Dear Parents and Carers,

Special thanks to the Parent Network, staff and volunteers for all your help with our Father’s Day Breakfast last Friday. We started cooking at 6.00am and kept on cooking! 600 rolls, 12 loaves of bread, 540 eggs, 40kg of bacon and 380 sausages. Phew! What a great community event. Special thanks to Taryn Vassallo, the Parent Network, our Front Office crew, staff and all the mums and dads who assisted. Events such as these help build our fantastic community spirit.

BUDDY BENCHES
Our Buddy Benches have finally arrived! After a few months in the pipeline, our two Buddy Benches were introduced to the students recently. If a child is feeling left out, cannot find their friends or wants to make new friends, they can sit on the Buddy Bench. Another student will then invite them to play in a new game or simply sit and talk.

INCIDENT OR BULLYING – Do you know the difference?
We often have parents ring to talk about how someone has bullied their child. However, upon investigation we discover that it is not bullying, but an incident of inappropriate behaviour.

Remember bullying is not a one off incident, but a continually repeated action by the same person/s over a sustained period of time.

Whether it is an incident or actually real bullying, they are both serious and we have a variety of processes in place to deal with the situation. We have no magic wand or quick fix solution – we focus on individual needs and we involve parents, the student themselves and the school’s Welfare Officer or Counsellor wherever possible.

Unfortunately, the media has sensationalised the term bullying and I feel the term is constantly misunderstood and misused. So we need to understand the difference between an incident and bullying, be rational, have realistic expectations and work in partnership with the school to solve the problem.

If you would like to discuss any issue with the school, please:
1. Contact your child’s class teacher/s in the first instance.
2. Work with the classroom teacher to implement strategies, provide feedback, work together, etc.
3. If further advice or support is needed then consult with the Assistant Principal or Principal

Congratulations to Elliot Spaccavento.

Elliot has won a $50 Westfield Gift Card for his photo of the Westfield Woden Book Week Display.

Well done Elliot!
Some things to consider:

- Identify if it is an incident of inappropriate behaviour or if it is bullying over a sustained period of time by the same person/s;
- Please do not approach a teacher at morning assembly or straight after school for a formal chat. Teachers are often on duty, have meetings or appointments scheduled;
- Teachers may take a few days to respond to your email;
- Appointments will usually be before school or straight after school. Like any specialist appointment, parents may need to rearrange their work schedule to make the appointment;
- Discuss any worry you have with us in a spirit of concern rather than laying blame on particular people or children;
- Remember you may be hearing a slanted version of the story and it is our responsibility to support both the victim and the perpetrator.
- Confidentiality and privacy are important. We won’t discuss your child’s needs or any consequences with another parent, so we ask you to also maintain an appropriate level of confidentiality and respect for all involved.

**WHAT IS A LEARNING SHOWCASE - Tuesday 20th September 3.15 - 6pm**

A Learning Showcase is where students invite a special guest to visit their classroom and school. The guest could be a parent, older sibling, grandparent, other relative or family friend. Students take responsibility for their learning by discussing and showing their guest various aspects of their work. This may include browsing through workbooks, looking at classroom displays, showing how they can use an iPad, explaining an Assessment Task, completing a Maths activity, discussing their artwork or sharing something in the Music Room. Learning Showcases aim to provide you with ‘another part of the picture’ and to enable you to gain a fuller understanding of your child’s development at school.

What is the format of a Learning Showcase?

- Parents receive a formal invitation outlining date and time of the Learning Showcase.
- Special guest visits the school at the appropriate time and is introduced to the classroom teacher by the student.
- Students show their special guest their workbooks, art work, classroom displays, etc.
- Students show their special guest the prepared Learning Showcase Booklet.
- Students and their special guest work through selected activities and visit various locations around the school.
- Student and special guest may complete a reflection/self assessment section of the Learning Showcase Booklet. (These can be taken home, completed and returned)

Please Note: Teachers will be in the classroom during this time, but only in a supervisory capacity. It is anticipated that this is quality time for parents or guests and their children. If you wish to discuss anything with the child’s teacher, please make an appointment to do so at another time.

**SUMMER UNIFORM**

A reminder that Summer Uniform commences in Term 4, so please check the wardrobe and visit the Clothing Pool and Savvy if any items are needed. We will have the usual transition period early in Term 4 to cater for the unpredictable weather.

A reminder that sports shoes should be **predominately white** and that black leather school shoes are an essential item of uniform. Several parents comment that their Year 6 child only has one term left at school. However, students also need black school shoes in high school!

Have a good week.

Brad Gaynor
Principal
brad.gaynor@cg.catholic.edu.au
This week we witness the canonisation of a very special person who is recognised worldwide.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta.

Mother Teresa was widely known as a living saint as she ministered to the sick and the dying in some of the poorest neighbourhoods in the world. Although some people criticised her for not also challenging the injustices that kept so many people so poor and abandoned, her simple service touched the hearts of millions of people of all faiths.

Born to an ethnic Albanian family in Skopje, in what is now part of Macedonia, she went to India in 1929 as a Sister of Loreto and became an Indian citizen in 1947. She founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950.

Shortly after she died in 1997, St. John Paul II waived the usual five-year waiting period and allowed the opening of the process to declare her sainthood. She was beatified in 2003.

Two miracles are attributed to her so far. She is documented to have been prayed to for her intercession to help cure a woman in West Bengal of a stomach tumour and a Brazilian man of viral brain infection. Both people were dying with no medical cure available to them. Their prayers to Mother Teresa were answered and both were healed completely.

The date chosen for her canonization is the eve of the 19th anniversary of her death and the date previously established at the Vatican for the conclusion of the Year of Mercy pilgrimage of people like her who are engaged in works of mercy.

Class Mass this Friday 9th September:
4 Green and Kinder Green
Congratulations to the following Award Receipients

| Year 3 | Mario Cokljat, Reagan Hughes, Nate Palmer, Blake Senini, Gabrielle Ticehurst, Cate Vrankovic |
| Year 4 | Jordon Highmore, Andrew Palmer |
| Year 5 | Elise Dredge, Damon Pfitzner |
| Year 6 | Kayla Aoki, Donny Georgi, Riya Kashyap, Will Ticehurst, Aiden Young |

White Cards are given out to the children on Friday morning at the 8.50am assembly.

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**Netball Natter**

**Netball 3 September**

**Player of the Week**

Stars – Cancelled
Swifts – Cancelled
Sunshines – Cancelled
Slushies – Cancelled
Skittles – Cancelled
Sparkles – Izabell McLeish and Maddie Howard
Smurfs – The Whole Team
Smarties – Imogen Brewer
Superstars – The Whole Team
Smiggles – Karuna Adhikari and Layne Wyeth

**PARISH NEWS**

At Corpus Christi Parish, each child who celebrates First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and/or Confirmation within our Parish creates a sacramental stole which is worn at the celebration of the sacrament. These stoles are kept by the Sacramental Co-Ordinator after each sacrament, until Confirmation when they are sent home with the child. Occasionally, and for various reasons, children do not celebrate Confirmation at our Parish and therefore, do not take their stole home. This has resulted in a large number of stoles in the stole archive.

If you believe a member of your family has a stole in the archive please contact me on the email below before 31 October 2016, after which date all uncollected stoles in the archive will be destroyed.

If you know of another family who this may be relevant to, please contact them with this information.

Further details are available on the Corpus Christi Parish website www.ccparish.org.au
Lisa-marie Cluffetelli
Parish Sacrament Coordinator
Corpus Christi Parish
tuggeranongsouth.sacraments@cg.org.au

**SCA Coffee Club**

Will meet at Coffee Guru Lanyon this Friday at 9am.

The Parent Network
Last Wednesday our Year 3 classes welcomed Georgia Pike from the ANU, Music Education Program, along with a number of volunteer students from Year 4. Georgia taught Year 3 songs from well known musicals in preparation for an engagement in community singing at the Big Gig, Lewellyn Hall. More details on this will follow shortly.

On Thursday of Week 9 our Year 4 volunteers are preparing to undertake aged care outreach by singing at Goodwin Homes Monash. We have two more recess practices on Wednesday during Week 8 and Week 9.

If you as a parent, grandparent, or carer of any student in any grade would like to come and share in the singing, please join us for practice in the Music Centre. Registration of WWVP is essential.

Did you know? There are 99 students from Year’s 5 & 6 involved in this years Extravaganza.

Did you know? These students have given up on average 3 lunchtimes a week.

Did you know? Nearly every staff member has contributed behind the scenes for this production.

Did you know? Our “First Alice” from our first ever extravaganza is now in Year 12!!

Did you know? There are only two weeks left to get your tickets - you don’t want to be disappointed!!

Make sure you get your order form in before the end of term. The order form can be found on the school website under the Parents - Notes tab.

Performances are:
- Tuesday 25th October - 7pm
- Wednesday 26th October - 7pm
- Friday 28th October - 7pm
- Saturday 29th of October - 2pm
MUSICIANS

Call out to the community for expressions of interest/volunteers for musicians to play during the fete as part of our entertainment line up. If you would be interested or like some more information please contact the Front Office.

PLANT STALL

A plant stall will again be run at our School Fete. We are hoping the school community may be able to assist in making this stall another success.

How you can help:
Do you have plants in your garden that can be separated and propagated? If you are willing to get potting that would be fantastic.

Suggestions: Succulants, mondo grass and ornamental grasses, agapanthus, some herbs and flowers (anything attractive that can be separated whilst keeping the roots).

Can you buy some seeds and get seed sewing with your kids? Dividing the seedlings into individual pots when big enough – This would need to be done now to be suitable for sale in November.

Contact Kate on 0417 681765 or kateblenkin@me.com
Kate Blenkin
Plant Stall Coordinator

MARKET STALLS

This year at our SCA fete we have places available for Market Stalls for a flat fee of $60 first in best dressed.

For further information please contact Belinda O’Connor belindaoconnor@cgcatholic.edu.au

RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle Tickets went home last Friday with the eldest child of each family. Tickets are $2 each.

1st Prize ...... $3000
2nd Prize ...... $2000
3rd Prize ...... $1000

Raffle will be drawn at the fete on 19/11/16 at 2pm

Here are a few of the planned activities for the fete and more information will be available over the coming months:

- Rides
- Baskets/Hampers
- Craft Stall
- Cake Stall
- BBQ
- Chocolate Wheel
- Show Bags
- Raffle
- Indian Food Stall
- Petting Zoo
- Reptile Man
This school holidays asOne Therapy will be offering a limited number of free consultations with our Occupational Therapist.

**Issues discussed during the consultation may include:**
- Eating
- Sensory Processing
- Handwriting
- Cutting
- Dressing
- Play skills
- Manipulating objects

**THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**
**Level 4 Woden Centre, 20 Bradley Street Woden**

Please contact us to secure your place.

**Occupational Therapy**

**Free Consultations!!**

For children up to 12 years

**Issues discussed during the consultation may include:**
- Eating
- Sensory Processing
- Handwriting
- Cutting
- Dressing
- Play skills
- Manipulating objects

**Speech Pathology**

**Free Consultations**

For children up to 12 years

**Issues discussed during the 20 minute consultation may include:**
- Speech sounds
- Stuttering
- Following directions
- Vocabulary
- Spelling / reading
- Comprehension
- Forming sentences
- Grammar
- Slow to start to talk

**THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

**Level 4 Woden Centre, 20 Bradley Street Woden**

Please contact us to secure your place.

**Bookings are essential.**

**Save the Date**

Friday Week 4 Term 4

**4th November 2016**

**Purple Happy Day**