



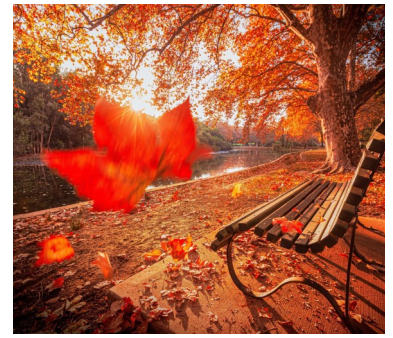
St Andrew's Parish

CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 2

Friday 3 March 2023

WEEK 6 TERM 1

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

"Together We Shine Christ's Light"

Term One is continuing to progress smoothly with students settling into routines and working hard. Thank you for all your support and your contribution to the smooth start to your child's beginning to the 2023 School Year!

It is difficult to believe that we will head into Week 7 next week. On Tuesday we held a Foundation 2024 Information session that was very well attended. Enrolments for Foundation 2024 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 2024 I ask that applications for enrolment are received by Thursday 6th April 2023. *Please note that the enrolment of siblings is not automatic and an enrolment form needs to be received by Friday 28th April.*

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

I wish to formally acknowledge the wonderful work by our Parents and Friends Committee and the great support we receive from our whole school community for all events / activities planned by the committee every year. The committee work enthusiastically and passionately throughout the year and the time they give and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

In 2022 over \$15,000 was raised by our school community for the benefit of all children at our school.

This was a magnificent effort. Thank you!

Funds raised in 2022 and the funds we raise in 2023 will go towards the installation of Electronic Signage in the front of our school. We have engaged with "Corporate Sign Industries" to undertake this work and they currently have plans and permit requests with Council.

Our next Parents & Friends meeting will be held on Thursday 17th March at 1.30pm in the MFR. Please join us if you are able to. All welcome.

TWILIGHT FAMILY NIGHT

What a fabulous evening we had at our Twilight Family Night on Wednesday !

Thank you to all families in our wonderful school community who were able to attend and make it such a success.

An enormous thank you goes to the many P&F Committee members for their wonderful organisation and support of so many aspects related to the evening.

A special thank you goes to all our parents who ensured we were extremely well fed with delicious BBQ sausages!!

Thank you also to all the families who donated additional items or money so generously to the school for this fundraiser. We really appreciate your generosity.

A special note of gratitude goes to Mrs Stefanie Harvey for overseeing all aspects of this event and I wish to acknowledge and thank all staff who were able to attend, for their presence and support at this engaging and successful Corpus Christi event!



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

I wish to acknowledge and sincerely thank all our parents who helped our children on our School Photo Day on Thursday 2nd March for their wonderful support. We thank Lauren Zausa (Jacob 3/4DW & Liana 1/2 GG), Natalie Pino (Olivia 5/6JB & 3/4DB), Ellie Van Dorp (Audrey 1/2MB), Lauren Martin (Lilly Martin 1/2MB & Oliver FSM) and Dee-Ann Rawle (Xavier 3/4EV & Hunter 1/2MB). The day ran extremely efficiently because of the time and effort offered by them. All went smoothly and all children 'looked their best' for their 2023 school photo. Thank you!

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.

PLEASE also ensure you only park in designated parking bays and not illegally on pavements and centre strips.

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.

TWILIGHT FAMILY NIGHT



At Corpus Christi we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our school.

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

Staff News

On Tuesday 14th March we welcome **Mrs Rachel Rowe** to our school as Administration officer. Rachel comes to us with much experience working in an education administration setting. We look forward to welcoming Rachel to our Corpus Christi School Community.

We congratulate **Mrs Kelly** and her husband on the announcement that they are expecting their first child in June this year. Wonderful news!

Linda

NAPLAN INFORMATION



This year NAPLAN will occur between **Wednesday the 15th of March and Friday the 17th of March** for the Year 3 & 5 students. There will be catch up sessions held during the following week for students that missed certain assessments.

NAPLAN assessments can cause some stress with students and families and we believe that by sending a consistent message across our community we can relieve some of these stresses.

NAPLAN gives us a snapshot of where we are as a school at a certain period in time and although we value this data we value our student wellbeing more. We encourage students to try their best and we as teachers explain the purpose of the assessment and how it is important from a whole cohort point of view and not on a student to student basis. We also encourage students to see it as an opportunity to challenge their learning in a different method to what they normally would.

If you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming NAPLAN assessment, please contact me and we can discuss further options or means of support for your child.

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Thanks,

Thomas Quaife

Learning & Teaching / Literacy Leader

REMIND APP 2023

Seniors @ccsnr2023

Middles @middle2023

Juniors @jrwhite23

@jryellow23

@jrgreen23

Foundation @ccfd23



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.

In the first few weeks of term, we have been learning our Stage 1 letters and sounds (m, s, f a, p, t and i). We have been enjoying the Milo's Birthday Surprise storybook, meeting a new character and sound regularly. We have also 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. Our buddies joined us for a Maths lesson and helped us make a dog to represent the number 4, as dogs have 4 feet. We have been listening to stories and singing lots of songs to learn about the days of the week.

We sang and prayed together at our Beginning of Year Whole School Mass and as a Foundation Unit we came together to learn about and celebrate Ash Wednesday. During these celebrations 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 Junior Unit Team*



JUNIOR NEWS



A huge congratulations is extended to our incredible Junior students, who have done a marvellous job of settling into the 2023 school year! In order to support students' as they settle into a new year, a large emphasis has been placed on the development of social skills, respect and our school expectations. Discussions about independently problem solving, coping with setbacks and socialisation will continue throughout the term, during Inquiry and Wellbeing lessons.

In Reading, students have been investigating 'good fit' books; this means, books that are not too easy, not too hard, but just challenging enough to continue extending their knowledge as independent readers. Students were eager to set up their Book Boxes, which are used daily during Read to Self time.



Last week was an exciting time for students and teachers alike, as we celebrated Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, symbolising the beginning of Lent. It was certainly a treat for all to enjoy some pancakes on a school day!

We encourage families to keep up to date via the Remind app.

*With warm regards,
The Junior Unit Team*

MIDDLE NEWS

The Middles have had a great start to the year. The students have settled in well into their communities and are stepping up to the expectations of being a middle student at Corpus Christi.

On Tuesday the 21st of February 2023, the Grade 3 students and their families participated in a very engaging and informative Family Reconciliation Evening facilitated by Mrs Viv Adamko and Anna Demetriou. In a few weeks our students will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the St Andrews Parish.

In literacy we are exploring the text '*After the Fall*'. Students have been engaged in closely studying the text, interpreting its meanings and exploring the author's purpose etc.

Yours in Partnership,

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.

We have been immersed in the novel called 'Hoots' by Carl Hiaasen. Throughout the book we have been discovering Roy Eberhardt's journey into his first year at Trace Middle School. After listening to chapters of the Hoot story we have been thinking within the text and beyond the text by inferring about different characters and the plot.

In Religion, we looked at different prayer types; traditional and personal. We have also made our own prayer beads. Each bead represents something important in our lives.

Our buddy program for our Grade 5s has begun as well as Interschool sports for our Grade 6s. We are starting to get ready for our camp experience in week 9. We are getting very excited and can't wait for this amazing experience.

Yours in Partnership,

The Senior Unit Team



EDUCATION IN FAITH

BEGINNING OF YEAR MASS

Our theme for this year is “Together We Shine Christ’s Light”. We celebrated this as a whole school and we reflected on how we can shine Christ’s light at school, home and within the community using the unique gifts we have. Fr Albert celebrated mass with us.



FIRST 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 8th March 6:30pm at St. Andrews. We pray for our children who will receive this special sacrament.

Max Collins Sophie Davis Leo Di Stefano Joseph Finch Knox Fisher Levi Hanley Ilaria Messina Leah Schwind Patrick Simpson Hayley Wale Alice Watts	Payton Acciarito Jordan Antonio Abel Cherian Lexie Hand Preston Madden Adrian Pappa Lucas Pistone Xavier Rawle Mason Wood Tia Zausa	Jack Atkins Noah D’Alfonso Scarlett Fragapane Taylor Grey Lincoln Hein Amelie Keating Louise Magro Kristian Marevic Mason Pascoe Emma Ryan Ziggy Spry
Elisha Binu Flynn Cowlshaw Jake Davie Ava Fuller Pearl Keogh Samson Lee Dante Mammarella Mason Miles John Ricca Julia Santhaseelan Francesca Sgro	Taylor Acciarito Otis Boulton Patrick Gauci Taylor George Sienna Loughlin Jordan Torcello	

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 2023 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://www.caritas.org.au/resources/project-compassion/>

Lenten Prayer

Almighty and ever living God,
you invite us deeper into your world, your
people, your Lent.

May this time be one of outward focus;
seeking you in those we often ignore.

Help us live a Lent focused on freedom,
generosity, and encounter.

Give us hearts hungry to serve you
and those who need what we have to give.

Amen

Upcoming Events:

8th March- First Reconciliation Celebration at St. Andrew's 6:30pm.

12th - 19th March- Catholic Education Week

3rd April - Stations of the Cross led by Year 6 students

Families are welcome to join us at 2.05pm
on the school oval for the Stations of the Cross

6th April - Holy Week Liturgy before Assembly

Miss Richelle Mendoza,

Religious Education Leader

MURPHY'S RETURN TO SCHOOL

Murphy came back to school last Friday and had a great day seeing all the students again. She started her day on the gate and spent some time in Senior Ware.

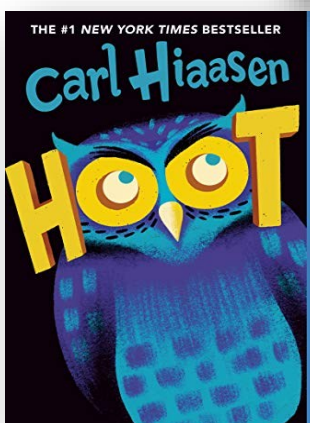


LITERACY

This year in Literacy we are incorporating rich and mentor texts into our learning. By using these texts we are able to analyse and develop a deep understanding of the author's craft.

In Writing, we use mentor texts to learn about how authors have formed and created different sentences. Students will then experiment by manipulating and patterning the written sentences in different ways. This in turn, encourages them to be more creative with the craft of their own writing. Some of the text we have been using in writing across the school are: *Jetty Jumping* (Juniors), *Dog Lost* (Middles) & *Girl on Wire* (Seniors)

In Reading, we have been using the rich texts: *After The Fall* (Middles) & *Hoot* (Seniors). By using these texts we have been able to get students thinking far more comprehensively about the settings, characters and plot. This has helped develop those strategic actions of reading that helps us understand and interpret the information embedded in text.



PRINCIPAL'S SHINING CHRIST'S LIGHT AWARD



Great Mate Winners
Lockie, Amelia S and Chiara



Great Mate Winners
Eleanor, Bailey, Emmi and Lucy



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 **instruction begins directly at 8:45am.**

Please be aware that classrooms **open at 8:30am** 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.

2023 School Calendar and Important Dates

TERM 1

Tuesday 7 th March	School Advisory Council Meeting in the Staffroom – 6.30pm
Wednesday 8 th March	Reconciliation Celebration 6.30pm St Andrew's Church
Monday 13 th March	Labour Day — Public Holiday No School Today
Wednesday 15 th March	1.30pm Parents and Friends Meeting in the MFR
Friday 17 th March	Whole School Assembly 2.05pm
Sunday 12 th to 19 th March	Catholic Education Week
Wednesday 15 th March	NAPLAN Begins
Monday 20 th to Wed 22 nd March	Senior Camp
Thursday 23 rd March	Raising Kids in a Digital World 2023 Webinar
Monday 3 rd April	2.05pm Stations of the Cross – Led by the Senior Students
	Grade 1 Dinner – 3.30pm to 6.00pm
Thursday 6 th April	Holy Thursday
	Whole School Assembly 9.00am

Good Friday - 7th April

Term 1 Concludes at 3.05pm

Easter Sunday - 9th April

Easter Monday - 10th April

TERM 2

Monday 24 th April	Term 2 Begins
Tuesday 25 th April	ANZAC Day Holiday
Tuesday 9 th May	Confirmation Family Evening 6.30pm
Friday 12 th May	9.00am Mother's Day Liturgy
	2.05 Whole School Assembly
Tuesday 16 th May	School Advisory Council Meeting
Wednesday 17 th May	7.00pm Parents and Friends Meeting
Friday 19 th May	Grade 6 Reflection Day
Thursday 25 th May	Confirmation Celebration at 6.30 at St Andrew's Church
Friday 26 th May	2.05pm Whole School assembly
Friday 2 nd June	Corpus Christi Feast Day
	Subway Lunch
Thursday 8 th June	School Closure Day
Friday 9 th June	School Closure Day
Monday 12 th June	Queen's Birthday Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 13 th June	School Advisory Council meeting 6.30pm in the staffroom
Monday 19 th June	Parent, Teacher, Child Learning Conversations (PTCLCs)
	Children Dismissed at 12 noon
Tuesday 21 st June	Parent, Teacher, Child Learning Conversations (PTCLCs)
	P&F Meeting 1.30pm in the MFR
Thursday 22 nd June	School Disco
Friday 23 rd June	Assembly - End of Term – 9.00am
	<u>End of Term Two – Children dismissed at 1.00pm</u>

WEBINAR

RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD 2023

FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Social Media

Online Gaming

Cyberbullying

Impacts of Screen Time

Child & Tween Online Trends

Carley McGauran
Psychologist

Martin McGauran
Educator

Explicit/Adult Content

Strengthening Family Communication

Managing Devices in the Home

Corpus Christi Catholic School

Thursday 23 March

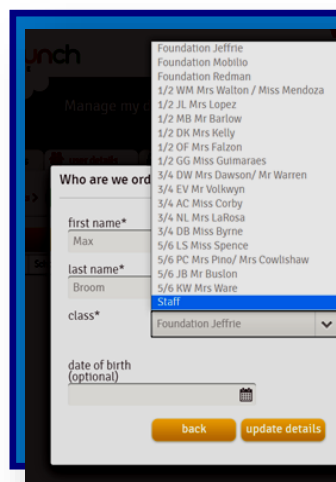
7.30pm | Online

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Instrumental Lessons at Corpus Christi

There are places for Piano and Drum lessons at Corpus Christi. Lessons are one-on-one and taught during school hours. Please call Richard on **9388-2251** for cost and information. Or you can email keyboardman_uk@yahoo.co.uk



Who are we ordering for
Foundation Jeffrie
Foundation Mobilio
Foundation Redman
1/2 WM Mrs Walton / Miss Mendoza
1/2 JL Mrs Lopez
1/2 MB Mr Barlow
1/2 DR Mrs Kelly
1/2 OF Mrs Falzon
1/2 GG Miss Guimaraes
3/4 DW Mrs Dawson/ Mr Warren
3/4 EV Mr Volkwyn
3/4 AC Miss Corby
3/4 NL Mrs LaRosa
3/4 DB Miss Byrne
5/6 LS Miss Spence
5/6 PC Mrs Pino/ Mrs Cowlishaw
5/6 JB Mr Buslon
5/6 KW Mrs Ware
Staff
Foundation Jeffrie

first name*
Max

last name*
Broom

class*
Foundation Jeffrie

date of birth (optional)

back update details


school lunch
ONLINE

Parents & Carers

Please use the **correct classroom** when ordering lunch on-line to ensure it is delivered to the correct room.