



St Andrew's Parish

## **CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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### **NEWSLETTER 1 Wednesday 6th February 2019 WEEK 2, TERM 1**

\*Available on our School App, Website, CC Parent Portal. Paper copies available in the Office\*

For **STUDENT ABSENCES** [ccschooloffice@ccwerribee.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ccschooloffice@ccwerribee.catholic.edu.au) OR 9741 8440 by 9:30am

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

### **WELCOME BACK!**

Welcome back to all our students and families as we begin the 2019 school year. Hope all families had a wonderful Christmas and holiday break! It is great to see everyone again all refreshed as they begin a new school year!

We extend a very special welcome to our new Foundation Children and their Families as well as all our new families in Grades 1-6 who join our school community this year.

We welcome back our wonderful staff and we are very privileged and excited to welcome 5 new staff members to Corpus Christi this year – Mr Jester Buslon, Mrs Megan Urlichs, Mrs Kylie Jeffrie, Mr Ben Richards and Mrs Kelly Cowlshaw. We also welcome back Mrs Laura Sgro from Maternity Leave. Laura will join the senior team as Home Group Teacher with Mrs Carley Dawson on Fridays and she will also relieve Miss Richelle Mendoza in her role as Religious Education Leader on Thursdays.

I believe all our new children, families and staff members will be made to feel at home and a part of the Corpus Christi School Community in no time at all.

As a staff we look forward to a great year, during which we will work closely with all families in delivering the best programs, experiences and support to all our children in their education and faith journeys.

Often at this time of year parents have questions about new class routines or expectations of children. If you have an issue, question or concern, please do not hesitate to see your child's home group teacher or send in a note asking for clarification. We are all working together and the sooner we address any queries the better!

In our mission of service we pray for Christ's guidance and support as we begin the 2019 School Year. We look forward to a wonderful year for everyone.

*With kindest regards, Linda.*

### **NEW WORKS**

You may have noticed that we are doing quite a few Grounds and Buildings development works. Some completed work includes new concrete pathways to the portables that were completed at the end of 2018. Also a new veranda was built between the external toilets to the MFR which also covers the BBQ area providing a great shaded and covered space for gatherings. New seating was also provided along the pathway to the school office.

The redevelopment of the old Foundation room into a Multi-purpose Learning Area which this year will include an ARTS, LOTE and Library space has been completed. We have also built a verandah between our two portables which now houses 4 Foundation home groups. This will increase their learning space substantially by providing both indoor and outdoor areas for learning. Plans have now been finalized for new toilets that will be placed at the end of the decking at the portables and will be erected shortly. We have added some sound-proofing in the MFR to help with noise levels. New Perspex has been installed around the large sandpit to contain the sand more efficiently and provide the capability for future additions of sand play equipment and learning equipment. We have engaged contractors to replace the tan bark and lay "rubber rock" in the Senior playground during the Term 1 holidays in April.

We are excited about all our improvements and the School Board will once again this year be instrumental in leading the capital and grounds work in our school.

## STUDENT ATTENDANCE—EVERY DAY COUNTS



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**In the event of student absence**, please notify the school **by 9:30am**.

This can be done via email to [ccschooloffice@ccwerribee.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ccschooloffice@ccwerribee.catholic.edu.au) or by calling the School Office on **9741 8440**.

Please provide a written note and/ or medical certificate for the home-group teacher upon the student's return.

A letter informing the school of any extended periods of absence must be provided prior to family holidays or extended absence from school.

## COMMUNICATION

At Corpus Christi we believe that strong family-school partnerships improve student motivation and learning. At Corpus Christi we also promote honest, open and transparent communication between home, school and parish and we are constantly exploring ways to involve our families within the school and communicate regularly with parents/carers.

At Corpus Christi we keep you informed about what is happening in our school including updates to calendars etc in a variety of ways. 1) Our Website – [www.ccwerribee.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ccwerribee.catholic.edu.au), 2) Our Corpus Christi School App, 3) Email, 4) Newsletter, 5) Remind App for Learning Communities. All are updated regularly so please try to follow us whenever possible.

## SPECIALIST DAYS & LIBRARY 2019

	Foundation Unit	Junior Unit	Middle Unit	Senior Unit
SPECIALISTS DAY Sport Uniform Worn!	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
LIBRARY	Friday	Friday	Thursday	Monday

## SPECIALISTS AREAS 2019

In 2019 we will be offering the following as Specialist areas with a 'specialist' teacher on a fortnightly basis:

- > **The Arts,**
- > **Physical Education,**
- > **Italian,**
- > **Performing Arts and**
- > **ICT also known as 'Computer Science Investigation (CSI)'.**

In 2019, CSI will also focus strongly on STEM Education which incorporates Robotics, Coding etc. In addition aspects of the Arts, PE and ICT will be incorporated into each learning community's weekly program by the learning community teachers.

# LEARNING COMMUNITIES 2019

Learning Community	Community Home Group Teachers	Year	Room
White	Mrs Katharine Ware and Miss Anna Duong	Foundation	P4 & P3
Yellow	Mrs Rachel Trovarelli and Miss Naomi Meilak	Foundation	P1 & P2
Red	Mrs Michelle Redman and Ms Kylie Jeffrie	Yr 1 & 2	M1 & M2
Aqua	Mrs Michelle Surmiak and Miss Sarah Vella	Yr 1 & 2	M3 & M4
Orange	Mrs Helen Drezga and Mr Ben Richards	Yr 3 & 4	M5 & M6
Purple	Miss Stephanie Mobilio and Mr Eugene Volkwyn	Yr 3 & 4	M7 & M8
Green	Mrs Megan Urlichs and Miss Leanne Spence	Yr 3 & 4 Yr 5 & 6	M14 & M13
Blue	Mr Mark Barlow, Miss Richelle Mendoza, Mr Jester Buslon and Mrs Carley Dawson & Ms Laura Sgro	Yr 5 & 6	M9, M10, M11 & M12

## 2019 CORPUS CHRISTI STAFF

**Ms Linda Roynic** - Principal

**Mrs Vivienne Adamko** - Deputy Principal

**Mrs Peta Cesarec** – Learning & Teaching – Literacy Leader

**Mr Peter Donoghue** – Learning & Teaching – Numeracy Leader and Middle Co-Leader

**Miss Richelle Mendoza** – Religious Education Leader

**Mrs Elissa Ardizzon** - Wellbeing Leader, Community Engagement Leader and Performing Arts Teacher

**Mrs Michelle Portelli** – Learning Diversity Leader and Performing Arts Teacher

**Mrs Anne Walton** – ICT Leader and Senior Co-Leader

**Miss Dee Dundov** - Physical Education Teacher, Sports Leader, Outdoor Education Program Leader

**Mrs Ada Parrella** – Italian Teacher

**Mrs Maria Chetcuti** - Arts Teacher

**Mrs Kelly Cowlshaw** – Computer Sciences Teacher

**School Office Staff** - Mrs Jenni Warren, Mrs Kristin Pennisi and Ms Rebecca Oliva

**Learning Support Officers (LSOs)** - Mrs Judie Baird, Mrs Lyn Tramontana, Mrs Shelley Cran, Mrs Glenda Flynn, Mrs Melanie Maple, Mrs Jenai Harrington, Mrs Karen Pacifici and Ms Rebecca Oliva



## EDUCATION IN FAITH



### WELCOME

I would like to welcome all families to the school year and look forward to another wonderful year of building a strong Corpus Christi Learning community together. Our faith journey is an integral part of who we are as a Catholic community and we always welcome your involvement and attendance at our celebrations of our faith through our Liturgies and other celebrations or events. Please note these dates in your diary as they appear in our newsletter and join us in prayer and worship when you can. *Our role here at Corpus Christi is to support you in your child's journey in faith exploring our Catholic story, culture, history and tradition, through a contemporary lens.*

### BEGINNING OF YEAR MASS

Our first whole school celebration is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February in the MFR at 9:00am. This is our Beginning of the Year Mass where we will gather together to ask God's blessing on our year and acknowledge the need for His love and guidance in our lives. **Please join us.**

### RECONCILIATION

Our students in Year 3 who have been baptised will be preparing to celebrate God's love and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Penance (also known as Reconciliation) on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm at St Andrew's Church in Werribee. Our family meeting for this sacrament is on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 6:30pm.** This forms part of your child's preparation for this sacrament. Please look out for further information coming home soon. .

**A REMINDER** - We **always** warmly invite you to our liturgies and it is so pleasing to see so many parents/ grandparents join us in these celebrations.

**Miss Richelle Mendoza, Religious Education Leader**

## FAMILY INFORMATION EVENINGS

The learning journey of every child at Corpus Christi is of paramount importance to us all. Research strongly supports the notion that working in partnership as school and home greatly increases the learning outcomes of students.

In Week 3 each Learning Community will hold a Family Information Evening where they will share special and important information relating to that community and respond to any questions parents may have. It will also provide an opportunity for families to meet one another and get to know each other a little better.

*Foundation Unit Family Information – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 6:00pm to 7:00pm*

*Senior Unit Family Information – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 7:00pm to 8:00pm*

*Junior Unit Family Conversation – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 6:00pm to 7:00pm*

*Middle Unit Family Information – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 7:00pm to 8:00pm*

*Please note that 10 minutes prior to each information session our ICT Leader, Mrs Anne Walton, will be available to respond to any questions and support you in any way needed.*

## CARPARK SAFETY

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**All parents, teachers and visitors to our school share in the responsibility of keeping our children safe. I call for patience and care around our school and I look forward to all drivers helping to maintain our school as a safe school.**

In order to ensure the safety of children at Corpus Christi School, parents are asked to be extremely diligent when dropping off and picking children up from school. The beginning of any school year seems to attract higher levels of 'busy-ness' in school car parks, so I ask for your patience and care when entering and leaving the school car park. Please do not park in the disabled car park unless you have a valid 'Disabled Parking Sticker' displayed on your windscreen. In addition, please respect our neighbouring properties and residents by not parking across driveways. Thank you for your support and for keeping all members of our community safe!

## CC PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOC FOR 2019 - WE NEED YOU!

The **Annual General Meeting of the Parents and Friends Association** will be held

on Tuesday 20th February at 7:00pm in the staffroom.

At this meeting our current office bearers will present reports for 2018 and  
office bearers for the 2019 school year will be elected.

**All parents / grandparents / helpers are most welcome to attend and get involved in the P & F.**

We especially invite all new members of our school community to come along even if it is just to see what the P & F Association does or just if you'd like a cuppa.

PLEASE NOTE: Meetings will be held 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm in the staffroom.

We look forward to a successful and fun year for our P & F - Thank you.

**ICY POLE DAYS—Keep a look out for blue note for commencement date!**

Lemonade Icy Poles will be sold  
Every Tuesday and Thursday at 1st lunch for \$1 each (*only 1 icy pole per child*)



## **2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR & EVENTS**

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>No School for Foundation - Family Conversations</b> <i>by appointment</i>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	2:05pm Whole School Assembly
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	6:00pm Foundation Unit Family Information Session 7:00pm Senior Unit Family Information Session
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>No School for Foundation - Family Conversations</b> <i>by appointment</i> 6:00pm Junior Unit Family Information Session 7:00pm Middle Unit Family Information Session
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Swimming Trials</b> - 7:20am Werribee Outdoor Pool, Students Yr 3 to 6
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>9:00am Beginning of the Year Whole School Mass in MFR</b>
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Community Mass 10am at St Mary of the Cross Chapel - MacKillop College
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>No School for Foundation - Family Conversations</b> <i>by appointment</i> 7:00pm Parents and Friends AGM
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Whole School Assembly 2:05pm in MFR all welcome
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Reconciliation Information Night – 6.30pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL</b> <b>No School for Foundation - Family Conversations</b> <i>by appointment</i>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Mobile School Dentist Visits CC
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	School Board Meeting in the Staffroom – 6.00pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday – Liturgy 8:50am in MFR all welcome to attend
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>SCHOOL PHOTO DAY!</b> Students wear full summer uniform today
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School Assembly 2:05pm in MFR all welcome to attend
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	– Catholic Education Week
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Labour Day — Public Holiday <u>No School Today</u></b>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Reconciliation Celebration 6:30pm St Andrew's Church
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Family Twilight Sports - Whole School</b>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>**NEW DATE** <u>Foundation 2020 Enrolment Information Sessions – 9:00am and 7:00pm</u></b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>'National Day of Action Against Bullying'</b>
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Community Mass 10am at St Mary of the Cross Chapel - MacKillop College
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b><u>SENIOR UNIT CAMP</u></b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	7:00pm Parents and Friends Meeting
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>National Ride to School Day</b> Whole School Assembly 2:05pm <b>P &amp; F Movie Night – Outdoors on School Oval</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term - Whole School Assembly 2:05pm in MFR all welcome to attend
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	<b><u>Last Day of Term One - School Holidays</u> Students Dismissed at 1:00pm</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Sunday
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Monday



## **TERM 2**

Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>Term 2 Begins today - Students return to school</b> 7:00pm Parents and Friends Meeting
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>ANZAC Day - Public Holiday <u>No School Today</u></b>
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Foundation Prayer Night 6:00pm</b>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Whole School Assembly 2:05pm n MFR all welcome to attend
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY – NO SCHOOL TODAY</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	School Board Meeting
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Confirmation Family Evening 6:30pm
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Community Mass 10am at St Mary of the Cross Chapel - MacKillop College
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	7:00pm Parents and Friends Meeting

## **2019 other key dates for diary**

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

## **SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES 2019**

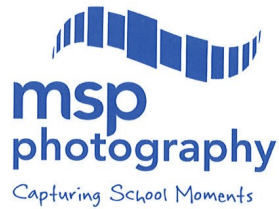
***Term 2.. Day 1 – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May*** – Religious Education and Faith Formation

***Term 3.. Day 2 – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July*** – Wellbeing for Learning

***Term 4.. Day 3 – Planning for 2020*** – Date TBD

***Term 4.. Day 4 – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December*** – Handover 2020

In line with our School Improvement Plan the above days and foci will assist to strengthen our pedagogy across many areas of school operations, particularly in the Learning and Teaching and Student Wellbeing spheres, as we work to provide quality Catholic education for all at Corpus Christi Primary School.



# **SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**

**is Thursday 7th March 2019**

Students wear full summer uniform on the day

Photo envelopes will be sent home to ALL Students and are  
PRE-NAMED and barcoded

Please read envelope for payment instructions / photo package options.

**The school requests that Envelopes are returned back to school by**

**Before School Photo Day**

For families wishing to have family photos with siblings the FAMILY envelope is available for collection from the School Office.

If parents require an 'extra' photo envelope for ordering please contact the School Office and this can be arranged

Thank you