



St Andrew's Parish

## CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### NEWSLETTER 7 Thursday 15th October 2020 WEEK 2, TERM 4

Available on our School App, Website, CC Parent Portal

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

*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*On Monday this week we welcomed back all our children and it was certainly a joy to see them!*

For the first time in months, we gathered as a school community. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces. The children were so excited to see their friends and teachers again. As I visited classrooms and observed children in the yard, I was so proud of the way children re-connected with one another, were so happy to see each other and settled into life back at school so positively. We are continuing to focus on wellbeing for all members of our community and we have significant cleaning and hygiene practices in place to ensure that we are doing all we can to keep everyone well.

Once again, parents and carers who drop off and pick up the children need to be congratulated for the way they continue to support procedures that are in place to help ensure a smooth entry into school and a smooth departure routine. I particularly thank families for not congregating near the gates and moving off in a timely manner.

Our staggered start and staggered dismissal process is running smoothly. I ask that you keep to your allocated drop off and pick up times and continue to be patient and safe and slow when driving in the carpark, so that we can efficiently and safely get all children in and out of the school.

Thank you to those families who have already returned the school devices that you may have borrowed at the beginning of remote learning. We ask you to return any devices to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

#### **Managing Illness - Important**

*One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms. Please refer to the Parent Update on 6<sup>th</sup> October to access details regarding our Covid Safe Practices and information regarding "Managing Student Illness in Schools during Coronavirus".*

#### **Transition Programs**

*Our Transition Program for Foundation 2021 children is being developed in line with restrictions currently in place. Our Foundation teachers will be visiting or calling kindergartens in the coming weeks to meet children enrolled for 2021. We will be using technologies such as Zoom sessions or videoing to help prepare the children as best as possible to learn about schooling at Corpus Christi. Should restrictions enable onsite visits as the term progresses we will plan accordingly and inform families as soon as possible.*

*Students in Grade 6 will be supported in their Transition to Secondary Colleges as best we can in line with current restrictions.*

*A reminder to families that the Transition Day for Grade 6 students enrolled at MacKillop College is scheduled for Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.*

#### **Sacramental Programs**

##### **First Eucharist**

*Before we can plan for or confirm any dates for First Eucharist this year, we need to be advised of changes to restrictions that we are currently experiencing. As soon as we have any further information, Fr Albert and I will pass this on to all families.*

### Confirmation

*At this stage the Sacrament of Confirmation will not be going ahead this year and plans are in place for the reception of this sacrament to occur when children are at Secondary School in Year 7. Fr Albert will confirm through an address to the community.*

### Camps and Excursions

*We are hoping for our Senior Camp to Mill Valley Ranch to be able to proceed in December this year. Once again, this will be subject to the lifting of restrictions as we move through the term. Middle Camp has been cancelled but we are endeavoring to organize an alternate experience for the children. Details will be shared with families as soon as we have confirmed arrangements.*

*Our Grade 1&2 Excursion experience, dinner and overnight has been cancelled, but again, we are endeavoring to plan an alternate worthwhile experience for our Juniors!*

### Excursion Levy

*This year we had allocated an \$80 excursion levy for each child. Due to Covid, this has obviously not been used in the way originally planned! As mentioned above there may be some exciting learning experiences that children may be able to take part in as the term progresses that this fund may be used for. But at this stage the majority of this fund has not been accessed.*

*Some schools have decided to reallocate their excursion fund to the additional costs schools have incurred in their Cleaning and Hygiene and IT Administration and Digital Technologies budgets, as these have increased greatly in line with the requirements of Health and Safety measures and Remote Learning.*

*As a school, we have made the decision to support families by reimbursing this levy of \$80 by reducing any current balance or rolling over into 2021. (Families leaving the school who are up-to-date with payments will be able to receive a refund.) Further details will be sent to families later in the term regarding the Excursion Levy.*

*Once again, I remind any parents and carers who are experiencing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19 to please contact me to discuss their situation and fee support options.*

### School Events - Term 4

*We will hold our annual "Book Character Parade" on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Weather permitting this will be held on the oval where we can be spaced as a school. Unfortunately, family members are still not permitted to be onsite, we will therefore endeavour to record the occasion in some way and place on your child's google drive so families can enjoy at a later date! We will also do this for our Junior Sports Day which will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November.*

*We will keep you informed about our Grade 6 Graduation, Christmas events such as the Christmas Raffle, Carols Evening, the Foundation Nativity Play and our Orientation Day.*

### Learning Community Groupings 2021 – Final Requests for Consideration due by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October

*It is vital that any information about your child that you feel is important for teachers to know is communicated directly to your child's teacher NO LATER than Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October as organisation of groupings for the 2021 School Year will take place next week.*

**IMPORTANT:** Please know that all considerations will be "considered" when organising groupings for 2021 but there is NO guarantee that all consideration will be actioned as requested!

**On Friday morning all children will take part in a prayer reflection to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop 17<sup>th</sup> October 2010**



*Even though many things will look very different this term, it does however, promise to be another busy, lively and exciting term. Please do not hesitate to contact me or the school office should you have any queries or concerns.*

*All our arrangements and practices will continue to be carefully monitored and adapted as necessary. I will ensure regular updates are communicated to all families, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.*

*We look forward to a learning-filled Term 4.*

*With kind regards,  
Linda*

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM - CHANGEOVER PERIOD**

Please note that there will be a changeover period for uniform at the beginning of Term 4, where we allow a four week period for the changeover from Winter to Summer Uniform. This can be used at the discretion of the parent/ carer depending on the weather conditions (ie. It may still be quite cold at the start of Term 4, therefore Winter Uniform can still be worn). The changeover period will extend to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November. A reminder that black school shoes need to be worn - not black runners with the school uniform.

### **SUNSMART 'NO HAT - NO PLAY' TERM 4**

As a registered 'Sunsmart' school and as part of our Health and Safety Policy all children are required to wear a hat during recess times. We have a 'No hat - No play' policy, so children without a hat will be required to remain in the shade during recess and lunchtime. We thank you for your support. We also ask that you support us by continually reminding your children about expectations regarding behaviour and uniform etc. In this way we can remain on track to have a great final term of this most extraordinary school year!

### **Some dates for your diary.**

***Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October***

Public Holiday for Grand Final Day

***Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November***

School Closure day for Preparation of School Reports

***Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November***

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

***Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November***

Book Character Parade

***Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November***

Junior Sports Day

***Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December***

Final Day of School – Children Dismissed at 1.00pm

***Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December***

School Planning Day for 2021 Preparation

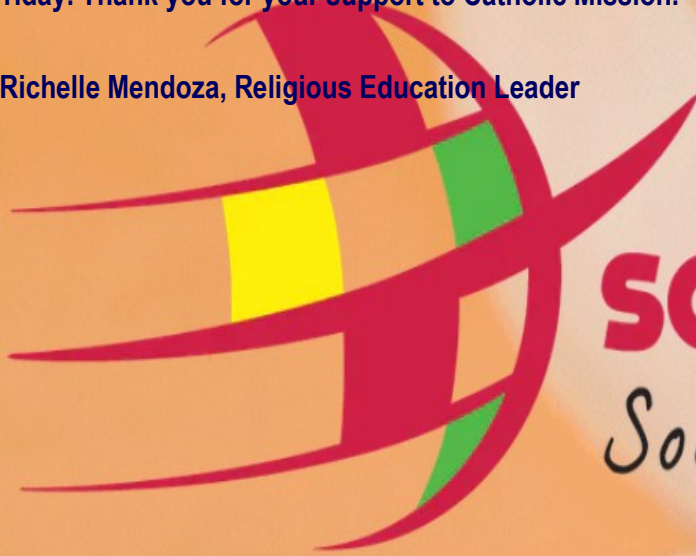


# Education in Faith

## CATHOLIC MISSION SOCKTOBER

In the month of October, we are supporting Catholic Mission's Socktober 'Sock it to Poverty' campaign. Socktober is an initiative of Catholic Mission and one way which our school can fundraise and engage in advocacy and formation activities for Catholic Mission during World Mission Month in October. Students and staff are invited to wear odd socks on Thursdays and Fridays in the month of October for a gold coin donation. Please note: the gold coin donation covers all Fridays and it is not a gold coin per every Thursday and Friday. Thank you for your support to Catholic Mission.

Miss Richelle Mendoza, Religious Education Leader



# SOCKTOBER

*Sock it to Poverty*

## St Andrew's Parish News



**DAILY ROSARY ON ZOOM** - We are inviting you to join us to pray the Rosary at home with the family. Please join us via Zoom Meeting every night at 6.55pm for 7.00 pm start

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2764655672?pwd=bDZuUEJpWVp6bUFVMkI6bkpRQ0xoZz09>

Meeting ID: 276 465 5672 Password: 9rGLKz

*Let us continue to pray together for each other.*

*Stay safe and God bless you all.*

*With a grateful heart. Fr. Anil*

**MASS LIVE STREAMING** - Mass this weekend will be live streaming at 5pm on Saturday, at St. Andrew's Church. You can watch it on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxhlEznMiddp4fMR4nlcnCIA>

For those who will miss the live streaming, you can access it on our website:

<https://www.standrewswerribee.org.au/>

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON - keeping kids safe -



Students are invited to wear a touch of RED on Friday 30th October! As part of our commitment to Child Safety, Corpus Christi will celebrate Day for Daniel on Friday 30th October. Hundreds of schools across the country will participate in activities with an emphasis on personal safety. The three keys are 1) Recognise your body clues, 2)

React, and 3) Report. Does your child have a safety network of trusted adults they can go to when they feel unsafe? For more information and ways to support your child at home, go to: <https://danielmorcombe.com.au/day-for-daniel/>

# Day for Daniel

**Friday 30 October, 2020**

**This October, schools, parents, carers,  
businesses and the community are  
uniting to keep kids safe.**

**WEAR RED • EDUCATE • DONATE**





# RECOGNISE REACT REPORT



You have the  
right to be safe  
and you can  
get help

Talk to the five  
grownups on your  
safety network until  
you get the help  
you need

**#keepingkidssafe #recognisereactreport**

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☎ Kids Helpline **1800 55 1800**  
Emergency **000**

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