



St Andrew's Parish

## **CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**NEWSLETTER 10**

**TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2020**

***Dear Parents / Carers,***

***As we near the end of 2020 there are many 'appreciations'!***

### ***Thank You To Families***

I wish to express my gratitude to all parents / carers in our Corpus Christi community for all you do to support your child(ren)! The commitment, effort and time you continually put into helping your child is truly wonderful. We know that the road has not been easy for many parents this year as you struggled to home school your child, work from home, look after toddlers and run a household etc during this amazingly unusual year!

Teachers were so very grateful for what parents did during Remote Learning and were aware of the diverse needs and situations of families. Our staff therefore at all times endeavored to adapt approaches, implement personalized strategies and generally support any family's unique or individual need. We could not have got through this year without each family's hard work and support!!

### ***Thank You To Staff***

We are blessed at Corpus Christi with the staff we have working with our children. I am extremely proud of the level of planning, the energy, the effort, the dedication and total care each one of them has for the children in their care. This year they have done and continue to do a marvelous job in delivering a curriculum both directly and when required – remotely – to a high level of quality and personalization. I am grateful for all that they do on a daily basis to meet the needs of every child and every family member as best as they possibly can.

### ***Thank You To Children***

Our children need to be congratulated and acknowledged for the way they have responded to the many challenges presented to them during the year. They moved into Remote Learning 1.0. Then returned and engaged back at school. They moved into Remote Learning 2.0 and embraced the demands of this way of learning so positively. They once again returned and adjusted to being back at school and adapted very well to altered processes and structures that needed to be put in place. Our children have demonstrated resilience and adaptability and an enhanced openness to learning about themselves as a learner. The break in regular routines posed obvious difficulties and challenges for many students but I believe children felt a sense of united support by their families and their teachers during a most extraordinary year!

### ***Thank You to the School Advisory Board Members 2020***

I congratulate the School Advisory Board on its work and the contribution the members make to our School. I look forward to the continued support of the Board – particularly as our Inaugural SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL in 2021 - and I look forward with enthusiasm to the future growth of Corpus Christi as a Catholic community with a unique spirit that permeates the families, teachers and community in which we live.

**Please find attached to today's newsletter a copy of the Chairperson's Report and the Principal's Report that we presented at the School Board AGM in November.**

## **Confirmation Year 6**

*Our Year 6 children received the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation this morning in the MFR. Fr Albert was our celebrant and our Year 5 children were part of the congregation to support their peers.*

*Thank you to Miss Richelle Mendoza, our Religious Education Leader and all the Senior Team staff for the amazing work they have put into supporting all the children as they prepared for the reception of this special sacrament. All staff helped to ensure everything was in place to make it a most meaningful and memorable experience for the children.*

*We were pleased to have many family members join us via zoom to witness this special event. A copy of the celebration will be placed on the children's desktop.*

## **Welcome Back Campers**

I was fortunate to be able to spend some time with our campers on Thursday and experience some of the excitement of our children and staff while at this venue. I love our school taking part in camping programs but it is always great to have our campers back safe and sound!! Many thanks go to Miss Dundov, Mrs Judie Baird, Mrs Michelle Portelli, Mrs Anna Yorston, Mr Mark Barlow, Mr Mark Warren, Mrs Melanie Maple, Mrs Rachel Trovarelli, Miss Richelle Mendoza, Mrs Anne Walton, Mr Jester Buslon, Mrs Kelly Cowlshaw and Miss Jess Clarke for their great work in organising and managing all aspects of the Camp Program.

From all reports from our Corpus Christi Staff and the Camp Staff, the children need to be congratulated on their excellent participation and behaviour at camp. We certainly left a very positive impression as Corpus Christi School. Well done to all our Senior children!!

## **End of Year Liturgy**

Tomorrow, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December we will come together to thank God for the being with us this year as we experienced a most unexpected year! Our Liturgy will begin at 9.15am and a link will be provided in this Newsletter.

## **Whole School Assembly**

The Liturgy will be followed by our assembly and the link referred to above will also be used to stream our Final School Assembly. It will be the first time we have managed to get together as a whole school – with children and staff since March. It will give us a great opportunity to reflect on the year – as extraordinary as it was – recognize achievements and make some presentations. Please join us via Zoom if you are able to connect at that time.

## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S THANK YOU**

On behalf of St Vincent De Paul and St Andrew's Presbytery we would like to thank families who have kindly donated to this year's 'Giving Tree'. Once again families of Corpus Christi have shown great kindness in celebrating the gift of giving. Thank you!

## **TERM 1 2021 - START OF 2021**

**Fantastic news - term one 2021 will look very different to the end of 2020.**

With the lifting of restrictions and moving into the "Last Step" of the Victorian roadmap for reopening, we look forward to being able to welcome families back onsite at Corpus Christi. We will however tread cautiously as we will need to continue to remain compliant with a range a public gathering limits and advice regarding distancing that remain in place.

The Lifting of restrictions have meant that we will be able to begin planning for changes to some processes we have had to put in place in response to Covid-19. From the start of the 2021 school year we will open our gates (Yellow gate in the carpark and Red gate at Russell Street) from 8.15am to welcome (only) children into the school grounds where they will be supervised outside until 8.30am. From 8.30am children will be able to enter their classrooms in readiness for the day. Sanitizing at the gate will cease and children will sanitise as they enter the classroom.

At 8.45am Yellow gate will be locked and all late arrivals will need to enter via Red Gate at Russell Street. All visitors and children arriving after 8.45am will need to report to the school office.

We will continue to limit access to adults. This is to ensure appropriate structures are in place to make sure we remain safe and compliant particularly given ongoing restrictions regarding gathering limits of people being to be onsite and within a particular area / space – both indoors and outdoors.

We also need to ensure we have systems in place to enable effective contact tracing to occur should this be required.

**Dismissal** at the end of the day will not be staggered but will look different to pre-covid days. Children will be dismissed at 3.05 and details of how children will leave the school will be communicated to families in the New Year.

We are in the process of updating our Covid Safe Plan in line with current Government and health advice and this will be available in the new year. ***Any changes to the outlined procedure will be communicated to families early in 2021.***

### ***Family Conversations 2021***

Family Conversations will be held on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. These can be conducted via Zoom or onsite at Corpus Christi. You will have the opportunity to determine your preferred mode of meeting with your home group teacher when bookings are confirmed.

All bookings need to be made via the Parent Portal.

**Children in Grades 1 – 6 will begin school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021**. Foundation students will be at school on that day until 12.30pm.

### ***Student Achievement Reports – Semester 2, 2020***

Student Achievement Reports and Learning Journeys will be available from today. Family Conversation Bookings 2021 can be made from Wednesday 16th December via the Parent Portal. Please refer to Mrs Walton's instructions regarding the access to Reports, Learning Journeys and the Parent Portal.

*On behalf of all our staff I wish you a very happy, holy and safe Christmas and a peace-filled New Year. We all look forward to seeing you in the New Year.*

*May the joy and peace we celebrate at the Saviour's birth fill your hearts and homes this Christmas and may the New Year bring you love and hope.*

*With peace and best wishes,*

*Linda*

## Student Achievement Reports & Learning Journeys and Family Conversation Bookings 2021

From approximately 4:30pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, Student Achievement Reports will be available on the Corpus Christi Parent Portal. Parents will be required to log on to the Parent Portal via the link on the Corpus Christi website under the tab School Community.

Also, from approximately 4:30pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, you will receive an email from Evidence for Learning (previously The TeacherCloud) on behalf of Corpus Christi, with a link to your child's Term 4 Learning Journey showing samples of work, comments and links to the Victorian Curriculum.

### **FAMILY CONVERSATIONS 2021**

At the start of each year, we hold **Family Conversations** to help us get to know your family and ways we can best support your child.

#### **Booking Information**

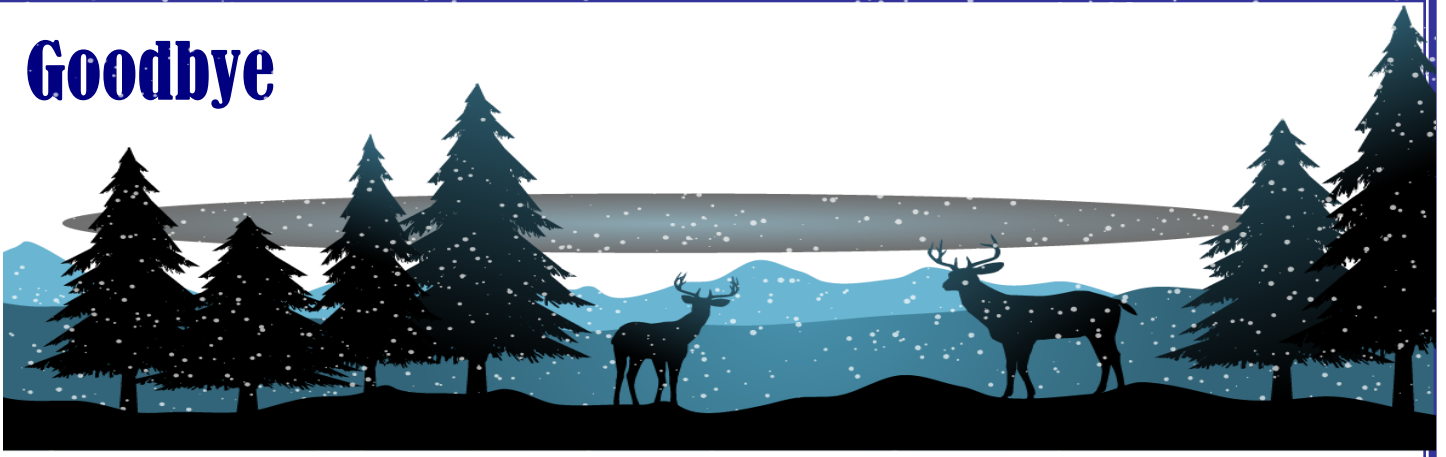
Parents are asked to make a booking for a **Family Conversation**. You can make a booking through the Parent Portal which will be available from the **16<sup>th</sup> December 2020**.

A notification will be sent to Parents by email, the CC App and the CC website when the Portal is open for bookings.





# Goodbye



Hello Everyone,

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a final farewell and thank you to you all, as I am retiring at the end of this year. I have been part of Catholic Education for over 30 years in different settings and have been very privileged to be part of each school's community. I am sure I will miss the vibrancy, connectedness, warmth and camaraderie of school life and all that it entails. I have been at Corpus Christi for 12 years, commencing at the same time as our wonderful principal, Linda.

I have been truly blessed to be part of Corpus Christi. I have met and journeyed with many families over that time and worked alongside not only support and Admin staff who continually welcome and assist our students and families, but also our dedicated teaching staff, seeing their passion and dedication which they brought to their teaching day. Their genuine desire to help each child grow and learn in their faith, their learning, and both personally and socially is truly inspiring.

I have loved journeying with the students seeing them grow from Foundation 5 and 6 year olds to the seniors of the school, experiencing the many and varied aspects of school life. Their sacramental journey, helping them know they are loved and treasured not only by their family but by a God who cares for them has been a particularly special experience. We ask our students to be Christ in our world, be his hands, his feet, and his body. This embodies our school name – Corpus Christi – the Body of Christ. I urge all of us to be the Body of Christ in our homes, communities and in our world..... It will help all of us be part of a more peaceful, loving, caring, compassionate and forgiving society. This is what we are called to do and to be.

I would especially like to acknowledge Linda, our principal. Seeing and experiencing her commitment to our school, our students and families and our staff, has seen our school not only become a faith filled school of high quality learning and teaching, but a school which has genuine care and compassion for all. It is a school desiring the best outcomes for all and a school challenging all to be their best and to do their best. These are not just words, but under Linda's leadership it is a commitment seriously promoted and supported.

Finally, with our families continued genuine, positive support Corpus Christi will continue to be a welcoming school where all can feel a sense of belonging, a sense of pride and where Christ's presence within it is felt.

I pray you all have a peaceful and joy filled Christmas, and a safe and Happy New Year. Best wishes and God Bless...

*Viv Adamko.*



# Foundation Unit News

What a year we have had in Foundation! We could not be prouder of all the effort and hard work the children have put in and what they have achieved. Especially with their learning during remote learning.

The children had a terrific sports day a couple of weeks ago. It was wonderful to see all our children participating and having a fun time together. We would like to thank the amazing work of Miss Dundov, together with the senior students, for their excellent preparation and running of our Junior Sports Day.

In Literacy, we have been so proud of the quality and entertaining stories the children have written about the Ugly Duckling. They were even able to publish their very first book.

This term our children have had the opportunity to 'Step Up' into Juniors for an orientation day. This involved Foundation meeting the grade one children and teachers in the Junior classrooms. They played "getting to know you" games and completed craft activities. Even though they will be saying goodbye to their first primary school teachers, there is a lot of excitement and enthusiasm for the next step in their learning journey.



On the last Friday at school for the year, our children celebrated their first year of primary school with a Grill'd shared lunch and a movie. We watched "The Star" and loved making the connections to the Nativity Story we have been learning about in class. We had an amazing time and filled our buckets with happy memories.

Once again, thank you for a wonderful and learning filled year in Foundation! We have had lots of fun and have made many memories. Wishing you a Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year! Stay safe and enjoy your holidays with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year!

Yours in partnership,  
*The Foundation Team*





# Junior Unit News

What a year this year has been! It has been full of highs and lows, full of excitement and definitely challenging. One thing is for sure that the 2020 Junior Unit has been resilient, hardworking and optimistic. Each and every child should be commended for their hard work and effort that they have put into this unusual year!

We ended our Literacy unit with persuasive writing. We learnt how to convince our audience to change their opinion, especially who was the best character on Little Lunch. The students use high modality words such as must, certainly, always and absolutely to get their point across.

Our Inquiry unit was all about sinking and floating. The students designed their own boats which had to float and hold 3 teddies to be successful. Some were successful on the first go but those that were not successful persevered and made adjustments to their boat. Each and every child was engaged in their learning and was able to reflect on their boats.

The Junior Unit focussed on many different Mathematics topics this term - with Multiplication & Division being a big focus. We have practised skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10's and have begun to make connections between this and our times tables. We used many different multiplication and division strategies to problem solve open ended tasks. Commbank Zoomed with us and taught us about saving money and identifying coins and notes. We used this knowledge to make money in different ways (e.g. \$1 can be made with 5 20c coins or 2 50c coins), add money together to create a value and order money.

Well done to each and every family for all of their hard work and effort this year!

## Middle Unit News

It's been a very busy term packed with many exciting activities. In Numeracy the students have been learning about chance a data. We gathered information through surveys and the students presented the data as a tally and created bar and pie graphs. Students were also able to reflect on the information by writing statements about the data. Students also learnt about measuring, the length, perimeter and area of objects.

In Literacy we looked at creating a summary of a text by using the 'Big Five Strategy' (someone, wanted, but, the and so)

We ended off the year with an excursion to Sunnystones. The students were engaged in numerous activities like instincts for survival and bush hut building.

We wish all our students and their families and very blessed and joyful Christmas.





# Senior Unit News

What a year it has been. We would personally like to thank and congratulate all of our families for their effort throughout the year.

This last term has been filled with crazy amounts of work from both our families and our students. Students finished working on their own inventions for inquiry and literacy where they create a prototype of their invention as well as an advertisement to sell their product.

We would like to congratulate our year 6 students who celebrated their graduation last Monday in what was a fantastic night.

We would also like to congratulate our newly confirmed year 6 students who celebrated a fantastic Confirmation. What an amazing step in their faith filled journey.

Term 4 was filled with a range of fantastic events including; graduation, camp, Confirmation, end of year BBQ, adventure park, inquiry expo and much more. What an exciting way to end the year.

Congratulations go out to our new Senior Leaders for 2021 who were recently announced and look forward to starting their new journey next year.

Kind Regards,

## The Senior Team



# Education in Faith

## CONFIRMATION 2020

We congratulate our Year 6 Confirmation Candidates who received the sacrament of Confirmation today. Fr Albert was the main celebrant and confirmed our candidates. It was a special time and I'd like to thank all our families, sponsors, teachers and staff who prayed for our candidates.



**GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS-** On Monday 7th December, we celebrated Graduation with a liturgy and dinner with our Year 6 students and staff. Families were able to join via zoom. It was a wonderful night celebrating their journey throughout primary school. We thank God for our students and for all who journeyed with them during their time here. We pray for their continued journey in secondary school and we pray that they have the strength, guidance and courage to face new beginnings and challenges- keeping God in the center of their lives.

## END OF YEAR LITURGY AND ASSEMBLY

We warmly invite families to join our whole school liturgy beginning at 9:15am via zoom. Please click the link below to join us as we celebrate as one Corpus Christi school community.

**Topic: End of year liturgy and assembly**

**Time: Dec 15, 2020 09:15 AM**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89350340560?pwd=cGFxa09RTkkyY09yQ2F3S0VmUlcwUT09>

**Meeting ID: 893 5034 0560**

**Passcode: corpus**

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

I pray you all have a safe and happy Christmas with your family and loved ones this holiday season.



**Miss Richelle Mendoza, Religious Education Leader**

## PINOCCHIO'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

On Wednesday 18th November as part of Term four the three foundation classes celebrated Pinocchio's 6th birthday. Students did the actions to the songs we have learned during the year and celebrated Pinocchio's birthday. Students also made a Pinocchio puppet with moving arms and legs. Students thoroughly enjoyed the celebration.

**Signora Parrella**

Italian Teacher





# Learning & Teaching

This year has been a very different year for all of us and the end of 2020 has come quickly. I think we have all felt that we need more time this year to do what we need to do within our school community and families.

I would like to thank once again, all our families, staff and students who made this year a great one given the circumstances. We appreciate all the support given and taken and look forward to 2021 with new hope and enthusiasm for the year to come.

The Wellbeing of our students, families and staff are most important and with this will come learning and growth for us all.

I would like to wish all our Corpus Christi community a very happy and safe holiday and the very best of wishes for a Christmas where families can now come together and celebrate once again. Keep safe and well and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2021.

*Peta Cesarec*

On behalf of the Learning and Teaching Team

## St Andrew's Parish



### UPDATE ON OPENING THE CHURCH!!!

We are glad that the Victorian government has lifted off the cap for the number of people gather in the places of worship. But let us not forget that the social distancing spaces and gathering of information of participant are still in place. Due to the size of our church we are unable to accommodate more people than we now do. **We strongly advise all to book through Trybooking <https://trybooking.com/BMMVM>**

Please refrain from booking more than one space and for at least two weeks after you had the opportunity to attend a weekend mass. Let us be charitable towards others who also have missed participating in Mass in the church. We will reserve a few seats for the elderly or those who have no access to book online. Church could be used for private prayers during office hours. If you like to do so then please collect the key from the office. Starting on 15th December 2020, Parish office will be opened from Tuesday – Friday, 9am to 4pm. Thank you, God bless you. *Frs. Anton, Anil and Albert.*

**MASS LIVE STREAMING** - Mass this weekend will be live streaming at 6pm on Saturday, at St. Andrew's Church. You can watch it on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxhIEznMiddp4fMR4nlcnCIA>

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

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

**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=bDZuUEJpWVp6bUFVMkY6bkpRQ0x0Zz09>

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***



# JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

Junior Sports Day proved to be another success on Friday the 20th of November. The weather was perfect and we all had so much fun. Students in Foundation and Years 1/2 showcased their talents in the running races, jumping, throwing and novelty events. Thank you to everyone involved for encouraging each and every child throughout the day.

Miss Dee Dundov

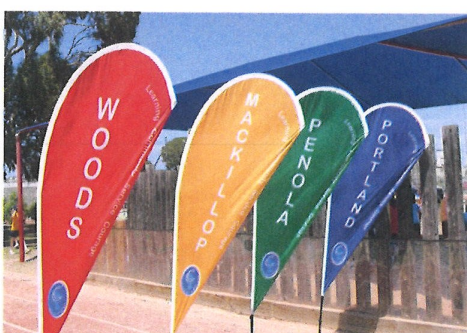
## HOUSE RUNNING RACES





# JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

## NOVELTY EVENTS



THANK YOU TO THE SENIOR LEADERS.  
YOU WERE AWESOME!





THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE  
PRESENTS

# Jesus is Christmas

WATCH IT  
ON C31  
(CH 44 ON DIGITAL TV)  
OR  
[YOUTUBE.COM/  
ARCHMELB](https://www.youtube.com/archmelb)

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS FAMILY SPECIAL

Our Christmas celebrations may look a little different this year, but thankfully we can always return to the familiar sounds of the carols to inspire and remind us of the reason for our Advent hope: the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Jesus is Christmas—then, now, always.* Together with your families, join us for this one-hour Christmas special from the comfort of your home, and sing along to your favourite carols sung by some of Melbourne's most talented musicians.

**SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER  
7PM - 8PM**

FEATURING

**SILVIE PALADINO  
GARY PINTO**

+

**MICHAEL PETRUCELLI**

**THE SAGA**

**LARISSA CAIRNS**

**THE SULLY FAMILY**

**TONGAN CHOIR, SUNSHINE**

**CBD PARISHES VIRTUAL CHOIR**

AND

**ARCHBISHOP PETER A COMENSOLI**

