

St Andrew's Parish

CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 2 Thursday 4th March 2021

WEEK 6, TERM 1

*Available on our School App, Website, CC Parent Portal.

For **STUDENT ABSENCES** <u>ccschooloffice@ccwerribee.cath</u>olic.edu.au OR 9741 8440 by 9:30am

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations and thank you to each and every one of you for the harmonious start we have had to the 2021 school year. The children and staff have settled well into their learning spaces and levels. This is evident by the happy voices and faces that grace our corridors, playgrounds and learning spaces.

In the role of Principal, I have the privilege and honour to spend time visiting each learning community throughout the week. At this time, I witness the learning and teaching taking place, the relationships that are forged, the catholic ethos and values being lived through the many interactions between child and child, child and parent or carer, teacher and child, teacher and parent, teacher and teacher. It is at this time that Christ reveals himself in each of us...through our many faces, our diversity of culture, faith and language. For this we are grateful.

It is difficult to believe that we will head into Week 6 next week. On Tuesday we held 2 Foundation 2022 Information sessions that were very well attended. Enrolments for Foundation 2022 are now open and Enrolment Packs are available from the school office. Applications close on Friday 30th April 2021. **Please note that the enrolment of siblings is not automatic and an enrolment form needs to be received by the due date.**

Kind regards,



Corpus Christi Whole School Assembly

Please find the zoom link for our whole school assembly for this **Friday 5th March beginning at 2:05pm.**

Some reminders:

- We ask that you log on with one device per family to allow the maximum participants in our zoom room
- zoom

Please be on mute when you log on to minimise distractions

Please note that this link will be the same zoom link for future whole school assemblies. Save the zoom link for your reference.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84907918915?pwd=TUlzZTBJNk9jblBnWnZ2REkrWnd2QT09

Meeting ID: 849 0791 8915

Passcode: assembly

DROP-OFF, PICK-UP, and PARKING Safety

Our morning drop-off routine is working extremely well, with parents / carers parking safely in designated parking bays before allowing children to exit the car and children are entering the school independently. Thank you also for using Disabled Parking Bays only if you have been issued with a PERMIT to do so.

At Dismissal it is great to see so many children walking and riding or scootering out the Russell Street, Red gate. Many of these children walk/ride directly home while other children are met by parents / carers who have arranged to pick them up at a designated place in neighbouring streets. As well as providing extra exercise, the additional benefit has been a significant reduction of congestion in the carpark. We thank these families who have been in a position to organise this way of picking up their children.

We ask you however, to PLEASE remind children that if they are waiting for you to pick them up in neighbouring streets that they are respectful of property that they are near. Please ensure these areas remain litter free, that children do not enter driveways or front lawns, nor do they climb on fences or signposts.

Finally, please respect our neighbouring properties and residents by not parking across driveways. Thank you for your support and for keeping all members of our community safe!



ST ANDREW'S PARISH NEWS



CHANGES ON WEEKEND MASSES

Weekend Masses are back to regular schedule

We are inviting you to come to church and join in the celebration of the Eucharist during weekdays at 9am, no booking required and the weekend, Saturday at 6pm and Sunday at 8am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5pm, booking is required as we need to limit the numbers for social distancing.

Please book via Trybooking

https://trybooking.com/BMMVM

Please note that the doors are locked when liturgy begins. Come at least 10 mins early.

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=bDZuU EJpWVp6bUFVMkJ6bkpRQ0xoZz09

Meeting ID: 276 465 5672 Password: 9rGLKz
Let us continue to pray together for each other. Stay
safe and God bless you all.

STATION OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY

Starting 19th February to Good Friday, 2nd April 2021

9am Mass followed by Station of the Cross and 7pm Station of the Cross followed by Mass



STUDENT ATTENDANCE - EVERY DAY COUNTS

SCHOOL START TIME!

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

Please be aware that classrooms <u>open at 8:30am</u> 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.

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

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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.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Parent Portal

Thank you to all the parents who have let me know if they could or could not gain access to the Parent Portal. Shortly I will be sending out emails to those who have made a request for their login details

Request for ipad/iphone cords

If anyone has any extra ipad or iphone cords at home that you not longer need, can you please donate to the school.

Anne Walton

Digital Technologies Leader

LEARNING AND TEACHING

Welcome back to all our families and students to a new school year. This year has begun with a definite difference and I would like to congratulate all our families on their resilience and support of students and staff during our latest lockdown.

Thanks also goes to everyone who has participated in our many Parent conversations and information sessions

All families have been sent an overview of the learning for each unit in the school for Term 1. This document includes what is happening in all curriculum areas for each year level and also lists ways you can support your child/children at home. These will be sent out at the beginning of each term over the year.

For your information and dates to put on the calendar, **NAPLAN** tests are scheduled to happen in **Term 2 from May 10th - 21st.** Students in Year 3 and 5 will be sitting these tests during those dates and will be completing them online, except for year 3 writing which is on paper. More detailed information will be sent out closer to the time of the tests.

Please don't hesitate to contact your children's classroom teacher if you have any questions.

Peta Cesarec

Learning and Teaching Team member

INFECTIOUS DISEASE



A child in our community is currently receiving medical treatment that

lowers their ability to fight infections.

Of particular concern is that if this student contracts a virus they can become seriously ill.

If your son/daughter has, or may have, an infectious disease such as influenza, measles or chickenpox, we ask that you do not send them to school during this period, and that you please notify the school office as soon as possible.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING

Our next Parents and Friends Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th March at 7.00pm in the MFR. All parents/grandparents / helpers are most welcome to attend. We especially invite all new members of our school community to come along even if it is just to see what the P&F does or just if you'd like a cuppa. PLEASE NOTE: Meetings are held on the 3rd WEDNESDAY of every month.

FOUNDATION NEWS

We have certainly dived into our learning in the Foundation Unit.



We wish our Foundation families a warm welcome and congratulate all of the children on such a successful first few weeks of school.

The children have adjusted well to the new routines at school and continue to explore their roles and responsibilities as community members in Foundation as well as students at Corpus Christi. We are also so proud and thankful to our children and families for managing learning during our short lockdown time. We loved seeing the photos and videos of our student's learning.

Our learning is well underway and the children are learning and reinforcing their knowledge of letters and sounds (phonics) in preparation to begin applying this to reading and writing. In literacy they are enjoying using their Eagle Eyes to look for picture clues in stories and are practising pointing to each word as the word is read. In the coming weeks we will also be learning about the role of characters in a story and how we identify the beginning, middle and end of a story (sequencing).

In Maths, we have been learning about numerals, amounts and words. Ask your child to show you how they can be successful when counting amounts (hint: each counter they move they say a number). We have also been learning to correctly write the digits 1 to 9.

We were a part of our first whole school mass. We listened to Fr. Albert talk about "We all have a part to play at Corpus Christi". We celebrated the beginning of the season Lent in an Ash Wednesday Liturgy. We were blessed with the sprinkling of the ashes on our foreheads. We will be learning about how we get ready for Easter and how we can give thanks by helping others. We all have project compassion boxes on our prayer tables. Our families are welcomed to add donations during Lent.

We thank our families for their ongoing support in ensuring your child arrives and is settled into our community by 8.40am to allow for a smooth transition into our morning routine.

Stay up to date with the happenings in Foundation on the Remind App @divein2021. Yours in partnership

The Foundation Team





JUNIOR UNIT

The Junior Unit has settled into school like they never left! We have been able to hit the ground running and get straight into things. Our Inquiry Unit is about living a healthy life and keeping safe. RACV visited us and taught us all about road safety! We have participated in rotations about keeping our minds, bodies and hearts healthy.

We have begun our Maths Workshops on Place Value. We have been exploring the number of the day which asks us to investigate a number. We are learning to count 10 more, 10 less, 1 more and 1 less from a target number, as well as skip counting, making numbers with bundling sticks and expanding a number.

The Junior Students have also been participating in Reading Workshops. We have been revising our decoding strategies to help us read tricky words. The students are learning to use a laptop independently and have been developing their typing skills.

We look forward to the year to come!





MIDDLE UNIT

The middle students have settled in well into the routines and have adapted to the expectations in the Middle Community.

In Mathematics, the students have been exploring place value. Students learnt that the value of the a digit is affected by its position in the number. Students also learnt that a number can be renamed in multiple different ways. Students represented numbers in different ways e.g. pictures, in words, expanded form and partitioning.

In Literacy, the students have been learning about different comprehension strategies. They learnt about visualisation, checking for understanding and locating questions techniques. We have been focusing on persuasive writing and looked at the difference between facts and opinions.

Our Grade 3 students and their families experienced a very insightful information evening around the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They explored the topic of forgiveness and how we reconcile with ourselves, the community and God.

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

What a great start the Seniors have had settling back into school for 2021! We are extremely proud of the way they have started the school year. They have spent time getting to know their teachers, classmates and all members of the Senior Community.

We welcome Mrs Jennifer Gray as a Learning Support Officer (LSO) and welcome back Mrs Laura Sgro to Corpus Christi who are both working in the Senior Community.



Mrs Jennifer Gray



Mrs Laura Sgro

School Leaders:

At the beginning of the year assembly, our School Leaders were blessed and presented with a candle and a badge. We recognise that all of our students in the Senior Community are leaders and we are constantly looking for students who 'step up' and be the best version of themselves. We acknowledge the many students who assisted in supporting our Foundation students during the first few weeks of school.



Interschool Sports:

The students have been training in preparation for their Friday Interschool Sports. This year the Year 6 students will participate in a variety of sports against local Primary Schools. Stay tuned for future results.

Buddies:

The Year 5 students are excited to be allocated a "buddy" from Foundation. Our year 5 students will go through a buddy program to help them in their role as a buddy. They will focus on skills such as leadership, social skills with younger students to help foster a positive relationship with their buddies.

Digital Technologies

Thank you to the families who support us in encouraging your child to hand in their phones to the Office. We do appreciate this as phones can become a distraction not only to your child but to others if they are left in bags.



Not long to go now until the Senior students head off to Camp Wilkin in Anglesea. The students and staff are really excited about spending time together participating in a variety of activities, forming new friendships and challenging themselves to be courageous and go outside of their 'comfort zone.' Just a reminder for all students to be at school on Monday 15th March by 8:15am. Photos will be shared in the next newsletter.

Thanks for your support

The Senior Team

EDUCATION IN FAITH

BEGINNING OF YEAR MASS On **Thursday 11th February** we celebrated our Beginning of the Year Mass. Our theme for this year is "We all have a part to play". Together we are the Body of Christ in our school, home and community. Fr. Albert celebrated this special occasion as we began our school year. Thank you to our families who were able to join us via zoom.



RECONCILIATION Our students in Year 3 will be preparing to celebrate God's love and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Penance (also known as Reconciliation) on **Friday 12th March**, **11:30am** in the MFR. Thank you to the family members who attended the Reconciliation Family Evening last week.

<u>OUR LENTEN TIME:</u> 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. Let us continue to remain close to Jesus during this time of reflection.

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 2021 is "Be More". 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/

Living Faith Corpus Action Team Harry Ardizzon and Hemish Akolkar are part of the student leadership team of 2021. Together they are the student leaders for our Living Faith Corpus Action Team. They have been promoting our Project Compassion Boxes to our students this term. They are looking forward to working in the Living Faith team this year! Harry "I'm looking forward to helping and forming a student Living Faith team this year". Hemish "I'm looking forward to working together as a school community".

Richelle Mendoza

Religious Education Leader





12th March - First Reconciliation Celebration in MFR 11:30am

18th March - Middle Unit Mass

14th - 21st March - Catholic Education Week

1st April - Holy Week Liturgy

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 Werribee Outdoor Pool on Monday 22nd of February. Every student contributed to the success and are to be congratulated for their display of sportsmanship, persistence and teamwork throughout the day. It was such a pleasure to witness many individual and team achievements. Thank you to Mrs Baird, Mrs Portelli, Miss Clarke, Ms Tramontana and parents for supporting the students and ensuring nerves were settled before the races.

Miss Dee Dundov Interschool Sports Coordinator

Aurora Natoli Alyssa Coates Mia Costa-Jackson Liliana Scicluna Anneka Redford Sofia Lazzaro Nicola Morris Jordyn Allwood Leo Ferlazzo
Harry Ardizzon
Cruise Parker
Flynn Carey
Hope Stoios
Mayer Hollingsworth
Caleb Vincent
Caitlyn Musarra

Layla Hayes
Stephanie Terpenou
Cooper Brenner
Madelyne Magro
Kalani Coates
Jayden Surmiak
Bailey George
Olyvia Lee

Samuel Simpson
Chloe Wale
Charlotte Davie
Tait Flynn
Khloe Lee
Zachary Spiteri
Anabelle Scicluna

























Today was my first time in the swimming carnival and it was awesome! I came 1st, 2nd and 3rd in my races.

Cooper Brenner Year 3 This experience has been great. I can't wait to do swimming carnivals in high school. I came 3rd in the freestyle relay. All that hard work has got me to this stage. Thank you to all the parents and staff for the privilege to swim.

Liliana Scicluna Year 6 I felt really proud of myself because I made the Corpus Swim Team. I came 1st in freestyle relay and 2nd in backstroke. It was a fun day.

> Zachary Spiteri Year 3

















WELLBEING & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

School Expectations and Behaviour Policy



At the beginning of each school year, all classes re-visit our School Expectations and discuss our Rights and Responsibilities as individuals in our school community. Our School Expectations



CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS









WE TAKE CARE OF OUR **PROPERTY** AND THE **ENVIRONMENT**

As a Restorative Practice school, we believe all behaviour is an opportunity for learning and that everyone can try to repair harm to relationships. Classes also discuss logical and fair consequences that match behaviour. Staff are pro-active, discussing ways students know if they are "Ready to Learn," and together, students and teachers create a list of acceptable brain breaks and de-escalation strategies that students can use to help them get back into Learning Brain.

If parents have any concerns about their child's behaviour or how they are coping at school, please contact your Home-group teacher via email, phone or in person. Our Behaviour, Anti-Bullying and Restorative policies are available on the school website.

Respectful Relationships Program

This year, we are beginning to implement the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships program as part of our student wellbeing curriculum. In Term 1, students will learn about Emotional Literacy and Personal Strengths.

In this unit, students are learning:

To notice and name feelings in themselves and others Strategies to manage and express different feelings

To accept all emotions come and go and are a normal part of life

To identify strengths in themselves and others

To build their self-esteem and the way they see themselves.

Ask your child what they're learning about in Wellbeing!



Student Wellbeing Leader





Sleep tips for kids



by Michael Grose - Parenting Ideas Blog

Regularity and routine are the agents of sleep. It takes discipline to adhere to and commitment to making sleep a high priority. Helping kids understand how their body clock works, assisting them to work out their optimal bedtime and putting lifestyle habits in place can help them get the sleep they need to maximise their learning, wellbeing, development and overall performance. Here are some tips to help:

Understand the body clock

Sleep is regulated by a 24-hour body clock that manages the secretion of melatonin to send us to sleep and cortisol to wake us up. This amazing body clock is reset every day when light first hits our retinas. Sleep in late and the clock goes out of synch. When your child works with the rhythms of their body's 24-hour clock they will give themselves the optimal chance for sleep success.

The sleep-wake cycle for teenagers is delayed by up to two hours. That is, they are sleepy later and awake later than when they were children. Melatonin, which makes them sleepy, is secreted as late as 11.00pm for some young people, which makes the time before bed-time a sleepless zone. Cortisol, the chemical that wakes them up is released at close to 8.00am for many teens. If this is the case, your young person's brain wants to be asleep when they need to be awake for school.

Stick to sleep recommendations

The Raising Children's Network recommends between 11-13 hours sleep per night for young children, 10-11 hours for primary school children and 8-10 hours for secondary school-aged kids. As every child is different, you may notice that your child needs more or less sleep than is recommended.

Develop good sleep hygiene habits

 Start a regular bedtime routine at least 45 minutes out from bedtime to help kids get ready for sleep.

- Eat and exercise at the right time. Sleep likes a relaxed body and a calm nervous system, so schedule exercise and active movement before mealtimes.
- Create a sleep sanctuary. Restrict bedrooms to sleep and relaxation quarters and find other places in the house for time out and reflection, school work and active play.
- Keep bedrooms cave-like. A child's bedroom should be cave-like that is, dark, cool and free from electronic devices. Darkness encourages melatonin, which regulates sleep-wake patterns.
- Get up at a regular time. For optimal sleep, bed and wake up times need to be as regular as possible.

Lifestyle habits that promote sleep

- Teach your child or young person to put away digital devices at least ninety minutes before bed-time
- Minimise weekend sleep-ins and limit them to an hour more than usual, to keep the sleep clock operating on a regular basis
- Encourage your child to to go outside every day take a walk, meet a mate (subject to COVID restrictions) or do an errand
- Keep homework out of bedrooms, or at least out of beds. The brain associates activity with location, so if kids work while on their beds, it will be hard for them to mentally switch off from their schoolwork when the light finally goes out.
- Confine caffeine to mornings. Consuming caffeine in any form close to bedtime is like throwing a wrecking ball through regular sleep patterns.
 The brain needs to calm down rather than be artificially stimulated if sleep is to occur.

Sleep is a critical component of enhancing a child's wellbeing, learning, development and overall performance. Helping your child to get enough quality sleep will ensure that their brain and body are being used at full capacity.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's an award-winning speaker and the author of 12 books for parents including Spoonfed Generation, and the bestselling Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It. Michael is a former teacher with 15 years experience, and has 30 years experience in parenting education. He also holds a Master of Educational Studies from Monash University specialising in parenting education.

2021 School Calendar & Important Dates

Term 1

Friday 5th March Interschool Sports

Whole School Assembly

Monday 8th March Labour Day Holiday - No School

Tuesday 9th March School Advisory Council meeting 6.30pm in the staffroom

Wednesday 10th March Reconciliation Celebration 11.30am in the MFR

Thursday 11th March Swimming Carnival Friday 12th March Interschool Sports

Sunday 14th—21st Mar Catholic Education Week

Mon 15th to Wed 17th Mar SENIOR UNIT CAMP 2021

Friday 19th March Whole School Assembly 2.05pm

'National Day of Action Against Bullying'

Monday 29th March Year 1 Dinner

Thursday 1st April Holy week Liturgy and Assembly – 9.00am

<u>Last Day of Term 1 - Children dismissed at 1.00pm</u>

Term 2

Monday 19th April Students return to school

Sunday 25th April ANZAC Day

Friday 30th April Applications for Foundation Enrolment 2022 DUE

Whole School Assembly 2.05pm

Tuesday 27th April Confirmation Parent Evening at 6.30pm

Thursday 6th May Mother's Day Stall

Friday 7th May Mother's Day Breakfast and Liturgy

Friday 7th May Confirmation Celebration – St Andrew's Sports Centre at 6.30pm

Sunday 9th May Mother's Day

Monday 10th May Start of 2 weeks of NAPLAN ASSESSMENTS

Tuesday 11th May School Advisory Council meeting 6.30pm in the staffroom

Friday 14th May Whole School Assembly

Thursday 27th May

School Closure Day — Focus — School Review

Friday 28th May

School Closure Day — Focus — School Review

Tuesday 8th June School Advisory Council meeting 6.30pm in the staffroom

Friday 11th June Whole School Assembly

Monday 14th June Queen's Birthday Holiday – NO SCHOOL

Thursday 17th June Regional Cross Country

Friday 18th June Corpus Christi Athletics Carnival

Monday 21st June Parent, Teacher, Child Learning Conversations (PTCLCs)
Tuesday 22nd June Parent, Teacher, Child Learning Conversations (PTCLCs)

Thursday 24th June Assembly - End of Term — 9.00am

Friday 25th June <u>End of Term Two – Children dismissed at 1.00pm</u>

2021 School Calendar & Important Dates

Term 3

Monday 12th July School Resumes for Term 3

Thursday 15th July Junior Unit Mass

Friday 23rd July Whole School Assembly

Friday 30th July Interschool Sports

Tuesday 3rd August First Eucharist Family Night 6.30pm

Friday 6th August Interschool Sports

Whole School Assembly

Tuesday 10th August School Advisory Council Meeting 6.30pm

Friday 13th August Interschool Sports

Sunday 15th August First Eucharist Celebrations 1.00pm & 3.00pm

Thursday 19th August Middle Unit Mass Friday 20th August Interschool Sports

Whole School Assembly

Sunday 22nd August First Eucharist Celebrations 1.00pm & 3.00pm



2021 Sacrament Dates

Reconciliation Celebration (Year 3) – Wednesday 10th March at 11.30am at School

Confirmation Celebration (Year 6) – Friday 7th May (6:30pm)

First Eucharist Celebration (Years 4 & 5) – Sundays 15th and 22nd August at 1:00pm and 3:00pm