



St Andrew's Parish

## CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### NEWSLETTER 8

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WEEK 5 TERM 3

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

*Let us pray  
God, who loves us dearly,  
we thank you for the life of  
Saint Mary MacKillop.  
She showed us how to love and  
care for each other  
and how to trust you when  
everything seemed wrong.  
We ask her to pray for us at this time.  
May Saint Mary MacKillop  
help us to follow Jesus always.  
We ask this through Jesus.*

*Amen.*



### *Dear Parents and Carers,*

*This week we celebrate our first Australian Saint Mary MacKillop on her Feast Day. Her motto in life is, 'never see a need without trying to do something about it.'. Today all children and staff took part in a St Mary MacKillop Reflection prior to the Whole School Assembly.*

### STAFF NEWS

I wish to let you know that Mrs Elissa Ardizzon will be on Leave from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August until the end of the year. In addition, Mrs Maddison Lane will now be supporting across all levels in the school in a number of ways as Student Wellbeing Leader during the week.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Amanda Pino and Mrs Kelly Cowlshaw will teach Senior Ardizzon / Lane, which will become known as Senior Pino/Cowlshaw. We warmly welcome Mrs Pino to our school staff and we wish Mrs Ardizzon all the best while on Long Service Leave.

We also welcome to our staff team Mrs Adriana Everett and Mrs Marlene Zerafa who join the Learning Diversity Team as Learning Support Officers. I am sure they will feel part of our school in no time at all!



## FIRST EUCHARIST CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to all our children who celebrated their First Eucharist at St Andrew's Church last night, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August. We wish to especially thank the Middle Unit Team - Mrs Carley Dawson, Mr Eugene Volkwyn, Mrs Naomi La Rosa, Miss Anthea Corby, Miss Dakota Byrne and Mr Mark Warren along with the marvellous support of our Religious Education Leader, Miss Richelle Mendoza, for preparing the children so well. Thank you to all staff who supported these children on their special day and through programs back at school. We also acknowledge and thank all Parents and Carers for your work in preparing the children during this most important time and for helping your child to understand the true meaning of this special sacrament that they received Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist.

*I ask that you keep these children and their families and teachers in your prayers.*

*May we together continue to support these and all our children in their faith journey.*





## 100 DAYS AT SCHOOL



*Congratulations to  
our Foundation  
students who  
celebrated 100 days  
of school recently.*

*What a group of  
superstars!*

*With Kind Regards,  
Linda*

## ILLNESSES AND ABSENCES

We continue to thank you for your ongoing support of your children, the students and the school community, especially with the notification of unwell students and keeping children home when they are unwell. We are very grateful for this.

Daily at school, we too continue to battle with staff absences due to Covid and all the other nasty bugs raising their heads. I would like to take this opportunity to also thank the staff of Corpus Christi for their commitment and flexibility to ensure the learning and teaching and wellbeing of the students continues as a priority. A great community effort by all.

## SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

We have received correspondence from MACS in recognition of the efforts schools are making in minimising disruption for staff and students despite the high number of COVID-19 and flu cases. MACS appreciate that the staff shortages these cases have caused and the resulting reduction in access to CRTs has made it difficult to release teachers for professional practice time. Because professional practice time remains significant to delivering improved educational outcomes and maintaining staff engagement, the MACs Executive Leadership Team have approved an additional Student Free Day for MACS Primary Schools. The following days have been organised as Student Free Days for the remainder of the year.

## TERM 3

This term we will have two school closure days when children will be at home while staff take part in Professional Learning sessions. The two school closure days in Term 3 will focus on areas identified through the School Review process conducted in 2021 in relation to School Improvement. (This will mean a four-day midterm break for our students.)

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August – Focus: Student Voice and Agency**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August – Focus: Faith & Hope for the Future**

**The remaining Student Free Days allocated to schools for the year will be in Term 4**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Staff Planning 2023**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Handover / Preparation 2023**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Staff Day**

**Children break up for the Christmas holidays on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 3.05pm**

## COVID UPDATE

You will be aware by now that the Department of Health and the Education Department is recommending that **masks be worn indoors by staff, students and visitors to school** until the end of winter. Disposable masks are available for students at school, we would appreciate your support in encouraging your child to mask up.

For your information I remind you of the following:

**COVID emails:** Schools are still required to notify their community of COVID cases within the school so the Positive COVID case notifications will continue until further notice

**COVID notifications from families:** We ask that families continue to notify the school if their child has COVID or is a close contact

**Close contacts:** Close contacts are still required to wear masks at school if they are over 8 years of age  
**Schools are still required to report absences to MACS.**

**RATs:** The school will get 3 further shipments of RATs each term and these will be distributed so that families still have access to RATs if symptomatic.



## JUNIOR NEWS

Another term, another excursion! Upon arrival at Melbourne Zoo on July 29th, all groups eagerly headed off to explore various trails, including the Lion Gorge, Wild Sea and the Gorilla Rainforest. The day allowed students to visually connect features of animals and their habitats, to recent learning experiences about the continents of the world. Throughout the term, students will continue to learn about various habitats within the northern and southern hemispheres, as well as inquire into natural and human impacts on these environments.

In Literacy, students have enjoyed engaging in a range of language experiences, in order to prompt their writing of procedural texts. Students in Yellow Community made a 'mysterious mess' (aka oobleck!), Green community blew bubbles and White Community made bubble art! All experiences focused heavily on the development of students' vocabulary; in particular, adjectives, verbs and adverbs.

Students have also been busy developing their understanding of multiplication strategies, including equal groups, repeated addition and arrays. They have also explored different types of graphs and data representations.

For the remainder of the term, Juniors will continue to extend their vocabulary, revise the structure of and write narrative texts, as well as explore the connections between multiplication and division. They will also continue learning about People of God and seek to find different ways to be people of God in our world today.

Yours in partnership,

*The Junior Team*





## **FOUNDATION NEWS**

In Foundation we have had such an exciting start to the Term! Celebrating 100 days of Foundation was such a fantastic time for all involved!

We have stepped back in time this term and have been comparing and contrasting things from the past and the present. It has been interesting to learn about how things have changed over time. Having the opportunity to investigate these items even further during our Discovery sessions has been wonderful. We are looking forward to having some grandparents come in and be guest speakers to give us an insight into how things have changed throughout their lives.

In Literacy we have been looking at Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales and how the language has changed. We have been identifying what has happened at the beginning, middle and end of these stories and also making 'text to self' connections.

In Numeracy, we have been learning about addition and have been using concrete materials to consolidate this learning. We have also begun our measurement unit and have been investigating how long or short things are, how heavy they are and how much different objects can hold. We have been fortunate enough to work with our buddies to discover these concepts even further, which has been so much fun!

In Religion we have been learning all about Mary Mackillop - the connections she has with our school and the wonderful person she was. We were so lucky to have the opportunity to go next door to visit the Mackillop Chapel on St Mary Mackillop's Feast Day. It was a wonderful experience for the students and one that will be treasured for years to come.

We have our excursion to Werribee Park Mansion coming up very soon. This will be a beneficial way of tying together what we have learnt about the past, while also showcasing the wonders of our local community.

Yours in partnership,

*The Foundation Team*

## **MIDDLE NEWS**

This term in Inquiry, Middle students have been learning about exploration, immigration and settlement in Australia from different perspectives. This week, students were given the opportunity to create a class display of a timeline that would be a continuous project over the next couple of weeks. Their task was to research and explore key Australian events in history that would then be added to the display. Some events that students recorded included the Gold Rush, Beginning of the AFL and AFLW, the first ANZAC day commemoration, the Great Depression, the first female Prime Minister, the Melbourne and Sydney Olympic Games and the canonisation of Mary Mackillop. We look forward to seeing how the timeline progresses over the next couple of weeks.

The sacrament of Eucharist was celebrated by our Grade 4 students on Thursday 11th August. Our information evening gave students the opportunity to listen to their parents share memories about their own Eucharist, as well as reflecting on and sharing memories of their child's Baptism. Last week, students again celebrated their Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of their Eucharist preparation, and participated in a Eucharist Reflection Day at St Andrews Parish. Students had a wonderful day. Please keep our Grade 4 candidates in your prayers. Later this term we will be exploring the life and impact of St Mary MacKillop.

*The Middle Team*



## SENIOR NEWS

We have reached the halfway point of Term Three. So much learning has been packed into the last four weeks. The Seniors have been analysing and making connections between the different characters and settings of the movie *Raya and the Last Dragon*. We have discovered that movie productionists use a variety of techniques to enhance your experience of a movie. We discovered how colour, themes and character traits can link with emotions.

An example of this is:

TALON Market is a setting of bright and busy colours such as purple, orange and yellow. These colours are linked with the emotions of happiness and fun. Baby Noi lives in the tribe called Talon. She is a very humorous and sassy and an appealing character.

Maths has been all about fractions. We have been investigating how fractions can be equivalent to other fractions and learning the algorithm to calculate the fraction of an amount. We will be continuing our understanding of fractions and how they relate to decimals. Students will also continue exploring data visual representations through the use of digital technology.



Learning about Government has been a lot of fun. We have firstly learnt about the three levels of government within Australia: Local, State and Federal. The students were immersed in an experience of different forms of leadership structures. This was an amazing experience and we learnt that we would not like to live in a country of a Dictatorship Leadership structure. Ask your child about what life would be like in a dictatorship, anarchy, monarchy or democratic society. Last week we were a part of an incursion, where we experienced what it was like to be a voted party into the House of Representatives. Who knows, we might just have some future politicians within our community. Next we will be conducting different persuasive speeches about a problem from either the Local, State or Federal government level.

## The Senior Team

### Shining Christ's Light Awards

The below student was recognised for her wonderful attributes and always striving to do her best, being her best and above all, being kind.

Yvette



### Great Mate Awards

Congratulations to the following students 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. 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?

Tanya & Ava





## **CORPUS CHRISTI PARENTS & FRIENDS**



### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Wednesday August 17th - special Subway lunch. Lunch is to be ordered via the link [www.subsforyou.com](http://www.subsforyou.com) **NO LATER** than **11:30am Monday 15th August**

### **Father's Day Stall**

A Father's Day stall will be held on Thursday 1st September. All students will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for a special male in their lives. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the school office and leave your name, child/s name and the time you are able to assist. Just a reminder that all volunteers must have a current WWC check.

### **Tony's Pies Fundraiser**

After a huge success last year, we will once again engage the services of Tony's Pies as a major fundraiser for the year. Order forms will be sent home next week. Families will have 3 weeks to collect as many orders as possible. Ask your family, neighbours and friends to place an order. All orders and money will be due **NO LATER** than Wednesday 7th September. Orders will be delivered on Tuesday 13th September - just in time for the school holidays.

### **School Disco:**

Save the date: Thursday 15th September for the Corpus Christi School Disco. F-2 disco is from 5:00-6:30pm. Years 3-6 disco is from 7:00-8:30pm. More information will be provided soon.

### **Scholastic Book Club**

Many thanks to everyone who purchased books through the last order. A total of \$1,170.00 was spent which is a great effort. The school receives a percentage of all sales that go towards purchasing new resources for the students.

### **Next meeting...**

**Wednesday 17th June at @ 7.00pm.**

Kind Regards,

Katrina Ferlazzo

### **A MASSIVE THANK YOU :**

*Connie Forte ( Grandmother of Dante and Alessia Mammarella)*

*Felicity Morrow ( Mum of Jack Morrow)*

*Terri Beirne ( Grandma of Lachlan Potts)*

*Josephine Rodrigo (Grandma of Aanya, Rian and Thea Reddy)*

*Your sewing efforts for our sensory mazes are AMAZING! Corpus Christi really appreciates your time and effort!*

## **SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS**

Just a friendly reminder that all lunch orders are to be ordered online via the following links:

### **Sunrise Takeaway**

Available Monday to Friday

Click on the link to place your order: [www.schoollunchonline.com.au](http://www.schoollunchonline.com.au)

### **The Little Deli & Panini Bar**

Available on Friday (only)

Click on the link to place your order:

[www.thelittledeli.com.au/corpuschristi-werribee](http://www.thelittledeli.com.au/corpuschristi-werribee)



All orders need to be placed **BEFORE 9:00am** for delivery the same day.

**When ordering lunches, please use the drop down menu to choose your child's classroom teacher.**

**This will ensure that lunches are delivered to the correct classroom.**





## EDUCATION IN FAITH

# Congratulations!

### Eucharist news

We congratulate our First Eucharist candidates who received their First Eucharist on the 11th August at St. Andrew's Church. Fr. Jossy celebrated both masses, we thank you for your support and prayers throughout the children's sacramental journey.

### St. Mary MacKillop

This week we celebrated the Feast day of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop. We remember the dedication and courage St. Mary MacKillop had to reach those in most need. All units will be exploring St. Mary MacKillop and the connections we can make to our lives. Our Senior Unit will lead the reflection- highlighting her faith, courage and tenacity. Share with your child "How can we be more like Mary MacKillop in our world today?"

### Feast of the Assumption

On Monday 15th August we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Pope Francis says "On the feast of the Assumption, when Mary completes her journey on this earth, she precedes us in the pilgrimage of life and faith..."

"We ask her to keep us and support us; so that we may have a strong, joyous and merciful faith," he said. "May she help us to be holy, so that we might meet with her, one day, in Heaven."

Cooper Brenner  
Oliver Hollingsworth  
Madelyn Magro  
Jayden Ralph  
Rian Reddy  
Edward Watts  
Luca Afferi  
Mia Camara-Walsh  
Stephanie Cutropia  
Blake Davies  
Allira Gilham  
Ella Santamaria  
Brianna Kourouvakalis  
Lucas Schembri  
Samuel Simpson  
Owen Whyte

Charlize D'Orio  
Eva Giurfo  
Olyvia Lee  
Kevin Moore  
Alessia Mammarella  
Jack Miles  
Aimee Schwind  
Cristian Spera  
Scarlett Barsenbach  
Emmanuella Bonsange  
Jennifer Cassar  
Bailey George  
Zachary Spiteri  
Harry Wells

Lachlan Acciarito  
Sebastian Calabro  
Thomas Grapsas  
Olivia Loncarevic  
Julia Pascuzzo  
Rachel Perino  
Zara Ferlazzo  
Frankie McKinnis  
Samuel Rainone  
Scarlett Spry  
Isaac Stomps

Harry Hayes  
Christian Liangos  
Indianah Micallef  
Gus Shaw  
Matilda White



Miss Richelle Mendoza,

*Religious Education Leader*



**Upcoming Events:**

- 12th August- St. Mary MacKillop reflection via zoom before assembly
- 1st September- Father's Day Liturgy and Event - 6.30pm via Zoom

### Gratitude

Do you find when you ask your child “how was school today?” or “What did you learn today?” you don’t get much detail from your child.

It is time to shift the focus of the conversations with your child so that you can assist/teach them to have a positive mindset but also have deeper conversations with your child about their day.

A gratitude routine will assist to change the conversation. Here is a simple way to build a gratitude routine with your children to enable them to acknowledge all the great things in their day. Developing a gratitude routine will also assist with finding out more about your child’s day.

It's called  
♥ **GLAD** ♥  
GratITUDE  
Learning  
Accomplishment  
Delighted

It's a lovely way to build a mindset  
of gratitude through simple  
reflection.

☆ GRATITUDE	
What is one thing I am grateful for on this day?	
☆ LEARNING	
What is one thing I learned today?	
☆ ACCOMPLISHMENT	
What is one thing I accomplished today?	
☆ DELIGHTED	
What is one thing that delighted me today? What made me laugh, smile, or feel joy?	

**WITH THIS RITUAL, YOU & YOUR CHILD WILL:**

-  wire your brains for gratitude and positivity
-  start focusing on what's going right
-  find more joy by paying attention to the life around you in a more positive and self-aware way

Plus, it's a beautiful way get closer to your child.

INCORPORATE THIS RITUAL INTO YOUR CHILD'S BEDTIME ROUTINE OR SHARE IT AT THE DINNER TABLE AS A FAMILY.



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**Learn How to Tune into Your Child**

8 weeks of free programs

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**



wyndham Youth Service

### Parenting Support

#### Learn How to Tune into Your Child

This 8 week course is scheduled to commence in October however, it is recommended that if you are interested you find out more information now and email your expression of interest.

Tuning in to Kids is an 8-week parenting program that focuses on the emotional connection between parents/carers and their children. Tuning in to Kids is best suited for parents/ caregivers of children aged between 5-11 years of age.

This evidence-based program has proven to be successful in improving parenting, parent-child relationships and children’s emotional competence and behaviour.

To express interest and for further information please email  
[middleyears counselling@wyndham.vic.gov.au](mailto:middleyears counselling@wyndham.vic.gov.au)

Stay safe and stay connected.

Maddison Lane  
Wellbeing Leader



# 2022 School Calendar and Important Dates

## Term 3

Wednesday 17th August	P&F Meeting 7:00pm (via Zoom)
Thursday 18th August	<b>SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY</b>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	District Athletics Carnival - selected students
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	Interschool Sports - Year 6s
Tuesday 30th August	School Council Meeting 6:30pm
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Father's Day Stall
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Father's Day Liturgy
	Interschool Sports - Year 6s
	Whole School Assembly @ 2:05pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>FOOTY COLOURS DAY</b>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Whole School assembly 9:00am
	SCHOOL DISCO
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	<u><b>Term 3 Concludes – 1:00pm Dismissal</b></u>

## Term 4

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	<b>Term 4 Begins—Students return to school</b>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Back - to - School BBQ – Year 6s 2021 and Year 6s 2022 <i>(postponed date to be advised)</i>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Mission Month Prayer Service 9:00am
	Whole School Assembly
Tuesday 18th October	P&F Meeting at 7:00pm
Wednesday 19th October	ARTS Show 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Thursday 27th October	Middle Camp - Lady Northcote
Friday 28th October	Middle Camp - Lady Northcote
	Whole school Assembly
Monday 31st October	School Closure Day
Tuesday 1st November	Melbourne Cup Holiday
Thursday 3rd November	Foundation 2023 Transition Session One
	All Saints and All Souls Liturgy - 9:00am
Friday 4th November	Book Character Parade