



St Andrew's Parish

## CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**NEWSLETTER 3**      **Wednesday 6th March 2019**      **WEEK 6, 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,*

*We continue to pray for these children celebrating the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation*



Declan Murphy	Tanyaradzwa Bere	Ella Cannizzaro	Flynn Carey	Daisy McGuane
Luca Tullio	Hope Stoios	Fidelis Gillard	Riley Clear	Abigail Paterson
Eliana Frau	Munashe Jenda	William Talbot	Layla Thwaites	Mitchell Adamo
Charlotte Magro	Tye Flaherty	Jemima Palmer	Jorga Portelli	Nicola Morris
Mari Phelan	Saskia Edrich	Bridelia Gauci	Parker Williamson	Helen Lewis
Isaiah Desira	Charlie Golmayer	William Giueleri	Emma Lule	Mayer Hollingsworth
Claudia Zausa	Tristan McKinnes	Andrew Perino	Sarah Foster	Callan Sweeney
Millar Giurfo	Isabella Evans	Aaron Finch	Yvette Carraro	Sienna Santi
Archie Kesisoglou	Lilly Farrugia	Isabelle Archer	Andre Marino	Sebastian Bonaddio
Paige Pittito		Aurora Natoli		

### **FOUNDATION 2020 ENROLMENTS**

We are excited to already be receiving enrolment enquiries for 2020. Children who turn 5 years of age by 30th April 2020 are eligible to enrol in Foundation 2020.

A reminder our **Foundation 2020 Enrolment Information Sessions** will be held next Thursday 14th March at 9:00am and 7:00pm in the MFR.

*Please note that the enrolment of siblings is not automatic and an enrolment form needs to be received by the due date.*

### **WE CELEBRATE CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK AT CC**

As part of our Catholic Education Week celebrations, on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** we will welcome all family members and carers to an **'Open Morning'** from **9:00am to 10:30am**. You are invited to come along to see us in 'Learning Action'!! We are also holding a **'Twilight Night'** for the whole school community (see over page). The evening will commence at 5pm on the school oval where families will be involved in a number of family fun activities led by 'Kaboom Sports'. Food and drinks will be available for purchase, including a 'Sausage Sizzle' and two food trucks will also be present on the evening. We look forward to seeing you for a fun evening.

### **SENIOR CAMP 2019**

Best wishes to our Senior students who will be heading off to Camp on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. We are sure the children will have a fantastic time and bring home with them many happy memories of their Senior Camp experience!

*Kind regards, Linda*



## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK CELEBRATIONS

**OPEN MORNING 9:00am - 10:30am**



# FAMILY TWILIGHT EVENING WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



**JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FAMILY FUN @ CORPUS CHRISTI from 5pm-7pm**

**FOOD TRUCKS SAUSAGE SIZZLE KABOOM SPORTS DON' T MISS IT!!**

## STUDENT ATTENDANCE—EVERY DAY COUNTS



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**Website** [www.ccwerribee.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ccwerribee.catholic.edu.au)

**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.

Don't forget to call or email the school office if your child is going to be absent from school by 9:30am.

**Phone: 9741 8440**

**Email: [ccschooloffice@ccwerribee.catholic.edu](mailto:ccschooloffice@ccwerribee.catholic.edu)**

## SCHOOL START TIME!

The beginning of the day is a vital time for all children in their Learning Communities as **instruction begins directly at 8:45am.**

Please be aware that classrooms **open at 8:30am** to enable all children to have the time to get prepared for the day.

Thank you to parents/carers for ensuring your children are at school at the start time of 8:45am each day.

**Please be aware that children who arrive after 8:45am are recorded as 'Late' on the attendance roll.**

**All 'late' records will be recorded automatically on each child's mid-year and end of year Reports.**

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Our second hand uniform shop (located in the Music room in the senior learning area) operates on **Friday mornings from 8:30am to 9:00am.** Once again we thank Mrs Susie Panhorst (Benjamin HG: 3/4SM) for her kind offer to operate the uniform shop each week. Thank you to families who have kindly donated second hand uniform items this year. If families have uniform items that children have grown out of and if they are still in good condition and taking up space in the cupboard please bring them to school. We do ask however to please ensure donated **uniforms are in Good Repair and Laundered.** Also double check your bag to ensure no other clothing is included by mistake!

All donations can be left at the office. For parents who require uniform items but are unable to visit the second hand uniform shop, please contact the office to complete a request form with the items and sizes needed. Parents will then be contacted if the item is or becomes available. Thank you.



# Education in Faith

## COMMUNITY MASS

We invite all families to our next community mass which will be on **17th March at 10am** we invite all families to join our parish community this day and future community masses. We especially invite children who are receiving the **Sacrament of Confirmation** to this community mass. Looking forward to seeing many families there.

## RECONCILIATION

Students will celebrate their **First Reconciliation on 12th March at St. Andrew's church at 6:30pm**. Please continue to keep our students in your prayers as they prepare for this special sacrament.



## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

This year Catholic Education Week will be celebrated from the **10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> of March** across the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The theme this year is "Growing Young in Christ". Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to celebrate their Catholic identity, the pivotal role they play within their local community and the strength of the sector. At Corpus Christi, we are celebrating Catholic Education Week through our Family Twilight Night. On Friday the 15th of March our School Leaders, Sports Captains and Community Action Team Leaders will represent our school at the St. Patrick's Day Mass held in East Melbourne.

## LENT

Today marks the beginning of Lent. Lent doesn't have to be a time of giving up something but it can be taking up something to make ourselves and the world better. Pope Francis gives this message on what we can do for Lent.

*What can you do as a family during this season of Lent?*

## ASH WEDNESDAY and LENT

This morning we came together for our Ash Wednesday liturgy in our Multi Function Room. This marks the beginning of Lent.

## UPCOMING EVENTS.....


**10th to 17th of March** - Catholic Education Week

**12th March** - First Reconciliation at 6:30pm at St. Andrew's church, Werribee.

**17th March** - Commitment Mass for Confirmation at St. Mary of the Cross Chapel, 10am (all welcome)

**DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?**  
*In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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**Miss Richelle Mendoza, Religious Education Leader**

## FINANCE School & Curriculum Fees, Levies and Charges

2019 Invoices were sent home (mostly via email) to families on Friday 22nd February. We remind families that the school offers **Payment Plan Options** for the payment of **Family Fees** which include direct debit, many families find this option beneficial. Our 2019 Payment Plan Options were sent home in term 4 last year and families were requested to complete and return this form to the office.

For our New Families please do not hesitate to contact the School Office for payment plan information.

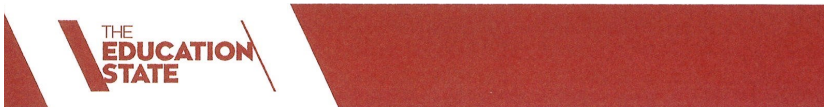
Fees for 2019 are outlined below;

<b>Curriculum Fees (per child)</b>	<b>\$320.00</b>
<b>Excursion / Incursion Levy (per child)</b> Sacrament, Camps, Sports & Graduation costs are not included in this fee.	<b>\$70.00</b>
<b>School Fees (per family)</b>	<b>\$1,530.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$1,920.00</u></b>

**The Curriculum Fees & Excursion Levy of \$390.00 were due on Friday 1st March 2019**

*If you have not finalised this payment please make your payments as soon as possible*

## HEALTH CARE CARD & PENSION CARD HOLDERS



### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

#### **CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

#### **MORE INFORMATION**

For more information about the CSEF visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



If you hold a valid Concession Card / Health Care Card your child may be eligible for the CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund) benefit.

Please bring your card to the School Office and we will be able to assist you. Families who have lodged an application previously please also come to the School Office with your current card.

**Mrs Jenni Warren,**  
School Secretary

# LEARNING & TEACHING NEWS

## HARMONY DAY VICTORIAN CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK

**March 21st** is Australia's **Harmony Day**, which **celebrates** the country's cultural diversity. It coincides with the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

**Harmony Day** is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. In Victoria we celebrate Harmony Day within Cultural Diversity Week 6th - 24th March.

### **Why a touch of orange?**

Orange is the colour chosen to represent **Harmony Day**. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Australians can choose to wear a touch of orange on 21st March to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

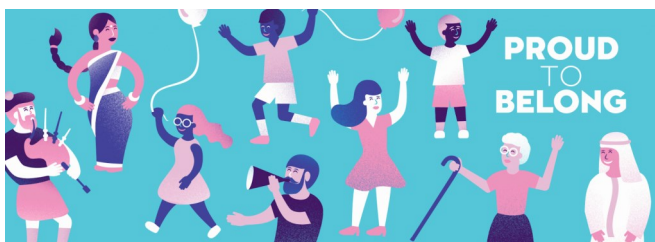
### **Facts and figures**

There are some fascinating statistics about Australia's diversity that can be good conversation-starters:

- more than 70 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia
- nearly half (49 per cent) of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was
- we identify with over 300 ancestries
- since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia
- 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia
- apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Italian, Greek, Tagalog/Filipino, Hindi, Spanish and Punjabi

### **On Thursday 21st March Corpus Christi will acknowledge the day by:**

- Asking the students to wear a **touch of orange**. Students may wear : an orange ribbon in their hair or around their arm, orange socks, an orange bracelet ,necklace or earrings . A small orange item is all that's needed ( families do not need to buy items of orange clothing )
- All students being involved in a whole school activity in which you can help by discussing with your children where in the world your family originated and showing them on a map



# LEARNING & TEACHING NEWS

Thank you to the parents that have asked questions on how they can assist their child's learning in numeracy at home. If you have any questions, please come and see me and I am happy to answer any of the questions that you may have.

We will be having our Family Numeracy Night this year on **Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June at 6:30pm** so please save the date.

Please continue to promote and use the language of 'Growth Mindset' with your child. If you hear your child say, "I'm just not good at this," encourage them to think and say, "I need to try another strategy" or "I will try and use a strategy that we have been working on at school." Always encourage your child to use the most efficient strategy that works for them. If you hear your child get upset because they made a mistake, encourage them to think and say, "That's ok, mistakes help me learn better."

Below are some useful apps and websites that you can encourage your child to use at home. Good apps and websites need to give feedback or tips/hints. Make sure that your child focuses on tasks that they are currently learning at school. This will give them more confidence with their learning at school. At the moment most of the students are learning about place value and counting.

## Websites and Apps:

- Mfacts 121 (for Year 3-6 students)
- Study Ladder
- Mathletics
- Essential Assessment – *My Numeracy tasks and Sunset Maths*
- Maths Is Fun
- NAPLAN practise questions online
- 2048 game (iPad app)

Mr Peter Donoghue, **Learning and Teaching Leader - Numeracy**

# Learning Community News

## FOUNDATION UNIT NEWS....

It is amazing to think we are at the half way mark of term 1 already! !! The children continue to impress us their enthusiasm, humour and 'have a go' attitude, they are really creating an energetic buzz throughout our Community.

Our upcoming literacy units will be focusing on the development of oral language skills including description and the way we transfer this to reading and writing. At home take this opportunity to deepen your child's language and vocabulary by encouraging full sentences during conversations, prompting them to include describing words.

In Numeracy we will be learning about the language of location. Students will be undertaking activities that will develop an understanding of positioning, for example; above, on, under, in, next to and through. You can use this language at home through incidental conversations like "put your shoes next to the door" or "unpack your bag on the bench".

In Religion the children will listen to and reflect on stories about Jesus and his friends the Disciples. They will also explore what makes a good friends and ways they can be a good friend.

We thank our families for your continued support and look forward to the second half of term 1.

Stay up to date with the Remind App @yellow2019 or @whitecomm

Yours in partnership, The Foundation Team 

# Learning Community News

## SENIOR UNIT NEWS....

The Senior students have been active in the Corpus Christi community and presenting the best version of themselves when involved in interschool and in preparation for the 'Buddies' program with the Foundation students.

We have been investigating different ways data is represented on graphs during Mathematics sessions. Along with the exploring the difference and processes used to make laws, rules and social norms during Inquiry Learning. Ask your child about the similarities and differences between rules, laws and social norms!

CAMP organisation is definitely in full swing. Cabin and activity groups are being organised. Please encourage all students to start preparing to pack their own bags. Keep working on rolling up those sleeping bags!

Over the next few weeks, we will explore the significance of the rituals and traditions associated with the church season of Lent.



Senior TEAL Community Remind Code is @seniorscc



**Leanne Spence, Unit Learning Leader**

## MIDDLE UNIT NEWS....

In the Middle Unit students have been working on preparing for Reconciliation. Grade 3s will have a reflection session in and around the MacKillop Chapel on Friday 8th March. As the knowledge and actions of forgiveness are strengthened, students have had opportunities to discuss and show their responses as they resolve conflicts or differences of opinions. In Mathematics, students have worked on Place Value recognising and working with numbers, sorting and rounding to the nearest ten and hundred. Comprehension is a high priority in the Middle Unit and students have worked on Snapshots, Recounts and Retelling a story in their own words. A Writer's Notebook has been introduced and is proving to be of great success among students. In Week 7, students from Orange Community will be hosting a whole school assembly. All welcome.

Thankyou on behalf of Middle Team.

**The Middle Team** - *Helen Drezga, Ben Richards, Megan Urlichs, Stephanie Mobilio, Eugene Volkwyn, Peter Donoghue, Jenai Harrington, Lyn Tramontana and Karen Pacifici.*

## JUNIOR UNIT NEWS....

We are pleased to see students becoming familiar with new routines and gradually developing their independent skills. We are amazed at how many kids now walk into school alone and carry their own communication bags!

This week students have been consolidating our workshop standards of: entering and maintaining appropriate noise level in workshops, getting materials straight away, building stamina, remaining in one spot to work the whole time and packing up materials promptly. In Writing, the Juniors have been looking at recounts. This is a great opportunity for students to begin creating a Journal to record important events happening at home to write about.

In Numeracy, the Juniors have been exploring place value and making representations with icy pole sticks (bundles) and MAB blocks. In Inquiry students are beginning to learn about the different body systems.

Yesterday students learnt about Shrove Tuesday and its importance to the catholic tradition. As today marks the beginning of Lent, students will be further exploring Lent in the lead up to Easter.

**Yours in Partnership, Michelle Surmiak Junior Learning Leader.**



**Say connected with news & reminders from your child's learning community!**

Download the 'Remind' App and use your child / ren's Community

Remind Code to get started!

For information visit: <https://www.remind.com/families>

## Speaking to children about the news

This week has been a very big week for the Catholic Church and pain is being experienced by many in our Catholic community. As adults, it is normal for us to feel confused by the news and events of the Pell court case. It is, however, important to try to shelter our children from the media and graphic details of the case. Through an article in the Sydney Morning Herald, *“Teachable Moment: How to talk to your children about the Pell case”* (28/02/19), child and adolescent psychologist Michael Carr-Gregg stresses the importance of engaging children in the issue – in a way that empowers them, not scares them. Dr Carr-Gregg said in talking about it, parents should re-frame the conversation to focus less on the crime itself and more on the actions of the victim – “if you do report (to a trusted adult), you will be heard, you will be taken seriously, and most importantly you’ll be believed.” We need to empower children by giving them the language and tools to promote personal safety and help-seeking behaviours.

Corpus Christi is a Child Safe school and as such, we have many policies and procedures in place to protect our children. We are also committed to providing curriculum that promotes student empowerment and community education. In Term 3, students will attend a body-safety incursion by the Bravehearts organisation which all parents are warmly welcomed to attend.

## Some key messages we encourage you to discuss with your child are:

- Discuss private and public parts - my body belongs to me!
- Early Warning Signs – how does my body tell me if I feel worried, uncomfortable or scared?
- Safety Network - ask children to think of some adults they could talk to if they ever felt worried or scared
- Display the Kids Helpline phone number prominently in your home 1800 55 1800 and show them the website
- Be led by children’s questions - avoid going into too much detail and keep it age appropriate. For example, Deanne Carson, CEO of Body Safety Australia, suggests that for a child aged 7, you could say “sometimes adults or older children choose to hurt children; and sometimes they tell children it’s a secret or something bad will happen if they tell the secret, and in this instance some brave children did tell, and the news is about the court case of a person who chose to hurt people.”



Note: if you or anyone you know needs support, you can contact the National Sexual Assault, Domestic and Family Violence Counselling Service on 1800RESPECT (1800 737 732) or Lifeline 131 114.

## Child Strengths – a positive psychology approach

This week’s Parenting Ideas article (attached at the back of this newsletter) highlights how we can discover and nurture our children’s strengths. Supporting children’s strengths can help develop confidence, self-esteem and ignite passion for life-long learning. **Login to the Parenting Ideas website** and register for a webinar on “Switching on your child’s STRENGTHS.” Valued at \$37, this webinar is free for Corpus Christi families. Please use the code and details attached to this newsletter to access this **FREE Parent Webinar!**



# ICT News

## DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS?

Please email the school office ([ccschooloffice@ccwerribee.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ccschooloffice@ccwerribee.catholic.edu.au)) if you have recently updated / changed your preferred email address to receive School Correspondence including emails related to accessing you child/ren's school reports.

Mrs Anne Walton, ICT Specialist Teacher

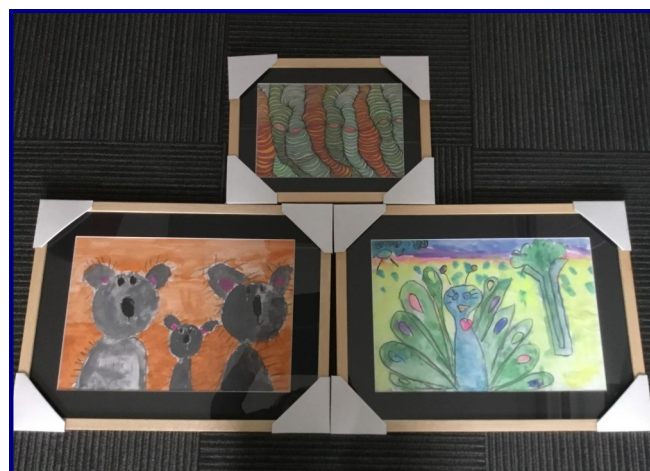
# Art News!

I am very excited to announce that we have three students whose artwork has been selected to be exhibited in the 2019 Visual Arts Exhibition as part of the celebrations for Catholic Education Week.

Congratulations to:

Sienna Ferlazzo - *The Trail of the Illusion*,  
Mia Perram - *Koala Family* and  
Rachel Perino - *Sunset Peacock*.

The Artwork has been framed and is ready to be delivered to the exhibition at the Catholic Education Office.



Mrs Maria Chetcuti, Arts Specialist Teacher



# SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

## Tomorrow! Thursday 7th March 2019

Students wear full summer uniform on the day

Photo envelopes were 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 to school**

**Before School Photo Day - if you have not returned your envelope please ensure you child/ren brings along tomorrow!**

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.

# CORPUS SPORT NEWS



We are the District Champions once again! Congratulations to the Corpus Christi Swimming Team for their brilliant performance in the District Swimming Carnival at the Werrabee Outdoor Pool on Wednesday 27th of February. Every student contributed to the success and are to be also congratulated for their display of sportsmanship throughout the day. Thank you to Mrs Baird, Mrs Portelli, Mr Volkwyn, Mrs Murdock, Mrs Pacifici and parents for supporting the students and ensuring nerves were settled before the races.

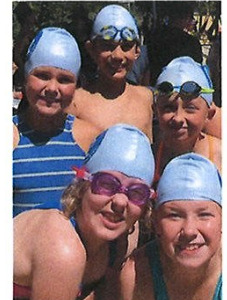
Miss Dee Dundov

Interschool Sports Coordinator

Bryce Archer Alyssa Coates Mia Costa-Jackson Nathan Dimitriadis Katie Forbes Cooper Dixon Ella Duenzl Tyler Kokocinski	Leo Ferlazzo Sienna Ferlazzo Hunter Dickson Mietta Lazzaro Sofia Lazzaro Nicola Morris Chase Morris Ethan Morris	Tanami Murdock Caitlyn Musarra Matthew Musarra Harry Ardizzon Cruise Parker Summer Parker Charlotte Paterson Taine Volkwyn	Josh Allwood Jacob Alabakis Tyler Portogallo Raphael Murphy Anneka Redford Mayer Hollingsworth Caleb Vincent Josh Di Rosa
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Mrs Jill Hennessy presented the District Shield and the medals for Age Group Champions to Tanami and Cooper.



## **2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR & EVENTS**

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> – 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	– <b>Catholic Education Week</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Labour Day — Public Holiday <u>No School Today</u></b>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Reconciliation Celebration 6:30pm St Andrew’s Church</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	<b><u>Open Morning 9:00am to 10:30am &amp; Family Twilight Sports - Whole School 5pm to 7pm</u></b>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	<b><u>**NEW DATE** 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 including <b>Confirmation Commitment Mass - <u>Confirmation Candidates are asked to attend Mass</u></b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b><u>SENIOR UNIT CAMP 2019 - Anglesea</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> <b>Foundation - Vision Screening</b> Whole School Assembly 2:05pm all welcome <b>P &amp; F Movie Night – Outdoors on School Oval</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	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></b> Students Dismissed at 1:00pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday,
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Sunday
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Monday

### **ICY POLE DAYS are Here for Term 1**

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



### **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><u>ANZAC Day - Public Holiday 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 in 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	<b>Confirmation Family Evening 6:30pm in MFR</b>
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Community Mass 10am at St Mary of the Cross Chapel - MacKillop College including <b>First Eucharist Commitment Mass - <u>First Eucharist Candidates are asked to attend Mass</u></b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	7:00pm Parents and Friends Meeting
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Family Numeracy Night</b>

More dates over page.....

## **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.

## **Foundation 2020 - Parent Information Sessions**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Two sessions: 9:00am or 7:00pm

In the Multi-Function Room

Enrolment Packs for 2020 will be handed out at these sessions.

### **School Tour Dates 2019**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 9:00am and 12:00 noon

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 9:00am and 12:00 noon

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 9:00am

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 9:00am and 12:00 noon

# insights

## Unearthing kids's strengths

by Professor Lea Waters (PhD)



Personality strengths – our character – play a big role in helping us build our our talents. Think about anyone who has built a talent and imagine if it could have been done without character. Imagine Einstein without curiosity, The Beatles without creativity, Mother Teresa without compassion or Neil Armstrong without bravery.

Yet for decades, scientists were blind to character strength. We focused on talent, often on physical strength and skills. In fact, when I first ask young children what they think a strength is, they almost always point to their biceps or talk about being able to lift something heavy.

Once you get familiar with the language of strengths and a framework for seeing them, you'll see character strengths easily in your child. In fact, you may find your child calls on their character strengths more often than on talent to meet life's challenges.

### Three key elements of a strength

You've probably seen a child joylessly perform at a piano recital. They may hit all the right keys, but there's no energy or enthusiasm. It's as if they don't want to be there. On the flip side, we've seen the child onstage who's clearly motivated and energised and who fearlessly flails through every mistake – of which there are many.

It turns out that three elements come together to form a strength. For purposes of strength-based parenting, we need to keep our eye on all three:

#### **1. Performance (being good at something).**

Watch for when your child shows above-age levels of achievement, rapid learning, and a repeated pattern of success.

#### **2. Energy (feeling good doing it)**

Strengths are self-reinforcing. The more we use them, the more we get from them. They fill us with vigour. You'll notice your child has abundant energy when using a strength.

#### **3. High use (choosing to do it)**

Finally, look for what your child chooses to do in their spare time, how often they engage in a particular activity, and how they speak about that activity.

For true strengths, these three elements form a beautiful feedback loop: great performance provides the child with a shot of high energy, so the child naturally chooses to do more. In turn, high use – also known as effort or practice – improves performance levels. So, for example, if you notice that your child is energised when they play

the piano, and you provide enjoyable opportunities for them to play, if they're mining a true strength they will likely practise more, which improves their performance, which then energises them ... and so the loop continues.

Keeping this triad in mind will help you avoid pushing your child into an area that seems like a strength just because your child is good at it. It will also help you differentiate between whether your child is bingeing on an activity in an escapist way or expressing a true strength.

For example, when a parent asks me, 'My son is great at computer games and wants to play all the time. Is that a sign of a strength?' I reply, 'Observe his energy levels at the end. Is he drained and cranky? Or energised and full of life? Are you seeing the full triad?' Computer games can tap into a child's strategic and problem-solving skills or stimulate creativity (in some games, you invent whole new worlds). Or they might just be about filling time.

So look for all three signs. When you see your child do something well, with energy, and repeatedly, you'll know you've unearthed a strength.

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