



St Andrew's Parish

## **CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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### **NEWSLETTER 17 Wednesday 14th November 2018 WEEK 6, TERM 4**

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*Dear Parents / Carers,*

#### **SAD NEWS**



It is with deep sadness that I inform our Corpus Christi school Community that one of our staff members, Mrs Anne Doolan passed away on Sunday morning.

Mrs Doolan worked at Corpus Christi for 14 years and for much of this time as a Reading Recovery and intervention teacher. During the past few years Mrs Doolan has battled serious illness but her goal was always to return to Corpus Christi to do the thing she loved most - teaching children.

At this sad time please keep Mrs Doolan, her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

God bless.

*After the terrible events of last Friday, please find following a Pastoral Statement on the Bourke Street attack of 9 November 2018 from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli.*

### ***Pastoral Statement The Bourke Street Attack of 9 November 2018***

The horrific and evil events in Bourke St on Friday afternoon have shaken our city. Grief, pain, and anger are words that will readily come to mind. This incident will have far-reaching effects on many people.

Friday's evil act was entirely contrary to the Way of Jesus, contrary to all true religion, and contrary to human dignity. The way of Jesus Christ is to build bridges of mutual respect and civil friendship among people and communities. The way of aggression and violence is never the answer. Let us commit ourselves instead to the way of dialogue and reconciliation.

Into the darkness of evil, may a light of goodness shine. Let us acknowledge and honour the lights of goodness that shone out on Friday afternoon:

- the goodness of a man who went to the aid of a neighbour even if that gesture of charity was countered with deadly intent;
- the goodness of people who courageously sought to protect others;
- the goodness of those who defended innocent lives in the face of perilous harm.

So, let us pray for the gentle repose of the soul of Sisto Malaspina; let us pray also for those who were harmed; for those who defended others; and for our police and emergency service providers – all of whom reveal to us the path of goodness and right action.

*May those affected by Friday's tragic events be healed, physically and emotionally, and may Jesus Christ accompany us all with solace and strength during the days ahead*

***Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus  
Most Rev Peter A Comensoli Archbishop of Melbourne***

## FAMILY CONVERSATIONS 2019

At Corpus Christi we believe that strong family-school partnerships improve student motivation and learning. Research demonstrates that effective schools have high levels of parental and community involvement and that this involvement is strongly related to improved student learning, attendance and behaviour.

Family school partnerships are integral to our Corpus Christi school community. Every child matters. We know parents are the first and most important educators of their child. As teachers we know that it is vital that we work together with parents, carers and families to enable high student wellbeing and academic achievement.

In our continued endeavour to work in partnership with all families, to begin our 2019 school year, we will once again be holding **Family Conversations**. This will provide a designated time for families to meet with their home-group teacher, to get to know one another and begin building a partnership – one that will continue throughout the school year.

The Family Conversation will not only provide an opportunity to get to know one another, but also provides an opportunity to discuss hopes and questions for the school year ahead.

Family Conversations will be held on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January and Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. Children in Grades 1 – 6 will begin school on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019.** Foundation families will receive a detailed list of dates related to the start of their school life at their Transition Session, tomorrow Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

We feel Family Conversations are vital to set up positive relationships between staff, students and families from the very beginning of the year and we thank you for your support. We ask that your child and at least one parent/ carer attend the meeting, however all family members are welcome.

A preference note was sent home to all families on Monday and we ask that these are returned by **MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> November**. As explained within the letter going home, a 20 minute appointment time will be allocated for each child attending Corpus Christi. You will be notified of appointment times before the end of the year.

## SCHOOL BOARD AGM 2018

Last night we held the School Board AGM for 2018.

The work of the Board has once again been most valuable and very supportive. It is always clearly evident that the interest of each and every child in our school is foremost in the minds of all our Board members as we meet and work throughout the year.

Every member of the Board has given their time freely to ensure only the best is provided for all children at our school. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank each member of the Board for the work they do. To the Chairperson, Lisa Woodall and our Secretary Di Rampertshammer, I thank you for all the work you do in these positions and the time you give to ensure the smooth operations of this group. A special thank you goes to Mr Brett Walsh for the work and commitment to our Weekend Maintenance Program that he so generously supports throughout the year. Thank you to Dean Trovarelli, Rosy Klyszcz, Neil Salvador, Viv Adamko and Dee Dundov for your continued dedication and support of all aspects of the work of the Board. I also thank our Parish Priest, Fr. Albert Yogarajah for his ongoing encouragement and support of all we do at our school.

This year, we farewell three members of our School Board, Mrs Rosy Klyszcz, Mrs Di Rampertshammer and Ms Dee Dundov as the staff representative, all who served the school as Board members for many years. I wish to sincerely thank Rosy, Di and Dee for their contribution and the support given to the work of the board during these years. We warmly welcome three new members to the school Board for 2019, Mrs Mia Shaw (Gus, Foundation), Mr Grant Whyte (Xavier Yr 3 and Owen Foundation) and Katrina Gauci (Bridelia Yr 2). I thank them for nominating to be on the School Board to represent all members of the Corpus Christi Community and look forward to working with them next year.

With kind regards, Linda



# Education in Faith

## CORPUS CHRISTI COMMUNITY MASS AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH 2018

Thank you to the families who attended the Community Mass at St. Andrew's Church last Saturday. It was great to see so many families come together and celebrate mass at our parish church. Some of our students read and participated throughout the mass beautifully.

## MIDDLE UNIT MASS

Our Middle unit will lead this celebration this Thursday and please be advised of the change in time which will now be at **12:30pm in the Purple community**. We warmly invite you all to attend.

## ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS PRAYER SERVICE

On the 2nd of November, the Middle Unit led us in a beautiful prayer service to remember loved ones who have gone before us and to honour the saints in heaven. Throughout the month of November, we continue to pray and keep in our thoughts family members and loved ones who have passed away.

## GRADUATION MASS

On the 11th December at 6:00pm, we will have the Graduation Mass at St. Andrew's Church. We ask that you keep this date in mind and a further note will come out shortly with details about the mass.

### Remembrance Day Prayer

Ever living God,

We remember those whom you have gathered from the storms of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

*On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month of the year 1918, an armistice was signed, ending the "war to end all wars" - World War I. November 11 has therefore been set aside as Armistice Day, a day to pray for those who have died serving their country.*

*Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace.*



**Condolences to** .. the Chu Shing Family (Jasmine 5/6 MB) after the sad passing of their Grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

*Upcoming Events:*

**15th November-** Middle Unit Mass 12:30pm

**18th November-** Community Mass 10am at St. Mary of the Cross Chapel- MacKillop College

**7th December-** Advent Reflection 2:05pm as part of our Whole School Assembly

**11th December-** Year 6 Graduation Mass at St. Andrew's 6pm

**18th December-** End of year prayer service

Miss Richelle Mendoza, **Religious Education Leader**

# Learning Community News

## JUNIOR UNIT

In the Junior unit, students have been writing their own parables, sending a message to others. Students will finalise their parables this week and have them published ready to share.

In inquiry we have been exploring and researching animals and their habitats. We will be making dioramas in the next few weeks and we ask that the students bring in a box (shoe box preferable) in order to make their habitats. Students work will be presented to parents in the final weeks of school.

Tomorrow, the students will have a guest speaker from the Commonwealth Bank Start Program speak to them about money. This will be the beginning of our money unit. Ask your child about the different coins and add up different amounts.



*Start Smart is an award-winning financial education program offered to school aged students across Australia to help them prepare for their future. Conducted by world-class facilitators, the interactive, educational workshops are designed to motivate and inspire students and give them the confidence and skills to make smart decisions about money.*

**Yours in Partnership, Mrs Michelle Surmiak, Junior Unit Leader**

## MIDDLE UNIT

This Friday Middle students will begin visiting the local Nursing Home, seeking to share their learning experiences with the elderly and to make a positive impact in some small way. Students will have the chance to visit the Nursing Home again on the following Fridays. In Religion, students have been learning about 'Mary Our Mother' the faithful disciple. Through Bible stories, students have retold, discussed and reflected on Mary, learnt about the Month of Mary and the Rosary, as well as, how Mary is present in their own lives.

For writing, students have continued to expand their knowledge on Sustainability issues around the world and this week will choose a topic they are passionate about. They will then research facts about their topic, taking notes in their own words, before planning, drafting and finally publishing Information Reports on their chosen topic.

As we head into the middle of Term 4, it's a great chance to reflect with your child on their journey so far. Ask your child:

- What's something that's going really well for you at school at the moment?
- What's something that's challenged you this week?
- What's an area that you want to improve on?

**Yours in partnership, Ms Kim Gleeson, Middle Unit Leader**

## FOUNDATION UNIT

We rounded out the end of week 5 with our much anticipated Book Parade! The children were fabulous and enjoyed parading in their costumes for the whole school. What a great event with children immersing themselves in Book Week activities and participating in the Authors Workshop.



Our inquiry unit has come full circle and the children have been eagerly putting their learning into practise with the making of dips and fruit pops. They have become very adept at reading recipes and are going to use this knowledge to experiment with ingredients next week during our Cupcake bake off. Stay tuned for Sweet, Bitter and Salty cupcakes !!

Keep up to date with the happenings in Foundation on Remind @funcc2018  
**Yours in Partnership, Foundation Team**

## SENIOR UNIT

Congratulations and thanks to all our students that entered into the spirit of Book Week celebrations by dressing up. Last Friday, students participated in an illustrator's workshop conducted by Author/Illustrator Lucinda Gifford learning different skills and techniques as part of the celebrations.

Over the last few weeks, students have investigated graphing and the data represented through visuals, created their own artwork to highlight new learning about Women of the Old Testament and refined team game plans and communication as we complete last minute preparations for Lightning Premiership occurring this Friday.



Over the next few weeks, we look forward to the Year 5 Leadership Speeches, debating 'Does Matter Matter?' and continuing to investigate Women of the Bible by exploring the New Testament. During Mathematics, we explore measurement in our world.

Regards, **Leanne Spence** Senior Unit Leader

# Learning & Teaching News

## Transition, Reports & Student Learning Journeys



The end of the year is fast approaching and it is a busy time of the year for everyone. Please take the time to talk to your children about what is happening at school at this time of the year. Their thoughts focus on the year that is ending as well as the new unknown year to come. This can provide anxious moments for some children and parents need to reassure them that we all have their best interests and best learning opportunities upper most in our minds at all times.

Both human nature and research show that change is hard for most people. Too much change for children can contribute to feelings of insecurity and dread of a specific situation.

One of our primary goals is to help children develop a positive self-concept and a love of learning. Smooth transitions can be an integral part of helping a child adjust to and make the most of a new situation. A new teacher and/or a new classroom should be an exciting event, not one of fear, concern, or apprehension. So keep the discussion about next year positive and encourage that excitement about the new year to come.

All staff here at Corpus Christi are actively helping all of our students in transitioning from one year to the next during Term Four. Please contact your child's teacher if you need any assistance with this and let them know about any concerns your child may be having during this time.

Reports and Student Learning Journeys will be available towards the end of the term and a letter with more specific information will be sent out soon.

Mrs Peta Cesarec, **Learning and Teaching Leader**

# Numeracy News



Well done to all the children that had a go at answering the Timezone Numeracy Challenge question. The lucky winners that were announced at our whole school assembly on the 8<sup>th</sup> November were: Isabella (Junior Padula) and Toby (Senior D). Isabella and Toby get to enjoy 30 minutes of free play at Timezone in Werribee!

Please encourage your child to take part in the Timezone Numeracy Challenge. Children will be able to access the question sheet in the office near the Timezone boxes. Please remind your child to show their working out and use efficient strategies to solve the problem. Make sure your child has written their name and grade at the top of the page before placing this into the box.

The next two winners will be announced at the whole school assembly on **Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** and get to enjoy 30 minutes of free play at Timezone in Werribee!

Students will have until **3:30pm** on **Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November** to complete and hand in the problem into the Timezone Numeracy Challenge box located near the office.

## **Foundation-2 question:**

What are some different times you can show on an analogue clock where the minute hand is pointing to the 6? Can you also record the digital time?

## **Grade 3-6 question:**

If you arrived at school at 8:15am and left at 3:30pm on the same day, how long were you at school for? Make sure you show your working out in an efficient way.

The question for the students to solve is:

All the Year 3-6 students that participated in the Australian Maths Competition should have received their certificate and results page by now. I would like to congratulate the students that took part in the competition and each student should be proud of their effort. Just a reminder that the test is a 'snapshot' of where the students might be at with their learning in Numeracy. Your child's teacher will have a better idea of where your child is at in Numeracy through all the fantastic teaching and assessing they do each day.

Some teachers have started using Essential Assessment in the last few weeks with their students. This is giving teachers useful data in understanding where each child is at with their learning in Numeracy, and what they need to learn next. Students will be able to login at home to practise the skills that they need to work on. Students will also have access to the program Sunset Maths to practise the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, as well as money. To login, students use the same username and password that they use for their school Google accounts. The school code is: **CCPSW3030**. If you have any questions about Essential Assessment, please come and see me.

Have a great week! Mr Peter Donoghue, Numeracy Leader

# Wellbeing & Community Partnerships



## Senior Craig's "retreat day" Kindness Project

As part of their Specialist program, Senior Craig students used their entrepreneurial and creative talents to organise a Second-Hand Book Stall. Students made signage and spoke at assemblies to promote their stall. They used maths skills to arrange timetables and schedules, also to count change and money raised. The level of leadership, enthusiasm and dedication of this group was very impressive! Students ran the stall over six lunchtimes and raised over \$140 which will be donated to Day for Daniel charity. Left over books and bookmarks will be donated to Books4PNGKids, a charity for less fortunate children in Papua New Guinea. AND, we are very excited that lots and lots of Corpus Christi children have new books to read! A fabulous initiative of Senior Craig students! Senior Craig would like to thank all the families and staff members who donated pre-loved books to the stall.



## Kindness Everywhere!

We encourage all students and families to take our Kindness Challenge! Acts of kindness can be large or small. Families can make their own Kindness Calendar or Bingo game. Colour them as you go!

- \* use people's name when saying hello
- \* clear the table without being asked
- \* write a thank you letter
- \* make breakfast for your family
- \* ask mum if you can help with anything at home
- \* hold the door open for someone
- \* donate pre-loved toys and books to charity
- \* ask someone how was their day

*"Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world." – Howard Zinn*

[Mrs Elissa Ardizzon, Wellbeing & Community Engagement Leader](#)

## ICT NEWS - REPORTING TO PARENTS

A reminder to Parents / Carers to keep a look out for TeacherCloud emails.

The Learning Journey is our way to report the learning your child is accomplishing at school in the form of photos or videos that contain comments from the teacher. At the end of Term 2 and Term 4, it will also include your child's formal school report.

To gain access to the Learning Journey, your child's teacher sends a link from the TeacherCloud on behalf of Corpus Christi. When you click on this link, you are required to insert a password that has been sent at the start of the year via email from the TeacherCloud.

However many parents have deleted this email or forgotten their chosen password but that's okay I can send you another password. Just email me so that I can check to see if I have the correct email address. Most times, I can resend the password on the day of request.

Please email me at [annew@ccwerribee.catholic.edu.au](mailto:annew@ccwerribee.catholic.edu.au)

Mrs Anne Walton, ICT Leader



### **PARISH RAFFLE TICKETS ARE NOW OVERDUE**

*Families who have not returned  
their raffle tickets sold / unsold  
please do so.*

*For lost tickets please contact the School for  
Statutory Declaration.*

***SEE YOU AT THE FAIR! SATURDAY 17th November***



**SHOUT OUT ! To our Bakers!**

**We need scones for the Fair**

Scones can be delivered to the Fair  
(St Andrew's Gym Kitchen) at 9am

Thankyou!



# Character Dress Up Parade!





## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2019

**Term 1** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

*Easter 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> April*

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January** - Group A Foundation begin School 8:45am to 12:30pm

**\*\*Family Conversations Grades 1 to 6**

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January** - Group B Foundation attend School 8:45am to 12:30pm

**\*\*Family Conversations Grades 1 to 6**

**\*\*All children in Grades 1 to 6 will be allocated appointment times for their Family Conversation, prior to the end of the 2018 school year to allow families to make arrangements for these days.**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February** – All Foundation students attend School 8:45am to 12:30pm

**All Grade 1-6 students begin School 8:45am to 3:05pm**

### FOUNDATION HOURS FOR TERM 1

For the first 4 weeks of Term One Foundation Students

Do not attend school on Wednesdays.

<b>Schools Days &amp; Hours</b>	<b>No School Days</b>
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 8:45am to 3:05pm starting from Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Wednesdays 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> February

*The four Wednesdays will be used by the Foundation Teachers to conduct  
Family Conversations and Assessments.*

*Appointments will be made with Learning Community Teachers and Parents.*

Foundation children will come to school full time  
from **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**TERM DATES** Term 2 Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October to Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

## 2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR & IMPORTANT DATES


Thursday 15th November	<b>Foundation 2019 Transition Day 2</b>
Friday 16th November	<b>Lightning Premiership Carnival / Activities</b> - Sporting Events Various Activities
Saturday 17th November	<b><u>ST ANDREW'S PARISH FAIR - See you at the Fair!</u></b>
Sunday 18th November	Community Mass 10am at St Mary of the Cross Chapel - MacKillop College
Tuesday 20th November	<b>MCG Tour &amp; Excursion</b> Senior Dawson & Senior Spence P & F Meeting 7pm in the Staffroom
Friday 23rd November	<b>Junior Sports Day Today !</b> <b>*POSTPONED*</b> P & F MOVIE NIGHT "Coco" 7pm Don't forget to book your tickets now!
Wednesday 28th November	<b>MCG Tour &amp; Excursion</b> Senior Craig & Senior Volkwyn
Thursday 29th November	<b>P &amp; F Christmas Hamper Donation &amp; Student Free Dress Day</b> <b>Foundation 2019 Transition Day 3</b>
Monday 3rd December	<b>CC Annual Carols Night</b>
Wednesday 5th December	<b>P &amp; F Christmas Dinner</b>
Friday 7th December	9:00am Volunteer Thank you and Morning Tea in MFR 2:05 Whole School Assembly and ADVENT Reflection
Sunday 9th December	Community Mass 10am at St Mary of the Cross Chapel - MacKillop College
Monday 10th December	<b>Orientation Session</b>
Tuesday 11th December	<b>Graduation Mass</b>
Thursday 13th December	<b>Foundation 'Nativity Play'</b>
Friday 14th December	<b>Foundation Inquiry Excursion—Village Cinemas &amp; Grill'd Pacific Werribee</b>
Friday 14th December	<b>Year 6 Excursion Adventure Park</b>
Tuesday 18th December	<b>End of Year Prayer Service 9:00am</b> <b><u>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR - All Students Dismissed at 1:00pm</u></b>

### 2019 KEY DATES

Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Family Conversations Grade 1 to 6 Foundation Students First Day Group A – 8:45am to 12:30pm
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Family Conversations Grade 1 to 6 Foundation Students First Day Group B – 8:45am to 12:30pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	<b><u>Grades Foundation to Grade 6 - First Day at School</u></b> - Foundation Students finish at 12:30pm
Friday 5th April	<u>Last Day of Term 1 - School Holidays</u> <b>School finishes at 1:00pm</b>
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Foundation Prayer Night at 6:00pm
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Junior Prayer Night at 6:00pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Graduation Mass at 6:00pm

### 2019 Sacrament Dates

**Reconciliation Celebration** – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm at St Andrew's Church  
**Confirmation Celebration** – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May (6:30pm)  
**First Eucharist Celebration** – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 1:00pm and 3:00pm



# **ST. ANDREW'S PARISH FAIR**

**Saturday 17th Nov 2018  
10am till 7pm**

**at St. Andrew's School Grounds  
Greaves Street North, Werribee**

- Major Car Raffle
- Cake & Plant Stalls
- Fresh Food Stalls
- Fun Rides
- Entertainment
- Spinning Wheel
- Espresso Bar
- Afternoon Tea
- Book Stall

