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*“All that my Father has is mine;
that is why I said that the Spirit will take what I
give him and tell it to you.”*
John 16, 12-15

Dear parents,

Feast of Corpus Christi

Today we celebrated the feast of Corpus Christi. Thank you to Mrs Officer for preparing the liturgy and to Fr Tadgh and the children who led us in prayer. This afternoon our colour house captains, along with our year 6 leaders led a whole school celebration in the form of a games afternoon on the quad. It was wonderful to witness our leaders taking responsibility for younger students.

Last week our SRC captains, year 6 leaders and SRC representatives raised over \$220 for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. The students worked tirelessly along side parents and teachers in the rain, while the student body spent their gold coin on homemade cakes and goodies.

Our School Captains and Vice Captains were also busy this week. On Monday they represented the school at a community event entitled 'Children's Voices for Reconciliation. This is what they had to say:

‘On Monday, our School Captains x and x, and our Vice Captains x and x attended the Children's Voices for Reconciliation event, organised by the Ku-ring-ai Council at Ravenswood College. Students from local schools performed songs and dances representing our indigenous culture. We were also fortunate to hear from a renowned Aboriginal actress, Lillian Crombie, who performed in the movie ‘Australia’. She shared with us her life story and taught us how to sing a nursery rhyme (head, shoulders, knees and toes) in the Aboriginal language. It was a privilege to represent our school at this important event and we all enjoyed ourselves’.
x (School Captain)

Building Update

We take possession of the new building this weekend. As reported last week, the communication system, (phones and intercom) will be transferred on Friday 4th June. The office staff will operate in the new building from Monday 7th June. Thank you to the parents who have offered to help with the move on Monday 7th June or Tuesday 8th June. Mrs Delmage, our librarian, is also seeking help on Wednesday 8th June to collect resources from around the school and centralise them in the library resource room. Unfortunately, the builder has had problems placing our order for new library shelving and as a result, library lessons will take place in the library

but will not be operational for borrowing until next term. If you are available to help, even for a short time, it would be much appreciated.

Congratulations to x, x and xx (1L) on the birth of baby x.

Our prayers and thoughts are with the x and x families on the passing of loved ones. x and x xgrandmother passed away last week and x and x grandfather passed away this week, may they rest in peace.

Kind regards,

Fran Taylor
Acting Principal

Religion Education

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI, THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Our Parish and School Feast day

St Thomas Aquinas, one of the greatest theologians the Church has seen, reminds us in one of his writings that Jesus instituted the sacrament of the Eucharist, His Body and Blood given to us as food under the appearances of bread and wine, as a perpetual memorial of his passion. St Thomas emphasised that the Eucharist was the greatest of the miracles that Jesus worked and he left it as a unique consolation to those who were absolutely desolate at His departure from this world.

The Eucharist is a sacrament that should fill us with wonder. *What we see. Bread and wine taken and given by Jesus so that we may eat and drink.* These human signs have been chosen to demonstrate the everlasting covenant between Jesus and every Christian. We can be touched by him, for he is our food, our bread of life.

What we believe. We are part of the sacrifice on the Cross that Jesus mimed at the Last Supper. In that great sacrifice He gave his life and every drop of his blood for each one of us so that we know that whatever happens in our lives, we are loved by God. At every altar, in every Christian community, for every baptised Christian, the Eucharist reminds us that God is present in our world, and that in this gift we are given life, God's life.

What it is .Our communion with the Body and Blood of Christ is a communion of love. Called to love through our baptism, we are made one with Jesus in the Eucharist, so that we can live and He has lived, and love as He loved. In this sacrament we have the bond between our faith and our lives.

For our parish, for our school, for each one of us, we need look no further than this sacrament to find the nourishment to enable us to grow strong in our faith, bold in our hope and empowered in our love for God and our world.

HAPPY FEAST DAY!

Monica Officer REC

Children's Voices for Reconciliation

On Monday 31st May the school captains attended the Children's Voices for Reconciliation event organised by Ku-ring-gai Council. The event was held at Ravenswood School for Girls. Schools from the local area performed traditional Aboriginal songs and dances. Lillian Crombie, a leading Australian actor was the guest speaker for the event. She taught the audience "Heads and Shoulders" in her Aboriginal language. She was a very humorous speaker and taught us a lot about herself and her culture. It was a fun and entertaining experience that we will never forget.

x (captain) and x (vice-captain)

Positive Behaviour for Learning - PBL

The school rule over the next two weeks is: **Respect for Self and Others** (when using technology)

The behaviours that are being taught are:

“Keep your personal information safe” and **“Be a good cyber citizen.”**

All classes will be engaged in lessons using an online resource called “Hectors World.” Developed by the [Australian Communications and Media Authority](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au), Cybersmart which incorporates “Hectors World” and is part of the Australian Government’s cybersafety program. Cybersmart contains invaluable information to assist parents in becoming informed about cyber safety. The following link will take you to the website. Please make some time to access the site.

<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx>

If you have any questions or queries I am very happy to assist.

Chris McBryde and PBL Team

MERIT SCHOOL RULE AWARDS

PBL RULE - Respect Self and Others: When using Technology

KK	KF	1L	1/2L
2E	3GS	3/4 L	4M
5/6D	5/6M	5/60	3/6S

PE AWARD	LIBRARY AWARD	Music Award



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL CHILDREN WHO CELEBRATE
THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

CCSPORT

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL INFORMATION

The athletics carnival is fast approaching, and the children have been working hard in PE lessons to prepare for the carnival. Just a reminder that the 800m, long jump and high jump events are only open to students aged 8 and over, so those students who are younger and ticked to do one of these events on their permission notes unfortunately will have to wait a couple of years until they are 8 years old. Thank you to the parents who have put their names down to help at the carnival – letters outlining your roles will be sent out on Friday.

SOCCER GALA DAY

On Thursday, weather permitting, we have a large group of students competing at the Soccer Gala Day at Montview Oval, Hornsby Heights. We wish them a fun day, full of teamwork and sportsmanship. Good luck.
Laura Bahri (Sports Coordinator)

Corpus Christi P & F

Just a quick reminder the next P & F General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th June at 7.30pm in the demountable. Following this meeting we will be holding our next Fun Fair meeting so please come along if you have anything you wish to contribute or just to see what is happening around the school, If you have anything you wish discussed at the meeting and can't make, it please let one of the committee members know and we'll add it to the agenda.

Michael Woods

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CC Library

Premiers Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following children for completing the Premiers Reading Challenge: xxxxxxx That is a great effort in a short time!

As we have so many children already finished the Challenge, I will be offering a reading log to those children that would like to continue reading throughout the year. Even if you haven't registered for the Premiers Reading Challenge and you would like to be involved you are most welcome. You will be rewarded with a Bronze Certificate (25 books read- which you will receive soon if you have completed the challenge), a Silver Certificate (50 books read) and a Gold Certificate (100 books read). Please see me in your Library lesson for a reading record if you would like to participate. Keep up the great reading.

Penny Delmage

Teacher/Librarian

Community News

PARISH PLAYGROUP

The Parish Playgroup had its first meeting last Monday and I'm hoping it was due to the bad weather there was a shortage of families.

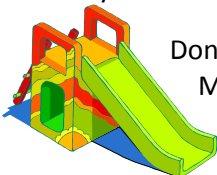
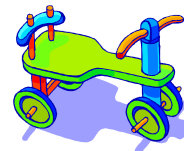
We are slowly starting to get a little structure happening and would love to see more families joining. We request a \$2 donation on the day you attend which will go towards perishables and equipment for the playgroup.

As \$2 doesn't go far these days we are looking for donations from the Parish community to get the playgroup underway. If anybody has any good quality clean toys eg; books, dolls, puzzles, cars, trucks, paper, pencils, mats, rugs, storage boxes or anything age appropriate for 0 – 5 year old children we would be happy to take them off your hands and help de-clutter your home.

Donations can be taken directly to the Parish hall on Thursday 3rd June between 9 – 11am and during next Monday's playgroup 9 – 11.30am.

We hope to see you there. P.S. We need a name! Any suggestions would be wonderful.

Thank you. Xx



Enrolling now for 2011

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2011 are now being taken. Interviews have now commenced. If you need to arrange an interview please do so as soon as possible.

CANTEEN

2E	Friday 4 th June					
1/2L	Monday 7 th June					
1/2L	Friday 11 June					
1L	Monday 14 June					

CC PARISH NEWS

Corpus Christi Church Youth Group Night

Date: Friday 4th June

Time: 6:00 to 8:30pm

Cost: \$5.00

Who: Yr 4 - 6

What: Fun night out with games and pizza.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI – 6TH JUNE

Parish Children's Choir

Parish Children's Choir is very excited about its upcoming 10th Anniversary Concert to be held in the church on Sunday 6th June at 2.30pm. Besides the Choir singing, there will be some wonderful solo performances, on cello, flute, violin, guitar and piano, some old favourites and new music too. As a parish event, everyone is invited, from choir members, ex-choir members, families, friends and the whole parish. No charge, but donations for earthquake victims in Tibet and China will be welcome at Afternoon Tea in the hall afterwards. Don't miss it! Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935

The Parish Council and the Children's Choir would like to invite all Parishioners to celebrate the **Feast of Corpus Christi** and the 10th Anniversary of the Children's Choir on **Sunday 6th June**.

Come along to the Mini Food Fair on the lawn in front of the Church after the 10am Mass with cuisine from several nationalities available for suggested donation of \$5 per head.

There will be food from India, Asia, South Africa, Italy as well as a typical Aussie BBQ.

There will be a **concert held in the church from 2:30pm** followed by afternoon tea with a nominal charge from the Social Justice Group (who are supporting Caritas Australia for the Tibetan/China earthquake).

We will also be holding a Cake Stall with cakes for sale as well as Afternoon Tea following the concert.

If anyone has not been approached but would like to assist with this wonderful day please contact Carmel Hadley on 9449 2580.

Please help us to show that Corpus Christi St Ives is a faith filled community who makes Jesus known and loved (Parish Pastoral Plan)

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CC BAND

THE POWER OF MUSIC

Last week I read with interest the item listing the benefits of playing music (the string group in that instance).

At Corpus Christi School we have had a highly successful band programme since 1998. The date and debut concert are burned in my memory because my own children were in the first band. There are many benefits for children who play in bands and most of them were listed last week. One that I constantly emphasise is that "band" is probably the tightest team activity the children will ever experience and this is important because, in recent years, there seems to be increasing emphasise on being a team person -whatever your walk of life. There are many studies that have explored the connection between involvement with music and academic success in other disciplines e.g.

"Good Music, Brighter Children" by Sharlene Peck Habermeyer (Prima Publications) or try:
[http:// www.nhcs.k12.in.us/band/](http://www.nhcs.k12.in.us/band/)

As with any worthwhile pursuit the results are (usually) in direct proportion to the commitment. It's true that some children are gifted but, as I explained to a group recently, no child comes from the womb playing a saxophone (what a relief, mum). Skills must be developed by all young players and in the process they learn much that is not directly connected to music.

For the continuing health of the Corpus Christi Band programme and to provide your child the opportunity to participate and excel, I suggest that you consider enrolling them when we form our next Training Band for absolute beginners in Term 4. I will send a note at the appropriate time.

***"I would teach children music, physics and philosophy;
but more importantly music;
for in the patterns of music and all the arts, are the keys to
learning."
Plato.***

Colin Smith, Bandmaster.

Da Vinci Decathlon

Student reflections

On Wednesday the 26th eight people from Year 5 went to Knox Grammar School to compete in a battle of the mind. The subjects we did were; Art and poetry, creative producers, English, Engineering, Games of strategies, General knowledge, Maths, Forensic Sleuths, Code breaking and Science. To prepare for this day we met after school on Wednesdays and practised what we would do for the day. There were about 80 other schools and everyone competed and had fun. Code breaking was a difficult event but we persisted together as a team to solve the codes. It was very crowded because all the students were in the same hall but all the students from all the different schools got on well and had a great day. We wore our green hat (creativity) to solve the creative producers challenge and the art and poetry challenge. The Habits of Mind helped us all day long. We had to persist, apply past knowledge, think flexibly, strive for accuracy and think and communicate with clarity and precision.

It was a fun experience and I would love to do it next year!!

x



On Wednesday the 26th of May I went with 7 other year five students to the Da Vinci Decathlon at Knox Grammar school. In Lawson Hall tables were set for the teams. There were three sessions in the day. In the first session the challenges were science, games of strategy, engineering, art and poetry. In the second session there were mathematics, English, 'forensic sleuths' and 'creative producers'. Finally, in the third session, there were general knowledge and code breaking challenges.

Some skills I used were team work and persisting because even though some of the challenges were quite difficult I kept on trying. We also learnt how to trust each other so we could get all the challenges done.

I had a great time and learned a lot about team work and how to tackle challenges in the future.

x

CC Debating

The 2010 ISDA debating competition has come to an end for our teams. Our students, as always, put in a tremendous effort in this very challenging competition. Our teams missed out on spots in the semi-finals by a very narrow margin. Each student grew in confidence and skill as the season progressed and should be very proud of their achievements.

Congratulations to our debaters:

Primary A

Primary B

X and x reflected on their debating experience:

For the past two terms, every Friday, the year 5 and 6 debaters went to other schools to debate. There were seven rounds of which the A team won 4 and the B team 3. We were given the topic every Monday morning and went to a 7:45am practice on Tuesday.

We had two girls from Brigidine College come and coach us in preparation for our debate. It was a great experience because it was challenging, was a great responsibility and was heaps of fun. We recommend this great opportunity to anyone interested in debating or in developing their debating skills- especially our year fours. We hope to see them participating next year.

BOOKCLUB

Ashton Scholastic bookclub is due back this Friday, 4th June

School Photos

Group Photos are on display at the school office. Photos can be ordered and paid for at a cost of \$14 each. Orders close 9th June.

Groups include: Debating , Band , School Captains and a whole Year 6 group.



BIGGEST MORNING TEA

To the teachers, parents and friends of Corpus Christi,
We are absolutely privileged to be able to tell you all that at last week's Biggest Morning Tea around **\$1300** was raised in support of this worthwhile charity!!

This little note comes to you with so much heartfelt gratitude and an *overwhelming* sense of the generosity of spirit of all you wonderful people. To everyone who came and supported on the morning, to those who donated a prize for our wonderful raffles, to everyone who brought a plate of eats, to those who helped us keep things running smoothly, to everyone who donated even though you might not have been able to join us, and to all who offered kind words of support and encouragement - **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!** We feel blessed to know each and every one of you.

We look forward to doing it all again next year! And - well done!

xxx.

Dates for your diary

7 th -8 th June	Move into new office area
15 th June	Athletics Carnival
18 th June	Half Yearly Reports Home
21 st -25 th June	Parent/teacher/student Interviews
24 th June	Yamaha Music Festival
30 th June	Open Classrooms 9-10:30



String Ensemble News

Mid-Year Opportunities are available for Corpus students from Kinder to Year 6 to join our String Ensemble.

This year our P&F has allocated funds to purchase a small number of string instruments for hire. This initiative aims to offer a more cost effective alternative to purchasing or hiring an instrument outside the school. It also presents a magnificent opportunity for parents to allow their child to **'give it a go'**.

We would like you to consider the benefits for your child in joining Corpus Strings. Your child may still join the group if they are learning violin elsewhere. Private lessons only may also be your choice. For more information please call x on x or x or x on x x.

URGENT – Parent Helpers Needed

Any parents who may be able to assist the office staff and Miss Goudie on Monday 7th June , Tuesday 08th June or Wednesday 9th June to move light materials into the new administration building and Library resource centre would be welcome.

If you can assist please complete the tear off slip and return to the school office by the end of the week.

I am able to assist with the move on **MONDAY TUESDAY** or **WEDNESDAY**
(Please circle)

Name: _____

Eldest Child's Class: _____

Mobile: _____

Signed: _____

Notice to all Parents

On Friday 4th and Monday 7th June the school office will be moving into the new building. Therefore, during this transitional period the office will have limited telephone and computer services.

We ask that all parents be mindful of this when arranging students after school activities and pick up arrangements.

If you need to communicate with your child's teacher could you please send a note to school with your child.

Thank you for your co operation during this very busy time.

Corpus Christi Office Staff