Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year and commences on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. During Advent, many people keep an Advent Calendar and have an Advent Wreath. The Advent Wreath is a circle of evergreen branches representing eternity. There are five candles arranged on the wreath. On the first Sunday of Advent the first purple candle is lit. This candle is called the “Prophecy Candle” in remembrance of the Prophets. Each following Sunday an additional candle is lit. On the Second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle is lit. This candle is called “The Bethlehem Candle” the candle of preparation. On the third Sunday, the rose candle is lit. This candle is called the “Shepherds Candle” and the fourth candle, lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent is the “Angel’s Candle.” On Christmas Eve, the white centre candle is also lit. This candle is called the “Christ Candle” and represents the life of Christ that has come into the world. Celebrating with an Advent Wreath leading up to Christmas is a great way to keep Christ at the centre of Christmas. Advent is also a good time to reflect on the year that is almost over and what we have done to help others during the year.

Grades 5/6 Parish Mass:
All Grade 5 and 6 students and their families are invited to attend the 10:30am Parish Mass on Sunday 29 November. All other families are also invited to attend and support the Grade 5 and 6 students.

Congratulations:
Congratulations to all the Grade 3-6 students who participated in the STCPSSA Athletic Carnival at the Domain Athletic Centre on Friday 13 November. All students were a credit to our school and are to be commended on their participation and performances and in the way they continually encouraged each other.

Congratulations to the T20 Girls Cricket Team who participated in the state final on Monday 16 November at Blundstone Arena in Bellerive. Maddison Mills, Taylor Brooks, Maddison Brooks, Melodie Armstrong, Dana Hyland, Amelia McMahon, Ella Marsh, Chelsea Thomas and Olivia Read won the girls competition and will travel to Melbourne on Wednesday 9 December to play in the grand final at the MCG on Thursday 10 December. We wish the girls all the very best for their trip and game. Mrs Holzner, Mr Brasnja and Mia Blighnaut from Cricket Tasmania will travel with the girls.

Congratulations to Kinder who presented their Nativity plays in the church this week. The children all did a fantastic job with their words, singing and remembering what to do. Many thanks to all parents and teachers for the great job you do with the little ones in Kinder.

Congratulations to the 92 students from Grades 3-6 who participated in the Primary Schools Triathlon at Bellerive Beach on Friday last week. All students did an amazing job in their event and were cheering each other and very encouraging. Well done to all participants.

Swimming:
Grade 2-6 classes commence their Learn to Swim Program on Monday 30 November for two weeks, concluding on Friday 11 December. The children may wear their sport uniform for the two weeks of the swimming program. Please ensure all items of your child’s clothing are clearly named.
**SPEAK UP Stay ChatTY:**
Mitch McPherson visited school on Tuesday 17 November, to speak with the Grade 5 & 6 students about suicide. The parents had the option for their child not to attend however, most of the children did, as it is an important topic they need to be aware of and understand. The students were very receptive and asked a lot of good questions.

### Important Dates

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**PLEASE NOTE:** The next Newsletter will be Thursday 10 December.

### OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FEES AND LEVIES

The end of the school year is drawing to a close and it is important that all outstanding school fees and levies have been finalised by that time.

Many families have made arrangements for regular scheduled Direct Debit and EFTPOS payments that will ensure their account is finalised within the designated timeframe, or alternately, mutually agreed payment arrangements have been negotiated to clear outstanding amounts.

Those families who are making **UNSCHEDULED MONTHLY PAYMENTS** by cash, cheque, BPAY and EFTPOS are reminded that accounts are to be finalised by the end of the school year ie Thursday 17 December 2015.

The process for recovery of outstanding debts has commenced. If you are experiencing difficulty in complying with your agreed payment arrangement, please make contact with either Leonie Parker or Karen Pollard.

**SCHEDULED EFTPOS PAYMENTS** – The **FINAL** monthly EFT payment is scheduled for **Thursday, 10 December 2015**.

**SCHEDULED DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS** – The **FINAL** monthly Direct Debit payment is scheduled for **Thursday, 17 December 2015**.
Was Jesus A Refugee?

This term in Grade Six, students have been discussing and pondering whether or not Jesus was a refugee. They have read stories from the bible and given their opinion, thinking about the journeys he took throughout his life. Grade Six then integrated knowledge about what they learned about refugees within our History unit. Students inquired and discovered about what it means to be a refugee and the difference between migrants and refugees. They then went on to interpret and respond to artwork produced by refugees, before creating their own art piece and explaining the meaning of their art. Below are just some of the wonderful examples of their work.
School News

Lost Property
The lost property basket is currently overflowing. If you are missing any items please check in the office.

Term Dates 2016

Term 1  4 February 16 – 8 April 16
Term 2  26 April 16 – 1 July 16
Term 3  18 July 16 – 23 September 16
Term 4  10 October 16 – 15 December 16

Sport

Justin Brasnja – Physical Education Teacher

T20 State Finals
Congratulations to the combined Grade 5/6 girls who represented Corpus Christi Catholic School with great sportsmanship and grace at the recent T20 state titles. After coming through regional trials earlier in the year they were pitted against teams from all around the state. The day was hotly contested by all the schools and Corpus were able to come out on top in the final. This means they will be given the opportunity to represent Tasmania at the MCG in December to find the Australian T20 champion school.

This is especially exciting for the school as this is the second year in a row the girls have won this statewide competition. They trained hard for twenty weeks both during lunch hours and attending holiday clinics and outside school competitions. They should be commended on their preparation, teamwork and good sportsmanship.

The Process of picking the team
There has been some discussion as to how the teams are picked and I would like to clarify the process and procedures that ensure fairness and equity.

• The team is picked based on the 5 week Cricket PE program which is closely aligned to Cricket Australia Cricket in Schools Programs. This gives me an opportunity to look at the children’s fundamental cricket skills and be able to gauge those that have advanced skills in these areas.
• I also get advice and support in picking the team by working with Cricket Tasmania’s State Development coach.
• It must be noted that the State T20 competition is to find the best team to represent Tasmania in an Australia wide T20 competition. The competitors must have advanced fundamental skills to be able to compete. Competitors are chosen solely on their skills, abilities and attitude.

All children from Kinder to Grade 6 are given opportunities to play cricket through Tyro Cricket, Milo in2 Cricket, T20 have a go days offered to all Grade 3-6 teachers (taken up at their discretion as involves a day away from school and costs from class budgets) as well as participation in the PE cricket program.

I hope this might clear up any misconceptions as to the process in choosing our teams. Since the competition has been going Corpus Christ Catholic School has managed to secure 3 out of the four teams to represent Tasmania, which is testament to the children, staff and processes involved. I look forward to taking the girls to play at the MCG and we hope to improve upon our 3rd placing from last year.

Justin Brasnja
Catholic Athletics Carnival - 13 November 2015

On the morning of the Catholic Athletics Carnival, everyone was very excited as we met up at the amphitheatre to get on the bus and travel to the Domain Athletics Centre for the STCPSSA Athletics Carnival.

When we arrived at the Domain we set up our spot in the grandstands. It was around 9:45am which meant that it was time for the Gold Division Field Events to begin. Up first was Grade 6 High Jump, but all High Jump events were unfortunately cancelled due to the surface being unsafe.

Then it was time for the Grade 3 and 4 Boys and Girls Long Jump, followed by the Grade 4 Boys Vortex. At that time there was also Grade 3 and 4 Girls Vortex and Grade 5 Girls Long Jump.

When those six events were completed it was time for the Grade 6 boys and girls to start their Vortex event, Grade 3 and 4 Girls Long Jump and Grade 4 Boys Long Jump. Following those events was the Grade 6 Boys and Girls Long Jump, Grade 5 Boys and Girls Vortex and the Grade 3 Boys Vortex.

When all the Field Events were finished for Gold Division, it was time to begin the Track Events. The Track Events began with Grade 5 and 6 Boys and Girls 800m race. Up next were the 100m sprints from Grade 3 to 6. The next event was the 6x100m shuttle relays for Grade 3 and 4 Boys and Girls, followed by the 4x100m circular relay for Grade 5 and 6 Boys and Girls. Finally, to end the day was the Grade 3 to 6 400m races.

By this time, a distinct chant could be heard coming from the Corpus Christi seating area.

It was a great day with everyone trying their best and smiles all round. Everyone remembered what Mr B always tells us during sport carnivals - “you get what you get and don’t get upset.”

By Mara Dalton and Liam Donaghy, Athletics Captains 2015

New Qkr! App

After a substantial review of our uniform shop and canteen processes, we are pleased to advise that we are introducing a new smartphone App for purchasing uniform and canteen items. This App is available now.

The App is called Qkr! (pronounced Quicker) by Mastercard.

View the video explaining how Qkr! works and how to install it here: http://vimeo.com/100952137

For further information on how to install Qkr! view the pdf instructions on the website: http://www.corpuschristi.tas.edu.au/information-for-parents/school-services/Install%20QKR-%20app.pdf/view

Canteen Orders – You do not need to send in a paper bag when you order using the Qkr App. we will supply the bags.

Working with Vulnerable People Registration

All parents/guardians/contractors etc who work or volunteer with children are now required by law to hold a Working with Vulnerable People Registration. The registration aims to significantly improve safeguards to help keep children safe from harm. Once your card has been issued, you must present your card at the school office for verification and registration at our school.

To apply directly please go to: www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children

REMINDER – All visitors must sign in at the School Office immediately upon arrival.
Thank you to everyone who attended our final meeting for 2015 on Monday night.

We have commenced planning for 2016, but if anyone has ideas for events or fundraisers, we still encourage you to send them to us.

**SCHOOL FAIR – FRIDAY, 4 MARCH 2016**

**COUNTER: 99 DAYS TO THE SCHOOL FAIR (29 DAYS ‘TIL CHRISTMAS)**

**PUMPKIN SEED SALES – GRADE 3 STALL**

We have had a HUGE response to our Pumpkin Growing Competition. A large amount of seeds were despatched yesterday and any other orders at the Office will be sent home Friday afternoon. Next week will be the final week we sell the seeds as seeds and we will be at the uniform shop on Monday morning and Wednesday afternoon for cash sales.

Just a reminder: These are special seeds that can grow a 50kg pumpkin.

It is recommended to plant the seed directly into the ground in a well prepared 60cm mound and leave approximately 2 metres of space around the pumpkin.

A big thank you to Bunnings Warehouse, 20 Howard Road Glenorchy for donating the seeds.

**FREE DRESS DAY – GROCERY DAY WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER**

Next Wednesday, will be a free dress day in exchange for groceries to be used on the Chocolate Wheel at the Fair.

Notices went home yesterday with the list of items each grade is to bring:

- **Kinder – Herbs & Spices**, eg: anything in your herb & spice aisle in the Supermarket (also Pasta).
- **Prep - Craft**, eg: pencils, crayons, tape, glue, ribbon, paper, goggly eyes.
- **Grade 1 - Handyman**, eg: masking tape, electrical tape, gloves, eye wear, face masks, screws, nails, glue
- **Grade 2 - Christmas Party**, eg: chips, ornaments, Christmas stockings, tape, lollies
- **Grade 3 - Gardening**, eg: packets of seeds, trowels, gloves, books, hose
- **Grade 4 - Pamper Hamper**, eg: nail file, emery boards, hand cream, body wash, nail polish
- **Grade 5 - Baking**, eg: cake mix, flour, sugar, trays, silicone trays, choc bits, cake decorations
- **Grade 6 - Chocolate**, eg: chocolate bars, chocolate biscuits, bags of chocolate bars.

*Please ensure that the use by dates on food items are greater than 3 months past the date of the Fair, and ideally at least 6 months.*

Email: p&f.ccs@catholic.tas.edu.au
Corpus Christi Catholic School – Play and Learn

As most of you know our final session was last week. However we will be having a little Christmas celebration at Bellerive Beach Park at 9:00am on Monday 7 December. The children could have a play on the play equipment, kick a ball or simply run around. Please bring a small plate to share. The children might like to wear a Christmas hat and/or clothes.

Please note that while attending this event the parents/guardians are solely responsible for the supervision and safety of any children in their care. Please let the school office know all adults and children attending by Tuesday 3 December.

As Play and Learn has finished for the remainder of the year apart from this excursion, next Monday 30 November and the last Monday of the school year, Monday 14 December will be clean up mornings for me. If you are able and would like to come and help it would be appreciated. I will be in Play and Learn from 8.15am to 10.50am on these mornings.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in Play and Learn this year to help make it a successful program. We have had a lot of fun and it has been wonderful to see the children get to know each other and grow in confidence as the year has progressed. I think the parents have enjoyed the social side of Play and Learn too. Thanks again for your support.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

Lisa Cooper
Play and Learn Co-ordinator

OHSC

Outside School Hours Care

For all enquiries regarding Outside School Hours Care please contact:
Catholic Care – Childcare Services
Phone: 1300 119 455
Email: ccs.admin@aohtas.org.au

Community Information

Eastside Activity Centre is holding three half day sessions
Drop the children while you shop
DATES: MON DEC 21ST 9:00AM -1:00PM
TUES DEC 22ND 1:00PM -5:00PM
WEDS DEC 23RD 9:00AM -1:00PM
COST: $30.00 A SESSION FOR 5YRS AND ABOVE
CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN FOR SNACKS AND LUNCH
A MIX OF STRUCTURE AND FREE PLAY OPTION BY QUALIFIED COACHES
Lot 25 - 73 Droughty Point Road, Rokeby
Bookings essential as numbers for each session will be capped.
Phone: 6247 7399 or email: eastsideactivitycentre@gmail.com for booking forms.
Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens Fundraiser
Catholic Youth Ministry hopes that YOU and your family and friends can join us at Village Cinemas on Opening Night of the brand new, and highly anticipated, Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens for a special screening and fundraiser in support of young Tasmanians and World Youth Day. Why not celebrate the end of the school year together with the worldwide release of Star Wars and a fun evening out? This special screening will take place on (Opening Night) Thursday 17th December, 6pm at Village Cinemas Eastlands (Rosny) and Launceston. Cost is $30pp and includes small popcorn and 600ml drink. Why not dress for the occasion to be in the running for best-dressed prize along with other give-aways and pre-film entertainment? It is now less than three weeks and if you don’t already have your ticket, now would be the time to get it! You and your family & friends can purchase your ticket online at: www.trybooking.com/JHYV or by calling Rachelle Smith: 0400 045 368. Catholic Youth Ministry & Young Tasmanians appreciate your support!