



# CCCS Newsletter

**Tuesday 3 November – Week 3 Term 4**

Dear Parents and Friends,

Do you ever feel you are moving from one major event to another without much breathing space? That is what this term is like for the staff of our school. I thrive on being busy and active. I love to see new things happening around me and to be part of the excitement. However, all of this can come at a cost. Tiredness, stepping on people's toes, having feelings hurt are some of the negative outcomes from this lifestyle. This is where God's grace in us is put into practise.

There are two sides to a coin. On one side I have to be gracious towards those who do not work at the same pace as I do, to be sensitive to their position and considerate of their situations, while achieving the best for the majority in a situation. On the other side they are to be gracious to me and recognise what I do is not a personal attack, that I want the best for all people concerned and forgive me when I do make mistakes.

After all, "God's grace is sufficient for us", 2 Corinthians 12:9. Ephesians 2:5b says, "...By grace you have been saved.."

God bless each of you this week,

Mrs Steward

**Value of the Week: Grace**

## **Join Our Relay For Life Team**

We still need members to join our team! So far we have 5 members. We need between 12 and 15 to participate on the day. We need a minimum of 12 children to register for the team to qualify for a draw in a Plasma television for the school. Even if you can only join us for an hour or so, our school is being represented in the community, for a worthwhile cause. For more information please go to our website or [www.relayforlife.org.au](http://www.relayforlife.org.au). It is being held at The Crest on Saturday 7 November 2009 from 9:45 am and concluding Sunday 8 November 2009, 10am. Hope you can join our team.

We are having a Mufti Day tomorrow, Wednesday 4 November, to raise funds for the Cancer Council. Gifts of \$2 or more can be tax deductible. If you would like to make a monetary donation and receive a tax deductible receipt, please send the following details with your donation – your name, address, phone number and amount. A receipt will be sent home with your child on Thursday.

## **Selling of Fundraising Chocolates at School**

It has been a policy at school that we allow children to sell their Fundraising Chocolates or Lollies at school only on a Thursday after coming and obtaining permission from the office.

As Canteen is now changing to Thursdays, Fundraising items may be sold on Fridays only, (after permission has been given from the office).

## **Survey**

The School Board is looking into the feasibility of having a school bus run. You will find a Survey at the back of this Newsletter to assist with this decision. Could you please fill out the questionnaire if you would be interested in a bus service for your area and return to school by Monday 9th November. Thank you for your help in this.

## **Carols Carnival Costume Requirements**

For our Carols Carnival at the end of Term 4, Tuesday 8 December 2009, students will be required to wear either a green, white or red plain (no logos) t-shirt with full-length dark jeans (blue or black). The t-shirt must have sleeves (short or long is fine) but not singlet tops, and it must be long enough to cover the child's midriff when their hands are in the air.

Senior choir have been given specific colours to wear.

Group 1 - Red

Group 2 (boys) - White

Group 3 - Green

Check with your child or Mrs Nash if unsure.

## **Carols Carnival**

This is the week for students to register their performance for the Carols Carnival. We have a few participants at this stage and would love to see others displaying their talents. Have your children been practicing their performances for our Carols Carnival? Early in the year all students were told about this event and that they could perform a well presented item eg dance, singing, drama, juggling, gymnastics in the afternoon segment of our Carols Carnival.

It is now time to let Mrs Nash know the details of that performance. Please include any music, scripts, lyrics that are going to be performed at the auditions by Wednesday 4 November 2009. Polished auditions will be held in Week 5 (starting Mon 16 November).

Following our carnival, we will be having the Year Six graduation and carols part of the evening, in the church auditorium.

## **Uniform Shop Hours**

Monday and Wednesday 8.30 am – 9.30 am

Tuesday 12.00 noon to 4.00 pm

Thursday 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm

The Uniform shop will not be open on Fridays.

Uniform orders can be placed at the school office at any time. Please ensure you send in the correct money (cash or cheque) in an envelope. Orders will be processed the following Tuesday. Orders can also be placed by email – [uniforms@cccs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:uniforms@cccs.nsw.edu.au), and will be delivered the Tuesday after payment is received.

## KOALA Book Awards

Last Tuesday 8 of our students had the opportunity to attend the 2009 KOALA book awards presentation ceremony at Parramatta Town Hall.

Below are reports on the day written by three of the students and some photos of the students with some of the authors.

On Tuesday 27th of October Mrs Wilson took the library monitors to the KOALA Awards in Parramatta. Firstly we looked at the items for sale then everyone sat down. Each of the authors did a speech on an animal. After that they raffled prizes for schools. Each child got to take home a book. We got lots of autographs from the authors. We helped another school get there and back because they didn't have a bus. It was a fun and amazing experience.

Written by: Christina Rajagulasingham

On 27 of October I and some Library monitors and also Teacher went to the KOALA Awards in Parramatta Town Hall. We sat in our seats for at least one hour or more. Then me and my friends brought some books and we won some lovely books. After that, we went into a room and the Authors put stamps and their autographs on papers and bags.

We all had a lovely time there!

Written by: Priscilla Aguiar

On 27 of October 2009, I went to the KOALA (Kids Own Australian Literature Awards) awards. I went with Mrs Wilson, Chloe, Courtney, Rachel, Sarah, Joneeta, Priscilla, Christina, the people from St Mary's Georges Hall and myself.

When I arrived I loved the view of the little garden from behind of where I sat. Also when I entered the building everyone who attended was able to meet 14 authors by person and listen to what their favorite animal was.

Then after everyone introduced themselves everyone was able to get a free book! In a special room we were even given autographs of author's and bring books for them to sign on.

I had a wonderful day with Mrs Wilson and the other library monitors that I want to go again next year.

Written by: Joanna Kim



## Missions Focus Term 4 – Christmas Hampers for the Elderly

Hampers for the Elderly is our Mission Focus this term and listed below are items that we would like brought to school. Items are listed in quantities per class - please, only bring in 1 or 2 items from your child's class list – we don't expect you to buy everything on the list!

Let's make this a special Christmas for some of the elderly people in our Community – they will really appreciate it.

# CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

## Term 4 Mission Focus

KINDERGARTEN	YEAR ONE
10 packets Christmas serviettes	10 packets Christmas serviettes
2 boxes wrapped chocolates	2 boxes wrapped chocolates
5 long-life custard	5 long-life custard
5 bottles fizzy apple juice	5 bottles fizzy apple juice
5 packets fruit mince pies	2 Christmas cakes
2 Christmas puddings	3 Christmas puddings

YEAR TWO	YEAR THREE
10 large packets chips	10 large packets chips
2 boxes wrapped chocolates	2 boxes wrapped chocolates
5 long-life custard	5 long-life custard
5 bottles fizzy apple juice	5 packets mixed nuts or cashews
3 Christmas cakes	5 bottles fizzy apple juice
3 Christmas puddings	3 Christmas puddings

YEAR FOUR	YEAR FIVE
10 packets assorted lollies	10 packets assorted lollies
2 boxes wrapped chocolates	2 boxes wrapped chocolates
5 tinned fruit	5 tinned fruit
5 packets mixed nuts or cashews	5 packets mixed nuts or cashews
5 packets fruit mince pies	5 packets fruit mince pies
3 Christmas puddings	3 Christmas puddings

YEAR SIX
20 packets jelly crystals
2 boxes wrapped chocolates
10 tinned fruit
5 packets mixed nuts or cashews
5 packets fruit mince pies
3 Christmas puddings

## Mobile Muster and Print Cartridge Collection

As our schools contribution to improving our world, we will be running a Mobile Muster for the rest Term Four to collect old mobile phones and phone batteries. These can be recycled to make many new items including new batteries, jewellery, electronic components, and even fence posts! So look around the house for all your old phones, ask your family members, friends and work mates and let's get recycling!

At the same time as the Mobile Muster, we will also be collecting printer and toner cartridges from computer printers, fax machines and photocopiers. These can also be recycled out of landfill and re-made into many useful items.

We will be advertising in the local paper to encourage members of our community to take part in our campaign. There will be boxes in each classroom, and one in the office area.

## BRAVO AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who achieved 5 Bravos:

Year 1: Chloe Power

Congratulations to the following students who achieved 10 Bravos:

Kindergarten: Ruth Huynh, Viliami Siasau

Year 1: Nicholas Scuderi

## CANTEEN

As always, we are looking for helpers to come in from 9.00am – 11.00am on Mondays and Thursdays. There is a free lunch for any parent or grandparent who helps and also a 1 child voucher per family. This is a fantastic opportunity to be involved in our school community, so please contact Sue Ibrahim if you are able to help.

Below is the roster for the next few weeks of the mums who have already volunteered to help. We really appreciate your efforts and I know your children love having you at school.

### Term 4

Date	Name
<b>Thursday 5 November</b>	Cheryl Dunn
Monday 9 November	Joanne Nawar Cheryl Dunn
<b>Thursday 12 November</b>	Cheryl Dunn
Monday 16 November	Carmen Farah
<b>Thursday 19 November</b>	Cheryl Dunn
Monday 23 November	Joanne Nawar
<b>Thursday 26 November</b>	Cheryl Dunn Mary Said

Monday 30 November	Kathy McKeich
<b>Thursday 3 December</b>	Cheryl Dunn Heba Ibrahim

If you are unable to work on your rostered day, please ring the school so that we can forward this information to Ms Ibrahim before the day so that she can arrange for someone to take your place.

### Special Note from the Canteen

If your child has ordered custard or jelly in their lunch order, please remind them to collect this from the Canteen as Mrs Ibrahim and staff cannot place this in the lunch order box due to the possibility of spillage.

## PRAYER & PRAISE

Praise God for:

- ✝ The opportunity to worship Him in all that we do.
- ✝ The wonderful experience our library monitors had attending the KOALA Awards.



Pray for:

- ✝ Mrs Tarasenko to recover quickly from an operation last week.
- ✝ Mr Bluhdorn and his family as they grieve the loss of his grandmother who passed away this morning.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Relay For LIFE

Relay For Life is an event where teams of 10 to 15 people take turns walking or running around a local oval to raise funds for cancer research, education, support services and advocacy. Relay is for young and old and you can walk as many or few laps as you like. It's not a race and you don't need to run.

Calvary Chapel Georges Hall are once again taking part in this event and are looking for team members and also support from our school community.

You can gain additional information about the Calvary team or how to donate by visiting:  
[http://www.relay.cancercouncil.com.au/?2009/bankstown\\_2009/calvary\\_chapel\\_georges\\_hall](http://www.relay.cancercouncil.com.au/?2009/bankstown_2009/calvary_chapel_georges_hall)

Or contact Geoff Allan, Community Pastor, Calvary Chapel Georges Hall on 9726 5355 for more details.

## Premier's Adventure Challenge

To encourage children and families to visit New South Wales' museums and art galleries the NSW Premier is launching his 'Premier's Adventure Challenge'.

How the challenge works:

- Every primary school student (K-6) can participate by visiting one of the 70+ participating museums and galleries across NSW.
- They will be given their free Kids' Adventure Passport.
- Most of the institutions are free, but for those with a general admission charge, each passport holder will be entitled to free entry on weekends, public holidays and school holidays.
- The passport is valid from 13 July 2009 to 27 January 2010.
- Passport holders collect a sticker or a stamp on each visit.
- Once three stamps have been collected, complete and return the tear-off form at the back of the passport and the Premier will send them an official Premier's Adventure Certificate.

For further details go to [www.arts.nsw.gov.au](http://www.arts.nsw.gov.au).

If you are visiting one of the museums or art galleries after church on Sunday and use public transport, you can get unlimited travel on City Rail trains, buses and ferries for just \$2.50 per person as part of the Family Funday Sunday program.



## Swimsafe classes starting soon

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water. But no parent can forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Swimsafe classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs give wonderful results, and are great fun as well! Plus, family discounts make Swimsafe affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swimsafe classes in pools all over the state, including somewhere near you.

Swimsafe has been going for more than 30 years, with more than 15,000 people attending classes each year. Swimsafe instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

**Prices for nine lessons are \$57.30 for school-aged children and \$43 for preschoolers (Prices exclude pool entry fee).**

For more information or to make a booking, phone 13 13 02  
or visit [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au)



**Communities**  
Sport & Recreation

## Spring warning from The Asthma Foundation New South Wales

Pollen grains are released from certain grasses, weeds and trees. They are coated in proteins that can trigger allergic reactions - commonly asthma and hay fever. Spring and Summer can often be difficult times for people with allergic conditions. The height of grass pollen season is from late September to late December, and the highest amount of pollen can be found in the air between 6am and noon.

### How is the pollen count determined?

Each day, researchers at the Department of Immunology and Allergy at Campbelltown Hospital in Sydney

take samples of the air. These are analysed to gauge how much pollen is airborne and whether the level is considered high, moderate or low. Low = less than 50/cubic metre of air Medium = 50 to 100 High = over 100 The higher the pollen count, the greater the chance of symptoms presenting themselves. However, it is important to remember that the pollen count is a gauge only. Specific sensitivities to

certain pollens may still be present, even if the overall count is low. Monday - Friday from September to December, Asthma Foundation NSW displays the pollen count on its website. Make sure you check the pollen count daily to see when you need to take precautions.

### What if the pollen count is high?

If the count is estimated to be high, then it is important to be prepared. People with asthma should have reliever medication readily available at all times

### Tips to reduce pollen exposure

When the pollen count is high:

- Pollen can stick to clothes. Consider hanging clothes inside on windy days.
- Keep the windows and doors closed to prevent the pollens from coming inside.
- Shower/change clothes after being outside.
- Avoid activities that expose you to pollen, such as mowing lawns.
- Protect your eyes with sunglasses.
- Use re-circulated air in the car
- Check tomorrow's pollen count by visiting our website [www.asthmansw.org.au](http://www.asthmansw.org.au)

## COMING EVENTS

### Mission Focus Term 4:

### Hampers For The Elderly

Wednesday 4 November	Mufti Day for Cancer Council Fundraising
Thursday 5 November	Yr 5/6 Excursion to the Art Gallery
Friday 6 November	Kindergarten Orientation
Saturday 7 November	Relay for Life
Thursday 19 November	Year 5 CARES Excursion
Monday 23 November to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Intensive Swimming - Kindergarten and Year 1
Thursday 3 December	Thank you Breakfast for parent helpers 8:15 am Carols Carnival & Year 6 Graduation
Friday 4 December	Year 6 Final Chapel Year 6 Farewell Party Day Farewell Arch and end of Term 4 for students.

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First Day Term 1, 2010    Wednesday 27 January for ALL students

Sports Uniform to be worn first day

## CHURCH NEWS

Every Wednesday @ 10am	Men's Coffee Morning at Gloria Jeans REvesby
Every Friday after school	Kids Prayer in upstairs Chapel 3.45 pm to 5.00 pm
Friday 6 November	Movie Morning 10am in the upstairs Chapel
Tuesday 10 November	Playtime 10.00am
Friday 13 November	Christmas Craft 10am – 12noon
Friday 20 November	Christmas Craft 10am – 12noon
Tuesday 24 November	Playtime Christmas Party commencing at 10.00 am
Friday 27 November	Christmas Craft 10am – 12noon

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Please detach and complete the transport survey and return it to your child's class teacher by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

### Transport Survey

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Closest Main Road to your home: \_\_\_\_\_

Closest Railway Station: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Mode of transport: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Travelling time (approximately): \_\_\_\_\_

If offered would you use a school bus service for a small fee (to cover running costs)?

Yes       No

If Yes, how many of your children would be using the service? AM: \_\_\_\_\_ PM: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

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