Dear Parents/Guardians

As we near the end of Lent, we celebrated Passion (Palm) Sunday, last Sunday. At the commencement of Mass, we received palms in memory of Christ’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

“As we journey together towards the light of Easter, let us share with one another a sign of peace and go forth to love and serve the Lord.”

I wish all members of our school Community all the very best for a peaceful, happy and safe Easter.

Rescue Helicopter:
On Monday 23 March, we were very fortunate to have the Westpac Rescue Helicopter visit our school. All the students, staff and some parents waited in anticipation and excitement for the helicopter to arrive and land on our oval. It was a wonderful experience to see first hand and the pilot and paramedics who work on the helicopter were very excited to see all the children waiting and so excited.

The children asked a lot of questions and were able to have a close look inside the helicopter. Many thanks to Westpac for allowing the helicopter to visit our school and to the Grade 1 students from last year who sent the fabulous work in that won us the visit.

Skipping Showcase:
Students from Grades Prep to 6 (excluding Grade 4 as they were on their long day excursion to Port Arthur) showcased their fantastic skipping for their parents on Tuesday 31 March. It was amazing to see how much they had improved and how long they were able to skip before tiring. Thank you to the parents who were able to come and enjoy the skipping and to Michael, Ben and Courtney who did a fantastic job in working with the children.
Classroom Canberra:
The Grade 6 students from Corpus Christi Catholic School enjoyed an education tour of the national capital Canberra last week from Tuesday 24 March to Friday 27 March. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The students visited and participated in hands-on learning programs at: Parliament House, The Australian War Memorial, The High Court, The Electoral Education Centre, The Australian Institute of Sport, The Royal Australian Mint, The CSIRO Discovery Centre, Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House, National Museum of Australia and the National Science and Technology Centre.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $150.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards the costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. We acknowledge and thank the Australian Government for supporting this wonderful learning opportunity for our students.

Thank you to Rachel Kelly, Simon Treweek, Patrick Midson and Allison Wheatley for organising the trip and accompanying the students on the trip. Thank you to our Grade 6 parents for your support of this valuable learning experience.

Finally, congratulations to the Grade 6 Students for their fantastic participation in the many activities and their outstanding behaviour.

Congratulations
Congratulations to the following Grade 6 Student Leaders for Term 2:
6KW Dana Hyland and Elliot Franklin
6M Sophie Giltinan and Daniel Pendlebury 6M

Fees & Levies

Leonie Parker – Business Manager

Thank you to the families who selected the Annual payment option and have settled their 2015 Fees and Levies. Just a reminder for those who have chosen the 10 monthly installments that the March payment is now overdue.

The next SCHEDULED EFTPOS Payment will be processed on Monday 20 April 2015 due to the School Holidays. The SCHEDULED DIRECT DEBIT Payment will be processed on Friday 17 April 2015.
Easter in Kinder

In Kinder we have been talking about Easter and what it means to us. We have been talking about Easter Bunny, Easter Eggs, Easter Egg Hunts, hot cross buns, holidays and family lunches and dinners.

Mrs Berry and Mrs Cooper read us the story of Palm Sunday and the Easter Story. We know that Easter is also about Jesus and how he rode on a donkey and the people welcomed him with palms, and waving and yelling, “Hosanna”. We know that he was a very good man who loved us very much and so he died on the cross for us on Good Friday. But because he was so special he came back to life on Easter Sunday. We know that we celebrate Easter because Jesus was a kind and giving man who loves us very much. Happy Easter everyone from Kinder!
**Important Dates**

**2 April 2015 (Thursday):** LAST DAY OF TERM 1

**17 April 2015 (Friday):** SCHEDULED DIRECT DEBIT Payments Processed

**20 April 2015 (Monday):** FIRST DAY OF TERM 2

**20 April 2015 (Monday):** SCHEDULED VPOS Payments Processed

**20 April 2015 (Monday):** First Play & Learn Session – Ballygriffin House 9:00am – 10:00am

**21 April 2015 (Tuesday):** Aboriginal Cultural Program – TMAG Excursion

**27 April 2015 (Monday):** P&F Meeting - Library 7:00pm

**1 May 2015 (Friday):** Corpus Christi Cross Country – Rokeby Police Academy

**4 May 2015 – 15 May 2015:** Prep & Grade 1 Swimming Program – Oceana Health & Fitness

**5 May 2015 (Tuesday):** Kinder B Mothers Day Afternoon Tea 2:15pm

**6 May 2015 (Wednesday):** Mothers Day Stall

**8 May 2015 (Friday):** Kinder C Mothers Day Afternoon Tea 2:15pm

**8 May 2015 (Friday):** Closing Date for Kinder 2015 Applications

**PLEASE NOTE:** The next Newsletter will be Thursday 23 April.

**Sport**

**Justin Brasnja – Physical Education Teacher**

**Catholic Swimming Carnival**

On Friday the 24th of March students from Corpus Christi competed in the Catholic Swimming Carnival in Gold Division at the Aquatic Centre.

Everyone was well behaved and were great cheering their peers on. Corpus won 28 races. There were also 16 finishing in second place, 20 in third place, 7 in fourth place, and finally 5 finishing in fifth place. That was out of 74 events including freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, and the relays.

The carnival was a great success overall and we’d like to thank Mrs McGann and Mrs Turnock for looking after us. Mr Webb for calling the day, and finally Mr Brasnja for helping run the carnival. Also well done to everyone who competed, well done Corpus.

Written by Josh Barnes (Grade 5)

**Gymnastics Success**

Last weekend, I competed in a trial to make the Tasmanian Gymnastics Team. I placed third overall and made it into the State Team to compete at the Nationals later in the year. I travel to Melbourne in May to represent Tasmania at the age of 11.

By Melodie Armstrong 6KW

**School News**

**The Closing Date for Kindergarten 2016 is Friday 8 May 2015**

Student Enrolment Application Forms are available from the School Office and school website.

All required attachments (Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate (if applicable) and Immunisation Record) must be included with the application form. The original Birth Certificate has to be sighted.

It would be appreciated if current families could please provide forms by Friday 24 April.
Corpus Christi Church Easter Ceremony Times

- Holy Thursday: 7:00pm
- Good Friday: 11:00am (Starts at St Mark’s Anglican Church moving to Corpus Christi Church) 3:00pm Corpus Christi Church Solemn Ceremony
- Easter Vigil: Saturday 7:00pm (April 4th)
- Easter Sunday: 10:30am and 6:00pm Corpus Christi
- Easter Sunday: John Paul II Rokeby 8:30am

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2015

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) commenced in Australian schools in 2008. Each year, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in common national tests which assess:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy.

The benefits of participating in NAPLAN testing:

- NAPLAN tests the skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy.
- NAPLAN results provide valuable information on how your child is progressing against national minimum standards of literacy and numeracy skills expected for each year level.
- The NAPLAN tests provide you as parents with an individual report that shows your child’s results and a comparison of your child’s performance against all other Australian students in their year level.
- Teachers use the NAPLAN results to determine your child’s areas of strength and where future focus is required and how best to provide support or extension activities.
- School teachers use the online NAPLAN Toolkit to analyse your child’s results. The Toolkit provides detailed information right down to the individual question with links to teaching strategies.
- Principals, senior staff and others use NAPLAN results to inform school planning and to allocate resources and support including informing decisions around targeted programs and initiatives for individuals and groups.

The best way you can assist your child is by helping them to feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests, and assure them that the tests will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

For more information about the national tests, please visit the national NAPLAN website at: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/naplan.html

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Metro have advised us that there are alterations to school bus services, effective Monday 20 April 2015

Route 415PM: 3.11pm HOWRAH PRIMARY SCHOOL to PASS ROAD MORNINGTON
Via Clarence High, Rokeby & Clarendon Vale

This Service may be used by students who transfer onto this bus at Clarence High School.

From 20 April, the route through Rokeby will be altered to travel via the new section of Tollard Drive. Route 415 will travel via the current route to the South Arm Highway traffic at Tollard Drive, then turn right into Tollard Drive and continue via the current route.

New bus stops are being installed on Tollard Drive just past the South Arm Highway intersection, and near the junction with Boyle Street.

Route 415 will no longer service the bus stop on the South Arm Highway opposite the Rokeby Fire Station, or the stops in Diosma Street, Stanfield Street or Kanooka Street.
Volunteers
In July 2014 Tasmanian State Government legislation for Working With Vulnerable People was enacted and all Schools must comply with the new legislation. The purpose of the legislation was to significantly improve the safeguard and child protection processes to help keep children safe from harm.

Everyone who currently works or volunteers in Non-Government schools, must have a Working with Children Registration in place by 1 October 2015.

Please Note:
Employees and Volunteers who hold a current TCEO registration, which expires on 31 December 2014, will have the expiry date extended until 30 June 2015.

All previous registrations issued by the TCEO to Employees and Volunteers to hold a child-related position within the Tasmanian Catholic Education System will be voided as at 30 September 2015.

Instructions:
The online application process for the Check is now available from the website http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children

On the working with children registration application select the following:
Under purpose of registration - Volunteering (includes adults residing at the home of family day care or home based care)
Child Related Activity – Child Education Services (Non-Government)

Applicant will be asked to provide a contact person, this can be Cheryl O'Rourke or Karen Pollard (from School Office), or Melissa McGuire (from Tasmanian Catholic Education Office)

Once the form has been submitted an application receipt will be issued. The applicant must attend a Service Tasmania Shop in person with a copy of their application receipt and 100 points of identification.

The Tasmanian Department of Justice will assess and process Applications and issue the appropriate Assessment Notice and Working With Children Card directly to the applicant.

Volunteers will need to pay $17.76 for a three year registration.

Parents & Friends Association

The next meeting of the P&F will be held Monday, 27 April 7:00pm in the Library. All are welcome to attend.

BULB FUNDRAISER
As of this morning the bulbs were still in quarantine. If they are delivered today, they will go home with children. Otherwise, they are to be kept in safe storage until school resumes.
Our apologies if they do not arrive as we were hopeful they would be here in time.

HOT CROSS BUNS
A huge thank you to Brighton Bakehouse for the great service in providing the various flavours of their beautiful fresh Easter Buns over the last week to those that placed an order.
We hope everyone enjoyed them and I know our family may just have to go for an Easter drive to Brighton to grab a few more packs of the chocolate raspberry ones.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
This year we will not send out Entertainment Books with the order form. The order form went home yesterday with the eldest child of each family. An electronic link has also been emailed today from the Office.
If you have any queries please email the P&F email address.
A reminder that there is now the option to have an electronic book.
Books are $65.00 and 20% of each sale goes to the school P&F.
THERMOMIX TICKETS
The raffle will be drawn at the Ladies Night in the hall on Friday 8 May.
Tickets are selling fast, so make sure you try and get a ticket before they sell out.
Tickets have been selling during Uniform Shop opening times, or you can contact the P&F by email to enquire how to purchase. We are happy to meet people at school drop off or pickup times to sell tickets.
A reminder – only 150 tickets have been printed.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL – WEDNESDAY 6 MAY
Children will be able to purchase a Mother’s Day gift for $5.00 the Wednesday before Mother’s Day. This year we will not be conducting a raffle, so children will only need to bring $5.00 for the gift.

LADIES NIGHT – FRIDAY 8 MAY
Put this date in your diary as it will be a great way to have a catch up with mums from school and see who the lucky winner of the Thermomix is.
Over the holiday break the P&F will finalise the list of businesses that will have demonstrations on the night and more details for the night will be in the first newsletter of next term.

Finally, the P&F would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday break and thank families for their support of our events in Term 1.

Email: p&f.ccs@catholic.tas.edu.au

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Outside School Hours Care

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

Community Information

TASMANIA GOLF CLUB
Tasmania Golf Club professionals Alex Head and Nick White are conducting an 8 week MyGolf Program
Saturdays 2pm – 3pm
Commencing Saturday 25/4/2015 to 13/6/2015
Cost $110 includes welcome pack including Golf Club (7 Iron)
to register to find out more about the program go to www.mygolf.org.au

HOBART CHILDREN’S CHOIR
A choir for children ages 6 years to 16 years.
Location: Bellerive Uniting Church, corner of Cambridge Road and York Street, Bellerive.
Time: Wednesdays 4.15 pm to 5.15 pm during school terms.
This is an exciting opportunity for children to join a new choir. No auditions required, just a desire to sing and perform with others.
For enquiries and bookings phone 0419 312 041 Or email: sally_vance@hotmail.com Sally Vance B.A., Dip. Ed., Member of Tasmanian Music Teachers Association