see that what we do is a part of your plan for us.
Amen*

Tonight's the Night! Our Parent/Teacher Information evening takes place in a few hours and will be repeated over two identical sessions.

Session 1: 7.00 pm – 7.30pm Session 2: 7.30 pm – 8pm

Each teacher will outline class aims, expectations and routines. This is your opportunity to meet your child/ren's teacher/s, ask clarifying questions and become connected to your child's learning. You will also be asked to book in a time to speak with your child's teacher during the following week in order for you to express your hopes and expectations for your child during the coming year.

Parents will also be given the opportunity to nominate as class parent. The major focus of this position is to liaise between the class teacher and the other class parents in order to establish an effective community network. Often a number of parents from a particular class will nominate and this assists in lessening the work load. I will be calling a short meeting for class parents within the next two weeks.

Tonight's Parent/Teacher Information evening will be followed by our first P&F meeting for the year, commencing at 8pm in the demountable. Please come along. It is a great opportunity to welcome new parents, meet new friends and become involve in your child's school community.

Two important P&F dates to record in your diaries include the Ice- Breakers evening on Saturday 20 February and the School Fun Fair on Sunday 29 August.

Literacy Workshops k-2

Miss Goudie and I will facilitate a workshop focusing on reading for parents who would like to learn how they can best support young readers. This workshop will be aimed specifically at parents of children in kindergarten to year 2. The workshop will be held on Tuesday 2 March at 9am in the Demountable. The focus will be on

reading strategies to use when hearing children read. It is important to attend this workshop if you wish to assist in the classroom, particularly if you have not attended a similar workshop in the past.

Writing

Class teachers in kindergarten to year 2 will be facilitating workshops in writing for parent volunteers. Class teachers will send out dates in the near future.

I would also like to extend an invitation to all parents to attend our Opening School Mass for the year on Tuesday 16 February at 9:30am. Our new school leaders will be commissioned at this mass and it will be the first opportunity our school community has had to come together and ask God's blessings on our year ahead.

Cybersmart Guide for Families

Along with today's newsletter you will receive a booklet entitled **Cybersmart Guide for Families**. This booklet is produced by the Australian Communications and Media Authority to provide practical advice and information on safe internet use in the home. The aim is to keep children safe when using the internet and ensure that the whole family enjoys a positive internet experience.

Kind Regards

Mrs Fran Taylor
Acting Principal

Religious Education

On Sunday, the Parish Year 6 students came together at the 10am Mass. It was a beautiful celebration of the Eucharist, with students participating in a variety of ways.

Father Peter, in his reflection on Luke's gospel (Luke 5: 1-11), focused on Jesus' invitation to 'be fishers of men'. In a truly inspirational way, he used a fishing rod and tackle box, to demonstrate just what this call could mean each of us in our daily lives.

We learnt that we are invited to show what it is to be a friend of Jesus. The bait's importance is to bring the fish to land, and as 'fishers of men', the bait we use to bring others to Jesus, includes love, friendship, honesty, trust, gratitude and prayer. As followers of Jesus, we too are called to cast our line into the lives of others so they will take the bait. What bait will you cast out to others?

In Week 4, our learning community comes together to celebrate the beginning of another year of learning. Year 6 students and new Staff will be commissioned as leaders of Corpus Christi. And so we extend a heartfelt invitation to you to join us, as we praise God for yet another opportunity to share the gifts he has given us and take up the call to be 'fishers of men'.

School Opening Mass

School Opening Mass will be held on Tuesday 16th February at 9.30am. Parents and extended family are all welcome. Ash Wednesday Mass for Year 3-6 will be held 9.30am, K-2 Liturgy in Classrooms.

Mrs Monica Officer RE Coordinator

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If you have any information that you would like to have published in the newsletter could you please have it sent via email to Gloria Flynn by Tuesday 12 noon. Thank you email: gloria.flynn@dbb.catholic.edu.au

CC PARISH NEWS

Children's Choir

The Parish Children's Choir sang at its first Mass for 2010 on Sunday, and we were lucky enough to be part of the Year 6 Grade Mass. The Choir has members from many schools in the parish, from age 7 up to senior years in high school. It is a wonderful arena for younger members to develop their singing skills and musicality in a supportive, experienced and seriously talented group. We sing at 10am Mass every 1st and 3rd Sunday, and we practise before Mass at 9am. If your children would like to be part of this experience, come along to our next practice, on Sunday 21st February, or ring Patricia Smith 9482 7935

Sacrament of Reconciliation at Corpus Christi Church, St Ives

The second parent (only) information meetings will be held on Thursday 18th February either at 1.30pm or 7.30pm in the Corpus Christi Parish Hall.

Attendance by at least one parent at both sessions is essential. Spare enrolment forms are available from the parish office or foyer of Corpus Christi Church. Any Sacramental program enquiries can be directed to Simone Huttary (Parish Sacramental Coordinator) on 9144 6998.

P and F NEWS

The first P & F General meeting for this year will be held tonight at 8.00pm in the 'new' demountable building immediately following Parent Information sessions. This meeting is a great way to meet the committee for 2010 and to hear about events planned for this year. It is a meeting where you have the chance to comment on, or ask questions about, items on the agenda. If there is something you wish to discuss that is not on the agenda you can have your say during Other Business. If you have anything you wish to discuss but can't get to the meeting please send me an email or give me a call. We would love to see you there.

Upcoming Events --- 'Icebreakers' Saturday Feb 20th - Invitations sent home last Monday.

Michael Woods mob: 0449875993 email: m_woods2@bigpond.com

Canteen

Jane Mimmo 0407 944 071

Due to a poor response for volunteers the canteen will be closed on Mondays until further notice.

**If you can help in the canteen this term, please contact Jane. Thank you
Friday 12th February -**

Swine flu vaccination

Below is important advice from NSW Health in regard to the vaccination for swine flu:

Swine flu activity has dropped significantly in NSW over recent months, but continues to have a heavy impact in many Northern Hemisphere countries. It remains to be seen what the impact in Australia will be as we move into next winter, although an early start to the 2010 influenza season is likely and a resurgence of pandemic influenza activity is possible.

A vaccine is now available to protect adults and children over the age of six months from swine flu. The vaccine, called Panvax[®], has been approved by Therapeutic Goods Administration. NSW Health is encouraging everyone to obtain a free vaccination against this potentially life threatening illness. The Panvax[®] vaccine is available free from most general practitioners and Aboriginal Medical Services. Some community health

centres and council immunisation clinics are also offering the vaccine free of charge. Local public health units can provide more information about how to access Panvax® in your area.

Immunising a high percentage of the school not only protects those individuals who receive the vaccine, but also reduces the chance that any students or staff with a weakened immune system (for whom the vaccine may not work as effectively) will be exposed to the infection. Further information can be obtained through the following links:

NSW Health information about the vaccine:

<http://www.emergency.health.nsw.gov.au/swineflu/vaccination/index.asp>



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN WHO CELEBRATE
THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

MERIT SCHOOL RULE AWARDS

Respect Self and Others: Be inclusive and play by the rules



KK	KF	1L	1/2L
2E	3GS	3/4 L	4M
5/6D	5/6M	5/6O	3/6S

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD	
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LIBRARY AWARD	MUSIC AWARD	SPORTS AWARD

Sport

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A reminder to all students, if you have not returned your permission note and event forms for the swimming carnival please do so as soon as possible. Please hand them into the classroom teacher.

Mrs Laura Bahri Sports Coordinator

Broken Bay Cricket Squad

Congratulations to x & x who were selected for the Boys Cricket team as members of the Diocese of Broken Bay Summer Sports Squad. The Team head to Newcastle on Friday to participate in trials for selection in the Polding cricket team. We wish x & x the best of luck.

Soccer News

We had a terrific start to Registrations on Friday afternoon and Saturday. Thanks to all who braved the weather and thanks to Simone Huttary and Ian Edwards for their assistance on Saturday.

If you didn't make it, there is still plenty of time to register. I can either send you a form or you can pick up a form at the school office, fill it out and return it with payment to the office marked 'soccer'.

Don't forget we supply the shirt and shorts, but if you haven't already got some, you will need to get boots and shin pads. If you wish, you can get them at SPORTF1RST, 204 Mona Vale Rd (Cnr Memorial Ave), just tell them you are with the Hawks and receive 10% off.

Thank you to all those who re registered with the Hawks and welcome to all the new players so far.

If you have any questions regarding this season please email or give me a call. Thanks

Michael Woods: mob. 0449875993 m_woods2@bigpond.com

Netball News



Netball Grading Day is this Saturday, February 13th at the Brigidine School gymnasium.

Every child registered (U9 – U12) is expected to attend so that they are placed in a team of similar skill level.

U10 Arrive by 2.45pm for warm up, number & team positions for a 3pm game

U11 Arrive by 3.30pm for warm up, number & team positions for a 3.45pm game

U12 Arrive by 4.15pm for warm up, number & team positions for a 4.30pm game.

As we do not have sufficient numbers for an U9 team, would those girls who wish to play for the school in that age group please attend the U10 session. Any girl in year 6 who is U11 will need to attend both the U11 and U12 grading.

Please arrive on time as we will not wait for latecomers. Please be understanding if an age group takes a little longer. We are trying to make it as fair as possible for all age groups.

Parking is available on the school grounds. Enter the school via Woodbury road and follow the road straight ahead. Turn right into North Drive which leads to a carpark near the tennis courts. The gymnasium is adjacent to the courts.

Please remind your child that the graders are looking at how your child passes and catches a ball, follows the game and positions herself accordingly. A good player will make the most of any position they are put in.

For all enquires contact: Allison Johnson ajohnson@johnsonapproach.com or Jackie Watts kapiti@tpg.com.au

Library News..

Welcome back to another year of Library. As your new Librarian, I look forward to a wonderful year with the children. I have been made to feel most welcome by the Corpus Christi community.

I have had a few questions from the children regarding the Premiers Reading Challenge. I will provide more information once the school is registered at the beginning of March. Once registered, I can provide the children with passwords to enter their books online. For those children who have already begun you can download a form from <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> and keep a record of the books you have read since September 2009. The website has all the information you need to get started. Please see me if you have any further questions.

I look forward to meeting you soon,
Penny Delmage
Teacher/Librarian

SCHOOL FEES FOR 2010

School fees for 2010 were sent home last week. Please note these fees do not include overnight camps or Band membership fees. If you are applying for Time Payment your application will need to be lodged with the office within the next week.

Student and Family Details

A Student and Family Details Validation form will be sent home in the next couple of days. Please take some time to check the details which we have on our school records and amend any details which are incorrect. Please return all forms with or without changes. Thank you

CLOTHING POOL

CHANGE OF DAY

Clothing Pool will now be open **Wednesday** mornings from **8.30am until 9.15am**. Please feel free to leave any unused clothing in the office or at clothing pool. For those of you new to the school we are located around the corner from the canteen.

Any queries please contact:

Lucy Smith - lucy_ian@optusnet.com.au or Therese Cain - ltcain@optusnet.com.au

BOOKCLUB

All Bookclub orders need to be returned tomorrow – **THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY.**



WE NEED YOUR HELP



From the Learning Support Teacher's desk...

This term we are hoping to continue our early intervention literacy program for Year 1 and Year 2 students. The program runs from 9 – 10 am Monday to Friday, focusing on specific literacy skills including phonics, phonemic awareness, sight word recognition and guided reading strategies. Full training is provided. Volunteers work with each individual student for approximately 20 minutes. If you are able to give up an hour of your time, you will be working with three individual students.

To be a volunteer it is not necessary to be a parent at the school as we welcome all grandparents or any interested family or friends. If you love children, have a passion for learning and would like to meet some interesting people, this is the job for you!

Please indicate your preferred day and return the information to me as soon as possible. A tear off slip is at the end of this newsletter. Thank you for your generosity and commitment.

Mrs Karen Houlcroft – Learning Support Teacher



LEARNING SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS WITH MRS KAREN HOULCROFT

NAME: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____

PREFERRED DAY: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

- 1 Student – 20 minutes a week
- 2 Students – 40 minutes a week
- 3 Students – 60 minutes a week

