



St Andrew's Parish

CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 2

Friday 4th March 2022

WEEK 6 ,TERM 1

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations and thank you to each and every one of you for the harmonious start we have had to the 2022 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 7 next week. On Tuesday 1st March we held two Foundation 2023 Information sessions that were very well attended. Enrolments for Foundation 2023 are now open and Enrolment Packs can be emailed to families. Please contact the school office on 9741-8440 if you require a Pack. To support planning for 2023 I ask that applications for enrolment are received by Friday 8th April 2022. *Please note that the enrolment of siblings is not automatic and an enrolment form needs to be received by the requested date – 8th April.*

With kindest regards,

Linda

COVID UPDATE

MASK WEARING ADVICE

The Victorian Government announced last week that masks will no longer be needed in most indoor settings, with masks only required in school settings for students in Year 3 or above at primary schools. Students in Foundation to Grade 2 continue to be encouraged to wear a mask.

RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS

RAT packs were distributed to families this week. Further packs will be forwarded to families once received by the school.

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 scooting 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.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

We have two crossings – one on Russell Street and one at Wedge Street. We ask all families to exercise caution and model good safety practices by using the crossings available. It is worrying to see family members cutting across the roundabout on foot, dodging traffic and putting themselves and children at risk. PLEASE use the pedestrian crossings!

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!

Congratulations!



Congratulations to **Tia Zausa** (1/2 AD) and **Jack Amato** (3/4EV) who received a Great Mate prize at the last assembly. Teachers are constantly looking for students on the yard/playground who are kind, playing fairly, using their manners and including others. Both Tia & Jack were rewarded with a Great Mate token. Any child who receives a token has their name put in a box and 2 students' names are drawn out of the box at each assembly to receive a prize. Whose name will be drawn out next?

FOUNDATION NEWS

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.

Our learning is well underway and the children are reinforcing their knowledge of letters and sounds (phonics) in preparation to begin applying this to reading and writing. In Literacy we have been learning about the how we read books by investigating the front cover, eg. the title and the illustration. We learnt about full stops and that we need to stop and take a breath when we see them in a text.

In Numeracy, we have been learning about the numbers from 0 to 10. We have also been learning to correctly write the digits 0 to 9. We had an adventure with Rosie to explore the language of location. We loved showing Rosie our new playground.

We sang and prayed together at our Beginning of Year Whole School Liturgy via zoom as a Foundation Unit. During this liturgy we were able to put into practice what we have learnt about prayer and the sign of the cross.

Stay up to date with the happenings in Foundation on the Remind App.

Yours in partnership,

The Foundation Team



JUNIOR NEWS

A huge congratulations is extended to our incredible Junior students, who have done a marvellous job of settling into the 2022 school year! The first weeks have seen our students not only revisiting literacy and numeracy skills, but navigating their way through so much more. There have been many opportunities for students to refamiliarize themselves with school routines and expectations. Discussions about independently problem solving, coping with change and socialisation will continue throughout the term.

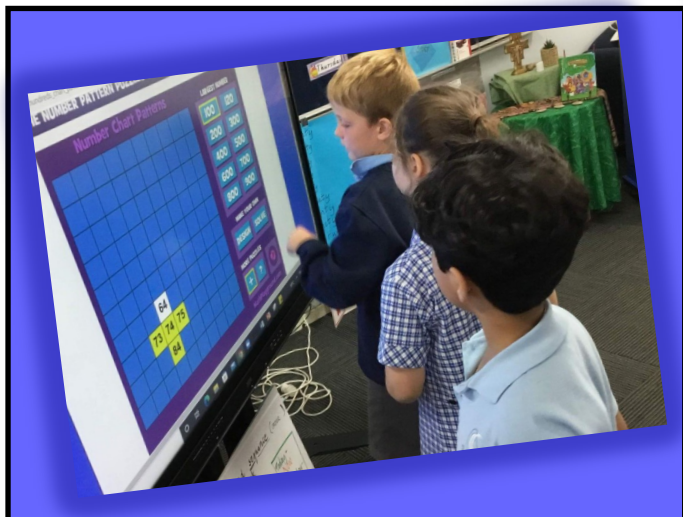
In Literacy, students have begun exploring the comprehension strategies of making predictions before, during and after reading, as well as connecting texts to their own lives (Text-to-Self) and other texts (Text-to-Text). Students have also enjoyed participating in a range of Discovery activities with their peers, in order to write recounts of their experiences.

As a Junior Unit we are all looking forward to finally taking part in incursions and excursions again! Our RACV incursion and Dream City excursion are rapidly approaching, as is the Grade 1 Dinner! We are excited to share these valuable learning and socialisation experiences with our students.

We encourage families to keep up to date via the Remind app and Google Classroom. Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you need any support with these.

With warm regards,

The Junior Unit Team



MIDDLE NEWS

The middle unit 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 a digit is affected by its position in the number. Students also learnt that numbers can be renamed in multiple different ways. Students represented numbers in multiple ways e.g. pictures, words, expanded form and partitioning.

In Literacy, the students have been learning about different comprehension strategies. We explored the strategy of inference and making connections. We have been focusing on persuasive writing and exploring the difference between facts and opinions and using persuasive devices like rhetorical questions, personal pronouns and emotive language.

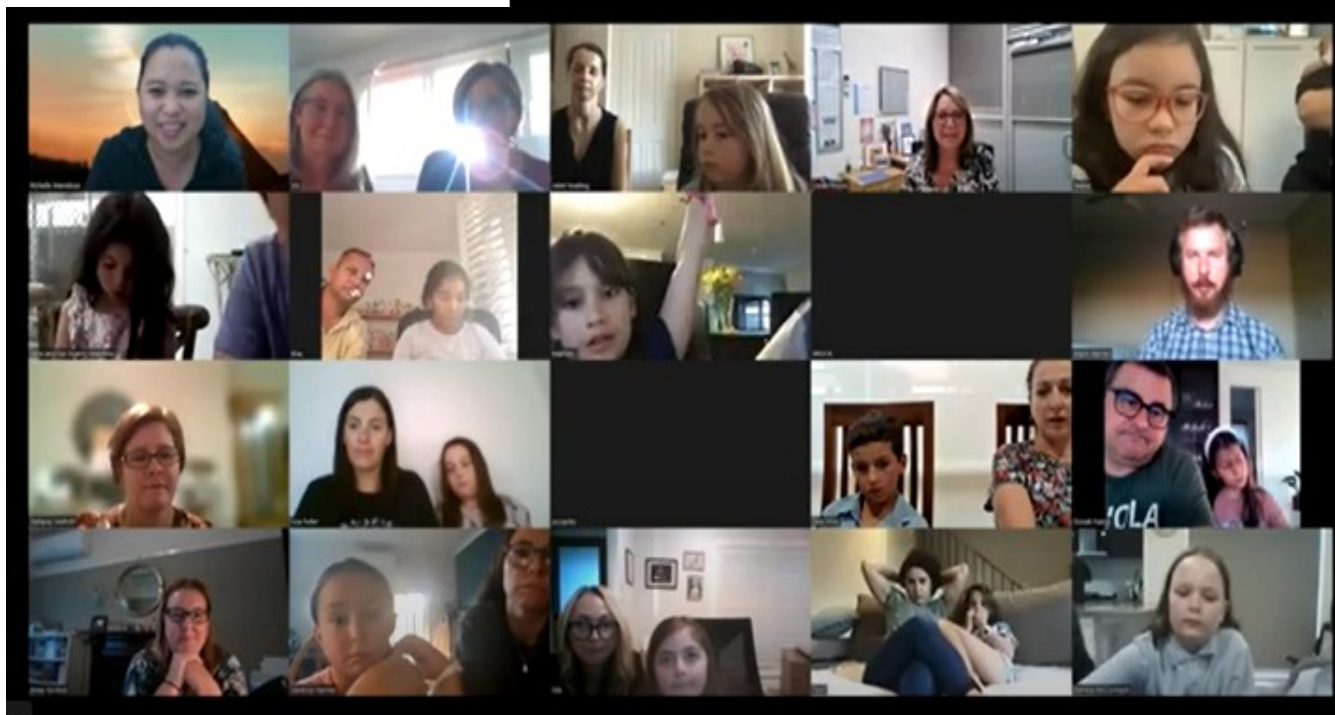
Our Grade 3 students and their families experienced a very insightful information evening about the Sacrament of Reconciliation via Zoom. Families engaged in discussions about forgiveness and how we reconcile with ourselves and the community and God.

Later in the term we will be exploring being mindful of ourselves and our choices and how they impact us spiritually, physically, socially, and emotionally. To do this we are teaching a range of different inquiry skills such as:

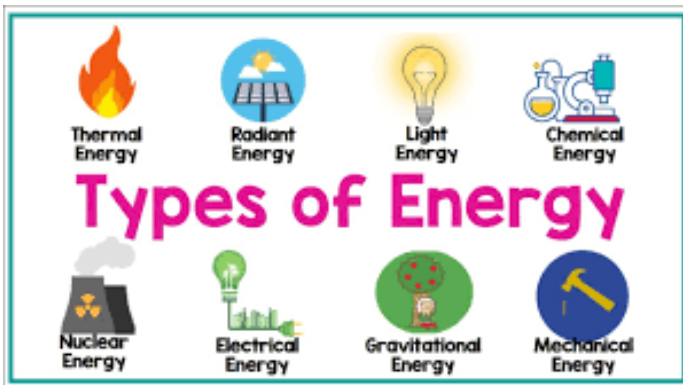
- Researching
- Questioning
- Different perspectives

Regards,

The Middle Unit Team



SENIOR NEWS



This year so far in Seniors has gone very quickly. We are already halfway through Term One.

We can not believe it. We have been delving deeper in the understanding of place value of numbers. Exploring different ways we can write and read 6-7 digit numbers.

Next we have been looking at the Base 10 system and identifying decimal places. Exploration through the scientific world has been interesting.

We have looked at the different forms of energy. In the last week we started different energy workshops with different teachers of the senior community. Next we will be exploring why people choose to use renewable and non-renewable energy.

We have been immersed in the novel called 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. Throughout the book we have been discovering Stanley Yelnats journey at Camp Green Lake. After listening to chapters of the Holes story we have been thinking within the text, beyond the text and inferring about different characters.

In Religion, we looked at different prayer types; traditional and personal. We have been writing our prayers using the structure - ACTS. Our buddy program for our Grade 5's has begun as well as Interschol sports for our Grade 6's. We are starting to get ready for our camp experience in week 8. We are getting very excited

Regards,

The Senior Unit Team



LEARNING AND TEACHING

Welcome to the 2022 school year. This year as a Learning and Teaching team we are working on enabling autonomous learners throughout the school. We are doing this by developing students' independent learning skills. In Literacy, students are building their reading skills through explicit teaching and practicing those in their everyday reading. A focus in Numeracy and Literacy is to show connections between what is happening in class and the real world. In Numeracy, we have done this by promoting students' exploration of Place Value and how numbers can be used throughout everyday life experiences.

As part of Numeracy this year we are also continuing our G.R.I.N (Getting Ready in Numeracy) program to help selected students develop their confidence and understanding of mathematics.

Within Literacy, to target the needs of some of our students we are continuing to run the LLI (Leveled Literacy Intervention) program. This program provides students with extra support. The skills being explored in these groups is a direct link to what is being taught in the classroom.

We are aiming to see students self-driven with their learning, and for students to see connections between taught concepts and life outside of the classroom.

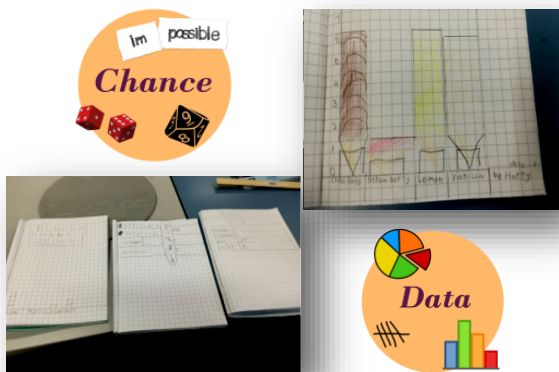
As a Learning and Teaching team we thank you for how well you have supported students in the transition into 2022.



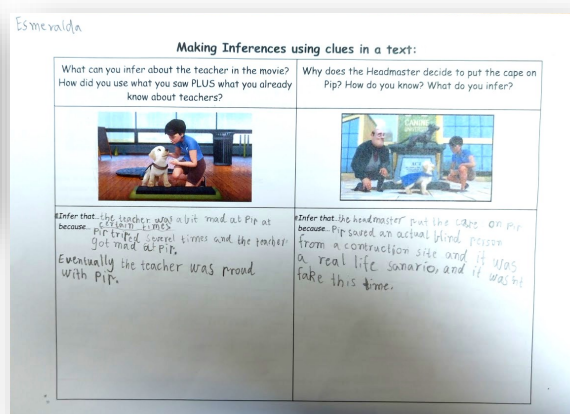
Learning about directional language in Numeracy



Senior students listening to the whole class text: *Holes*



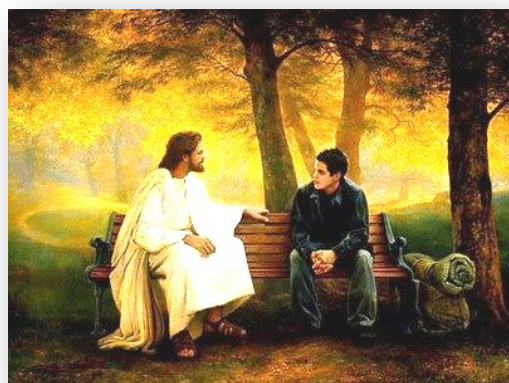
Gathering questions for Chance and Data in Numeracy



Middle student's inferences based on a short film

Thomas Quaife - Learning & Teaching (Literacy & Inquiry), Mark Warren (Numeracy Leader), Anna Yorston (DP), Stefanie Harvey (DP) & Anne Walton (DT Leader)

EDUCATION IN FAITH



BEGINNING OF YEAR LITURGY

Our theme for this year is “We all have a part to play as we grow together”. We celebrated this in our communities and we reflected on how we can be the Body of Christ in our school, home and community using the unique gifts we have.

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 Wednesday 9th March 6:30pm at St. Andrews. We pray for our children who will receive this special sacrament.

Alice Firman	Sofia Baggio	Jack Amato	Mia Bellingham	Lucas Capuano
Evie Hall	Jayda Buhagiar	Esmeralda Boulton	Paul Cutropia	Stirling Childs
Matilda Johnston	Eric Castilho	Brock Dunn	Seth McCormack	Jessica Di Rosa
Juliet Keating	Teah Clugston	Isla Elgueta	Jaxon Morris	Ileana Estabillo
Louie Kesisoglou	Grace Colledge	Cooper Furlanetto	Sam Pino	Luke Evans
Indigo McCormack	Estelle D’Orio	Knox Grey	Lachlan Pistone	Liza Fuller
Brody McDougall	Sara Guarro Makihara	Zoe Harmer	Elsa Renjith	Jessica Lewis
Liana Santi	Mason Hildebrand	Xavier Lewis	Charlotte Robert-Wallace	Catherine Mi
Tyler Sesto	Jaxon Kinross	Ruby Poole		Anabelle Miletic
Xavier Sugito	Lachlan Reginato	Lincoln Vella	Olivia Santhaseelan	Marcus Procida
Jayden Ralph	Lachlan Acciarito	Taku Bere	Hamish Sweeney	Jacob Zausa

ASH WEDNESDAY AND OUR LENTEN TIME:

We celebrated the start of Lent with Ash Wednesday. 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 2022 is “For all future generations”. 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/>



Lord, our hearts are longing for your peace, and the whole world cries out for justice and mercy. During this period of Lent give us the grace to seek peace among ourselves and those around us.

Give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our dwellings, and peace in our hearts.

Let us be the voice of justice so that the starving will be fed, those that are thirsty have enough to drink, the naked are clothed, the homeless have shelter, and all in need will know your saving power.

We ask this in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Upcoming Events:

9th March- First Reconciliation Celebration at St. Andrew's.

14th - 21st March- Catholic Education Week

8th April - Holy Week Liturgy

Miss Richelle Mendoza, Religious Education Leader

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

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

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

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

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

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

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

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

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

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

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WELLBEING

At Corpus Christi we believe that the student is at the heart of all learning and teaching and that the promotion of their wellbeing is necessary to achieve success. This is why all programs aim to create a strong culture of wellbeing within the classroom.



Restorative Practise:

Corpus Christi is a Restorative Practice school. We believe that providing students with the opportunity to learn from their behaviour and restore and repair relationships is a positive and healthy approach. Every year we begin the wellbeing curriculum by revisiting our school behaviour expectations. Our school expectations are:



Respectful Relationships:

Our school wellbeing curriculum is focussed on the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) program. The RRRR program aims to empower young people to develop healthy, equal and respectful friendships and relationships. The past two years of social interactions for children have been heavily impacted by Covid-19, so we are happy that the RRRR program can support our student wellbeing and guide students to become empowered and confident in them self and their voice.

Student Voice and Agency:

This year Student Voice and Agency will form part of our focus for student wellbeing. Allowing students to have a voice in their learning and wellbeing needs empowers students in their learning journey and gives them a strong sense of self.

Monday Meditation:

Every Monday students begin their school week with whole school meditation. This three minute weekly practice enables students to find a sense of calm and peace to begin their week while also helping them to focus on being present, centred and grounded.

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PROJECT PLAYGROUND



Pupils at Corpus Christi Primary School in Werribee are enjoying a new junior playground that has been installed in their school's grounds.

A student design team and all the school's junior students were given an opportunity to provide input and feedback on designs for the playground in 2021, with many of the pupils' suggestions incorporated into the final design.

The company that installed the playground, Adventure Plus, completed work on the playground during the Christmas break.

School principal Linda Roynic said the pupils submitted some creative and imaginative ideas for the playground, including a slide that ended in a pool – although this particular design could not be incorporated into the final project.

“The children are thoroughly enjoying the new playground and they are also enjoying the new rubber surface and surrounding garden area, installed under the direction of Mr Kyle Dent (a contractor), as this replaced the tan bark that was there previously,” Ms Roynic said.

Corpus Christi will also have a new shade structure erected over its outdoor basketball court during this term.

2022 School Calendar **& Important Dates**

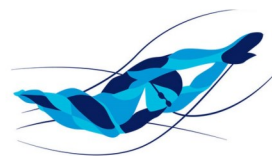
Term 1

Tuesday 8 March	School Advisory Council meeting 6.30pm in the staffroom
Wednesday 9 March	Reconciliation Celebration 6:30pm in St Andrew's Church
Monday 14 March	<i>Labour Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL</i>
Wednesday 16 March	Parents & Friends Meeting via Zoom @ 7pm
Wed 23 - Fri 25 March	Senior Camp - Mill Valley Ranch
Friday 25 March	Harmony Day -National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence (Wear a touch of Orange)
Friday 1 st April	Casual Clothes for an Easter Item / SUBWAY Day
Thursday 7 th April	Easter Raffle Draw
Friday 8 April	<i>Last Day of Term One – Children dismissed at 1.00pm</i>
	<i>Applications for Foundation Enrolment 2023 DUE</i>

Term 2

Monday 25 th April	<i>ANZAC Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL</i>
Tuesday 26 th April	Students return to school for Term 2
Friday 29 th April	Whole School Assembly 2.05pm
Thursday 5 th May	Mother's Day Stall
Friday 6 th May	Mother's Day Liturgy
Tuesday 10 th May	Start of 2 weeks of NAPLAN ASSESSMENTS
Tuesday 10 th May	Confirmation Parent Evening at 6.30pm
Friday 13 th May	Whole School Assembly 2.05pm
Thursday 19 th May	Confirmation Celebration – St Andrew's Sports Centre at 6.30pm
Tuesday 17 th May	School Advisory Council meeting 6.30pm in the staffroom
Friday 27 th May	Whole School Assembly
Wednesday 1 st June	Division Cross Country
Friday 10 th June	Whole School Assembly
Monday 13 th June	<i>Queen's Birthday Holiday - NO SCHOOL</i>
Tuesday 14 th June	School Advisory Council meeting 6.30pm in the staffroom
Friday 17 th June	Corpus Christi Athletics Carnival
Monday 20 th June	Parent, Teacher, Child Learning Conversations (PTCLCs)
Tuesday 21 st June	Parent, Teacher, Child Learning Conversations (PTCLCs)
Thursday 23 rd June	Assembly - End of Term – 9.00am
Friday 24 th June	<i>End of Term Two – Children dismissed at 1.00pm</i>

CORPUS SPORT NEWS



DISTRICT OVERALL RESULTS

1ST	Corpus Christi PS – 165 pts
2ND	Werribee PS – 102 pts
3RD	Westgrove PS – 89 pts
4TH	Wyndham Vale PS- 83 pts
5TH	Iramoo PS – 65 pts
6TH	Manor Lakes College– 38 pts
7TH	Manorvale PS - 29 pts
8TH	Riverwalk PS- 26 pts
9TH	Riverbend PS - 23 pts
10TH	St Andrews PS– 14 pts
11TH	Thomas Chirnside PS – 7 pts



District Champions 2022! Congratulations to the Corpus Christi Swimming Team for their impressive performance in the District Swimming Carnival at the Werribee Outdoor Pool on Tuesday 22nd of February. We were very lucky with some beautiful weather which really set the scene for the day. Students competed in 50 metre freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly races along with freestyle and medley relays. Every student contributed to our 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. Congratulations to Nicola Morris (Year 6) for winning the Open 100m Championship race. Thank you to Mrs Baird, Mrs Portelli, Mr Buslon, Mrs Lane, Mrs Tuite and all the parents for supporting the students throughout the day.

Miss Dee Dundov
Interschool Sports Coordinator



CORPUS CHRISTI SWIM TEAM 2022

Blake Davis Mia Camara-Walsh Oliver Hollingsworth Bailey George Kalani Coates Cooper Brenner Samuel Simpson Ivy Stoios Olyvia Lee Everly Coates	Liza Fuller Jesse Shannon Khloe Lee Chloe Wale Charlotte Davie Nicola Morris Aurora Natoli Charlotte Magro Conal Hirst Joshua Kendall	Flynn Carey Owen Kendall Tait Flynn Mayer Hollingsworth Megan Miletic Cruise Parker Lucy Fisher Sienna Santi
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