



St Andrew's Parish

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NEWSLETTER 3

Friday 1st April 2022

WEEK 10 ,TERM 1

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Lent is a period of preparation in the Church's Liturgical Year that orients the community towards Holy Week and the Season of Easter. It is a time of prayer, fasting and good works.

As Jesus spent 40 days in the desert praying and fasting, let us follow his lead during the season of Lent with self-denial, repentance, giving, and renewal. This video uses powerful images and music to remind us of God's love and sacrifice, which should encourage each of us to deny self and make God first place in our lives.



It is difficult to believe that next week is the last week 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 during 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.

SENIOR CAMP

It's great to have our campers back safe and sound!! All staff and students had a most worthwhile and enjoyable time. It has been great to hear about many of the great experiences that were had at this interesting setting. The children truly did us proud once again with their fantastic behaviour and participation in all experiences.

Many thanks go to Ms Dundov, Mrs Baird, Mrs Ware, Mrs Ardizzon, Mr Quaife, Mr Barlow, Mr Buslon, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Tuite, Mrs Maple, Mrs Cowlshaw, Mrs Lane and Mrs Yorston for their great work in organising and managing all aspects of the Camp Program. A special thank you goes to Ms Dee Dundov for undertaking the role of Camp Leader and ensuring the program ran extremely smoothly. Well done everyone!

CONFIRMATION 2022

Our Year 6 students are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 19th May 2022 at 6:30pm at St Andrew's Church.

I ask our whole Corpus Christi Community to keep our confirmation candidates, their sponsors and their families in your prayers as they prepare for the reception of this special Sacrament.

COVID SAFETY REMINDERS:

All students need to complete a RAT twice a week. A new RAT pack will be going home with each child today.

Students in Year 3-6 need to continue wearing masks inside

FOUNDATION 2023 ENROLMENTS

Enrolment Packs are available to be emailed to parents who wish to enrol children into Foundation in 2023. Families can contact the School Office to request a pack. Enrolments for Foundation 2023 close on 8th April 2022. *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 26^h April until Friday 14th 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).

Second Hand Uniform Requests

School Uniform Store

Through generous donations of good quality school uniform items, we have a good store of items that are available for families to acquire. Please contact the school office to access an order form on which you can list the School Uniform Items needed. Our admin staff will do their best to fill your order, which will be subject to availability.

Any further donations of good quality items would be greatly appreciated.

With kindest regards,

Linda



NAPLAN

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students are held in May each year. In 2022, NAPLAN Online test window is between Tuesday 10th May and Friday 20th May. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals and can be used to improve student achievement.

All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN Online tests. Catch up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days up to and including Friday May 20 2022.

Support can be arranged for students with disabilities, if the student regularly uses similar support for classroom assessment tasks.

Exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year. If your child is eligible for support due to disability or exemption, you should discuss this with your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible. Parental consent is required before any support due to disability or exemption is granted.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with myself or Mrs Roynic. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a student withdrawal form. These forms will be made available early in Term 2.

Later in the year, you will receive your child's personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The report will also indicate how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

There is an opportunity for students to complete a practice test at home prior to NAPLAN that will allow them to view the platform and see the types of questions that may be included on the tests. Please [click here](#) to access the practice tests. These will be available until Friday April 22nd.

Please feel free to email me if you have any queries.

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With thanks,





NEW SHADE STRUCTURE OVER BASKETBALL COURT

We are excited that our new Building Project – Shade Structure over the basketball court - will begin next week with an estimated completion date of mid June 2022.

EDUCATIONAL BRIEF FOR THE STRUCTURE

At Corpus Christi School, a strong emphasis is placed on the principles that support collaboration and communication between all members of the community, in order to assist in student learning.

Our project to build a shade structure over the basketball court supports the need to create a contemporary, flexible learning space that can accommodate current approaches to learning and teaching.

This outdoor learning space will provide learning and teaching opportunities as part of the curriculum but it will also enhance opportunities for creative engagement with the wider community which can promote student connectedness and wellbeing.

This structure will serve many educational purposes including:

- The provision of an outdoor gathering space for Whole School Assemblies
- The provision of an additional outdoor learning space for a variety of curriculum areas including, but not limited to, Physical Education, The Arts, Numeracy etc
- Protection from the elements including: sun, heat, rain

- The space covered by the Shade Structure will not only be a functional space but it will also enhance the aesthetics of the school.

The Project will obviously impact school routines for the next few months but I have every confidence that the outcome will be extremely worth it.

We begin next week with the installation of Temporary Fencing which will be erected on Thurs 7th April.

Our morning routine and dismissal routines will essentially remain very similar but with the **back basketball courts** replacing the main basketball court for play, line-ups and collection of students at the end of the day.

Foundation children and their siblings will continue to be picked up from the front grass area.

Children in **Grades 1-6** can be picked up from the back basketball court or outside the Junior portable classes.

Russell Street walkers and bike riders will continue to be dismissed from the Russell Street gate at 3.05pm.

MacKillop Walkers remain the same.

Children will continue to have access to the outside toilets and drinking fountains at all times.

Both the Senior Playground and the Junior Playground will continue to be able to be enjoyed by the children as will the school oval.

Should any routines need to be adapted further as the project progresses I will certainly keep you informed.

We look forward to beginning our project and we look forward to the benefits to the additional covered area that will be available as a result of this structure.

LEARNING AND TEACHING

LEARNING POWERS

As a whole school this year we are working towards getting students to be more informed about what makes them successful learners. In the Foundation and Junior areas students have been exploring different Learning Powers. These Powers are what makes us successful with learning new skills and concepts. Having an understanding of these Powers helps students to identify what makes them unique as learners and even highlights opportunities of potential growth.

The Powers are categorised into eight areas: *Curiosity, Attention, Determination, Imagination, Thinking, Socialising, Refection, Organisation.*

In the Middle and Senior areas we have started to incorporate these Powers into our learning goals. This results in the students reflecting on their own outcomes based on these Powers and what they exhibited as

FOUNDATION NEWS

It is hard to believe that we have already been at school for a whole term! The students have done a wonderful job and have settled in so well. They are well and truly a welcomed part of our Corpus Christi School Community.

In Literacy, we have had some exciting learning opportunities this term. We have continued to learn about different letters and the sounds the letters make through story, song and hands-on activities. A standout in Literacy being our Discovery Sessions. These sessions have given us the opportunity to focus on different learning assets. So far we have focussed on taking turns, staying curious, taking responsibility for our things and communicating respectfully. After Discovery, we share and write all about our learning experiences through personal recount writing, which includes a detailed picture.

In Numeracy, we have been using our new knowledge of numbers to play various games. This has also helped us develop our skills in cooperation, turn taking and encouraging others. We have also learnt about patterns and sorting objects into different groups.

Our Religion Unit has seen us explore Lent through our Lenten Action Tree, which helps us show that we have God in our hearts. We have also begun to explore the Holy Week stories leading up to Easter Sunday. We are looking forward to celebrating this very special time with our families during the holidays.

Yours in partnership,



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JUNIOR NEWS



Term 1 has been incredibly busy for our wonderful Junior students!

On the 8th of March, all students participated in a very informative incursion run by the RACV. This supported students' learning of their Inquiry unit about Self, and how the choices they make impact themselves and others.

Fast forwarding to the 10th of March (that's right, just two days later!), our lucky Juniors went on an excursion to Dream City! Students were immediately immersed in various experiences; including podcasting, virtual reality, robotics, nursing and fire fighting. All activities provided opportunities for further development of persistence, curiosity, imagination and socialisation (these are just some of our Learning Powers!) On the way back to school, students commented on how fantastic the day was, as they did not do any learning! They were amazed to find out that this was not actually the case!

Thursday 10th also saw our Grade 1s attending their very first camp experience! Students participated in rotations including tower building, paper plane competitions and lots of dancing, followed by a delicious Grill'd dinner. It is safe to say that everyone slept well that night - teachers included!

In Literacy, students have been working hard to understand and include past tense verbs (e.g. slept, ran, played) and time connectives (first, next, finally) when speaking and writing. We welcome you to discuss these with your child when asking them about their learning experiences.

For the remainder of the term, students will continue to develop their understanding of recount writing, based on various experiences. They will also strengthen their understanding of comprehension strategies, including making predictions, connections and inferences when reading. Inferences are made when we connect clues from the text to what we already know (prior knowledge). For example, when our students eagerly run to their classroom in the morning with a smile on their face, we can infer that they are happy to come to school! Students will also extend their knowledge of place value, by reading, writing, ordering and manipulating two to three digit numbers.

We hope you enjoy discussing these exciting learning experiences with your children!



MIDDLE NEWS

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

This term the Middles have been exploring healthy habits as part of our Inquiry unit. We were lucky enough to visit Velisha farms where we were given the opportunity to learn about the plant life cycle and had tours around the farm and production facilities. Throughout the day the children also participated in a range of activities from measuring our heart rates during physical exercise and rest times as well as focussing on our mental health through meditation.

Middles have also been participating in specialist rotations each fortnight that are run by the middle teachers. Our 5 rotations include Art, Sport, ICT, Social and Emotional Well-being. Students have responded very positively to these experiences each session as they are able to work with and get to know the middle unit teachers and gain new skills in a variety of areas.

A huge congratulations is extended to our Grade 3 students, who have celebrated their first Sacrament of Reconciliation. It was such a wonderful night at St Andrew's Parish Church as we were able to celebrate this milestone with students' loved ones. The Corpus Christi Community could not be prouder of the way our Reconciliation candidates conducted themselves on the night.

We are looking forward to Holy Week and remembering the journey of Jesus during this holy period in the church calendar year.



Senior News

It's hard to believe we have been at school for a whole term. We have been immersed in so many areas of the curriculum. In Math's, reading and interpreting numbers has been a big focus as well as reading and converting time. We are experts now at interpreting timetables that can be used in everyday life, such as bus, school, and sports timetables. Maybe as a family, you could create a family schedule timetable for the week.

In Reading, we have finally gotten to the end of the novel "Holes". There have been many twists and turns in the plot, with lots of cliffhangers. We are so looking forward to watching the movie to compare it to the novel. Next term we are looking forward to delving deeper into a historical picture storybook. This will link with our Inquiry topic next term - The many faces of Australia (an immigration story). With a trip planned to the Melbourne Immigration Museum, this will surely be a great experience for our students. During the holidays, you and the family may like to discuss your family stories of immigration and descendants.

The Year Six's have been training and playing extremely well during our interschool sports program. There have been successes and losses but our students have had great mindsets and are wonderful examples of good sportsmanship.

Our Grade Five's have been enjoying their new leadership roles as buddies for our Foundation students. This program has been extremely beneficial for both year levels. The Foundation children have been successfully peer learning.

Our Grade Five's have been learning how to develop empathy, understanding and key relationship skills with our younger generations.



This week the students learnt how to choose a picture storybook and break it down into comprehension questions for a young Foundation audience.

Thanks for the amazing term, Seniors, we can't wait to continue the amazing learning we have been a part of, into next term.

Happy Holidays The Senior Team

Regards,

The Senior Unit Team

SNAPSHOTS FROM CAMP

A NIGHT WALK

As we hike up getting further, and further away from camp, the sun slowly drops down like gravity makes an object fall to the ground. You see the trees overlapping each other making a large canopy, The crunch of the leaves and the sticks as we continue going further up like sitting on a plane as it takes off, you could see the torches shining on the ground as the moon rises and the sun falls. The stars started showing and the sky was as clear as a very well-scrubbed window, you could hear the birds flying away and the owls hooting from far away like how your voice echoes in a wide and damp place. We saw animals along the way and the sounds of the trees rustling in the wind, the stars made a large circle that looked a lot like the milky way. You could see interesting things far away like using a telescope to watch the planets, slowly make their way across the solar system. You could see the flashing red and green lights in the sky from the planes passing by, we hear the relief of people when we finally made it back to camp.

By Adon Nguyen SKW

HORSE RIDING

I approached the colossal stallion with doubt and suspicion. I elevated my leg upward placing my leg on the footrest, I grasped its mane and the left rope. I swung my leg over onto the fuzzy and shaggy hair. As the filly in front of me started trotting my colossal stallion followed, we trudged along. The first obstacle was the blood orange cones my colossal stallion swerved through the cones.

By Jacob Alabakis

Regards,

The Senior Unit Team



EDUCATION IN FAITH

During the term we celebrated CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 13th—20th March. It is a week that is celebrated by all Catholic schools in Melbourne. This year the theme is 'The Way of the Gospel', encouraging us to focus on how we can live as people of faith in the way Jesus taught us.

The way of the gospel is what connects us in the spirit of Jesus. The spirit of Jesus is present in every Catholic school community from as far north as Seymour and as far south as Sorrento. As far east as Mansfield and as far west as Torquay.

Did you know there are 335 Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne? And around 17,000 staff work in these schools and 150,000 students attend these schools?

Confirmation

Our Year 6 students are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Thursday 19th May 6:30pm** at St. Andrew's church. Bishop Martin will be the main celebrant.

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

- A Family Confirmation evening will be held on **Tuesday 10th May 6:30pm**
- Confirmation Reflection Day for Candidates will be held on **Friday 13th May** at Portarlington.

Stations of the Cross

Next week on Thursday 7th April, Our Grade 6 children will perform the stations of the cross and present 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.

Holy Week Liturgy

The Juniors will prepare an online liturgy for Holy Week which can be viewed from next Friday 8th April via the Student Desktop. You may view the liturgy with your family during Holy Week and reflect on Jesus' passion leading up to Easter Sunday.

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". We ask that donations are given by the end of Term. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Living Faith Corpus Action Team

Archie Kesisoglou and Millar Giurfo are part of the student leadership team of 2022. 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!

Wishing you all a happy, holy Easter.

Miss Richelle Mendoza,

Religious Education Leader



Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Stations of the Cross performance - 7th April
- ◆ Holy Week Liturgy prepared by the Juniors. Liturgy can be viewed via Student Desktop - Friday 8th April
- ◆ ANZAC Day prayer service 10.30am- 26th April
- ◆ Mother's Day Stall—Thursday 5th May
- ◆ Mother's Day Liturgy - Friday 6th May
- ◆ Sacrament of Confirmation- 19th May 6:30pm



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

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Harper O'Loughlin (FKJ) and Lucas Pistone (1/2 RT), Indy McCormack (3/4NL) and Cooper Brenner (3/4 NL) who received a Great Mate prize at the last two assemblies. Teachers are constantly looking for students on the yard/playground who are kind, playing fairly, using their manners and including others. It was pleasing to see so many tokens in the "Great Mate" box which indicates the large number of students who were caught being kind and helping others. Well done to everyone who received a token.



Image by Elaine, age 6, 2021 Wynnies finalist.

WYNNIES ART PRIZE 2022

Wynnies Art Prize is Wyndham Art Gallery's annual art prize for children under 12. Wyndham's youngest artists will create an artwork that reflects their favourite experience of living in Wyndham.

All entries will be publicly presented and winners announced at a fun participatory event in conjunction with the Wyndham Art Prize. Entries close on Sunday 24 April 2022.



To find out more and to submit:

Scan the QR Code

Or visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/wynnies

Or email arts@wyndham.vic.gov.au



WELLBEING

EVERYONE BELONGS AND SPREAD KINDNESS!



On Friday 25th March, Corpus Christi celebrated Harmony Day and National Day Against Bullying. The day was aimed to engage students in conversations around belonging, respecting differences and spreading kindness. Students came to school wearing a touch of orange and participated in a classroom activity based around the focus of 'Everyone Belongs' and 'Spreading Kindness.'

GLOBAL EVENTS AND CHILD WELLBEING

There are global events currently playing out which may be having an impact on the feelings of safety and wellbeing for children and young people. Constant media coverage through television, radio and the internet, while necessary, exposes children and young people to disasters and traumatic events which may increase their anxiety and reduce their sense of safety and wellbeing. The following resource below may assist you in understanding how to support children during these times

Talking to children about natural disasters, traumatic events, or worries about the future
This **Emerging Minds** video introduces ways for parents and carers to manage media coverage of traumatic events, and talk to their children about their worries and fears



CORPUS SPORT NEWS



Fifteen Corpus Christi students qualified to swim for the Werribee District at the Division Swimming Championships on Wednesday 16th March. All students competed to the very best of their ability, some for the very first time at this level of competition. They all demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship and support to all their team members. Congratulations to every swimmer for displaying a positive mindset and working hard to achieve their personal best. A big thank you to our parents and carers who attended and assisted with cheering and marshalling on the day.



ALL THE BEST FOR THE REGIONALS!

Congratulations to the students below for progressing to the next level of competition. They will race in their respective individual and relay events at the Western Metropolitan Regional Swimming Championships in Geelong on Tuesday the 5th of April. Corpus Christi wishes you all the best!

WE ARE SO
Proud
OF YOU

Miss Dee Dundov
Interschool Sports Coordinator

Flynn Carey
Kalani Coates
Blake Davis
Bailey George
Mayer Hollingsworth
Khloe Lee
Olyvia Lee
Nicola Morris
Aurora Natoli
Sienna Santi
Samuel Simpson
Chloe Wale

REMINDER TO PARENTS AND CARERS - Term 1 2022 Learning Journey

On Thursday 7th April after school you will receive an email from Evidence for Learning with a link to open your child's Term 1 2022 Learning Journey. New parents to Corpus Christi will be sent two emails, one with the link the other with a password to open the program. (Please change the password to a preferred password.)

Learning Journeys are photos and comments to show parents samples of work your child has achieved in Term 1. Please note this document is not a Student Achievement Report.

It is recommended that Year 6 parents to download all documents and photos so you will have a permanent record of your child's Learning Journey

Parent Portal

If you have not received your login details to the **Parent Portal** can you please email Anne Walton via annew@ccwerrabee.catholic.edu.au. Thank you

2022 School Calendar and

Term 1

Friday 1 st April	Casual Clothes for an Easter Item / SUBWAY Day
Thursday 7 th April	Easter Raffle Draw

Term 2

Monday 25 th April	ANZAC Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL
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
Tuesday 17 th May	School Advisory Council meeting 6.30pm in the staffroom
Thursday 19 th May	Confirmation Celebration – St Andrew's Sports Centre at 6.30pm
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	Queen's Birthday Holiday - NO SCHOOL
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