



St Andrew's Parish

CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 4

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WEEK 1 ,TERM 2

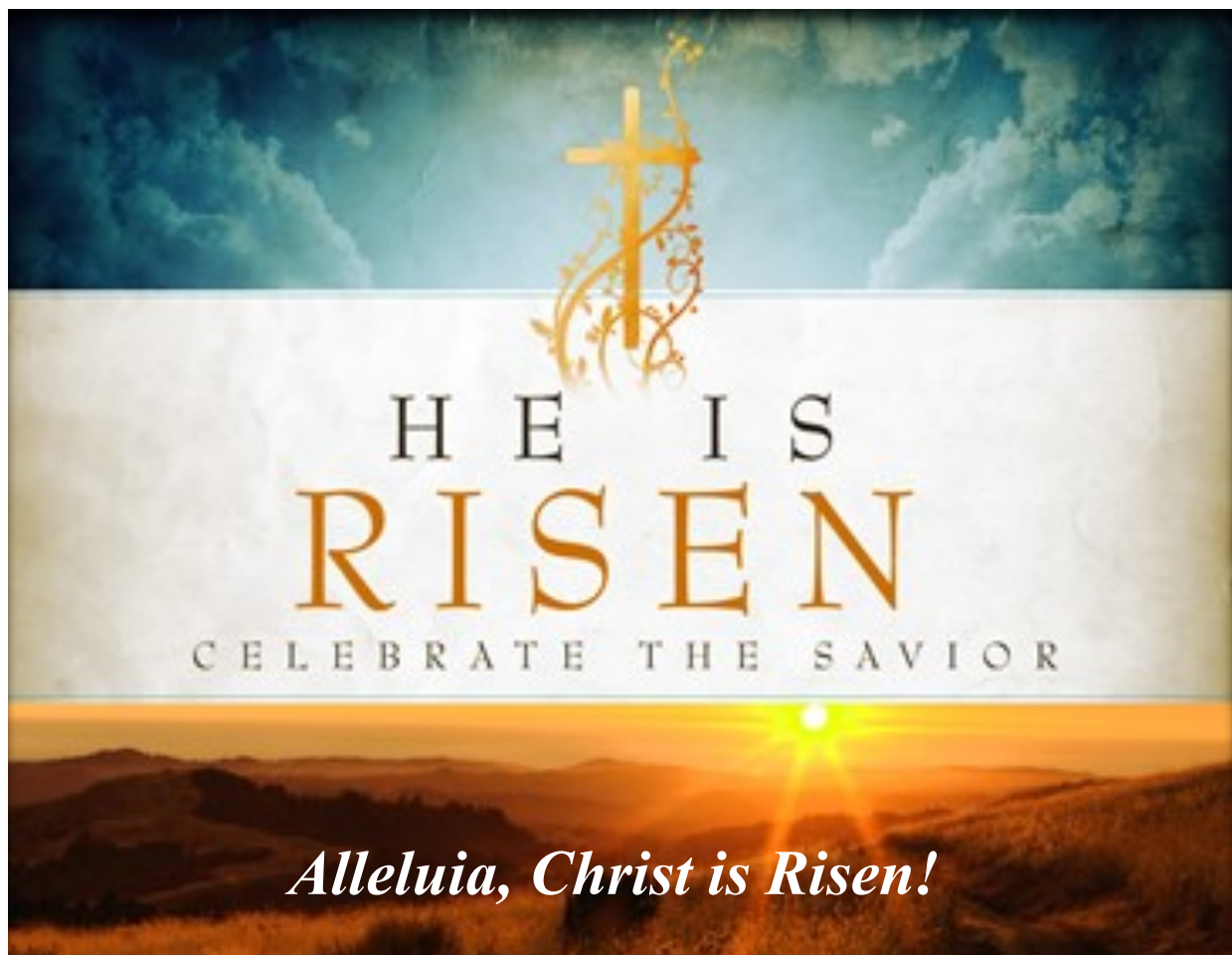
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Dear Parents and Carers,

WELCOME BACK FOR TERM 2, 2022

Hope all families were able to have some great times together during the break.

During the holidays we celebrated Easter Sunday! Easter is the most important feast in the Church's year. It is the time when we rejoice in the new life that Christ gave us through his death and resurrection. We are grateful for each other, for all we have: our families, our friends and our school community God's love and joy at work amongst us!



STAFF NEWS

We extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Rafaela Georgakakis who joins our Learning Diversity Team as Learning Support Officer. I am sure Rafaela will feel at home at Corpus Christi in no time at all!

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

It is my pleasure to announce that Miss Nicola De Rosbo-Davies has begun working at our school as a School Counsellor. Nicola will begin contacting current families who are on our list, as well as any new families who have requested a referral, in the coming weeks.

COVID UPDATE

As communicated to families earlier this week a number of changes to restrictions have been announced that affect schools as we returned to school this week.

Face masks

From 11.59 pm Friday 22 April, face masks, while recommended, are not required in any school setting. This means students in grades 3 to 6, staff and visitors in primary schools are no longer required to wear face masks. Any student or staff member who wishes to wear a mask may do so, including those who are medically at-risk.

Screening requirements

Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19, and have completed their 7-day isolation period, now do not need to undertake rapid antigen test (RAT) screening for 12 weeks after their release from isolation. This was previously 8 weeks.

Household contacts

Students and staff who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are no longer required to quarantine. They can return to school as long as they undertake rapid antigen tests (RAT) 5 times within their 7-day period and wear face masks indoors if they are aged 8 and above unless they have a valid exemption. Please notify the school if your child is a household contact.

If any household contact returns a positive RAT result during this period, they must isolate for 7 days and not attend school.

Vaccination Requirements for Visitors to Schools

Parents, carers and other adult visitors (not performing work) are no longer required to show evidence of two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

RAT screening program reminder

RATs will continue to be supplied for the first 4 weeks of Term 2 to support the early detection of COVID-19 in our school.

The testing recommendations will remain the same this Term for students and staff with a recommendation to test at home twice a week

As we approach winter and flu season, the vaccination of children aged 5 to 11 and booster shots for students 16+ remains the best way to ensure protection for students and staff.

If you have any concerns about getting your child vaccinated, please get in contact with your GP or another health professional who can answer your questions.

SCHOOL PROCESSES

As a school we are reviewing structures and processes related to the easing of restrictions that affect our school such as morning & dismissal procedures, volunteer and parent helper programs, school events like the Arts Show, School Disco etc. Any changes will be communicated to families as soon as possible.

The Front Gate on Russell St will be unlocked from now on. Bollards and a sign will be placed along the path to direct visitors to the school office. We will be erecting a permanent fence and gate to ensure entry can only occur through the office when required.

THERAPY DOG AT CORPUS CHRISTI

Earlier this week all families were notified of an opportunity to incorporate a Therapy Dog into our learning communities here at Corpus Christi. The letter sent to families included some research into the benefits of Animal Assistance Education (AAE) especially in the area of Wellbeing as well as a Slide presentation introducing the Therapy dog – Murphy, to our families.

We will be running a trial period for this support between the dates of 28/04/22 and 13/05/2022, in this time Murphy will be attending classrooms in the morning block of Mondays and Thursdays.

We want to ensure all measures are taken to support students that are allergic or are concerned about a dog being present at school. To do this please inform either Mr Quaife directly at tquaife@ccwerribee.catholic.edu.au or contact your child's classroom teacher. In addition, if you would like to know more about this program please don't hesitate contact Mr Quaife.



We look forward to an exciting term full of rich learning experiences as we work in partnership to ensure the best outcomes for all our children!

With kindest regards,

Linda

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 26th April until Friday 20th 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).

CONFIRMATION

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

- A Confirmation Evening for Parents and Sponsors will be held on **Tuesday 10th May** in the MFR at 6:30pm – we encourage parents and sponsors to attend this meeting with our confirmation candidates.
- Confirmation Reflection Day for Candidates will be held on **Friday 13th May** at Portarlinton.

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 the Sacrament of Confirmation.

PARENT TEACHER CHILD LEARNING CONVERSATIONS (PTCLCS)

As part of our Reporting Student Progress to Parents we will make available the following times for these important conversations:

- Monday 20th June from 1.00pm to 8.00pm - Please note the **early finish for children at 12.00pm on Monday 20th June** to enable conversations to take place.
- Tuesday 21st June from 3.30pm to 5.00pm
- Wednesday 22nd June from 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Bookings for these conversations will be able to be made through our Community Portal which will go live mid Term 2. Further details and instructions will be forwarded to all families as soon as possible.

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 were due by 8th April 2022. Any late applications need to be received by the school office asap. ***Please note that the enrolment of siblings is not automatic and an enrolment form needs to be received by the due date.***

NAPLAN - NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM LITERACY AND NUMERACY

NAPLAN is a national assessment program for Years 3 and 5 students, testing knowledge and skills in literacy and numeracy.

The results of the tests provide information for students, parents/carers, teachers and principals about student achievements that can be used to support learning and teaching programs.

The dates of the NAPLAN assessments for 2022 are scheduled within a two-week period beginning on Tuesday 10th May.

In the event that a parent/carer wishes to withdraw their son/daughter from NAPLAN 2022, signed parental consent using the “Student Withdrawal Form” is required. This form is available from Mrs Anna Yorston at the school office.

Later in the year, parents/carers will receive their child’s personal NAPLAN report.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Anna Yorston for further information at ayorston@ccwerribee.catholic.edu.au

2022 School Calendar and Important Dates

Term 2

2022 Sacrament Dates

Confirmation Celebration (Year 6) – Thursday 19th May (6:30pm)
First Eucharist Celebration (Years 4) – Thursday 11th August at 5.00pm & 6.30pm

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	<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)
	<i>Children dismissed at 12 noon</i>
Tuesday 21 st June	Parent, Teacher, Child Learning Conversations (PTCLCs)
Thursday 23 rd June	Assembly - End of Term – 9.00am
Friday 24 th June	<u>End of Term Two – Children dismissed at 1.00pm</u>

Term 3

Monday 11 th July	School Resumes for Term 3
Friday 22 nd July	Whole School Assembly
Friday 29 th July	Interschool Sports
Tuesday 26 th July	First Eucharist Family Night 6.30pm
Friday 5 th August	Interschool Sports
	Whole School Assembly
Tuesday 2 nd August	School Advisory Council Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 11 th August	First Eucharist Celebrations at 5.00pm and 6.30pm
Friday 12 th August	Interschool Sports
Friday 19 th August	Interschool Sports
	Whole School Assembly
Wednesday 24 th August	District Athletics Carnival
Friday 26 th August	Interschool Sports
Thursday 1 st September	Father's Day Stall
Friday 2 nd September	Father's Day Liturgy
	Interschool Sports
	Whole School Assembly
Thursday 15 th September	Whole School assembly
Friday 16 th September	<u>Term 3 Concludes – 1.00pm Dismissal</u>

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) On School Students with Disability

What is the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data?

Schools must now complete the *Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)* every year. It counts the number of students who receive additional adjustments or “help” at school because of a disability. The NCCD helps governments plan for the needs of students with disability.

Who is counted in the data collection?

To count a student in the NCCD, schools must think through some key questions:

1. Is the student getting help at school so that they can take part in education on the same basis as other students?
2. Is the help given because of a disability? The word ‘disability’ comes from the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#) (DDA) and it can include many students.
3. Has the school talked to you or your child about the help that they provide?
4. Has the school kept records about the help they provide, the student needs and the reasons that the student needs this help? The school will need to keep copies of tests, student work, assessments, records of meetings, medical reports or other paperwork and information about how the student’s learning is moving along over time.

Once the school decides that the student should be counted in the NCCD, they then choose a disability group and one of four levels of help that has been given to the student.

What does the word ‘disability’ mean in the NCCD?

In the NCCD the word ‘disability’ comes from the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#) (DDA). There are four types of disability that the school can choose from: sensory, cognitive, social-emotional and physical.

Many students that need help at school can be counted in the NCCD. For example, students with learning problems, e.g. specific learning disability or reading difficulty (sometimes called dyslexia), health problems (e.g. epilepsy or diabetes), physical disability (e.g. cerebral palsy), vision/hearing loss and social-emotional problems (e.g. selective mutism, Autism Spectrum Disorder, anxiety).

Letters from doctors or specialists can be very helpful for schools as they plan how to support students with their learning. Schools do not need to have these letters before they can count a

student in NCCD. Teachers can use all that they know about the student's learning and the records that they have collected over time to decide if a student can be counted in the NCCD.

What sort of help does the school give students?

Students need different types of help at school. Some students need a little help sometimes while other students need a lot of help nearly all the time. The type of help given depends on the needs of the student. The help can include changes to the school buildings or grounds (e.g. ramps or things like special desks or chairs), extra teacher help in classes, special learning programs, changes to the work they give the student or extra adult help.

How will the NCCD be different this year?

All schools have been counting students in the NCCD since 2015. The government will use the NCCD data as part of the funding to schools.

What will the school need to know about my child for the NCCD?

Schools work together with families to understand the needs of each child. It is helpful if families give their child's teacher a copy of any letters or reports they have. The letters or reports will help the school understand the child and the help that they might need. Letters from doctors, psychologists, speech pathologists, doctor, and occupational therapists etc. can be very helpful for schools. These reports along with information that the teacher has (i.e. school based tests, your child's work and learning plans) helps the school to understand and meet your child's needs.

What happens to the NCCD data? Who will have the NCCD information?

Each school principal must check the NCCD data in August of each year. The school will give the information to the Catholic Education Office. The school will work with the Catholic Education Office to make sure that the NCCD data is OK before they give the data to the government. The government will not be given the names of any students or any letters or records. Please ask your school for their privacy policy if you need to know more.

Does the school need me to agree with them about counting my child in the NCCD?

Amendments were made to the [Australian Education Act 2013](#) and [Australian Education Regulation 2013](#). Schools do not need you to agree to let them count a child in the NCCD. You cannot ask the school not to count your child.

Where can I find out more?

Please contact your child's school if you have further questions about the NCCD and/or refer to the national [NCCD Portal](#).