



St Andrew's Parish

CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 5

Friday 19th May 2023

WEEK 4 TERM 2

*Available on our School App and Corpus Christi Website

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mother's Day Liturgy and Open Morning!

Wow! What an amazing turnout we had on Friday 12th May. Thank you to all the mums, grandmas, aunts and special people in the lives of our children who were able to join us for prayer and a visit in your children's classrooms. We hope everyone had a blessed Mother's Day with their families.

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 and activities planned by the committee during the year.

The committee work enthusiastically and passionately throughout the year and the time they give and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

**During recent events we raised: - \$2,981 for the Easter Raffle
\$512 for the Hot Cross Buns Drive and
\$3,254 for the Mother's Day Stall and Raffle**

What a magnificent effort! Thank you!

Our next Parents & Friends meeting is at 1:30pm on Wednesday 14th June in the MFR - you are most welcome to attend.

REFLECTION ON INDIGENOUS SPIRITUALITY TOUR OF HOBART REGION

Recently, I participated in an Indigenous Spirituality Tour with 31 Principals in the Western Zone, exploring the rich indigenous spirituality of the region around Hobart.

This tour offered us invaluable insights and learnings into the perspective of the descendants of the people of this land and their stories. We gained a greater understanding of the history and culture of the indigenous people of Tasmania, and the impact that colonialism and white settlement have had on their communities.

This was an emotionally impactful and worthwhile study tour that I believe will leave a lasting impression on all who took part. We were deeply moved by the strength and resilience of the indigenous people of Tasmania and their ongoing fight for recognition and justice.

I hope to continue to learn from and support the indigenous communities of Australia and work towards a future of greater understanding and respect for their culture and traditions.

I look forward to sharing more insights and learnings with you at opportune times with our school community.

With kind regards,

Linda

Happy
Mother's
Day



REPORTING TO PARENTS

An important aspect of Reporting to Parents at Corpus Christi are “Parent, Child, Teacher Learning Conversations (PTCLCs)” where you can discuss your child’s learning and development. These will be held later this term on the following dates and times:

Dates: **Monday 19th June: 9:00pm to 6:30pm—**
 No School on this day to enable Learning Conversations to take place
 Tuesday 20th June: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

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

SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES 2023 & TIME IN LIEU (TIL) DAYS 2023

Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic Schools (MACS) provides 4 official days for Professional Learning as School Closure days. This year MACS has also asked all schools to nominate Time in Lieu (TIL) days to acquit time in lieu accrued throughout the year for staff. The following dates have been allocated as School Closure Days and TIL days for Corpus Christi School.

Term 2 Day 1	Thursday 8 th June – Building Teacher Capability
Term 2 Day 2	Friday 9 th June – Staff Reflection & Formation Day
Term 4 Day 3	Friday 3 rd November – Report writing Day
Term 4 TIL	Monday 6 th November – Time in Lieu Day
Term 4 Day 4	Monday 20 th November - Planning 2024
Term 4 TIL	Monday 18 th & Tuesday 19 th December - Time in Lieu Days

CONFIRMATION MASS

Our Confirmation celebration this year will be held in the St Andrew’s Church on Thursday 25th May at 6:30pm with Bishop Martin Ashe as the celebrant and Fr Albert as con-celebrant. We anticipate a very reverent and beautiful celebration in the church.

We ask that you continue to keep our candidates, their sponsors, their families and their teachers in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

**Stay connected with news & reminders from
your child’s learning community!**

Download the ‘Remind’ App and use your child / ren’s
Community
Remind Code to get started!

For information visit: <https://www.remind.com/families>

REMIND APP 2023

Seniors @ccsnr2023

Middles @middle2023

Juniors @jrwhite23
 @jryellow23
 @jrgreen23

Foundation @ccfd23

SCHOOL UNIFORM

I wish to congratulate children and parents on how wonderful our children look in their full school uniforms as they come to school each day. Uniforms provide children with a sense of pride in their school and a genuine sense of belonging to the school community.

Children are required to be in full winter school uniform from Monday 22nd May, including black school shoes. Please note that black runners are acceptable as replacements for black school shoes only if totally black.

CARPARK SAFETY

**PLEASE DON'T PARK IN OUR NEIGHBOURS YARDS,
DRIVEWAYS OR NATURE STRIPS.**

As a matter of courtesy and respect we remind all parents and carers to not park in private driveways or on the nature strips of our school neighbours.

Safety ~Safety ~Safety ~

Please also ask children to be very alert to traffic conditions while walking or crossing roads and driveways. At times children with earphones or ear pieces have not heard cars or horns sounding resulting in possible dangerous situations.



Guitar Instrumental Lessons

This extra-curricular activity is available at Corpus Christi during school hours.

For more information please feel welcome to contact:

Sonia Overton
0418 541 213



CREATING AUTONOMOUS LEARNERS AT CORPUS CHRISTI

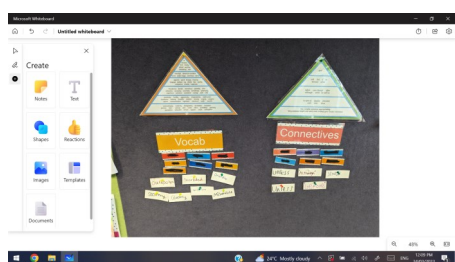
A big focus for us as educators is to support students in their development and involvement in their own learning in engaging and meaningful methods. One of the cornerstones of learners' engagement is for students to have ownership within the learning process.

Something we have worked very hard to achieve here at Corpus Christi is to ensure students are not only aware of how learning occurs but are also part of the procedures, structures and processes we use here. We want students to be aware of our teaching approaches. We want students to know and understand their role in our Whole School Instructional Model. We want students to be contributing to and joining in the learning, not just witnessing it.

These are some examples of ways we are promoting students to be more autonomous with their learning:



This is our Whole School Instructional Model that is visible and constantly referred to by the teacher. This provides Senior students with the visual support to understand how our lessons are structured.



This visual display from a Middle classroom shows the focus for groups of students that are trying to improve aspects of their writing. Underneath the names (crossed out) there are words that students have used in their own writing and then added them to the display.



This photo shows Junior students conducting Read to Self. Within this time students get to choose a text from their book box. These book boxes are filled with texts by the student with the support of the teacher. There are some texts that are targeted for that particular student's reading level and there are texts that they have brought from home or chosen from the library. By having a variety of texts students practise taught reading strategies while also having the opportunity to read texts they are interested in.



This photo shows Foundation students co-creating the Success Criteria (learning goals) with the teacher. This shared responsibility ensures that the students are aware of what they are required to do to be successful with a particular learning task.

These are just a few examples of the ways we are supporting students to become more aware and involved within their own learning. We put a huge importance on student voice and agency and as a school we are always trying to find ways to embed these factors into our classroom practice.

Thomas Quaife - Learning & Teaching Leader

WELLBEING NEWS

Walk Safely to School Day - Friday 19th May 2023

Thank you to those families who walked to school.
It was a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.



Free Parenting Webinars



Children and Parenting Support Services (CaPSS) will be running free webinars for parents of primary school aged children. CaPSS practitioners work alongside parents enabling and empowering them to identify their parenting needs and to create opportunities for change through the use of practical evidence-based parenting strategies.

Upcoming Webinars:

KIDS CHAT WEBINAR

Online, Monday 22nd May, 10:00am -1:00am

Bookings: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TSA_kidschat

INTRODUCTION TO EMOTION COACHING WEBINAR

Online, Monday, 29th May, 10:00am -11:00am

Bookings: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CaPSS_ECW

FOUNDATION NEWS

We have hit the ground running this term and have begun our journey of becoming marine biologists! Our excursion to the Point Lonsdale rockpools and the Marine Discovery Centre in Queenscliff has opened our eyes to the wonderful marine creatures that we will be learning about this term. We have created marine biologist journals and will be adding to them over the term. Towards the end of the term there will be an opportunity for families to come in and view these journals, as well as another exciting creation!

"On our excursion we went to Queenscliff and we went to the beach. We got to touch lots of things like sea snails, crabs, sea sponges and we even got to taste sea lettuce! It tasted like a rotten cucumber! We found lots of different coloured seaweed. Then we got back on the bus and went to the aquarium. At the aquarium we learnt about sea creatures and we got to see the sea horses being fed. There was a touch tank and I touched a sea urchin and shark shells. Mr Taylor got a bite on the thumb from a hermit crab! We went back on the double decker bus and came back to school. I loved all of the excursion."

Emily Morrow - Foundation Jeffrie

In Numeracy, we have begun learning about teen numbers. We have been representing these numbers by making jelly fish with 12 legs and fish tanks containing 13 fish, for example. We have started our unit of measurement and will learn about using different forms of informal measurement to measure things in our environment.

We participated in an Inform & Empower session and learnt about screen time and green time and why it is important to balance the two. In Wellbeing we have been exploring our emotions even further and have also learnt about positive self talk and why we should believe in ourselves.

Our Religious Education Unit has involved exploring the Bible and the different stories it contains. So far we have learnt about the Creation Story, Noah's Ark and Joseph the Dreamer. We are looking forward to exploring the Bible and its stories even more.

Yours in Partnership,

The Foundation Unit Team



JUNIOR NEWS

On the 4th of May all Junior students participated in an incredible incursion, run by the team at Wild Action. Students were able to get up close and personal with a range of Australian animals, including a shingleback lizard, short necked turtle, boobook owl, joey and a (baby!) freshwater crocodile. This incursion helped students' delve into the Tuning In aspect of our new Inquiry unit, Amazing Australian Animals.

In Literacy, students have been continuing to extend their comprehension skills, using the text 'The Paw Thing' by Paul Jennings. Students have been consolidating their ability to visualise and make logical predictions, as well as infer character traits and feelings. Ask your child to explain why the main character, the cat, is named 'Singenpoo' - it certainly gave us all a good laugh!

In Maths, students have been exploring various addition strategies, including mental computation of number bonds (friends of ten, doubles, near doubles) and partitioning numbers using place value. Juniors have investigated these concepts using a range of games, such as the Bunny Ears game, to improve their automaticity. They are also continuing to investigate data in real world situations.

Over the next few weeks, we will continue reading 'The Paw Thing', and are eager to see what kind of mischief Singenpoo, Mac and Scott get up to next! Students will also continue researching their Australian animal of choice, whilst developing inquiry skills, such as researching, questioning and collaborating with others. We look forward to sharing our learning with you soon!



*With warm regards,
The Junior Unit Team*

MIDDLE NEWS

The Middles have had a fantastic beginning to Term 2. It has already been a busy few weeks filled with excitement from excursions, incursions and new learning.

NGV:

On Friday 5th May, students visited the National Gallery of Victoria for their Art and Italian excursion. They had the opportunity to explore a range of pieces in the Viva Italia exhibition, a nature journaling experience in the Gallery Garden and to explore the gallery on a self-guided tour. It was a fantastic day! We extend our gratitude to Mrs Larissa Murdock and Mrs Ada Parrella for organising this opportunity in the Middle Unit.



Werribee Zoo:

In Inquiry, students had been preparing for their excursion to the Werribee Zoo. By using Digital Technologies, students used resources such as the Werribee Zoo website to explore the grounds map, some social stories and videos such as the Safari tour.

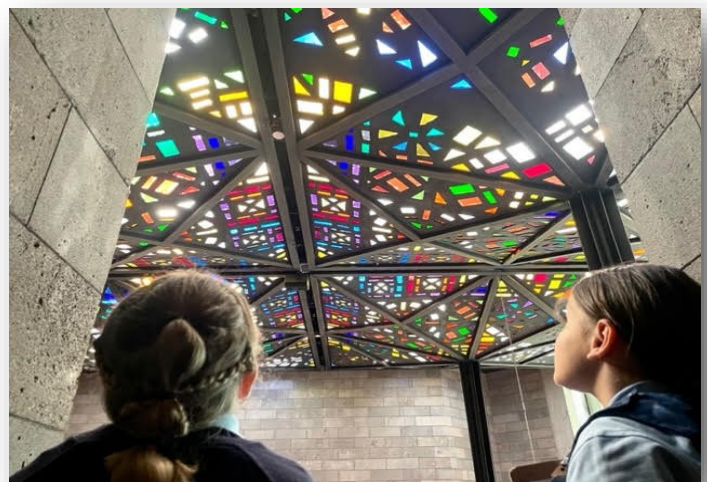
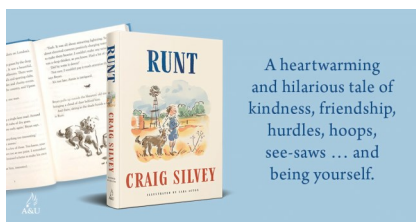
Balanced Kids:

In Wellbeing, Middle students have been fortunate enough to participate in the program 'Balanced Kids' with Jane Johnston every Wednesday. This program supports the emotional wellbeing of our students through mind-body understanding, creativity, balance, coordination, storytelling, interactive play, adventure, games, meditation, focus, mindfulness, breathwork and calming relaxation. So far, students have shared that they are using some strategies that they learn in this program at home, and look forward to 'switching off their brains' in each session.



Runt:

In Reading, Middles have been reading a new whole class text called 'Runt' by Craig Silvey. The students have immersed in the story plot and are enjoying the rich, ambitious language that is used within the text. We are looking forward to continuing this text throughout the term!



*Yours in Partnership,
The Middle Unit Team*

SENIOR NEWS

The Seniors have been busy exploring many areas of learning this term. Firstly we have been exploring the Sacrament of Confirmation. We delved deeper into the understandings of the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit and what the commitment to being a Catholic is all about. Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers during Week 5 as they choose to confirm their faith.



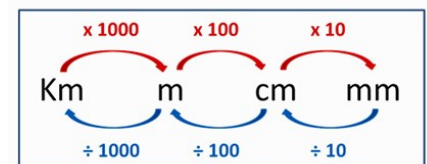
In Literacy, we have been developing a deeper understanding of the elements of visual texts. 'Happy Feet Two' the movie has been our vessel of learning. We have explored different character traits and plots/subplots of the story. We have discovered that music plays an important role within visual texts.

Investigation has also begun in the areas of geography and biological science. We were visited by Dr Rodney Fawcett, who has visited the continent of Antarctica. We learnt a lot about the geographical features and history of Antarctica. Thank you Dr. Rodney Fawcett for sharing your expertise.

In Maths, measurement has been our focus. We have been working on converting between measurements such as centimetres into metres ...etc. In the next couple of weeks we will dive into the different strategies to solve multiplication problems. This would be a great time to practise the quick recall of multiplication facts. See our Google Classroom for links to timetable games.

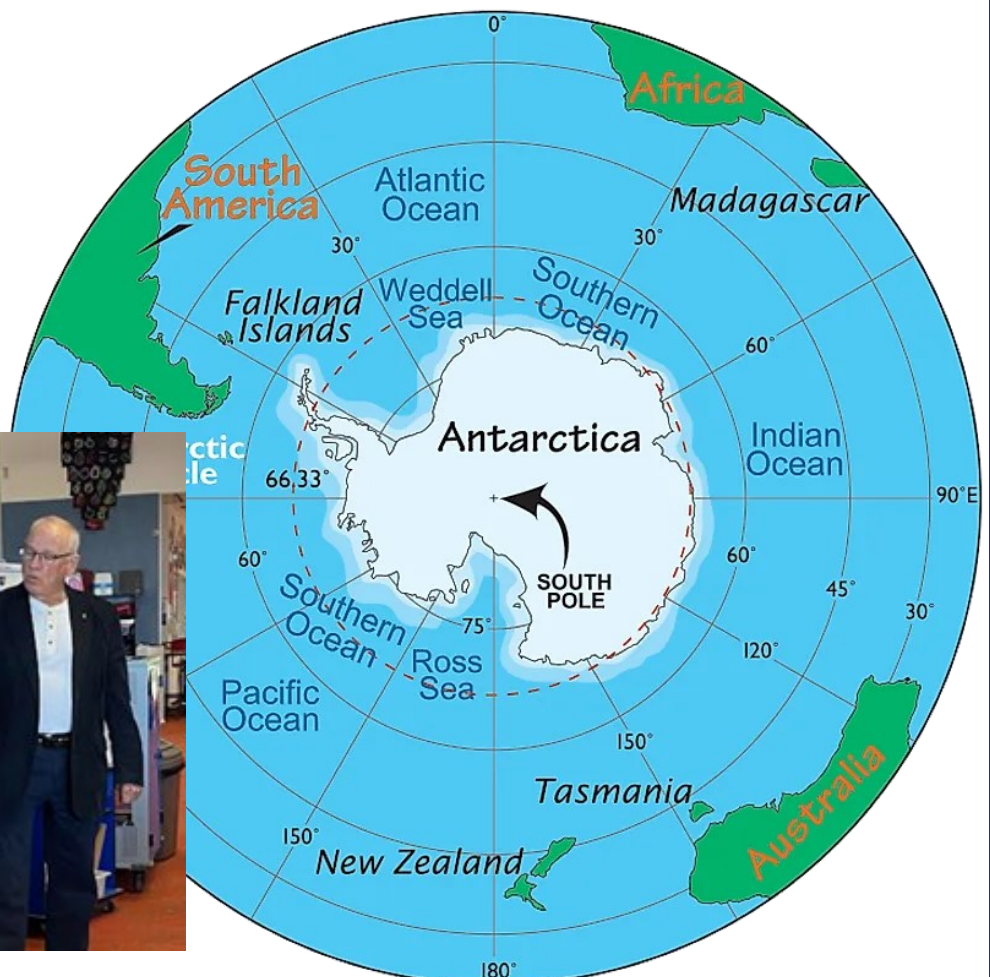
Converting LENGTH Units

It is easiest to use a conversion look-up diagram like the one below.



5km = ? m Need to x 1000 $5 \times 1000 = 5000\text{m}$ ✓
120cm = ? m Need to ÷ 100 $120 \div 100 = 1.2\text{m}$ ✓

*Yours in Partnership,
The Senior Unit Team*



EDUCATION IN FAITH

Mother's Day Liturgy and Open Morning

We had a wonderful turnout in our open morning! Thank you to the mums, grandmothers and special people that came to participate in our Mother's Day liturgy and activity in their child/children's communities. We hope you had a wonderful Mother's Day celebration.



Confirmation

We pray for our Confirmation candidates who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on the 25th May at St. Andrew's Church. The main celebrant will be Bishop Martin Ashe and con-celebrated by Fr Albert and Fr Huy. We continue to pray for our children as they continue their faith journey.

Congratulations to our Candidates



Jack	Susan
Winter	Luca
Harper	Lucy
Tayte	Conal
Levi	Owen
Domenica	Jamie-Le
John	Megan
Emelia	Adon
Jayden	

Kristian	Orlando
Olivia	Grace
Blake	Charlotte
Daniella	Joshua
Rory	Ruby
Olivia	Mia
Zac	Tait
Chloe	Stella
	Aleisha

Middle and Junior Unit mass We thank our families who attended the Middle and Junior unit mass on the 18th May. The theme chosen was "Holy Spirit". We warmly invite you to future unit masses and celebrations.

Community Mass at St. Andrew's Church We warmly invite all families from Corpus Christi to attend a weekend mass on **Saturday 3rd June 6pm at St. Andrew's Church.**

As part of the St. Andrew's parish community we are invited to share in this holy sacrifice of the mass. It would be lovely to see many of our children and families there.

Corpus Christi Feast Day The Feast of Corpus Christi will be celebrated on Friday 2nd June. There will be mass in the MFR beginning at 9am. As a school we will celebrate this special feast day. Corpus Christi means "body of Christ". The feast of the Corpus Christi is a celebration of the presence of the body of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. We look forward to celebrating as one school community.

**Upcoming
Events:**

25th May- Confirmation at St. Andrew's Church 6:30pm

2nd June- Corpus Christi Feast Day Whole school Mass 9am

3rd June- Community mass at St. Andrew's church 6pm

Miss Richelle Mendoza, Religious Education Leader

PRINCIPAL'S SHINING CHRIST'S LIGHT AWARD



**Congratulations
Jaxon, Jayden and Max**



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) is developing a Digital Ambition and is seeking input into the ambition from school communities across the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The MACS Digital Ambition is a statement of how we will enable our MACS 2030 Strategy through a contemporary technology experience for all. Importantly, it will set out how we will provide students, staff, and whole school communities with safe, simple, intuitive, and innovative digital experiences.

To ensure our Digital Ambition is aligned with the needs of our school communities, MACS is inviting and encouraging you to participate in this consultation process by: Reviewing the [Digital Ambition Draft for Consultation](#). Providing feedback to the targeted questions via a quick online survey.

This link will remain open until Friday 26 May. [Survey Link](#)

Attend online 'drop-in' sessions where the MACS team will be happy to answer any questions directly.

There is a dedicated session for parents and families on Monday 22 May 2023 - 7:00pm – 8:00pm.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

2023 School Calendar and Important Dates

TERM 2

Thursday 8th June	School Closure Day – Staff Conference – Building professional Capacity
Friday 9th June	School Closure Day – Staff Conference – Mission & Faith
Monday 19 th June	School Closure Day - Learning Conversations 9:00am to 6:30pm
Monday 22nd May	OPEN Afternoon 2:10pm -2:45pm
Thursday 25 th May	Confirmation Celebration at <u>St Andrew's Church</u> 6:30pm
Friday 26 th May	Whole School assembly 2:05pm
Friday 2nd June	Corpus Christi Feast Day Mass at MFR 9:00am
	Subway Lunch
Saturday 3rd June	Corpus Christi Community Mass at <u>St Andrew's Church</u> 6:30pm
Thursday 8th June	School Closure Day
Friday 9th June	School Closure Day
Monday 12 th June	Queen's Birthday Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 13 th June	School Advisory Council Meeting Staffroom 6:30pm
Wednesday 14th June	Parents & Friends Meeting MFR 1:30pm
Thursday 15th June	OPEN Afternoon 2:10pm - 2:45pm
Monday 19 th June	School Closure Day
	<u>Parent Teacher Child Learning Conversations (PTCLCs)</u>
	Learning Conversations (PTCLCs) 9:00am to 6:30pm
	Learning Conversations (PTCLCs) 3:30pm - 4:30pm
Tuesday 20th June	School Disco
Thursday 22 nd June	End of Term Assembly - MFR 9:00am
Friday 23 rd June	<u>End of Term Two – Children dismissed at 1:00pm</u>

TERM 3

Monday 10 th July	Term 3 Begins
Friday 14 th July	Athletics Carnival Grades 3 - 6
Friday 21 st July	Whole School assembly MFR 2:05pm
	<i>Parent Social Night, BINGO Save the Date - details to follow</i>
Tuesday 1 st August	First Eucharist Family Night 6:30pm
	District Athletics Carnival
Friday 4 th August	Subway Lunch
	Whole School Assembly
Tuesday 8 th August	School Advisory Council Meeting 6:30pm
Friday 11 th August	Interschool Sports
Thursday 17 th August	First Eucharist Celebrations at 5:00pm and 6:30pm
Friday 18 th August	Interschool Sports
	Whole School Assembly
Friday 25 th August	Interschool Sports
Thursday 31 st August	Father's Day Stall
Friday 1 st September	Father's Day Liturgy
	Interschool Sports
	Whole School Assembly – 2:05pm
Friday 8 th September	Lightning Premiership
Thursday 15 th September	Whole School End of Term Assembly – 9:00am
Friday 15 th September	<u>End of Term Three – Children dismissed at 1:00pm</u>