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'Follow the way of love, the example of Christ who loved you.'
Ephesians 5:2

Lent is a time for doing special things to show our love for God and each other.

*Dear Father,
Thank you for giving us your Son, Jesus,
Who showed us how to love each other.
We are sorry for the times we have not been kind to others.
Help us to love like Jesus did, especially during Lent
As we prepare to celebrate Easter.
Amen*

Dear parents,

This has been a very busy week in the liturgical life of our school. Today the children in Years 3-6 attended mass to mark the beginning of Lent while the students from K to Year 2 joined together in liturgy. Yesterday the school celebrated the new year at a special welcoming mass for our new students and families and also commissioned our leaders for 2010. I wish to thank Father Peter for leading us in prayer, the staff for preparing the students and especially Mrs Monica Officer for her leadership in organizing these liturgies.

This week many of you have had the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. The feedback from these meetings has been very positive, strengthening the school/ home partnership. It is important for parents to be actively involved in their child's learning that extends beyond the very important nightly reading and drilling of number facts. Last week you will have noticed a new addition to the curriculum newsletter you received. Teachers have added a home link suggesting ways in which you can support your child's learning at home. The challenge is to find learning opportunities that occur in the home each day and turn them into fun experiences, eg have your child help you measure the width of the window you need to buy curtains for, measure the ingredients needed to bake the cake, ask your child to write a note to dad/mum reminding him/her to collect the dry cleaning on the way home from work ... the possibilities are endless but the rewards are great. Happy learning!

Class parents

Over the week parents were given the opportunity to nominate as class parent. The major focus of the position is to liaise between the class teacher and the other class parents in order to establish an effective community network. As you would be aware the information meeting is tomorrow, Thursday at 2:15 in the staff room. Thank you to the parents who have responded. We still require parents for KF, KL, 1/2L, 3MS, 5/6D, 5/6O and 5/6M. If you are considering helping but are not sure, simply drop in to the meeting tomorrow to find out more.

Technology

Mrs Christine McBryde has been appointed the ICLT (Information, Communication, Learning Technology) Coordinator for this year. Already she has been busily liaising with the staff of the Catholic Schools Office to prepare the school for the new technology architecture that is to be rolled out during the next 2 days. As a result of the roll out, the school will not have access to any information, communication technology including computers, internet or emails from this afternoon until next Monday, 22 February. Phone lines are still available. While the student email accounts remain unchanged a notable change is staff email addresses. They have changed to, firstname.surname@dbb.catholic.edu.au. While emails are an effective form of communication with the office, the most efficient form of communication with your child's teacher is still a note handed directly to him or her at the appropriate time in the morning. Due to the demands of the day and the nature of teaching, teachers often do not always have the opportunity to open emails on a daily basis.

Eight interactive white boards will be installed in classrooms next Monday. It is not intended that they will be used to replace the teacher but as a tool to support learning particularly in small groups. The three classrooms without interactive whiteboards will have data projectors available to them.

Canteen

As you are aware, canteen is now available on a Friday only. Jane Mimmo has done a fantastic job over the past few years to keep it open using your support. She is now interested in forming a committee of people who might be interested in offering new ideas to ensure the canteen continues to operated with the possibility to returning to two days a week. At this stage we are calling for expressions of interest to determine whether people (mums, dads, grandparents), are interested in participating in a canteen committee. Please return the tear off strip at the end of the newsletter if you are able to offer support.

Kind Regards

Mrs Fran Taylor
Acting Principal

Religious Education

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, a time when we are invited to focus on Christ, to deepen our relationship with him and to recognise him in others and treat them accordingly. This means we are called to forgive others who have hurt us, which, in itself, is a challenge. However, if we have experienced forgiveness ourselves, it is a challenge that can be met.

In St. Luke's gospel, the parable '*The Prodigal Son*' tells of the unconditional love of a father. It not only reveals God's love of the sinner, but also his loving mercy and that those who are considered 'lost' by others, still hold deep value.

How might we, in our homes and classrooms, respond responsibly to God's call and teach our children the gospel message of forgiveness?

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 tomorrow 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

Thank you to all who came to last Wednesday night's meeting and thanks to all the staff who also attended. It was great to see so many parents and we hope to see as many faces again at the next meeting on Wednesday 10th March 8.00pm.

Don't forget our first event for the year, 'Icebreakers' this Saturday 7.30pm on the deck. I look forward to meeting you on the evening.

Please consider putting your name on the Canteen roster. The children love having Canteen and they love it even more when Mum or Dad are there.

If you have anything you wish to discuss with the P & F please don't hesitate to contact one of us.

Michael Woods ph: 0449 875993 m_woods2@bigpond.com

ICEBREAKERS REMINDER

Please RSVP tomorrow for our Icebreakers function on Saturday night. This year is especially important as our guest of honour is Maryanne Carrick. We need your support to thank her for her wonderful contribution to the school. **The Lucky Door prize is a Villaroy and Boch vase valued at \$300.**

We only have two social functions per year at Corpus and the Icebreakers is a great way to kick off the year; a chance to have dinner and a drink with friends, and the perfect opportunity to warmly welcome the new parents to the school. The forecast is for fine and sunny weather, so we will see you there.

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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 19th February - xxxxxxxx

SCHOOL FEES FOR 2010

School fees for 2010 were sent home two weeks ago. 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 was sent home last week. Please take some time to check the details which we have on our school records and amend any details if necessary. Please return all forms with or without changes. Thank you



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 Week 3	3GS	3/4 L	4M
5/6D	5/6M	5/6O	3/6S

LIBRARY AWARD	MUSIC AWARD	SPORTS AWARD

Sport

ATHLETES WITH A DISABILITY

Students with a disability are able to participate in the various carnivals run by the Diocese. If your child has been classified with one of the following disabilities and wishes to participate in the Cross Country or Athletics carnival at Cluster/Diocesan level, please see the school office for an information pack.

Disability Categories

- a) Functional Disability
- b) Vision Impairment
- c) Hearing Impairment
- d) Intellectual Disability
- e) Transplant

Polding Cricket Selections

Tim Ferrero has been selected to represent NSW CPS Polding at the NSW PSSA Cricket – Boys' State carnival to be held in November. Congratulations and well done on your selection.

Netball News

Thank you to everyone who assisted in our successful grading day on Saturday. The graders commented on how enthusiastic and punctual our girls were on the day. Well done girls!

All girls should now know their teams. We still need a couple of players for our Netta sides (U7 and U8) as well as someone to be Netta co-ordinator. The U11 teams have no reserves so another player in that age group would be good. Volunteers for coaching and managing a couple of the teams is still required. Coaches, please let me know your preferred training day. Jackie Watts kapiti@tpg.com.au

SOCCER NEWS

We still need a few more registrations to complete some teams, so please get your registration forms to the office marked 'Soccer. You can still pick up forms at the office or contact me and I'll email you one.

The KDSA is running a 5 a side winter night comp this season and if any of the mums who played in the summer 5 a side comp would like to enter a team through the club we would love to hear from you

As for the regular season we will be having an information night regarding this season as soon as teams are finalised on an evening yet to be set.

Thank you to Jane Mimmo for putting her hand up for the secretary position. If you wish to be on the committee just give us a call, we would be delighted to have you on board.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the soccer.

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Selena Murray Trust Fund Concert – Brigidine College – Thursday 25th February, 7.30pm

An Evening of Fine Music
All proceeds to the Selena Murray Trust Fund

Thursday 25th February, 7.30pm
Bowie Hall, Brigidine College
(corner of Woodbury Road and Mona Vale Road, St Ives)

Tickets: \$30/\$15

To reserve tickets, phone Patty Bowie 9144 6342 or 0438 813 212 or
Julia Rashbrook 9449 3872 or email jgbowie@hotmail.com by 12th February

VICTORIA JACONO-GILMOVICH | VIOLIN • ELEANOR BETTS | CELLO • LINDSAY GILROY | PIANO

STRELITZIA PIANO TRIO

Strelitzia has come together to present fine music in the classical tradition. Each member of the Trio is a talented musician in her own right and together they will perform a wonderful program. They were awarded the Musica Viva Chamber Music Award in 2009

All three are donating all proceeds of the evening to the Selena Murray Trust Fund.

Lindsay Gilroy, Class of 2000, has initiated this fundraiser for Selena; Lindsay played at the

very first function for Selena in 1999 at the home of Ken and Virginia Anania. She graduated with Honours from the University of Sydney and now holds a Masters Degree as well. She was awarded the University Medal for Music. It will be a wonderful evening of fine music and good company.

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:

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