

From the Principal

Seán Gill Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

World Youth Day (WYD) is the largest youth event in the world and will be held in Sydney from Tuesday 15 to Sunday 20 July 2008.

World Youth Day established by Pope John Paul II in 1986 as an annual event to reach out to the youth of the world. He was inspired by massive gatherings of young people in Rome celebrating the Youth Jubilee in 1984 and the United Nations International Year of Youth in 1985. He wanted to bring together young Catholics from around the globe to celebrate and learn about their faith on a more regular basis.

Pope John Paul II saw WYD as a way to reach out to the next generation of Catholics, to demonstrate confidence in them, to rejuvenate the Church and ensure that the core teachings of Christ are transmitted and lived. World Youth Day is a pilgrimage of faith, where young people from diverse backgrounds meet and experience the love of God.

The first World Youth Day was held in Rome in 1986 on Palm Sunday. Each year since, World Youth Day has been celebrated at a Diocesan level on Palm Sunday. Every two to three years, World Youth Day is taken to an international host city. It incorporates a week-long series of events attended by the Pope and hundreds of thousands of young people from all over the globe.

The week culminates in a Final Mass celebrated by the Pope on the last day (the actual World Youth Day). Typically, it is the largest event of the week and, overseas, has drawn millions of people. It has become the largest single mobilisation of young people in the world. In Sydney they are expecting over half a million participants, larger than any Olympic Games event.

World Youth Day is an invitation from the Pope to the youth of the world to celebrate their faith around a particular theme. The WYD08 theme, received from Pope Benedict XVI is:

***'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses.'* Acts 1:8**

This passage occurs after the death and resurrection of Jesus, just before his ascension to the Father. It represents the birth of the Church.

There will be a huge amount of press coverage over the course of the week and the final Mass will be televised on SBS. I encourage you to watch and be part of this exciting event for the Church in Australia. More information can be found at the WYD website: www.wyd2008.org

Key WYD08 Statistics

Up to 225,000 registered pilgrims are expected to take part in WYD08 events each day, including 125,000 international visitors.

100,000 Australian pilgrims are expected, including 40,000 from greater Sydney

An estimated 8,000 volunteers will assist

An estimated 2,000 clergy will be present

An estimated 700 Cardinals and Bishops will be present

Between 3,000 - 5,000 media are expected to cover the event

3.5 million meals will be served to pilgrims

100,000 will sleep in 700 schools and parishes

Up to 40,000 will be billeted as part of the HomeStay program

Approximately 20,000 will stay in Sydney hotels. The remainder will make their own arrangements.

Up to 500,000 people are expected to attend the Final Mass at Randwick Racecourse and Centennial Park (which is open to all)

The four official WYD08 languages are: English, French, Italian and Spanish.

Please note that due to the World Youth Day events, Corpus Christi Catholic School is on a mid-term break from July 14 to July 18.

Condolences to:

The Lewin family, Wayne, Meagan, **Zac** (3W) and Rebekah on the death of their father and grandfather. Please keep the family in your prayers.

School News & Reminders

Crazy Sock Day

On Thursday 10 July the Student Councillors will be holding a Crazy Sock day. For a gold coin donation you can wear crazy socks to school.

Minnie Vinnies

We would be very grateful for donations of warm blankets, coats, jumpers and any other suitable winter items, to assist those who are in need at this time of year.

School Fees and Levies

Leonie Parker

Finance Administrator

SCHEDULED EFTPOS PAYMENTS – The next monthly EFT payment is scheduled for **This Thursday, 10 July 2008.**

SCHEDULED DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS – The next monthly Direct Debit payment is scheduled for next **Thursday, 17 July 2008.**

Important Dates

Thursday 10 July:	Crazy Sock Day.
Friday 11 July:	Grade 6 Immunisations.
Monday 14 July:	Commencement of Holidays for World Youth Week.
Monday 21 July:	Return to School.
Wednesday 23 July:	Grade 3 Excursion to Molesworth Environment Centre.
Friday 1 August:	Reports issued.
Friday 8 August:	School Cross Country Carnival.
Monday 11 August:	Optional Parent Teacher Consultation.
Wednesday 13 August:	Optional Parent Teacher Consultation.

Religious Education

Mary Turnock

AP:RE

Each of us belongs to Two Loving Homes

Over the past few weeks we have been talking about Homes and Houses. We have learnt about olden day houses and houses of the future. We have also looked closely at the question: What makes a house a home?



Ruby A home is a place you live in.

Keely A home is a place where you sleep.

Cade A home is a place where we play.

Sarah A home is a place where you are fed and where you get cuddles.

Sophia A home is a place you live in and where you find interesting things.

Caitlyn A home is a place where you sleep and you live. It is a place where you play and where mum cooks meals for you.



When we looked more closely at the question, we worked out that each of us belongs to two very different homes. We belong to our family home and God's home.

We worked out that God's family is gigantic, it is filled with all the families in the entire world. If you really think about it, that is probably why there are so many "God houses" (churches) all over the world.

To show us how big our Church is, we made a mural of our Corpus Christi Church and we filled it with our families. CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH is the Church Family we all belong to.

By Grade 1.

Wed 9/7: **R. Mills** Thu 10/7: **J. Crook, L. Marriot**Fri 11/7: **J. Hayde, H. Jackson**

Canteen helpers are required from 10.30am to 2.30pm and need to sign in at the Office on arrival

Please note:

- **That while all due care is taken to ensure the Canteen remains a Nut and Egg Free Zone, please be aware that some items purchased may contain traces of nuts or eggs.**
- **We will be using cucumber in salad rolls and wraps instead of eggs.**

Sleepy's - The Mattress Experts. Homemaker Centre Cambridge. Phone 6248 4868.

Chocolate Drive

Chocolate money is now due, please return it to the Office this week so we can finalise this fundraiser. We have some boxes of chocolates left if anyone is able to sell another box we would really appreciate it. If you can help please contact the School Office to arrange collection.

Beanie Kid Drive

After the holidays we will be running a Beanie Kid Drive, these are great birthday and Christmas presents. Order forms will be sent home Monday 21 July. These orders need to be completed and back to School Office no later than Thursday 7 August. We simply can not accept any late orders as the orders go in as one order only. They will cost \$11.99 each and there will be a "Mutation Beanie Kid" prize for the person who sells the most. For every Beanie Kid sold the school will receive \$3.19.

Quiz Night – Saturday 2 August 2008

Tickets will be on sale every week Wednesday to Friday from 2.30pm leading up to the night. With a cost of only \$15 each ticket, which includes nibbles, games and spot prizes, this proves to be great value for money. So support your school and make up a table of 10, if you don't have enough for a table just see the ladies under the tree and they will put your name down with others to make up a table. If unable to get to the Prep area on these days please contact either Kathy Leisk on 0409 972 437 or Carmen on 0408 534 767 to purchase tickets.

Please do not leave ticket sales until the last moment because if we do not have a good response on sales, the event will not go ahead. Last day for booking tickets and all money due will be Friday 25 July.

Notices

St Virgil's College Gala Dinner Auction

Saturday 2 August – 7.00pm

Cost \$25.00 per person incl two course meal (Main and Dessert) plus a glass of champagne on entry and one free drink.

Bookings essential no door sales.

Auction - the list of auction items continues to grow, with accommodation packages, a heat pump, top of the range office chair, cricket bat, signed AFL football jumpers, vehicle service, photo printer, wine and lots more.

Phone Rene Sluyters on 6249 6518 work, or 0417 565 762 or email rsluyters@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Faerie Favourties Class – Wednesday 16 July

The Faerie shop in Salamanca Place is holding a "Faerie Favourites" Faerie and Pixie School class on Wednesday 16 July from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. At Faerie School, children make a special treasure to keep, play games, make wishes and enjoy stories with the faeries. The class is suitable for children aged 4 years and over. To find out more or to book, please call 6224 8731 or visit www.faeries.com.au. Morning tea is included and lots of sparkles too. Cost is \$22 child.

Eastern Shore Saints Soccer

Cancellation of Training

Parents please note: A committee representative contacts Corpus Christi when the Council close the grounds for training on that day, and in turn, the school notifies the players. If you have any doubt as to whether training is on, please contact your Coach and NOT the School as they will not know. Any further details please contact Ally Lawler Vice President.