Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many parents attend our Kindergarten Parents Welcome Supper and Information Night last night. The Kindergarten teachers have been thrilled with the easy transition children have so far made to school and I must thank the Year 6 buddies for the fabulous job they are doing in greeting the little ones each morning and helping them at playtimes.

This Thursday Lynette Barker, Leanne Kepreotes, Year 5 teachers and I will attend the first in a series of Professional Development days at Masada College in Sydney. The course will focus on Visible Thinking; in particular concepts such as curiosity and questioning, synthesising and creative thinking. It is hoped that the knowledge gained will further assist teachers in the integration of 21st Century learning skills into teaching and learning programs across all grades.

**NSW Health Guidelines:** Mollyjane Boyson is in KHD this year. Mollyjane has a very rare life limiting illness which affects her endocrine system and immune system. It is very important for Mollyjane’s health that her exposure to infections (especially vomiting/diarrhea and flu symptoms) is limited because such illnesses can be catastrophic to her health. Whilst the guidelines outlined below by NSW Health should be adhered to regardless, it is timely to remind you of the infection controls. Should your child display the symptoms described, please use your discretion in keeping them home from school.

**Illness - Exclusion from school**

**Diarrhoea / vomiting**

Children must remain home from school for at least 24 hours after diarrhea/vomiting stops.

Ensure children follow careful hand washing procedures (soap & water) after using the toilet and before touching food.

**Flu Symptoms**

Children remain home from school until they feel better and they no longer have a fever.

**Volunteers and Prohibited Employment Declaration:**

All parents/grandparents/parish and community volunteers are required to complete a Prohibited Employment Declaration. This applies whether they assist in the classroom, canteen or with student transport. If they have not signed this form they will not be able to volunteer at the school.

**Late Arrival/Early Departure Book:**

All children must be signed in and out at the office if they arrive late/leave early. This is a shared duty of care between the school and families to ensure the safety of all children. The pink slip is to be filled out for teacher records.

**School Access:**

Access to our school is via the Burke St administration block. Please note that other gates in the school will be locked once school begins at 9:15. As you can appreciate this is to ensure the safety of our students and I thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

This week parents will receive their information notes from class teachers (if they haven’t already). Specific dates pertaining to grades are listed in that note; however I would like to draw your attention to the following school and P & F events already planned for 2016.

**Friday 12 February:** Opening School Liturgy in the hall at 9:30

**Monday 29 February:** PUPIL FREE day— no school for students on this day.

**Friday 4 March:** Out of uniform day (Bring an egg for the P & F Easter Egg raffle)

**Thursday 17 March:** Parent meeting at
7pm (St Therese’s Hall) for those students preparing for Confirmation

Friday 18 March: ‘Green day’ Mission fundraiser. Bring a gold coin. See bulletin for further details

Thursday 24 March: Easter Raffle drawn (P & F)

Friday 1 April: Athletics Carnival (K-6 attend at Harker Oval)

Thursday 7 April: alternate date for Athletics Carnival

Thursday 5 May: P & F Mother’s Day stall

Friday 6 May: Mother’s Day breakfast (St Therese’s hall)

Friday 3 June: World Environment day

Friday 17 June: Disco in St Therese’s hall (P & F) to be confirmed

Friday 1 July: Mini Vinnies Pyjama day

Monday 1- Tuesday 2 August: School photos

Week starting Monday 8 August: St Therese’s Annual Book Fair (dress up Thursday 11 August)

Thursday 1 September: Father’s Day stall (P & F)

Friday 2 September: Father Day Breakfast (St Therese’s Hall)

Wednesday 14 September: Adidas School Fun Run (P & F)

Friday 16 September: Grandparent’s day (K-2)

Friday 21 October: St Therese’s Wellbeing day

Enjoy Week 3,

Sallyanne Stanbridge Acting Principal

Double Parking

Parents please be aware that double parking and asking children to run across to you is not only illegal but dangerous for your children. We are all in a hurry and I know that saving 30 secs of time is extremely important but really does it equal your child’s safety?

Parents be mindful of our neighbours. Don’t park in their driveways and if you are asked to move please do so respectfully.

PBS
Welcome to another exciting school year. Our students in Years 1-6 are settling into the new school year wonderfully and our beautiful kindergarten students started last Thursday. Many students have started 2016 with maturity and enthusiasm so were awarded the School Spirit Award at the assembly today. Congratulations to the following:

KM Joe Munzenberger KHD Benjamin Lanzendoerfer KB Eli Allen
ICH Archie Woods 1W Gabe Widseth 1C Myles Northcote
2IW Lachlan Sanson and Arielle Rodd 2A Ruby Leddy and Jack Malcolm
2M Lucy Dein and Felix Dos Santos 3K Thomas Aslett and
Hannah Yates 3R Indie Bambach and Samuel Lanzendoerfer
3Sj Esther Leung and Cooper McKenzie 4PV Ayden Carpenter and Charlottte O’Dell
4M Zalia Campbell and Aiden Booth 4C Candice Elliott 5J Samuel Bottom and Lacey Sharp 5P Oliver Raymond
5B Tue Han Leong and Panos Moratidis 6S Jet Van Duuren and Ben Paine
6NG Ellen Hughes 6M Sophie Glynn and Christopher Kendros

This term we are focussing on the core value of respect. For the next 2 weeks we will be looking at how we can show respect by displaying good manners. Saying “please”, “thank you” and “you’re welcome”, for example, does not take much effort, but make a big impact on the people we are speaking to. At times it is easy to forget our manners especially when we are in a hurry, angry or upset. At school the teachers and students will be working on our manners, which you can reinforce with your children at home. Remember “manners cost nothing”.

Uniform
It is great to see students starting the school year wearing the correct school uniform. Just a reminder that school shoes must be black leather shoes with laces or Velcro so that the entire foot is covered. Ballet flats and slip on shoes are not appropriate for school. On sport days students are to wear predominately white joggers; skate shoes are not acceptable. All students must wear a school hat which can be purchased at the Office for $12. All students are reminded to tie back long hair, and to limit jewellery; earrings must be small studs. If your child cannot wear their correct uniform for a short period of time, please send in a note of explanation to your child’s teacher. The correct school uniform ensures your child’s safety at school, as well as displaying school pride.

K Maretich Acting Assistant Principal

RE News
Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of LENT and parents are invited to join all Primary students at 9.30 Mass on Wednesday. Take home a project compassion box and when you go without something, you can pop the money you would have spent into the box. An idea for children: instead of giving up lollies- give up computer/tablet/ipad time and read a book or write a letter to someone!

Parents, you are warmly invited to join our whole school community this Friday 12th at 9.30 in the Hall as we celebrate the beginning of our school year with a special liturgy. Our new student council members will lead us in prayer and reflection. They will be introduced and presented with their badges and will make their pledge. The Sport captains will also be introduced, presented with their badges and will make their pledge. Leaders of our four leadership teams will then be presented to the school community.

Following the liturgy you are invited to share a welcoming cuppa.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS
Parents of candidates for Confirmation/First Eucharist should have now received an invitation from Father Barry and other information about the program. Please contact us if you have any queries.

PARISH SUNDAY MASS
This Sunday 14th we will join the Parish community for the 9.15 Mass. The children preparing for the Sacramental program will be presented to the Parish community at this Mass and will be given an enrolment form. If you cannot attend this Mass, you are welcome to join the Parish 5.30 Mass at Corpus Christi. Please let us know if you are attending that Mass so we can let the coordinator there know. Any family who can assist at Mass on Sunday please return the form at the bottom of the invitation note by Wednesday.

Prayers for 2016
At our first whole school Assembly last Tuesday, the members of the Executive read their prayer for 2016, expressing their hopes for the year ahead. We thought it would be nice to share these.

My name is Ms Stanbridge, I am currently the acting Principal at St Therese’s

My prayer for you as we begin our 2016 school year is that each of you work towards developing your God given gifts and talents and persist in developing those areas of school (whether they be academic social or emotional) that you find the most difficult. As it is when we do this, that we truly grow as individuals. As a St Therese’s community, it is my prayer for you that you love yourself and each other, working together in support and love for each other.
I will help you by continually supporting you on this journey throughout the year, guiding you as you learn and grow from your mistakes and celebrating your successes. I am here to listen and work with you.

My name is Kaylene Maretich and I am the acting Assistant Principal at St Therese’s. My prayer for you is that you achieve to the best of your ability. I will help you to do this by getting to know you and your strengths and challenges. I will plan opportunities that cater to your different needs that are exciting, engaging and relevant.

My name is Vickie Pettett. I am the Religious Education Coordinator at St Therese’s. My prayer for you is that you will know and believe that you are a precious child of God and are loved by God and by all here at St Therese’s. I want to support you on your journey as a child of God. I will help you by showing you that I value and respect you and will always be there to listen to you and help you in any way to reach your full potential.

My name is Deb Petersen. I am a Primary Coordinator at St Therese’s at present. My prayer for you is to believe in yourselves. Know that you are always better off to try something, new or old, than to give up. I will help you by showing you that I too am a learner and that I will continue to challenge myself, to have a go and to accept failure or mistakes as they are some of the great life lessons.

My name is Julia Briggs and I am a Primary Coordinator at St Therese’s. My special area of interest is developing and strengthening wellbeing in people. My prayer for you this year is that you become more confident, happy and resilient, so you can achieve your full potential in all areas of life.

My name is Leanne Kepreotes. I am the acting co-ordinator at St Therese’s. My prayer for you is that we all will become tolerant of each other. We can do this by being accepting of each other’s differences. Even if we are not like everybody else, we can learn from them and have fun together. I will help you by my example and encouragement.

Vickie Pettett—RE Coordinator

Sport Report

Congratulations to the following 2016 Swimming Carnival Age champions:

**Girls Age Champions**
- Junior Girl - Andie Widseth - Gold
- 11 Yr Girl - Bella Crouch - Green
- Senior Girl - Sarah Dal Molin - Green

**Boys Age Champions**
- Junior Boy - Sullivan O’Sheades - Green
- 11 Yr Boy - Lawson Dooley - Gold
- Senior Boy - Jett Thomson - Blue

Paperwork for those children attending the Central Regional carnival will follow, the carnival will be held at Lambton Park on the 17th Feb 2016.

AFL

Any student interested in the sport of AFL please see the registration advertisement attached to this bulletin. Last year we had Auskick sessions run at our school and they were very popular, the advertisement also mentions future Auskick sessions.

Winter Trials

It’s that time of year again where sport is a busy and exciting part of school life. Winter trials include Netball, Soccer, Rugby League and Hockey. We will be holding trials soon to select students to attend. Preference will be given to Year 6 children and any students in Grade 5 and below who have exceptional talent in the selected sport.

PALS

Play socially and Learn (PALS) has begun again on Tuesday and Wednesday at lunchtimes for Primary and on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes for Infants.

Welcome Kindergarten

Last week our new kindergarten students attended their first two days at school. All the new students settled in beautifully. We had a lovely start to our school year. This week will be their first full week of “big school”, we look forward to a great week together. If you are in the playground and see any students or parents looking lost be sure to say hello and assist them if need be. Just a reminder to Kindergarten parents that afternoon pickup of your children will continue from their classroom verandah at 3pm this week. From next week (Monday 15th), you will be required to wait at the school gates, as your children will join the rest of the school in afternoon dismissal lines. Lastly, we wanted to say a big thank you to the Year 6 buddies, they have done a wonderful job so far in taking care of the kindergarten students. Well done Year 6, you should be very proud of yourselves!

Kindergarten Teachers

Dear Colleagues,

Corpus Christi Waratah is a KidsMatter school. We are currently in component 3 of the framework “Working with parents and carers”. As part of this component the action team wished to provide our community with information on Children’s Mental Health/Wellbeing issues. In 2016, we intend to have a series of information sessions facilitated by experts in the various fields. Our initial presentation will be on the topic of Separation Anxiety and will occur on Tuesday 23rd of February at 6:30pm. (Please see attached flyer). We would like to invite parents to this session, we do ask that you let us know approximate numbers by Friday 19th of February as we may need to change venue. Please contact us at admin@waratah.catholic.edu.au

Regards,

Tracey Pois

Learning Support & EALD Teacher

Corpus Christi Primary school

WARATAH
Dear Families,

Thank you for a fabulous start to 2016! I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families.

We look forward to getting to know you and your children better over the coming term.

Children have done a great job settling back in to the term and have been engaging happily, responsibly, respectfully and safely in activities. With most of our Kindy children now attending OSHC, our older children have readily taken on buddy roles and have shown wonderful leadership skills. It’s fantastic to see so many kind, caring children looking out for our little ones. They have been such a big help in transitioning children to the OSHC environment, with all of our Kindy children settling in very well.

They have happily played imaginatively with other children, engaged in games and sports, enjoyed using the fixed equipment and taken some quiet time to draw and colour.

I would like to remind our families that we will be offering a full day of care on the pupil free day on the 29th February. It would be most helpful if you could let me know if you will be requiring care on this day as soon as possible, so that I can arrange appropriate staffing. Staff will be organising a range of fun games and activities for this day and will work with children to come up with a theme. I will keep you posted on which theme we decide.

St. Therese’s families that are not currently enrolled with the YMCA who are looking for care for the pupil free day or looking at before and after school care are most welcome to pop in and see me or to contact me on 0402 165 617. I would be very happy to show you around the service and discuss how we could meet your needs. I am in the building from 7am until 10 am and from 1.30pm until 6pm daily.

Have a great week!

Kylie Nadalin - Coordinator

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Playgroup

There will be no Playgroup this Friday 12 February. Playgroup will commence on Friday 19 February. Come along and join us for our regular playgroup session next week in the hall from 9:15am - 11:15am.

Cost is only $3 per family which includes morning tea for parents.

Please pack a snack and drink for your children. We look forward to seeing you all.

Contact Nicole if you have any questions about playgroup on 0419 209912.

For Sale

2x Girls summer tunics size 6 $15 each
2x Girls navy jumpers size 8 $15 each
1x Girls winter tunic size 6 $25
3x Girls white winter shirts size $8 each
3x Royal blue Jackets size 8 $10 each
1x Royal blue jumper size 8-10 $5
1x royal blue track pant size 6 $5
3xRoyal blue dance pants sizes 6,8,$10 $5 each
3xRoyal blue sports skorts sizes 6 & 8
1x size 55cm school hat $5
1xsize 57cm school hat $10
OR $185 FOR THE LOT ALL IN NEAR NEW CONDITION

Please contact Rachel Grey on 0422175771

Important Year 6 Parent Meeting

All Year 6 parents are invited to attend a fundraising meeting on Monday 15th February at 7.00pm in the staff tearoom. The first fundraiser for the year will be the Athletics Carnival BBQ and cake stall on the 1 April. Many hands make light work so any assistance with planning and organising Year 6 fundraising events will be much appreciated. If you can’t make this meeting and would like to be involved please let Ingrid know on 0418 291 842.

Could Year 6 parents also provide a name and email address to Ingrid Laycock (Ingrid.laycock@gmail.com) so that information regarding Year 6 fundraising activities can be communicated to all parents.

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