



St Andrew's Parish

CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

END OF YEAR

As we are all aware the school year is quickly drawing to a close. The last weeks are full of exciting activities with our Carols Night on Monday 3rd December, our Orientation day on Monday 10th December and our Graduation Mass at St Andrew's church at 6:00pm on Tuesday 11th December. We have our final Whole School Assembly on Monday 17th December at 2:05pm and our 'End of Year' Liturgy at 9:00am on Tuesday 18th December with all children being dismissed at 1:00pm on this day. We look forward to celebrating all these occasions together with all of our families during these final weeks of 2018.

FAREWELL

It is that time of year again when we farewell some staff members who are leaving us at the end of the year. We extend our gratitude and say goodbye to – Mrs Kim Gleeson and Miss McCabe Craig. Miss Craig has taken up a new challenge and position at another Catholic primary school in Altona and Mrs Gleeson is expecting her baby early in March 2019 and will take 12 months Maternity Leave. Kim plans to return to us in 2020. As Kim and McCabe end the year with us we thank them sincerely for their great contribution to the community of Corpus Christi School. They will certainly be missed.

WELCOME

It is also that time of year when we welcome to Corpus Christi new staff members who will be joining our community in 2019. Mr Jester Buslon and Mrs Kylie Jeffrie will join our team in 2019. We look forward to welcoming Jester and Kylie to Corpus Christi and I am confident that we will all help make them feel at home in no time at all.

ENROLMENTS 2019

We have had an enormous number of enrolment enquiries for Foundation in 2019. Most families who have applied are Catholic and within our zone or have siblings at our school, therefore making them all eligible at the highest level in terms of selection criteria for enrolment at Corpus Christi.

Therefore, the Leadership Team in consultation with the Consultative Committee have decided to have four Foundation groups next year. In preparation we have refurbished the current Library, Art Room, LOTE room and Playgroup space to accommodate 4 Home Groups which next year will be Foundation rooms. These Learning Communities will be called Yellow Learning Community and White Learning Community. As part of our Grounds Development Project (see information regarding this project further in this newsletter), we are building a verandah between both portables to extend our learning space. In addition, toilets will be installed at the end of the decking area for use by the children and staff working in the portables.

Home Groups for 2019 will consist of the following:

Foundation - 4 Home Groups - Yellow and White Learning Communities

Junior Unit - 4 Home Groups - Red and Aqua Learning Communities

Middle Unit - 5 Home Groups - Orange, Purple and Green Learning Community

Senior Unit - 5 Home Groups - Blue and Green Learning Community

GROUNDS AND LEARNING SPACES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The School Board members worked hard this year to begin the process of developing a ‘School Grounds Development Master Plan’ as a major project for 2017 – 2019.

Mrs Rosy Klyszcz has been leading this development work and has supported the School Board in engaging with landscape designers and other professionals in this work. The School Board engaged the services of Daniel Cross from Cross Creations and Lukas Jess from PO Box Designs to support the development of a concept Design for the school.

As a result we now have a strategic plan for the project with many items that will be completed in 2018 and other items scheduled for the 2018 – 2019 Christmas holiday period and beyond.

Some of our completed work includes:

- Strategic staging of works identified
- Refurbishment of portables to accommodate 4 new home groups
- Additional Seating along the path to the car park
- Concrete paths to portables, including the relocation of a drain
- Replacing of ‘Hot-House’ plastic and additional improvements in the Community Garden

In addition, works yet to be completed include:

- A veranda between the Portables
- A veranda from the toilets to the MFR near the BBQ area
- Additional Toilets near the portables
- Rubber Rock to replace tan bark in the Senior Playground

In recent years, the number of families entitled to park in Disabled Parking bays has increased. To support these families we are exploring the possibility of creating an additional Disabled Parking bay alongside our current ones therefore we also plan to create an additional Disabled Carpark Bay and possibly include a “Seniors Only” Bay.

We are very excited about all these improvement and believe they will add considerable value to the learning and experiences we are able to provide to all in our community.

ORIENTATION DAY – MONDAY 10th December 2018

On Monday 10th December our children will meet their Learning Community teachers for 2019 and a note will go home that afternoon listing all communities, the name of their teachers and the name of the Learning Community colour for 2019.

An enormous amount of work has been put into class groupings for 2019. Staff have done a wonderful job, in partnership with parents, to consider all aspects of your children’s development when determining Learning Community groupings for 2019.

As we move into 2019 please be assured of our commitment to delivering quality Catholic education to all at Corpus Christi.

We are looking forward to a wonderful 2019 school year.

Kind regards, Linda

PARISH FAIR

Thank you to those members of our Corpus Christi Community who were able to assist with the Parish Fair or came to support the Fair on Saturday 17th November - Thank you! We were blessed with good weather on the day and the flow of families, parishioners and friends throughout the day was great. Once I have a total of funds raised I will certainly inform you.



Education in Faith

Week 1 of Advent, Hope

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.



ADVENT

The first Sunday of Advent is the 2nd of December. Advent is *not* “pre-Christmas,” it’s a separate, distinct, important liturgical season that deserves the same attention and reverence as Lent. Like Lent, it’s a penitential season where we have yet another opportunity to recall, reflect, recollect, and reconcile. During Advent, we do this within the context of watchful waiting for the birth of Jesus, who is not yet our Christ.

We also have an opportunity to contemplate the vast meaning of Mary’s “yes.”

Our school will be focusing on this season by exploring units of work around Advent. Students will explore the special characters, events, symbols and stories around the infancy narratives. They will consider the importance of Advent and the story of Jesus’ birth and they will also participate in Advent prayer sessions.

WHOLE SCHOOL MORNING PRAYER – A TIME FOR ALL TO STOP

During Advent, to help us be more mindful that we are journeying towards the birth of Jesus we will stop for about 5 minutes each morning to join in whole school prayer. It will begin with music, mindfulness meditation, the recital of our Advent Prayer, and conclude with personal prayer and reflection whilst music plays. Please be mindful of this if you are late to school, as everyone will be participating and you will be also asked to join in, or wait until the session is finished before engaging in conversation. Thank you.

ADVENT AT HOME

Just as we prepare our home for Christmas, we should also prepare our hearts. Why not have ‘Advent Angels’? At the beginning of Advent each family member can blindly pick a name of another member of the family and become his or her Advent angel. Prayers, sacrifices and acts of kindness can be offered and exercised daily. During the Christmas season small homemade gifts can be exchanged between the ‘angels’. This prolongs the joy of Christmas, encourages creativity and teaches children (and adults) to discover unique talents they can share with others.

3rd DECEMBER

This is the date that we ask parents and children **to wait** before bringing Christmas cards to share. (We can start bringing cards to school week of 10th of December.) We as a school are focusing on the Church season of Advent so we are encouraging children to acknowledge this as a time of waiting and preparing to celebrate Jesus’ birth. It’s a time to reflect upon Jesus’ love at work in our own actions and in the world. We know it is difficult not to acknowledge Christmas with **soooo** much around that is already celebrating Christmas, but the waiting and preparing are important aspects of the Advent Season.

OUR NEXT WHOLE SCHOOL LITURGY

Is on **Friday 7th December** to celebrate the season of Advent - A time of preparation and waiting to commemorate the birth of Jesus. This will be at 2:05pm in the Multi Function Room led by our Student RE Team, just before assembly, all are warmly invited.

OUR FINAL WHOLE SCHOOL LITURGY will be on **Tuesday 18th December at 8:50am** in our MFR where we will gather as a school community in thanksgiving for the blessings of our 2018 school year. Again you are very warmly invited to attend.

GRADUATION MASS

A reminder for our families that on the **Tuesday 11th December at 6:00pm**, we will have the Graduation Mass at St. Andrew's Church. We look forward and celebrate our students and families this special evening as they conclude their time at Corpus Christi and acknowledge the gifts and blessings they have given during their time at school.

OUR VOLUNTEER THANKYOU !

Liturgy and Morning tea will be on **Friday 7th December at 9:00am** in our Multi Function Room. We warmly invite any family member or other helper who has assisted us in any way this year to please come for a blessing and a cuppa. Notes have been sent home for you to indicate your attendance. We greatly value and appreciate your help in way throughout the year and we would like to say thankyou.

THANKYOU 's- Fundraising Efforts

JEANS FOR GENES We are very pleased to report our donation to the Jeans for Genes Day Fundraiser was \$365.40 raised - going towards the wonderful work of the Children's Medical Research Institute helping to find cures for the 1 in 20 kids facing a birth defect or genetic disease.

SOCKTOBER We will let you know how much we raised for Catholic Missions in October in our next newsletter, as children were invited to wear odd or coloured socks each Friday.

Upcoming
Events:

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 & Teaching News

JUNIOR UNIT

What a great morning the Juniors had on their Sports Day. Students showed great sportsmanship and participation as they completed tabloid sports and house colour races.

It is hard to believe the school year is soon coming to an end. The Juniors have been very busy researching and recording information on their habitats and making a model ready to present at our Junior Unit Expo on Wednesday 12th November from 2.10pm.

Students have begun learning about money, looking the values, making different values, adding different amounts and soon giving change. Students enjoyed their guest speaker from the Start Comm Program who encouraged students to 'Speed to your needs, wait for your wants'.

The Juniors have now finished writing their parables and will begin learning about Advent, a time of waiting.

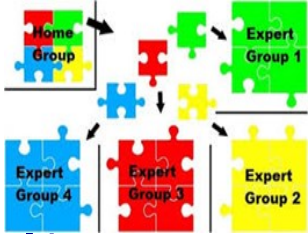
In Writing, students have begun learning about Persuasive Texts. They will form opinions and justify their reasoning.

Yours in Partnership, Mrs Michelle Surmiak, Junior Unit Leader

Learning Community News

SENIOR UNIT

Congratulations and thanks to the team of students that performed some of our morning fitness dance routines at St Andrew's Parish Fair last weekend, to our all Seniors for how they represented themselves and the school at Lightning Premiership and to those students that assisted in the rain interrupted Junior Sports Day.



Over the last few weeks, students have investigated graphing and the data represented through visuals, explored women of the New Testament through co-operative jigsaw groups and listened to a range of speeches from our Year 5 perspective leaders.

Over the next few weeks, we look forward to preparing to share our skills, knowledge and understanding of the states of matter as we work on the presentations for our 'Science Fair Expo' on **Thursday 13th December**.

Families are welcome to share in this event from 2:15-4:15pm. We will also be busily rehearsing our singing for the Family Carols Night on Monday 3rd December.



Regards, Leanne Spence Senior Unit Leader

FOUNDATION UNIT

We finished up Week 7 on a very wet and winter note brrrrrr! Thankyou to all of the families and friends who visited the Junior sports day to see the children in action. Despite the weather, the children had a fun morning participating in the relay races and the Sport rotations run by our Senior students.

Our Inquiry unit has concluded and the children were excited to bring together their knowledge of how science impacts their daily lives. We made cupcakes, drawing on areas of Literacy and Numeracy and then added our special ingredient to customise the cupcakes; lemon and vanilla flavours were very popular!

Over the final weeks of our learning, Literacy and Numeracy units will see us revisit, hone and reinforce our learning in preparation of Stepping Up to Grade 1 in 2019.

With a busy few weeks ahead, stay up to date with the happenings in Foundation with Remind @funcc2018.

Yours in Partnership, Foundation Team

MIDDLE UNIT

In Numeracy, Middle students continue to apply their knowledge when working with measurement. Students have been developing their knowledge and understanding of MASS and CAPACITY by using terms such as: grams, kilograms, litres, and millilitres. They have been estimating, hefting, weighing and discussing the weight of everyday items. Students will also explore volume and capacity, with students linking their learning about Mass, using hands on materials.

In Religion, students will begin to learn about Advent People. They will examine, where in the Bible we hear, see or sense the coming of Jesus? Students use the Christian understanding of Advent to plan actions to highlight and promote peace, hope, joy and love in their classroom, school environment and their own lives.

In Week 10, Middle students will have the opportunity to showcase their knowledge and understanding on Sustainability issues facing us in this modern world. Students have been researching and bringing together their understandings to teach others on a topic they are passionate about. Students will do this by holding a Middle Unit Expo, inviting family and friends to be involved in their learning.

Yours in partnership, Ms Kim Gleeson, Middle Unit 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 23rd November were: Owen Whyte (Foundation Trovarelli) and Xavier Whyte (Middle Gleeson). Owen and Xavier 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 **Friday, 7th December** and get to enjoy 30 minutes of free play at Timezone in Werribee!

Students will have until **3:30pm** on **Wednesday, 5th December** to complete and hand in the problem into the Timezone Numeracy Challenge box located near the office.

The question for the students to solve is:

Foundation-2 question:

Show **one half** in as many different ways as you can. You can use shapes, objects, number line, one half of a collection or any way that you like.

Grade 3-6 question:

I need to share 6 chocolate bars equally between 8 friends. How might I do this? Give 2 different options.

What fraction of a bar does each friend get? Label your fractions.

Please encourage your child to login to Essential Assessment to practise the skills that they need to work on. Students 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.

Also encourage your child (if they are in Grades 3, 4, 5 or 6) to login to Mfacts to practise their multiplication facts. Your child has the option of completing the *online practise questions* or the *self-directed learning* for the level that they are at. There are also excellent strategy videos that show you how to learn the different multiplication facts.

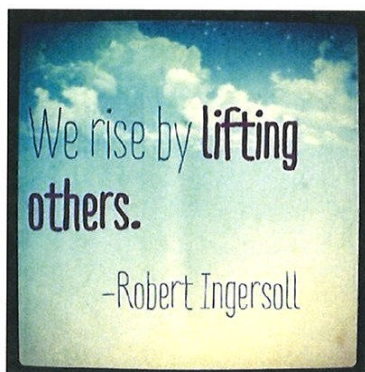
Have a great week! Mr Peter Donoghue, Numeracy Leader

Wellbeing & Community Partnerships



Senior Volkwyn's "retreat day" Kindness Project

As part of their Specialist program, Senior Volkwyn students took on a TOP SECRET kindness project – a Thank You morning Tea for the entire Corpus Christi staff. Students made banners, paper chains, decorations and prepared some delicious chocolate brownies, cupcakes, chocolate dipped fruit, truffles and a delightful speech... all of which were enormously enjoyed by staff. A big thank you to the students for practising Gratitude and for their thoughtfulness in partaking this Kindness Project.



Coming Up at Corpus Christi – Don't miss a thing!

Carols Evening - Monday 3rd December 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Carol performances by all learning communities on the front lawn. BYO dinner, picnic rug or chairs and good luck for the Christmas Raffle!



Volunteer Liturgy & Morning Tea - Friday 7th December 9:00am in the MFR

Special Liturgy and 'thank you' morning tea for all volunteers and helpers. Please join us if you've helped in any way throughout the year. Let us thank you!

Meet & Greet your 2019 Homegroup Teacher - Weds 12th December 3:30pm-4:15pm

A great opportunity to see the space and meet your child's 2019 Homegroup teacher. Come and introduce yourself and say Hi! Teachers will be in their 2019 learning space from 3:30pm until 4:15pm. We look forward to meeting you!

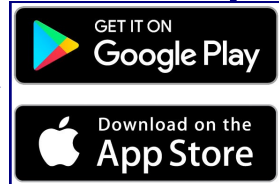
[Mrs Elissa Ardizzon, Wellbeing & Community Engagement Leader](#)

ICT NEWS - Introducing our New School Website & App



We are very excited to announce the launch of our new website and school app to families. The new website will be live from this Friday and users will notice the website will work well no matter the device you are using.

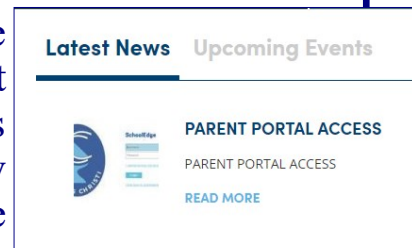
Families will need to update their App in the Google Play or App Store next week.



Of course we would love to hear your feedback.



We remind parents to log on to the Parent Portal to download Student Reports published up to 2017 or as required in preparation for a new updated school parent portal to be activated in 2019.



Either a printed copy or saved copy of School Reports should be kept by Parents as these may be required for secondary school applications into the future.

Mrs Anne Walton, ICT Leader

Art Room News!

HAVE YOUR SAY

As part of the Melbourne Arts Festival seven trams have been painted by Victorian artists and have hit the tracks. If you would like to vote for your favourite design follow the link:

https://www.festival.melbourne/2018/arttrams/#.W_Z0ErxxnIX

You can view the designs and read about the artists. To vote for your favourite Melbourne Art Tram click on where it says "People's Choice Award" How cool would it be to be able to take a ride in a piece of awesome art work!!

Mrs Maria Chetcuti, Arts Specialist Teacher

2019 SCHOOL & CURRICULUM FEES

Fees for 2019 have been set as outlined below.

All outstanding accounts are to be finalised by
this **Friday 30th November 2018** as they are now Overdue.

If you wish to discuss your account please contact Mrs Jenni Warren, School Secretary.

Curriculum Fees (per child)	\$320.00
Excursion / Incursion Levy (per child) Sacrament, Camps, Sports & Graduation costs <u>are not included</u> in this fee	\$70.00
School Fees (per Family)	\$1,530.00

OUR VOLUNTEER THANKYOU – Liturgy and Morning Tea

WHEN : On Friday 7th December at 9am- 10am

WHERE : in our Multi Function Room.



We warmly invite any family member or other helper who has assisted us in **any way** this year to please come for a blessing and a cuppa.

We greatly value and appreciate your help in any way throughout the year, and we would like to say thankyou. Please come if you can....

RSVP via our school office if you haven't returned the attendance slip. Thankyou

Ms Linda Roynic

Principal



JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

On Friday the 23rd of November students in Foundation and Years 1/2 braved the very cold and windy conditions to showcase their talents in running races, jumping, throwing and novelty events. Thank you to the Senior students for their encouragement and leadership. Thank you also to the parents and friends that came along to cheer on our students. Miss Dee Dundov



Miss Dee Dundov, Physical Education Leader

STUDENT ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

A reminder for all Parents/Carers to ensure that the school
is notified of any absence from school by 9:30am.

This can be done via email at ccschooloffice@ccwerribee.catholic.edu.au **OR**
Contacting the School Office by Telephone on **9741 8440**



LOST PROPERTY !!!

**PLEASE LABEL CLOTHING AND
CONTAINERS** so they can be returned
to owners, and please encourage your
children to look after the clothing and
items that belong to them .

Lost Property located at front of Office.



ST ANDREW'S PARISH NEWS



A CHRISTMAS WITHOUT JOY IS NO CHRISTMAS AT ALL

This year, the St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal is offering parishioners the opportunity to “Adopt a Family” and buy a hamper for them. We will provide some details of a family visited by Vinnies volunteers during the year and ask that you and your family put together a hamper for them. As in past years, we also have gift tags available for those who would like to donate individual items for hampers. Your participation will show our love, respect, hope and joy for those facing poverty and disadvantage. Thank you in anticipation for your generous support of the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. The envelope **MUST** be returned with the “Adopt a Family” hamper. **All hampers and gifts need to be returned to the church by 8/9 December.**

PARISH FEAST DAY AND VOLUNTEER MASS

We will be celebrating our Parish Feast Day and the generosity and commitment of our large number of volunteers with a **Mass on Sunday, 2nd December 2018** at 11:00am in St. Andrew's Church, followed by refreshments under the Presbytery verandah to say thank you. Keep this date free. RSVP by Wednesday, 28th November 2018 to the Parish Office on 9741 4144 or werribee@cam.org.au for catering purposes. Thank you.

2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR & IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 28th November	MCG Tour & Excursion Senior Craig & Senior Volkwyn
Thursday 29th November	<u>Student Free Dress Day</u> Students bring P & F Christmas Hamper Donation Foundation 2019 Transition Day 3 P & F Hamper Packing Tonight in MFR 7pm - come along if you can assist!
Friday 30th November	P & F Christmas Hamper Raffle - Tickets and money due back today!
Monday 3rd December	CC Annual Carols Night & Raffle Draw 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Tuesday 4th December	Student's Visit Aged Care - Werribee Mercy Visit 11:00am
Wednesday 5th December	P & F Christmas Dinner
Thursday 6th December	Junior Unit - Excursion to Melbourne Zoo
Friday 7th December	9:00am 'Volunteer Thank you and Morning Tea' in MFR Last Day for gift drop off to support - <u>'St Vincent De Paul 'Santa's Special Effort'</u> 2:05pm Whole School Assembly and ADVENT Reflection
Sunday 9th December	Community Mass 10am at St Mary of the Cross Chapel - MacKillop College
Monday 10th December	Orientation Session
Tuesday 11th December	Year 6 Students - Graduation Mass Practice Graduation Mass 6:00pm Students to arrive at 5:30pm - 5:45pm Full School Uniform
Thursday 13th December	Student's Visit Aged Care - Estia Health 1:30pm Foundation 'Nativity Play'
Friday 14th December	Foundation Inquiry Excursion—Village Cinemas & Grill'd Pacific Werribee
Friday 14th December	Year 6 Excursion Adventure Park
Tuesday 18th December	End of Year Prayer Service 9:00am <u>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR - All Students Dismissed at 1:00pm</u>

2019 KEY DATES

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

2019 Sacrament Dates

Reconciliation Celebration – Tuesday 12th March at 6:30pm at St Andrew's Church

Confirmation Celebration – Friday 24th May (6:30pm)

First Eucharist Celebration – Sunday 18th August at 1:00pm and 3:00pm



IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2019

Term 1 Tuesday 29th January to Friday 5th April

Easter 19th to 22nd April

Wednesday 30th January - Group A Foundation begin School 8:45am to 12:30pm

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

Thursday 31st 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 1st 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.

Schools Days & Hours	No School Days
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 8:45am to 3:05pm starting from Mon 4 th Feb to Fri 1 st March	Wednesdays 6 th , 13 th , 20 th & 27 th 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 4th March 2019**

TERM DATES **Term 2** Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 28th June

Term 3 Monday 15th July to Friday 20th September

Term 4 Monday 7th October to Tuesday 17th December