



St Andrew's Parish

CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 3

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

"Together We Shine Christ's Light"

Thank you to all families who contributed a Family Candle symbol which we have used in a school display in the MFR.



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 Cowlshaw, Mr Quaife, Mrs Pino, Mr Buslon, Mrs Muscat, Mrs Tuite, Mrs Freeman, Mrs Portelli, Miss Spence, Mrs Maple and Miss Mendoza 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!

STAFF NEWS

It is with pleasure that we welcome Rachel Rowe to our school staff as Administration officer. I am sure that Rachel will feel a part of our community in no time at all.

I also wish to inform families that Miss Gabriela Guimaraes will be leaving Corpus Christi School at the end of Term One. Gabriela has accepted a position teaching in an area of her passion – STEM – at another Catholic primary school.

Mrs Jessica Williams (nee Clarke) has been appointed to replace Gabriela in Junior Guimaraes from the start of Term 2, Monday 24th April. We look forward to having Jessica return to our school and joining the White Community. Jessica and Gabriela will have planning and handover opportunities in the coming week to ensure a smooth transition for children and families.

We wish Gabriela every success in her new position and we warmly welcome Jessica to her new role as Home Group teacher in the White Community!

Congratulations

It is with pleasure that we inform our community that Mrs Naomi La Rosa and her husband will be welcoming their first child in September this year! We wish them all the best!

CONFIRMATION 2023

Our Year 6 students are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 25th May 2023 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.

FOUNDATION 2024 ENROLMENTS

Enrolment Packs are available to be emailed to parents who wish to enrol children into Foundation in 2024. Families can contact the School Office to request a pack. Enrolments for Foundation 2024 close on 28th April 2023. ***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 families can choose either the winter or summer uniform. This period will go from our first day back in Term 2 – Monday 24th April until Friday 19th 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

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

CORPUS CHRISTI SACRAMENT DATES 2023

CONFIRMATION

Family Confirmation Evening - Tuesday 9th May at 6.30pm at CC
Confirmation Celebration – Thursday 25th May at 6.30pm at St Andrew's Church

EUCHARIST

Family First Eucharist Evening - Tuesday 1st August @ 6.30pm at Corpus Christi

*** NB: There will be only TWO First Eucharist Masses in 2023 ***

First Eucharist Celebrations – Thursday 17th August at 5.00pm and 6.30pm at St Andrew's Church

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IN LEARNING

In order for family members to engage with their children in the classroom, we have organised the following "Engagement in Learning" events for next week and for Term 2. We look forward to welcoming you to any or all these opportunities to visit your children in the school environment.

Term 1

- Monday 3rd April at 2.10pm – 2.50pm - **Stations of the Cross** – School Grounds
- Tuesday 4th April – [OPEN AFTERNOON – 2.10pm – 2.45pm](#)
 - Interactive Maths Games Session with families (or Interactive Specialist Session with Middle unit families)
- Wednesday 5th April – **Easter Raffle Draw** – 9.00am in the MFR
- Thursday 6th April - **Easter Liturgy and Assembly** – 9.00am in the MFR

Term 2

- Friday 12th May – **Mother's Day Liturgy** 9.00am (in Home Groups) and
 - **OPEN MORNING** – 8.30am – 9.30am
- Monday 22nd May - **OPEN AFTERNOON** – 2.10pm – 2.45pm
Interactive Session with families
- Friday 2nd June - **Corpus Christi Feast Day Mass** at 9.00am
- [Saturday 3rd June – Corpus Christi Community Mass](#)
 - – 6.30pm at St Andrew's Church
- Thursday 15th June - **OPEN AFTERNOON** – 2.10pm – 2.45pm -
 - Interactive Session with families

WELLBEING NEWS

On Friday 24th of March we Celebrated Harmony Day, the theme for Harmony Day this year was "Everyone belongs". During the middle block, students learnt about Australia's diversity and ways to promote a sense of acceptance and inclusivity. Each learning community played games from around the world. The games encouraged exercise, problem solving, promoted valuable social skills and positive relationships between the children themselves, as well as building the curiosity of students to find out more about the lives of children from other countries.



Lunch Time Clubs and Activities

This term, the following lunch time clubs will be offered on different days during playtimes:

- Library
- Garden Club in the Community Garden
- Writing Club with Mr Quaife

Lunchtime clubs and activities support our student wellbeing program by providing alternative activities for students who may prefer quiet or small group activities. It also provides opportunities to develop new friendships and skills whilst also pursuing an area of interest to them. We encourage students to check notice boards and listen to announcements to see what's happening each day!



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.

Beginning the week with this mindful activity, assists us, as people, to [slow down, focus on the present, accept things as they are, and act with discernment.](#)

STUDENT WELLBEING & LEARNING

Balanced Kids Program

We have engaged with Jane Johnston who leads an organisation called 'Balanced Kids' which supports the wellbeing of children through a program called:

MIND BODY MOVEMENT for BALANCED WELLBEING & Preventative Internet Addiction Disorder.

The Middle and Foundation Unit students will participate in this 9 week program in Term 2 .

Two Family sessions (same content) will be held on:

- ***Friday 28th April at 2.05pm in the MFR***
- ***Wednesday 17th May at 6.00pm in the MFR. This session will be available via a Zoom Link and will be recorded for future reference.***

All families are encouraged to attend one of the sessions.



FOUNDATION NEWS

It is hard to believe that we have almost finished one term of school! Time flies when you are having fun! One of the favourite things we love to do in Foundation is Discovery. Discovery is a time when students are empowered to make decisions about their own learning. They choose the learning they want to engage in, who they do this with, and where they do it. We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank the 'Learning Helpers' we have been fortunate enough to have joined us during Discovery, it is very much appreciated!



For the remainder of the term we will be moving into the next stage of our 'Little Learners Love Literacy' program and meet some more characters from 'Milo's Birthday Surprise'. We have been learning to blend the sounds we already know together to read and form words. This has given the students a great sense of achievement and leaves them (and us teachers) feeling very proud!

In Numeracy, we have now learnt about all of the numbers up to 10. We have been very busy learning to represent these numbers in a variety of ways. For the rest of the term, we will be consolidating what we have learnt by engaging in games and other hands-on learning activities.

Our Inquiry and Wellbeing lessons have given us the opportunity to explore how we have changed over time and celebrate our uniquenesses, talents and skills. We had so much fun guessing each other's baby photos!

We have some exciting experiences planned for next term, including our very first excursion! Stay tuned for more details to come soon.

Yours in Partnership,

The Foundation Unit Team

JUNIOR NEWS

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

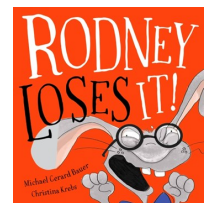
In Literacy, students have engaged in a range of quality texts, to support their development of comprehension strategies, vocabulary and writing skills. One of the texts used in Writing and Inquiry, was 'Rodney Loses It!'. In this text, Rodney the rabbit experiences a range of emotions, as he deals with the loss of his favourite pen. Students were able to connect this text to the Zones of Regulation, as well as use it as a basis to write a retell. Students were supported in their Writing lessons to develop their understanding and usage of appropriate time connectives, punctuation, adjectives and adverbs.

Spelling lessons have seen our students further extending their phonemic awareness, through activities involving the manipulation of phonemes (sounds). Students have utilised their knowledge of consonants and vowels, to manipulate a range of CVC, CVCC and CCVC words. For example, if we take the word 'clash' and remove the /c/, we can replace this initial sound with /f/ to make the word 'flash'.



There are several exciting experiences coming up for our Junior students, as we get closer to Term 2! In the meantime, we are eager to share in the first camp experience for our Grade 1s, with their Grill'd dinner and activity afternoon rapidly approaching!

*With warm regards,
The Junior Unit Team*



MIDDLE NEWS

On the 8th of March, the Grade 3 students celebrated their First Reconciliation at St Andrews Parish Church. It was a wonderful mass and the Corpus Christi community could not be prouder of the way the children conducted themselves on the night. They all need to be congratulated for their efforts. We will continue to pray for everyone throughout their Sacrament journey.

In Numeracy, we have been exploring the concept of Place Value. The children have been learning how to represent 3, 4 and 5 digit numbers in a variety of ways. For example, partitioning and expanding our number, placing our number in a place value house, using MAB's to visually represent our numbers and many more. It has been fantastic to see the children grow in confidence when challenging themselves with larger numbers.

The children have enjoyed learning about the events of Holy Week. The Grade 4 students have researched and created presentations about the days leading up to Easter. They then shared this knowledge to their Grade 3 peers. This was a wonderful way to work with others and boost engagement.

We wish all families a very blessed and Happy Easter. Please stay safe and enjoy your holiday break!

*Yours in Partnership,
The Middle Unit Team*



SENIOR NEWS



CAMP! CAMP! CAMP! What an adventure we had. Our time at Camp Wilkin in Anglesea was pretty amazing. We leapt at the challenges that camp offered us. Leap of Faith, flying foxes and climbing walls were definitely physical challenges that we faced. Our emotional and social challenges were also met with enthusiasm. We were placed in different activity groups with different peers. Sharing cabins and meal times together were also an adventure that we all positively met. The memories we made will live long into our hearts and minds. We are so grateful for the time that we had together as a community.

Back at school, we have been expanding our skills and understanding about TIME. Converting times, reading and interpreting schedules, exploring 24 hour times and calculating elapsed times are just some of the areas we have been working through. In Writing, we have been manipulating and enhancing our sentences using an author's sentence structure. It has been inspiring to view the growth and depth of our sentences. Here is an example of a sentence that has been enhanced to create a visualisation in the reader's mind:



As the light dimmed, the strange objects whirled around me.

I was startled; couldn't move.

Olyvia Lee - Snr Ware

Thank you for an adventurous term of learning. We look forward to exploring more learning next term.

Safe and Happy Holidays

*Yours in Partnership,
The Senior Unit Team*

EDUCATION IN FAITH

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 12th-19th March It is a week that is celebrated by all Catholic schools in Melbourne. This year the theme is 'Forming lives of faith, hope and love in the light of Christ'

Forming lives – Catholic education seeks to provide the young with the best kind of education possible, one that fosters a formation of the whole person that is deeply and enduringly humanising.

Faith, hope and love – Catholic education forms individuals with more than just skills, but with the virtues to live life as transformative agents in our communities. By cultivating a maturing of faith and the intellectual life through the modelling of good relationships, Catholic students are prepared for living fruitfully in the world.

In the light of Jesus Christ – Christ is our inspiration, the very life of our purpose as Catholic educators. Everything we do is illuminated by this.

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 25th 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 9th May 6:30pm** in the MFR
- Confirmation Reflection Day for Candidates will be held on **Friday 19th May** at St. Joseph's by the Sea in Williamstown

Stations of the Cross

Next week on Monday 3rd April, Our Grade 6s will perform the stations of the cross and present Jesus' passion story to different communities. They have worked very hard to prepare and reenact the important story of Jesus' passion and death on the cross. Parents are invited to view the stations of the cross from 2:15pm.

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

Wishing you all a happy, holy Easter.

Miss Richelle Mendoza,

Religious Education Leader

**Upcoming
Events:**

Monday 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

Thursday 6th April - Holy Week Liturgy prepared by the Middles and Juniors

Thursday 25th May, 6:30pm—Sacrament of Confirmation



PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK

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.*

EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

*Raffle To be drawn on
Wednesday 5th April*

*If you would like to purchase more
tickets, they are
available at the school office*

1 x book of 5 tickets = \$10.00



PRINCIPAL'S SHINING CHRIST'S LIGHT AWARD



**Congratulations
Emmanuella, Juke and Mary**



Great Mate Awards



**Congratulations to
Mason, Brock and Noah**

Art Award



**Blake Davis received the Creative Arts Committee Award
Sculpture Award Primary Highly Commended for 'Feathers'**

2023 School Calendar and Important Dates

Monday 3 rd April	2.05pm Stations of the Cross – Led by the Senior Students Grade 1 Dinner – 3.30pm to 6.00pm
Tuesday 4 th April	<u>2.10 – 2.45pm OPEN Afternoon</u> Join us for Maths Games in the Classroom or Specialist Classes
Wednesday 5 th April	Easter Raffle Draw—9:00am in the MFR
Thursday 6 th April	Holy Thursday Liturgy—9:00am in the MFR Whole School Assembly <u>Term 1 Concludes at 3.05pm</u>
Good Friday - 7th April	Easter Sunday - 9th April Easter Monday - 10th April
TERM 2	Term 2 Begins
Monday 24 th April	ANZAC Day Holiday—No School
Tuesday 25 th April	2:05pm <i>Well Balanced Kids</i> - <i>Parent Information Session in the MFR</i>
Friday 28 th April	Confirmation Family Evening 6.30pm Mother's Day Stall 9.00am Mother's Day Liturgy OPEN MORNING—8:30AM—9:30am 2.05 Whole School Assembly School Advisory Council Meeting 6pm <i>Well Balanced Kids</i> - <i>Parent Information Session the MFR</i> 7.00pm Parents and Friends Meeting in the Staffroom Grade 6 Reflection Day 2:10—2:45pm— OPEN Afternoon Confirmation Celebration at 6.30 at St Andrew's Church 2.05pm Whole School assembly Corpus Christi Feast Day Mass at 9am Subway Lunch 6:30pm Corpus Christi Community Mass at St Andrew's Church
Tuesday 9 th May	
Thursday 11 th May	
Friday 12 th May	
Tuesday 16 th May	
Wednesday 17 th May	
Friday 19 th May	
Monday 22 nd May	
Thursday 25 th May	
Friday 26 th May	
Friday 2 nd June	
Saturday 3 rd June	
Thursday 8 th June	
Friday 9 th June	
Monday 12 th June	
Tuesday 13 th June	
Thursday 15 th June	
Monday 19 th June	
Tuesday 20 th June	
Wednesday 21 st June	
Thursday 22 nd June	
Friday 23 rd June	
	3.30—4.30pm P&F Meeting 1.30pm in the MFR School Disco Assembly 9:00am—End of Term <u>End of Term Two – Children dismissed at 1.00pm</u>