



St Andrew's Parish

CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 5 Wednesday 3rd April 2019 WEEK 10, 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 OR 9741 8440 by 9:30am

Gracious God,

You have heard the cries of your suffering people. You have sent Jesus to us to be our Redeemer and brother. Open our eyes to see the immensity of your love for us and the wonder of what you have done for us. Give us the courage to be your hands and heart for those who are in pain. Give us the wisdom to speak out for justice and righteousness. May your will be done in us today and always.

Amen.



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is difficult to believe this is the final newsletter of the term. We've had a great Term One with so many people contributing so generously to the life of Corpus Christi School. The most important feast in the church's year, Easter, will be celebrated at the end of the school holidays. It is a time when we rejoice in the new life Christ gave us through His death and resurrection. We wish every family a very peace-filled Easter and restful holiday. We will celebrate Christ's Death and Resurrection at an Easter Liturgy on Friday 26th April at 8.50am in the MFR. All Welcome!

LAST DAY OF TERM 1 THIS FRIDAY 5th APRIL

A reminder to our Parents / Carers *students will finish school at 1:00pm* on this day.

Best wishes for a Happy, Holy Easter and a Safe Restful Holiday.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES

FRIDAY 3rd MAY – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION – ALL STAFF

MONDAY 29th JULY – STUDENT WELLBEING

PARENT TEACHER CHILD LEARNING CONVERSATIONS (PTCLCS)

As part of our Reporting Student Progress to Parents we will make available the following times for these important conversations:

- Monday 17th June from 2:00pm to 8:00pm - Please note the *early finish for children at 1:00pm on Monday 17th June* to enable conversations to take place.
- Tuesday 18th June from 3:30pm to 5:00pm

Bookings for these conversations will be able to be made through our Parent Portal which will go live in early Term 2. Further details and instructions will be forwarded to all families as soon as possible.

FOUNDATION 2020 ENROLMENTS

Enrolment Packs are available for collection from the School Office for parents who wish to enrol children into Foundation in 2020. Enrolments for Foundation 2020 close on 30th April 2019. ***Please note that the enrolment of siblings is not automatic and an enrolment form needs to be received by the due date.***

WINTER UNIFORM

As we quite often experience warm weather into May, children will have a 'change over' period during which you can choose either the winter or summer uniform. This period will go from our first day back in Term 2 – Tuesday 23rd April until Friday 17th May. Could all parents please check the names on your child's jumpers/windcheaters to ensure that your child has the correct item of clothing. If your child has mistakenly taken the wrong uniform please return to school and we'll try to locate the correct item for your child. We have so many items of lost property in the basket outside reception, please check for items which may belong to your child(ren).

Kind regards, Linda

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 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

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**. 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.

WEEKEND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM



Our Weekend Maintenance Program is due to launch next term from **Sunday 28th April**. Please keep a look out for the Roster coming home tomorrow! **As your rostered Sunday approaches a green reminder notice is sent home to you via your eldest child.** Families will receive an SMS reminder, usually the Friday before a rostered Sunday also. Thankyou for your support of the program and our school.



Education in Faith

CONFIRMATION

Our Year 6 students are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **24th May 2019 at 6:30pm, St. Andrew's Sports Centre**. Bishop Mark Edwards will be the main celebrant. Celebration dates were given recently and we ask that you keep in mind these important dates.

We ask you to support your child on this faith journey by noting these important dates.

- A Confirmation Evening for Parents and Sponsors will be held on **Wednesday 15th May** in the MFR at 6:30pm.
- Confirmation Reflection Day for Candidates will be held on **Friday 22nd May** at Portarlington.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Last Friday on the **29th March**. Our Grade 6's performed the stations of the cross and presented the story of Jesus' passion story to different communities. They worked very hard to prepare and reenact the important story of Jesus' passion and death on the cross. We thank our families who were able to watch our Year 6's perform.



PROJECT COMPASSION

We encourage you to make a small donation for our project compassion boxes. They can be found in our learning communities and the office. The theme for Project Compassion 2019 is based around hope and giving Lent 100% in the name of hope. As a family, view the Caritas website on how you can get involved and view the amazing stories of people involved in Caritas. <https://lent.caritas.org.au/>

OUR LENTEN TIME: continues as we journey to Easter. During our Lenten journey we are invited to reflect upon and renew our own faith. Journeying with each other, encouraging each other to be the best person we can be. Traditionally it is a time where we strengthen our prayer life, practise fasting and almsgiving.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER We will celebrate Holy Week and Easter when we return after the holidays on **Friday the 26th of April at 8:50am** in the MFR. A reminder that Easter Sunday begins the season of Easter which lasts for 40 days.

ANZAC Day Prayer Service You are invited to attend the ANZAC Prayer Service in the MFR on **Wednesday 24th April at 8:50am** in the MFR.

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

Anzac Day Prayer Service - 24th April 8:50am

Holy Week and Easter Prayer Service - 26th April 8:50am

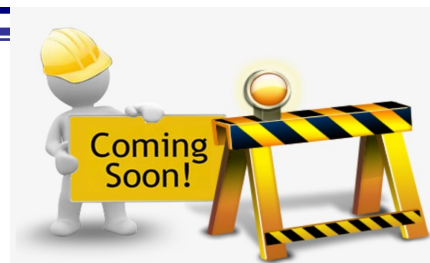
Mother's Day Prayer Service - 10th May 9:00am

Sacrament of Confirmation - 24th May, 6:30pm at St. Andrews Sports Centre

Wishing you all a happy, holy Easter.

Miss Richelle Mendoza, Religious Education Leader

ICT News



OUR NEW “PARENT PORTAL”

At the start of Term 2 we will announce the commencement of the Parent Portal where you will be able to access :

- Student & Family Details
- School Reports
- Making appointments for Parent / Teacher / Child Conversations
- Student Attendance

TERM ONE - STUDENT LEARNING JOURNEYS

We are happy to announce term one Student Learning Journeys will be emailed to parents tomorrow **Thursday 4th April** from approximately 4:30pm.

Look out for an email from ‘The TeacherCloud’ on behalf of Corpus Christi for each student containing a link. Foundation students will receive an extra email containing a temporary password. We suggest that the password is changed to a preferred password as Learning Journeys are emailed at the end of each school term. We hope you enjoy seeing your child’s learning in this format. If you do not receive an email please contact : Anne Walton via email at anew@ccwerribee.catholic.edu.au.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS?

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

Mrs Anne Walton, ICT Specialist Teacher

FINANCE School & Curriculum Fees, Levies and Charges

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

Fees for 2019 are outlined below;

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

Mrs Jenni Warren,
School Secretary

LEARNING & TEACHING NEWS

NAPLAN - GRADE 3 & 5 STUDENTS 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year all children in year three and five at Corpus Christi will sit the NAPLAN tests online for the first time.

The tests consist of : Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy all of which will be completed online with the exception of the Year 3 Writing test that will be completed on paper as in previous years.

Instead of the one week test window we will now have a two week window for the testing to be completed as shown in the table below.

If your child is away at some time during the testing weeks they are able to complete **Catch Up tests only within these two weeks.**

Once the testing window is closed we are unable to do any **Catch Up tests.**

Note: Writing catch up tests need to be finalised by Friday the 17th May and may not be done in the second week of testing.

Our Schedule for the testing weeks is as follows:

| Monday 13th | Tuesday 14th | Wednesday 15th | Thursday 16th | Friday 17th |
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| Preparation | 9.15 - 10.45 Writing Year 3 Paper test | 9.15 - 10.45 Writing Year 5 Online test | 9.15 - 10.45 Reading Year 3 and year 5 Online test | 9.15 - 10.45 Language conventions Year 3 and year 5 Online test |
| Monday 20th | Tuesday 21st | Wednesday 22nd | Thursday 23rd | Friday 24th |
| 9.15 - 10.45 Numeracy Year 3 and year 5 Online test | Catch up Tests | Catch up Tests | Catch up Tests | Catch up Tests |

Should you prefer your child did not participate in the NAPLAN testing program, please see your **Home group teacher** or **Mrs Peta Cesarec**.

A detailed information sheet for all Parents and Carers about the NAPLAN Online Testing in 2019 from the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority was sent out last week.

Please take the time to read this information and visit the online information website advertised on the NAPLAN Online information sheet.

VCAA link to NAPLAN Online Information

<https://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-online-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf?sfvrsn=4>

If you have any questions about NAPLAN please ask.

Enjoy the holidays !

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

LEARNING & TEACHING NEWS

We have had a very busy term with a lot of excellent learning and teaching in Numeracy. It has been very pleasing to see the children showing a Growth Mindset towards their learning and taking on challenges. As we enter the holiday break, please involve your child in everyday mathematics at every opportunity that you have. Here are some examples of tasks you could set for your child:

- Get your child to count forwards and backwards from different numbers. For example, starting at 23 get your child to count forwards to 50 then backwards to 38
- Give your child a number and get them to break up the number in many different ways. For example, 134 could be broken up into $100+34$ or $110+24$ or $50+50+34$
- While shopping, work out what two or more items would cost. Get your child to estimate first and then ask how they worked it out? Is there another way you could work it out? Which way was more efficient? Get your child to work out the change that you would receive back if you gave a \$5, \$10, \$20 or \$50 note.
- Play board games like Monopoly and different card games like Memory and Go Fish. It is amazing how much Maths is involved in these games and it is fun!
- Using dice or playing cards, get students to add, subtract, multiply or divide the numbers. Get your child to explain how they worked it out? Is there another way you could work it out? Which way was more efficient?
- Ask your child to read the time at different times throughout the day (use analogue and digital clocks). How do you correctly say the time? For example, 2:35 is 25 to 3 and 4:30 is half past 4

Just a reminder that we will be having our Family Numeracy Night this year on **Tuesday, 11th June at 6:30pm**. More details about the night will be in the next newsletter.

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

Learning Community News

FOUNDATION UNIT NEWS....

Wow! its amazing to think our Foundation children have already reached the end of Term 1.

In our final week we will be revisiting and revising concepts in Numeracy and Literacy as we prepare for another action packed term when we return from holidays. At home you can continue supporting your child's learning by encouraging them to speak in full sentences; prompting questions to extend their thinking of why something may have happened and how it could have been different.

Making connections during their holidays adventures to what we have been learning can be a fun way to keep their literacy and numeracy skills up.

Eye spy in the car can be easily adapted to "I spy with my little eye something that begins with the sound....." encourage your child and celebrate their attempts to sound out words they 'spy'.

We congratulate all of the Foundation children on a successful first Term in Yellow and White communities and thank our families for their continue support.

Stay up to date with the happenings in Foundation on Remind using Code: @yellow19 & @whitecomm

Yours in partnership, The Foundation Team 

Learning Community News

SENIOR UNIT NEWS....

Congratulations to all Senior students that have displayed their knowledge, understanding and new learnings about Lent and the events of Easter to different audiences. The picture story books created by the year 5s for their buddies and the 'Stations of the Cross' performance by the year 6s have had a positive impact on others. Many thanks to Mr Inguanti, Mr Estrellado and Mrs Pateras for the contribution of crosses and robes towards the performance.

During Inquiry sessions, students will complete their investigation into how rules and laws are made in Australia's parliament and apply their knowledge of parliament and the law-making process in a classroom role-play for then House of Representatives.

The first few weeks of Term Two, we will explore some artwork of the Holy Spirit and the story of Pentecost, along with investigating the symbols of Confirmation. Stole packs will be sent home as part of family preparation perhaps a great task during the holidays.

We will begin our learning into Human Growth and Developments at all stages of the lifespan. **Please remember to return forms with your family's preference for an information night in Week 2 for either:**



Senior TEAL Community Remind Code is @seniorscc

Monday 29th April @ 6:30pm or Wednesday 1st May @ 6:30pm

Leanne Spence, Unit Learning Leader

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS....

The last few weeks, the Middle Unit students finished off their unit on Reconciliation. We explored the story of Zacchaeus. We looked at the different stages of reconciliation in a relationship: admitting wrong; saying sorry; being forgiven; making up (being reconciled). The students also celebrated a mass led by by Father Albert where he was able to congratulate each reconciliation student and presented them with a certificate. We will be moving into our unit of Easter and Lent – A Journey of Hope until, the end of the term.

In Mathematics, the students have been learning about the different strategies for adding and subtracting numbers. They have learnt about the split, jump and compensation strategy and when to use the most efficient strategy to solve a problem.

In Writing, the students are learning about the persuasive genre of writing. They are learning how to create a text using persuasive features and how to use them effectively and convincingly.

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

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JUNIOR UNIT NEWS....

I can't believe it is nearly the end of Term 1. In Numeracy students have been working very hard on investigating numbers and looking at Chance, the likelihood of something happening.

Next term the Juniors will begin addition using efficient strategies to solve problems. Encourage your child to use mental strategies such as doubling, doubling add 1, make ten, number facts to 20.

In Religion students have been learning about the events that happened in Holy Week. Next Term after Easter, students will learn and listen to stories about Jesus' resurrection.

Students have been engaged in their Journal Writing on Monday mornings, writing about special events in sequential order using past tense words. This will continue into next term.

Have a safe and restful break.

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>

So Proud ofOUR GRADE 6 STUDENTS WHO PERFORMED THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS LAST FRIDAY FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY



Senior Community Camp 2019!



The Senior TEAL Community attended camp this year at Camp Wilkin in Anglesea from Monday 18th March – Wednesday 20th March.



All students participated in some great activities that included canoeing, games room, Amazing Race, Leap of Faith, climbing wall and flying fox. Playing at the beach building sand castles, watching waves and a match of beach cricket were among the highlights along with the camp fire, bush walk, Hawaiian night and Trivia.



Students, teachers and parent all came away from camp very tired but with great memories for life and a sense of community that displayed encouragement, teamwork and learning from everyone.



Thanks to all Senior teachers along with Miss Dundov, Mr Volkwyn and Miss Vella and parents Mr Walsh, Mr Tavendale, Ms Perry and Mrs Dimitriadis for all your time, energy and for sharing the memories with us.



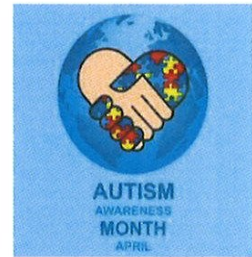
Wellbeing & Community Partnerships

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Autism Awareness Month

April is World Autism Month, where friends and neighbors around the world to come together to pledge to increase global understanding and acceptance of people with autism. This campaign aims to put a spotlight on the hurdles that people with autism – and others living with autism – face every day. This month we celebrate the unique talents of those with autism, while putting a huge focus on the warm embrace and welcome extended by the Corpus Christi community.



Active Travel

Great to see so many students ride – scoot – walk to school lately! We encourage students and families to ride or walk to school if possible. If you live far away or this is not possible, it is still OK to walk part way by parking in a nearby street and walking the rest of the way. This not only reduces traffic in the area, but is a fabulous way to stay healthy and switch our brains on ready for learning!

KEEP RIDING, WALKING & STAYING ACTIVE!!!



Have Your Say! Park upgrade

Wyndham Council is seeking feedback regarding improvements to Loyola Reserve. Loyola Reserve is located within our zone and will soon have upgraded facilities including a skate park. Council is seeking feedback from Parents and Students.... To have your say, please visit:

<https://theloop.wyndham.vic.gov.au/loyola-reserve-skate-park>

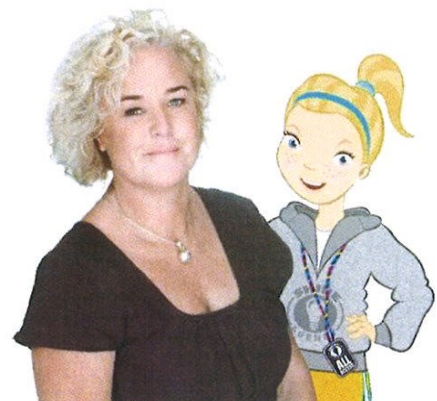
On this site, you can read about the vision for the park and comment under “Share Your Story” to provide information about how you would use the park and any feedback or suggestions you have. A great opportunity to have a say on the development of a local park to our school!

Holiday Author Workshop!

Werribee Library will be hosting an author talk and writing workshop with famous kids author, Susannah McFarlane, of the BOY vs BEAST, EJ12 and D-BOT SQUAD series. Register via the links below or by contacting Werribee Library on 9742 7999.



Ages 7-12
Werribee Library
Thursday 11 April
Author talk 4.00pm: <http://bit.ly/SleuthTalk>
Writing workshop
5.00pm: <http://bit.ly/SusannahMWorkshop>



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

CORPUS SPORT NEWS

We had over a hundred determined Years 3 - 6 students trying out for cross country last week. The conditions were not ideal however all students did their best to run the 2/3km course. Well done on the amazing individual effort!



Congratulations to the 48 students who have qualified to represent Corpus Christi at the SSVWD District Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday 30th April at Presidents Park. We wish you all the best on the day.

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| <p><i>Luca Tullio</i> <i>Declan Murphy</i> <i>Sebastian Bonaddio</i> <i>Millar Giurfo</i> <i>Mitchell Adamo</i> <i>Andre Marino</i> <i>Raphael Murphy</i> <i>Kade Bryne</i> <i>Ari Pipino</i> <i>Josh Dart</i> <i>Nathan Dimitriadis</i> <i>Campbell Dickson</i></p> | <p><i>Aurora Natoli</i> <i>Mayer Hollingsworth</i> <i>Tahlia Liangos</i> <i>Faith Ropi</i> <i>Paige Perram</i> <i>Layla Thwaites</i> <i>Ella Duenzl</i> <i>Grace O'Dea</i> <i>Tanami Murdock</i> <i>Mia Cowlshaw</i> <i>Katie Forbes</i> <i>Charlotte Paterson</i></p> | <p><i>Leo Ferlazzo</i> <i>Samuel Pateras</i> <i>Charlie Bramich</i> <i>Noah Courtney-Holland</i> <i>Josh Di Rosa</i> <i>Samson Gill</i> <i>Giselle Edrich</i> <i>Mali Delaney</i> <i>Sienna Ferlazzo</i> <i>Matthew Musarra</i> <i>Hunter Dickson</i> <i>Indra Lumban-Gaol</i></p> | <p><i>Amilia Portelli</i> <i>Caitlyn Musarra</i> <i>Bridgette Murphy</i> <i>Loritta Bonsange</i> <i>Anneka Redford</i> <i>Natalia Di Blasi</i> <i>Joseph Pateras</i> <i>Cooper Dixon</i> <i>Quentin Pereira</i> <i>Tyler Portogallo</i> <i>Patrick Kearsley</i> <i>Justin Leeshar</i></p> |
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On Friday the 15th of March I participated at the Hobsons Bay & Wyndham Division Tennis Tournament at Laverton Park Tennis Club. There were girls from other districts competing against me. In my first match I had to play with persistence to get the win. I played five matches all up and won three of them. Once all matches were finished, we congratulated each other and handed out the awards. I came first in the Wyndham Division and was presented with a pennant. It was a very fun day and a great experience for me.

Tanami Murdock (5/6M)

Miss Dee Dundov
 Physical Education / Interschool Sports Leader



Miss Dee Dundov, Physical Education Teacher & Interschool Sport Leader

2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR & EVENTS

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| Thursday 4 th April | EASTER RAFFLE DRAWN TODAY! - GOOD LUCK EVERYONE! Whole School Assembly 2:05pm in MFR all welcome to attend |
| Friday 5 th April | <u>Last Day of Term One - School Holidays</u> Students Dismissed at 1:00pm |
| Friday 19 th April, Good Friday | Sunday 21 st April, Easter Sunday Monday 22 nd April Easter Monday |
| <u>TERM 2</u> | |
| Tuesday 23 rd April | Term 2 Begins today - Students return to school 7:00pm Parents and Friends Meeting |
| Wednesday 24 th April | Anzac Day Prayer Service 8:50am |
| Thursday 25 th April | ANZAC Day - Public Holiday <u>No School Today</u> |
| Friday 26 th April | HOLY WEEK REFLECTION hosted by our Foundation Students - All Welcome 8:50am |
| Monday 29 th April | Open Doors presents Senior Human Development Program - Snr Students & Parents 6:30pm ** for parents who can not attend this session another session is booked for the 1st May (see below)** |
| Tuesday 30 th April | DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY at Presidents Park - selected students Gr 3 to 6 Foundation Prayer Night 6:00pm |
| Wednesday 1 st May | Open Doors presents Senior Human Development Program - Snr Students & Parents 6:30pm |
| Thursday 2 nd May | Whole School Assembly 2:05pm in MFR all welcome to attend |
| Friday 3 rd May | <u>SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY – NO SCHOOL TODAY</u> Religious Education & Faith Formation |
| Tuesday 7 th May | School Board Meeting |
| Thursday 9 th May | P & F Mother's Day Stall - Students can go shopping Gifts from \$2 to \$6 |
| Friday 10 th May | Mother's Day Prayer Service 9am in MFR |
| Monday 13 th May | NAPLAN Commences - Grade 3 and 5 Students |
| Wednesday 15 th May | Confirmation Family Evening 6:30pm in MFR |
| Sunday 19 th May | Community Mass 10am at St Mary of the Cross Chapel - MacKillop College including First Eucharist Commitment Mass - <u>First Eucharist Candidates are asked to attend Mass</u> |
| Tuesday 21 st May | 7:00pm Parents and Friends Meeting |
| Wednesday 22 nd May | CONFIRMATION Reflection Day at Portarlington |
| Friday 24 th May | CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION 6:30pm at St Andrews Sports Centre |
| Monday 3 rd June | BOOK FAIR commences today for this week! |
| Monday 10 th June | <u>QUEENS BIRTHDAY - Public Holiday Today - No school</u> |
| Tuesday 11 th June | Family Numeracy Night 6:30pm |
| Sunday 16 th June | Community Mass 10am at St Mary of the Cross Chapel, MacKillop College for Junior Students and Families |
| Monday 17 th June | <u>Children Dismissed Today at 1:00pm</u> for Parent Teacher Child Learning Conversations 2:00pm to 8pm |
| Tuesday 18 th June | Parent Teacher Child Learning Conversations 3:30pm to 5:00pm |
| Friday 21 st June | CC Athletics Carnival - Grade 3 to 6 Students |
| Tuesday 25 th June | CORPUS CHRISTI FEAST DAY - Mass at 2:05pm All Welcome to attend |
| Thursday 27 th June | Whole School Assembly 2:05pm in the MFR All Welcome to attend SCHOOL DISCO - Whole School |
| Friday 28 th June | LAST DAY OF TERM Children Dismissed at 1:00pm for Term 2 Holidays |

Dates continued over page....

2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR & EVENTS

TERM 3

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| Monday 15th July | Term 3 Begins today - Students return to school |
| Tuesday 16th July | P & F Meeting 7:00pm in the Staffroom |
| Tuesday 23rd July | Junior Prayer Night at 6:00pm |
| Friday 26th July | Whole School Assembly 2:05pm in the MFR - All Welcome |
| Monday 29th July | <u>SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY - Faith Formation - All Staff attending</u> |
| Tuesday 30th July | First Eucharist Parent Evening 6:30pm in the MFR |
| Friday 2nd August | Jeans for Genes Day - Students may wear their Jeans to School Today for gold coin |

TERM 4

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| Tuesday 10th December | Graduation Mass at 6:00pm |
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2019 Upcoming Sacrament Dates

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

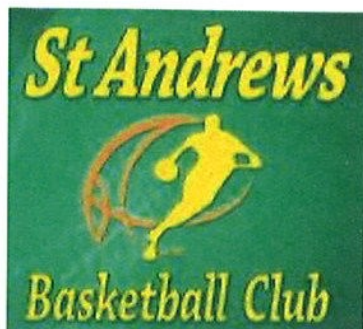
2019 Upcoming School Closure Dates

Term 2.. Day 1 – Friday 3rd May – Religious Education and Faith

Term 3.. Day 2 – Monday 29th July – Wellbeing for Learning

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

Day 4 – Wednesday 18th December – Handover 2020



St Andrews 'Future Stars' Development Program

Hi everyone,

We are looking for boys and girls wishing to play basketball in under 8's and under 10's

* Under 8 (born 2012-2013)

* Under 10 (born 2010-2011)

Whether you have played before or are new to basketball, we have a team for you.

Basketball is a great sport for keeping active and is heaps of fun.

If you or someone you know are interested, please contact one of our registrars preferably by email or sms with child's name and date of birth. One of our registrars will then call you to discuss further.

Email: standrewsball@gmail.com

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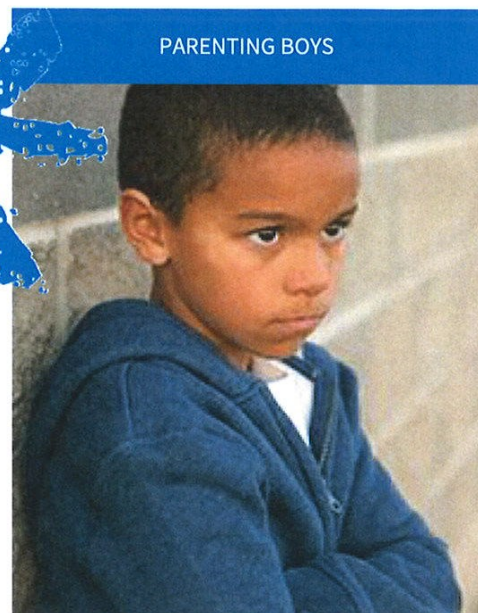
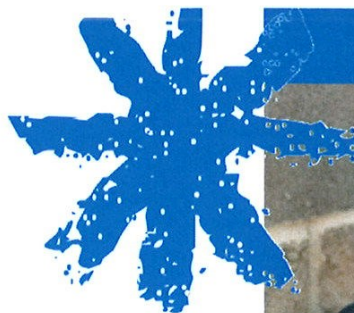
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insights



The messages all boys need to hear

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Research has shown that parents treat their boys and girls differently right from infancy.

For example, infant boys are touched more frequently and handled more roughly before the age of three months. Also physical punishment is applied more significantly for boys than girls in many Western countries. This is despite the fact that research also shows boys are more vulnerable and fragile.

Why do we do this?

The stereotypical belief that the only way to get boys to do the right thing is by shaming them, hurting them or being hard on them needs to be challenged every day because it is so deeply embedded into our society's psychology. The scars this creates in early childhood fester deep inside and are often the source of future irrational rage and aggression.

This does not mean we do not discipline our boys or make them accountable for their choices and mistakes. It means we need to consciously choose the same warm discipline and communication that we tend to use around girls. We need to take much better care of our little boys — emotionally, psychologically, physically and socially. We need to stop shouting at them, hitting them, shaming them and speaking harshly to them ("Grow up!", "Be a man", "What's wrong with you?").

Communication for resilience building

We need to make it acceptable for boys and men to express feelings other than anger and this starts with how we speak to them day-to-day.

A good (generalised) example is how some people might respond if a child falls over. When a boy falls, he may be told by someone influenced by the old code: "You're right mate, up you get." A girl who's fallen on the other hand may be greeted with: "Oh no sweetheart, are you OK? Come here. Let me make it better." And offered a cuddle.

My issue with either approach is that neither child is being offered the opportunity to build resilience. The boy is being told he mustn't feel anything and not to take pause at all — just get up and move on. The girl is being disempowered as it's assumed she cannot pick herself up and brush herself off, but rather she needs help to bounce back from this hurdle. A more resilience-building response may be to say to either child: "Oops, you fell over. Are you ok or do you need my help?"

It's a subtle difference in communication but the message our children get is that we expect that they are capable, their feelings are welcome (but not dictated to them) and we are here for them if they need us.

The trouble with boys

It seems when it comes to getting in trouble that our boys fare much worse than our girls. One reason for this may be because boys seem to be naturally more impulsive than girls from a young age and this can lead to them being poor decision-makers.

Michael Gurian, author of *Saving Our Sons* (Gurian Institute Press, 2017), writes about how males and females tend to process emotion differently in the brain. He writes that males tend to move emotions very quickly from their brains into their bodies. They also tend to sense the emotion but then shift it to areas of the brain that will work to solve the problem causing the emotion.

Females, on the other hand, tend to quickly shift emotions into the brain's limbic system and to the 'word centres' of the brain. This could explain why many girls — not all, but a significant proportion — will tend to 'talk it out' when they have an issue but boys may be more likely to spring into action, and have a physical response, hurting someone or something in the process.

It is our responsibility to help our sons realise that they need to respect those around them when they are making these decisions.

A good starting point is for every family to implement the 'three rules': 1. try not to hurt yourself; 2. try not to hurt others; and 3. try not to damage things in the world around you ... this sets an expectation for everyone in the household.

Finally, when boys muck up...

- Try to see the world through his eyes and practise responding, not just reacting.
- Allow him time to cool down and process the situation.
- Gently ask what was his intention?
- Help with work out which of the three rules he broke and what other choices he might have made.
- Forgive him for making a poor choice.
- Reassure him you still love him — 'showing' rather than 'saying'.

Above all, our boys need us (especially we mums) to be firm, fair and fun, and to reassure them we love them unconditionally — no matter what poor choice they may have made.



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