



St Andrew's Parish

CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 19 Wednesday 12th December 2018 WEEK 10, TERM 4

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For **STUDENT ABSENCES** ccschooloffice@ccwerribee.catholic.edu.au OR 9741 8440 by 9:30am

Loving God,

During this holy season of Christmas, we ask for your blessings on all families.

Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families.

For this we pray. Amen



Dear Parents / Carers,

It is difficult to believe that we are in the last week of the 2018 school year.

Thank you to all our wonderful families who have supported Corpus Christi School in so many ways during 2018. We thank you most sincerely for participating in the life of Corpus Christi this year and for your continued support and trust, as we work together in partnership to provide the best educational opportunities for your child/ren.

Thank you to our School Board members and our Parents & Friends Committee members who continually give so generously of their time and energy in so many ways throughout the year.

Thank you to our amazing school staff for their continued hard work, dedication and commitment to everyone in our great community.

Thank you to our wonderful children who give us the reason for all that we continue to do.

To the children, staff and families leaving our school community, thank you for allowing us to be a part of your journey. May God watch over you and guide you always.

FAMILY CONVERSATIONS & LEARNING COMMUNITIES 2019

Family Conversation appointment letters were sent home last Monday with all students along with their 2019 Learning Community letter. Please complete your Family Conversation Form and return to school as soon as possible and we can keep it at school ready for your Family Conversation Appointment or you can bring it along with you to your meeting next year.

FAREWELL

In our last newsletter we informed our community that Mrs Kim Gleeson and Miss McCabe Craig will be leaving at the end of the year.

A note was sent home at the end of last week informing you that Miss Jessica Padula will be leaving us at the end of the year.

We will be sorry to see these three valued staff members leave our school but wish them all the best for the future. We thank them sincerely for their great contribution to the community of Corpus Christi School during their years with us.

I also informed you that Mr Jester Buslon and Mrs Kylie Jeffrie will be joining our staff team in 2019. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Megan Urlichs has also been appointed.

We are yet to appoint a teacher to replace Miss Padula and will continue the process of advertising in order to engage the best possible teacher for our children as soon as possible but certainly by the time the new school year begins.

CAROLS EVENING

Thank you to all families who were able to attend our Carols night on Monday 3rd December. It was wonderful to come together as Corpus Christi Community and enjoy the beautiful singing of Christmas Carols by our children. They looked and sounded fantastic!! In spite of the wind, the atmosphere on the night was delightful and provided great opportunities for families to connect and enjoy each other's company. Thank you for your presence and for making it such a lovely night! Thank you also to our wonderful staff for their work in preparing and supporting the children with their items. Special mention and thanks goes to the MCs for the evening, Mrs Michelle Redman, Mrs Michelle Surmiak, Miss Sarah Vella and Miss Jessica Padula, who did a great job in keeping us engaged and ensured the evening ran smoothly!

Sincere gratitude goes to Mr Scott Parker for organising the stage and sound system for the evening which helped make all our children sound wonderful. Many thanks also to all the parents who helped with the setup of the stage in the morning and the pack-up at the end of the evening. Many hands certainly made the job lighter (and quicker) for all.

Thank you to our wonderful Parents and Friends Committee members for organising the Christmas Raffle once again this year and to everyone who attended the Christmas Hamper Packing evening on Thursday 20th November. We are also very grateful for all the very generous donations from the children that made up 38 lovely prizes. We congratulate all the winners of our raffle items.

We would also like to send a BIG Thank You to Santa for taking the time out to make a special appearance and the Piovesan Family for helping him get to us in such a wonderful way – via a marvellous massive tractor - at the end of the night! Thanks to all!!!

ORIENTATION DAY – MONDAY 10th December 2018

On Monday our children met their Learning Community teachers for 2019 and a note went 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



Education in Faith

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT - Pink (or rose) is also one of the colors of Advent used during the third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday in the Catholic Church. Pink or rose represents joy or rejoicing and reveals a shift in the season away from repentance and toward celebration.

The third Advent Wreath Candle, named the Shepherd Candle or Candle of Joy, is pink in color.



GRADUATION MASS Yesterday we celebrated Graduation Mass with our Grade 6 students and families. It was a wonderful night celebrating as one community. We thank God for our Grade 6 children and for all who journeyed with them during their time at Corpus Christi. We pray for their continued journey in secondary school and we pray that they have the strength, guidance and courage to face new beginnings and challenges- keeping God in the center of their lives.

We also congratulate and pray for our new leaders for 2019 as they accept the challenge and joy of formal student leadership of Corpus Christi.

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. 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.

OUR VOLUNTEER THANKYOU – Liturgy and Afternoon Tea was held last Friday 7th December at 2:05pm in our Multi Function Room. It was lovely to see some of our Volunteers join us for that special liturgy led by some of our Year 5 students. We truly appreciate and value the time and effort given by all our many valued volunteers to help our school community.

OUR FINAL WHOLE SCHOOL LITURGY will be on Tuesday 18th December at 8:50 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.

FINALLY... Thank you for your continued support in the faith and life education of your children. We strive to provide the same support here at school- walking with them in their faith and modeling the Gospel values such as love, peace, forgiveness and justice through our lives.

I pray you all have a safe and happy Christmas with your families this holiday season. I encourage you to be part of our wonderful Parish family by joining in the prayerful celebrations on Christmas Day as advertised through our newsletter.

Upcoming Events:

18th December- End of year prayer service 8:50am in MFR

Miss Richelle Mendoza, **Religious Education Leader**

Learning & Teaching News



GOODBYE TO 2018



The end of our school year is rapidly approaching and for all of us it is a busy time of the year. Many students can become over tired and a bit cranky with social and school events happening over the next few weeks as Christmas approaches. It is important to keep as regular a schedule as possible. Late nights and eating larger meals than usual can lead to upset tummies and headaches in the morning.

For parents, these last few weeks before the end of term can feel like a marathon while trying to keep children's enthusiasm for learning alive and doing everything the Christmas season wants of you.

Here are some ideas you can do at home to keep your children motivated in the classroom through to the end of the school year.

Have some time outside after school now that the weather is getting warmer and we have more daylight. Have dinner outside or a picnic in a park.. This will help children sleep better after a school day

- Time in the classroom is valuable right up to the last day of the school year and teachers are working hard to keep students busy and learning during the final weeks of school. Parents and carers can help them out by making a concerted effort to get your child talking about that learning at home. Avoid the impulse to focus on upcoming summer activities or indulge in complaints, and ask your child about what the day's learning included. As always, show interest in those topics because enthusiasm for learning is infectious
- For students, each school year is a different experience. As the school year is wrapping up, make it a priority to help your child reflect on all that he or she has learned and done in the classroom over the past nine months. Try having your child write a letter to their younger self from the start of the school year. What advice would they offer, what challenges can they expect, and what should they look forward to? This kind of reflection is a great way to get your child thinking about all the progress they have made throughout the year and motivate them to keep up the enthusiasm for learning
- Students could sit down with you and share their **Student Learning Journey and Report** with you explaining their work samples and what it shows about their learning.

REPORTS AND STUDENT LEARNING JOURNEYS

Student Learning Journeys that include the Student Reports will be available for viewing and download on Thursday 13th of December. Please read the letter that has been sent out that provides you with detailed information to do this.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all families and friends of Corpus Christi , a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year! Thank you for all your support in the education of your child/children.

Mrs Peta Cesarec, Learning and Teacher 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 7th December were: Charlotte (Junior Padula) and Bridgette (Middle Drezga). Charlotte and Bridgette get to enjoy 30 minutes of free play at Timezone in Werribee!

That was the last Timezone Numeracy Challenge for the year. I would like to congratulate all the students that had a go at answering the questions. It was great to see the enthusiasm shown by the students and the great mathematical thinking that went into working out the problems.

I would like to wish all families a safe and Merry Christmas. Thank you for all the hard work and dedication you have shown this year in supporting your child with their learning in Numeracy. I encourage all parents to continue to support your child over the Christmas holiday break with developing their Numeracy skills and understanding. The teachers find that some of the students can go backwards with their learning from the end of school this year to the beginning of the next school year. Below are some suggested activities you can do to support your child's learning in Numeracy over the holiday break.

- 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. Just a reminder that the school code is: **CCPSW3030** and the student's username and password is the same as their school login
- If your child is in Year 3-6, encourage them 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.
- Play board games like Junior Monopoly. It is amazing all the Numeracy involved in many board games!
- Use Lego and building blocks to make different shapes and objects
- If your child is in Foundation or Juniors, Orchard Toys have some excellent, fun games that involve many Math skills and concepts
- Involve your child in cooking and get them to use their measurement skills
- Bring fractions into everyday cooking using the language of half and quarters
- Encourage your child to work out the cost of items and the change you will receive when shopping
- Ask your child to read and tell the time on digital and analogue clocks throughout the day

Have a great week!

Mr Peter Donoghue, **Numeracy Leader**

Learning Community News

FOUNDATION UNIT

Thankyou to our families and students for their ongoing support and patience as we have transitioned over to the new Foundation communities located at the portables... soon to be Foundation Yellow and White Communities 2019. We kicked off the festive season with our annual Corpus Christi Christmas Carols, a resounding success with carolling by Foundation and all of our learning communities. The children were fantastic performers with many families enjoying a picnic dinner on the Green.

We began week 10 with the 2019 orientation morning held on Monday. The children stepped up to their new home groups and met their teachers. They have been working hard writing letters of introduction to their teachers this week, they are very excited to be part of the Red and Aqua Communities in 2019.

Towards the end of this week we will be holding our Nativity play and capping off the week with our Outdoor Experience with a trip to see the Star at Village WERRIBEE followed by a yummy lunch at G'rld.

We look forward to our final week with Foundation 2018

Yours in Partnership, Foundation Team

JUNIOR UNIT

It's has been a busy term. The junior students had a great day on their Zoo excursion furthering their learning about habitats. Today the students proudly presented their models and research on an animal and it's habitat.

The students are continuing to learn about Advent and the birth of Jesus. Well done to all the Juniors for a great year of learning. Have a restful break.

Yours in Partnership, Michelle Surmiak Junior Learning Leader

SENIOR UNIT

It gets to this stage and we start to reflect on how quickly the year has flown by. It is a great reminder of all the experiences, skills and knowledge the students of the Senior Community have gained and been involved in throughout 2018. During the final weeks, we complete the 2018 learning journey by investigating through prayer, story, symbols and artwork the church season of 'Advent'.

We would like to thank all students for their hard work, commitment and perseverance throughout the year and all families for supporting and working with us on the learning journey this year.

Graduation Mass on Tuesday 11th December was a beautiful celebration as the students shared memories and the new leaders for 2019 received the light of leadership.

Over the last week for 2018, we look forward to: Science Fair Expo' on **Thursday 13th December**. Families are welcome to share in this event from 2:15pm to 4:15pm.

- Adventure Park (Friday)
- Final Assembly (Monday Afternoon)
- Signing the Graduation Bears (From Monday 17th December)



Have a Merry Christmas and restful break. Best wishes to our 2018 Year 6 students and families as they begin a new journey at secondary schools in 2019. We look forward to working with all our Year 5 students and families in the 2019 school year.



Regards, Leanne Spence Senior Unit Leader

MIDDLE UNIT

It's hard to believe but we have almost reached the end of the year! What a wonderful, exciting year we have had. Our students Inquiry Expo was a shining example of how far our students have come. They shared their knowledge with confidence and showcased their understanding with creativity. Our students should be proud of their educational growth - socially, emotionally and academically. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our families for your support this year and wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and a safe, happy and restful New Year - God Bless.

As I sign off for the last time for a while, I'd like to say a special thank you for the continued support of our Middle Community. I have been extremely fortunate to be the Unit Leader for the past 3 years and have enjoyed every special moment with you and your children. Until next time,

Yours in partnership, Ms Kim Gleeson, Middle Unit Leader

Wellbeing & Community Partnerships



Senior Spence's "retreat day" Kindness Project

Finally! After several attempts and poor weather, Senior Spence was finally able to execute their Kindness Project. Students used their collaborative talents to improve the playground for Foundation and Junior students. Students created an outdoor hopscotch, painted a picnic table and created a fantastic mural to brighten the yard. They were very passionate and hope to continue to develop the area in the future.

I feel happy that I got a chance to help people be happy. – Orlando Nguyen

I'm proud of our kindness project because I've already seen people playing on the hopscotch and new students will find the junior playground an entertaining, fun and colourful place. – Batsirai Matemera



Happy Holidays!

Thank you to all our students, staff and families for another fabulous year. **Remember!** You don't stop learning when it's holidays – school holidays are a great time to explore different kinds of learning. Grab a book, see a film, experience a new place, see a show, play some board games, learn a new skill, try something new... what will you learn these holidays?

I can't wait to hear all about it! See you in 2019. God bless!

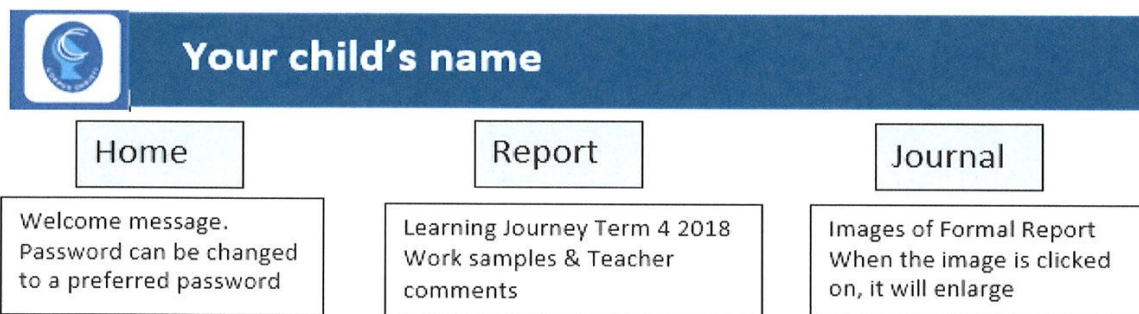
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ICT NEWS

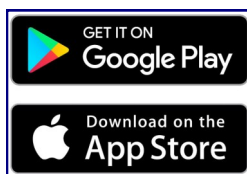
NEW!! LEARNING JOURNEY TERM 2, 2018

A new link to Learning Journey Term 4 2018 will be emailed to parents on Thursday 13th December

Please be on the look out for emails from the 'Teacher Cloud' in you inbox. If you do not receive the email or have forgotten or do not have a password please contact Anne Walton via email at: annew@ccwerribee.catholic.edu.au.



SCHOOL APP - IMPORTANT NEWS!



Our new website and school app was launched last week. Families will need to reinstall their School App in the App Store or Google Play.

Search: 'Corpus Christi Primary School Werribee'

Mrs Anne Walton, ICT Leader

Art Room News!

Christmas Tree Forest

Over the past six weeks our Middle and Senior students were busy decorating Christmas Trees during their art classes, which now take pride of place in Werribee City Centre during December. It is so exciting for our school to be apart of the Wyndham City Council 'Christmas in Colour' event. The Christmas Tree Forest was launched on Friday 30th November located on Wedge Street Piazza, Werribee City Centre. Our Senior and Middle Students painted Christmas Trees which are now on display along with other schools in the area. How fantastic to see art made by our students on display in a public place. They will be there for all of December so stop and have a look at the wonderful Christmas Tree Forest.

Mrs Maria Chetcuti, Arts Specialist Teacher



LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP 2018

Many of our Senior students had the opportunity to compete in the Werribee District Lightning Premiership Carnival on Friday the 16th of November. All teams did us proud and are to be congratulated for their displays of respect, fairness and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Corpus had two teams on the day that were undefeated (Netball and AFL), resulting to Corpus awarded two shields. These are displayed in the school foyer. Congratulations to everyone involved...it was a day to remember!

Miss Dee Dundov
Interschool Sports Co-ordinator

FOOTBALL (AFL)

Twenty-four students represented Corpus Christi in football (AFL). We played at Saltwater Reserve in Point Cook, coming up against kids from the Werribee and Wyndham schools. We played five games with twelve minute halves. We were undefeated with the effort and teamwork that we all put in. It was a great day meeting new people and having fun with our friends. Overall it was a successful day for us, bringing home the shield.

Kurt (5/6B) & Noah (5/6M)



NETBALL

Thirteen Year 6 girls travelled to Manor Lakes College to compete in a round robin netball tournament. We competed in five games and were undefeated. We enjoyed making new friends and playing as a team. We showed good sportsmanship to all players, coaches and umpires. We believe we played to the best of our ability as we brought home the 2018 Lightning Premiership Netball Shield! We thank Miss Dundov for organising a great day for us. We also thank the coaches Mrs Cowlishaw and Miss Craig for being supportive and amazing coaches! On behalf of the netball team we would like to thank Corpus Christi for giving us this great opportunity.

Felicity & Lucie (5/6B), Amanda & Kiara (5/6M)



SOFTBALL

At Lightning Premiership, Ler Htoo and I went to Manor Lakes College to play softball. We thought softball was a very good experience for us because we got to work on our batting and fielding skills. It was fun to get to play with other people from different schools around Werribee.

We even got to see other schools play against each other. Overall, it was a very joyful experience for Ler Htoo and I. We would like to say thank you to all the teachers who have organised this great event for us.

Rex (5/6D) & Ler Htoo (5/6C)



BASKETBALL

Eleven students from Corpus Christi went to Our Lady of the Southern Cross to play basketball against other schools in the Wyndham area. We played in a Round Robin against five of the nine other schools. We won a game and lost by a small amount in the other four games. We both enjoyed playing basketball and showed fantastic teamwork, encouragement and developing new friendships. We all passed the ball around and played unselfishly all day. Our best game was our second game where we won by over 20 points. On behalf of the basketball team we would like to thank Mrs Baird who coached us for weeks before the carnival. Also thank you to Mr Grant for coaching us on the day and for always encouraging us to keep trying.

Tristen (5/6B) & Milan (5/6M)



SOCCER

Lightning Premiership was a privilege that we got to experience. We really enjoyed playing soccer and everyone looked very proud in their uniform. Even though we didn't win the tournament, it was a great day overall and it will be one of our many memories that we will cherish for a very long time. Lightning Premiership was a great way to meet new students from other schools. Everyone showed great sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the day.

Anika & Charlie (5/6V)



Miss Dee Dundov, Physical Education Leader

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.

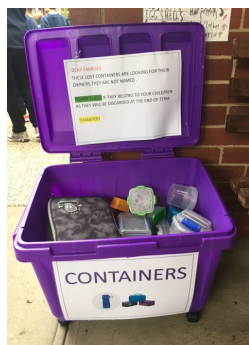
If you wish to discuss your account please contact Mrs Jenni Warren, School Secretary.

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

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.

CORPUS CHRISTI BASKETBALL CLUB

Annual Break - Up will be held at St Mary's Campus of MacKillop College on **Wednesday 12th December** from 6pm to 9pm (35 Whites Road, Werribee South)

Highlights of this years break-up include: Free BBQ/Drinks/Hotdogs for all, jumping castle, photo booth, 25+ amazing \$1 raffles, Corpus Basketball Showbags for every player, Peter Hooley / Craig Moller from Melbourne United, pop-up Molten and transition Sports stores, a DJ and more!

See you there, Leigh Rowbottom President





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

2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR & IMPORTANT DATES

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
MONDAY 17th December	Final Whole School Assembly at 2:05pm in MFR - All Welcome
Tuesday 18th December	Final School Reflection - 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 - Foundation Students finish at 12:30pm</u>
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