



St Andrew's Parish

CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 8

Friday 11th August 2023

WEEK 5 TERM 3

*Available on our School App and Corpus Christi Website

*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,

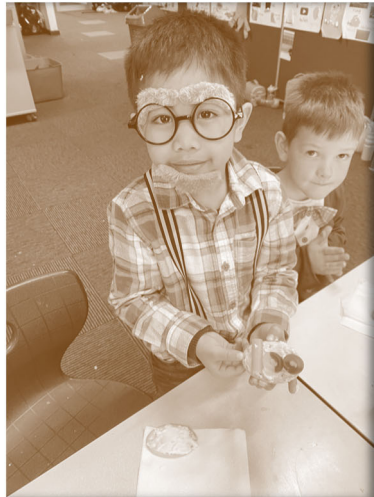
This week on 8th August we celebrated our first Australian Saint Mary MacKillop on her Feast Day. Her motto in life is, 'never see a need without trying to do something about it'. Last Friday all children, staff and families took part in a St Mary MacKillop Reflection prior to the Whole School Assembly.



Feast of the Assumption

On Tuesday 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."

*Congratulations to our Foundation students who celebrated 100 days of school recently.
What a group of superstars!*



SACRAMENT of Eucharist - GRADE 4 STUDENTS

Our Grade 4 students will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Eucharist at 5.00pm and 6.30pm on Thursday 17th August at St Andrew's church. A First Eucharist Preparation Session for all Candidates and their parents was held on Tuesday 1st August. Mrs Viv Adamko and Mrs Anna Demitriou facilitated a very informative and engaging evening along with the Middle Unit teachers. We wish to thank all First Eucharist candidates and parents for attending this very important meeting. I ask that you keep our Grade 4 students and their families in your prayers as they prepare for the reception of this very special sacrament.

Please find following an excerpt which gives us some additional information about the sacred Sacrament of Eucharist.

The Eucharist

The Eucharist is the central and greatest sacrament of the Church. It is the means by which the Church is continually maintained in communion with Jesus Christ the Lord and the means by which each Christian participates in the once and for all sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. The Catechism of the Catholic Church following a document of Vatican II calls the Eucharist the 'source and summit of the Christian life'.

The word 'Eucharist' from the Greek word for 'thanksgiving' is commonly used in various ways: You might read a sign outside a church that says: "Sunday Eucharist: 8.00, 9.30 and 11.00 am". Here the word Eucharist means the Mass – the act of worship through which Catholics re-present and participate in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Or you might ask a child, "When did you receive your first Eucharist"? Here the word refers specifically to the sacrament of the body and blood of Christ: the bread and wine consecrated during the Mass through the eating and drinking of which we are drawn into communion with Jesus Christ and the Church, hence it is also referred to as Holy Communion.

The Eucharist is where we learn, little by little, to model our lives on the paschal mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. The Eucharist invites all of us who belong to the Church to see ourselves as we are before God, to make sense of our lives in the light of Jesus' self-giving, to unite ourselves with his offering to God, to become more and more the Body of Christ by receiving his Body, to accept all he accepted and refuse all he refused, to be his presence in the world.

Kind regards,

Linda

Social Night - 18th August – Selling Fast!

It's great to be able to come together once again as a Corpus Community in a social manner. This year the P&F Committee are working hard to organise a Fun Social Night with lots of Bingo games and raffles which will be held at school on Friday 18th August. It is an adult only Social Night that will be held in the Multi-Function Room from 5.30pm ready for a 7.00pm games start. We look forward to a fun, enjoyable evening with members and friends of our Corpus Christi Community. Daniel Micallef (Indianah 5/6PC & Ashton FMR) will be hosting and conducting the event.

The cost of the night is \$30 per person which will include a \$30 raffle ticket with 5 prizes and 25 games of 'FREE' bingo and a marker. We will have other raffles and games on the night with our professional bingo caller - Daniel! A flyer and ticketing information (through TryBooking) was sent out earlier this term. We only have 110 tickets for this event and as at today we have sold 100 tickets!!

Father's / Special Person's Day Breakfast, Liturgy and Class Visits & Activity

Our Father's / Special Person's Day stall will be held on Thursday 31st August. On Friday 1st September special people in the lives of our children will be invited for a breakfast at school from 7.30am. From 8.30am our visitors will be welcome to an OPEN Classroom session and to join their children for a Father's / Special Person's Day liturgy and activity with their child(ren) until 9.30am.

School Closure Dates 2023 & TIL Days

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 and TIL days for the school and staff for the remainder of the year.

There will be NO Closure Days in Term 3!

In Term 4 there will be 3 days when the school will be closed:

Term 4 – Friday 3rd November - Report Writing Day

Term 4 TIL Day – Monday 6th November

Term 4 – Monday 20th November - Planning 2024

Children break up for the Christmas holidays on Friday 15th December at 1.00pm

HOME GROUPINGS 2024

IMPORTANT - LEARNING COMMUNITY GROUPINGS 2024

ALL CONSIDERATIONS DUE BY - FRIDAY 25TH AUGUST

Staff are considering Learning Community groupings for 2024 during Term 3. Your child's teacher and all the teachers in your child's level consult frequently about each individual child's development, academically, socially, emotionally, spiritually and physically. When placing your child into a new learning community, your child's Learning Community Home Group teachers are the best people to place your child in a group that enhances your child's learning.

Teachers know the children that work well together and those that may do better when placed apart. Teachers know the children who may need a special 'friend' in their learning community group. Teachers know students' friendship groups. **Parents can be invaluable supporters of teachers by ensuring as much information is shared with Home Group teachers at this time, regarding any important considerations.** This culmination of knowledge will be used to place your child in a Home Group for 2024.

It is vital that any information about your child that you feel is important for teachers to know is communicated directly to your child's teacher by **FRIDAY 25th AUGUST** as groupings for the 2024 School Year will take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 3.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Once again, we appeal to all families to exercise extreme caution when driving in our carparks and within our school zone.

We also call for your courtesy and respect for local residents by NOT sitting on fences or allowing children to play in driveways or enter the Private property of residents. Please also adhere to road markings around the roundabout at Russell and Wedge streets in particular and ensure the ORANGE markings are left clear when traffic builds up. This allows for the smoother flow of traffic during busy times, and especially supports those who live in proximity to us. We thank you in advance for your co-operation and patience during what are busy traffic times at our school, and as every school experience, in the morning at drop-off times and after school at pick-up times!!

CORPUS CLUBS

An air of excitement and joy is apparent in Corpus Clubs sessions that have been conducted so far this term! Staff have been amazing in sharing their joy, talents and excitement with the children as well! It has been great to have many of our wonderful parents support some of the clubs during these sessions. Most clubs will be showcasing their work in some way at our upcoming Arts Show on 18th October.

WELLBEING NEWS

Drummond Street - Parenting Seminar: Helping Kids Worry Less

Are you a parent or caregiver concerned about your child's anxiety? It's completely normal for kids to feel anxious at times, but when it starts affecting their everyday life, it's essential to address it. We understand that as a parent, you might be unsure about how to support your child through their worries.

Drummond Street is offering a FREE 60-minute interactive seminar where expert presenters will discuss effective strategies and techniques to help your child manage anxiety and regain a sense of empowerment.

Key Details:

Date: Monday, August 21, 2023

Time: 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Location: Online via ZOOM

How to Register:

Follow the link at <https://ds.org.au/events/>

For any questions or inquiries about this event, feel free to reach out to Drummond Street

Call: (03) 9663 6733 or Email: events@ds.org.au

COMMUNITY REMINDERS:

School Counsellor

Andrew Baressi has begun to support our students and families this year with school counselling at our school. If you feel your child may benefit from participating in counselling sessions, please see your child's home-group teacher or Ms Laura Sgro for more information.

National Day of Action Against Bullying - Friday 18th August

Corpus Christi Students will be participating in mixed group activities, learning and discussing what is and isn't bullying and discussing strategies to combat bullying. Students are encouraged to wear a touch of orange on the day

FOUNDATION NEWS

What a wonderful day we had celebrating 100 days of Foundation! It was amazing to see so many little 100 year olds in our school. Thank you so much for the effort you put into dressing up your children, we had a blast! Our day was spent decorating cookies, playing bingo and completing other activities to celebrate our special day.



This term we are learning all about science and have been using our senses to seek meaning in our world. We will also be predicting, observing and explaining, just like real scientists! We even had a scientist visit our school!

“Professor Bunson visited our school. He showed us lots of fun experiments! My favourite was when he made a ball shoot across the room.

He also rubbed a balloon across Axel's head and it stuck to the wall!”

Harriet Wharton - Foundation Mobilio

In Numeracy we have been learning all about addition and equal sharing. We have also been learning about ordinal numbers. We went outside and had egg and spoon races, it was lots of fun! Moving on this term we will begin to learn about subtraction and data representation.

We have enjoyed learning about Mary Mackillop during our Religion lessons. We are really enjoyed visiting the chapel next door at Mackillop College on the 10th of August. It was fun to see everyone in their pyjamas at school. Lots of exciting things are happening in Foundation!

*Yours in Partnership,
The Foundation Unit Team*



JUNIOR NEWS

On the 12th of July all Junior students participated in an excursion to Scienceworks! Students had a fantastic day exploring how forces are used in different activities, and in toys. They investigated the forces; push, pull, gravity and friction.

In Literacy, students have been learning how to write narratives. They have learnt how to structure their writing by including an introduction (setting, character), problem and solution. They have also been learning how to use adjectives (what-like words) to capture their audience's attention.

In Maths, students have been exploring multiplication. They have learned how to represent multiplication in groups, arrays and as repeated addition. Juniors have also been learning about measurement. They have been using informal units to measure and compare the lengths of different objects.

Over the next few weeks in Literacy, we will continue to work on our narratives, and learn how to write summaries about different fictional texts. In Maths, students will begin exploring division, as well as mass, capacity and volume. We look forward to sharing our learning with you soon!

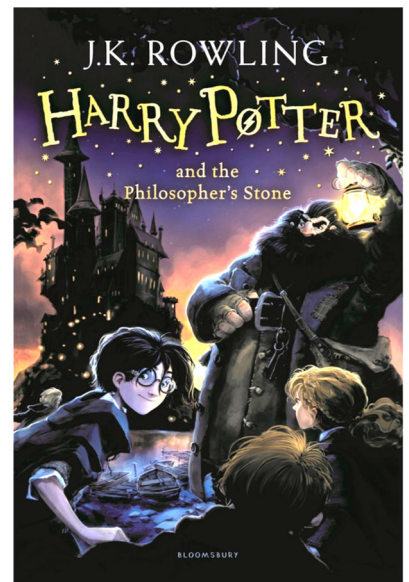


Introduction	Problem	Solution
<i>Author wrote</i>		
Mila Rough Tilly	Mila was afraid to jump off the jetty. Mila's friend let her into the water.	Mila jumped off the jetty into the water to get her friend.
<i>Teacher wrote</i>		
Kate Her bedroom	Kate was afraid to go to sleep at night.	Her mum helped by telling her there are no monsters. Her mum turned on a nightlight.
<i>I wrote</i>		
Write Rose her school	Write It was first first day of school And she didn't want to leave home.	Write Rose her mum said that she would do lots of fun things.
Draw	Draw	Draw

*With warm regards,
The Junior Unit Team*

MIDDLE NEWS

The Middle students have come to school excited and have settled beautifully. Our students are so excited to explore the world of Harry Potter. As soon as we announced we were reading Harry Potter we had many cheers! Our text this term will help us explore reading strategies such as visualising and responding to questions. The Middle students are loving our Science unit. We have watched experiments about how heat rises using teabags and how play doh changes when heated or frozen. Wellbeing has a focus on cooperative games and working with different people. The students played a variety of board games with a variety of peers. Eucharist is a big focus and the students have started exploring what Sacraments mean and we are moving into exploring the story of the Last Supper. We have also been exploring how to write a procedural text. You can now ask your students how to make fairy bread and they can help guide you.

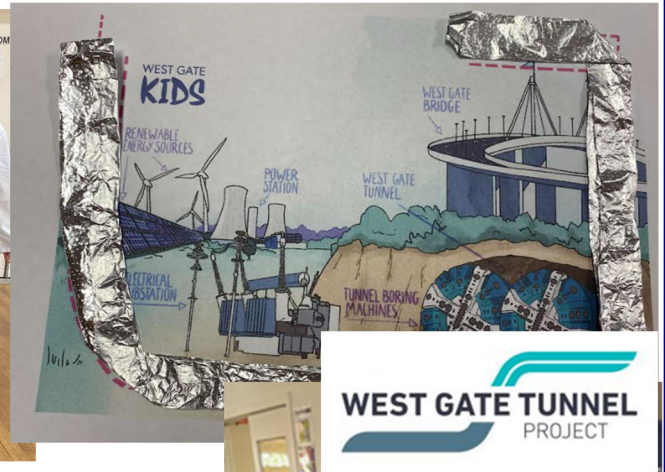


*Yours in Partnership,
The Middle Unit Team*



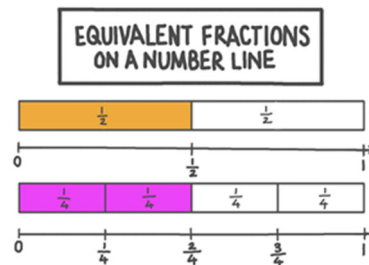
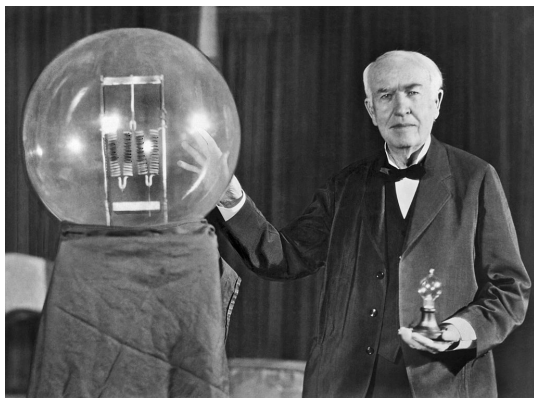
STATES OF MATTER

SENIOR NEWS



Our Term Three has been an ‘electrifying’ start. We firstly began to investigate energy and electricity with an incursion from the Westgate Tunnel Education Initiative. The program covered real-world learning using urban design challenges from the project. It supported students to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding of how we can use energy and electricity. We made electrical circuits using the electrons we have within our bodies, explored conductors and non conductors and designed an energy efficient city, in which we even made a fully functional toilet.

In the next couple of weeks we will be designing our own electrical circuits to create energy and power things, such as fans and light bulbs.



In Maths this term, we have begun delving into the area of FRACTIONS. We used play dough to create equal parts of the whole and demonstrated how fractions can be equivalent to each other. Ask your child to demonstrate how a bar graph and a number line can be used to demonstrate fractions.

Into the next part of the term, we will be exploring the relationship fractions have with decimals. We are hoping to get to the point!

In Literacy, students have been exploring a variety of conjunctions to extend their sentences when writing and speaking. We have also been reading a variety of texts and genres on the topic of electricity.

Fun Fact: Thomas Edison did not invent the light bulb, he actually improved upon it to create a practical, long-lasting incandescent source of light! He was a big believer in the Design Process as an inventor, which we will be exploring in the coming weeks.

Yours in Partnership,

The Senior Unit Team

PRINCIPAL'S SHINING CHRIST'S LIGHT AWARD



Congratulations

Oriana, Ari, Jennifer,
Brianna & Mia

Congratulations

Jamie Le, Jordan, Celine &
Harry



Great Mate Awards



Art Awards



Music Awards



EDUCATION IN FAITH

First Eucharist

Year 4 students who have been baptised and celebrated the Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrating First Eucharist at St Andrew's Parish Church on **Thursday 17th August 5:00pm and 6:30pm.** We continue to pray for the students who are preparing to receive their First Eucharist.

Unit mass in Term 3

We warmly invite you to the upcoming unit mass on the **24th August- Foundation and Middle unit mass 9am in the MFR**

Foundation prayers in Pyjamas night

We thank our families and Foundation students for attending the Foundation prayers in pyjamas night. We hope you enjoyed this valuable time of prayer as a family together.

St. Mary MacKillop

On the 8th August 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 Foundation students lead a reverent reflection- highlighting her faith, courage and tenacity at our whole school assembly. Share with your child "How can we be more like Mary MacKillop in our world today?"

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Miss Richelle Mendoza,

Religious Education Leader



**Upcoming
Events:**

17th August- First Eucharist at St. Andrew's 5pm and 6:30pm

24th August- Foundation and Middle unit mass 9am

1st September- Father's Day Breakfast & Liturgy & Open Morning

FEES 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

CURRICULUM FEES 2023: Reminder all Curriculum Fees are overdue and need to be finalised.

FAMILY FEE 2023: Reminder all Family Fees are now overdue and need to be finalised.
(please disregard if you have a Fortnightly / Monthly Direct Debit set up)

CAMP FEE 2023: Year 5 & 6 Camp Fees \$325 are now overdue and need to be finalised.

Please contact school office on 9741 8440 to arrange payment or make an appointment time to discuss with the Principal.

Curriculum Fee & Levy (per child) <u>Due & Payable: Wednesday 1st March 2023</u> EFTPOS – DEBIT & CREDIT CARD (Master Card or VISA)	Foundation \$400.00 Years 1 & 2 \$400.00 Years 3, 4, 5 \$430.00 Year 6 \$500.00
Family Fee (per family) refer below for payment plan options available	\$1,700.00
Camp Fee (per year - per child)	Year 1 \$50.00 Year 2 \$55.00 Year 3 & 4 \$200.00 Year 5 & 6 \$325.00
Payment due prior to camp	

FAMILY FEE PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payments can be made by EFT ensure Account Number and Surname are used as your reference.
Or by EFTPOS – DEBIT & CREDIT CARD (Master Card or VISA)

Option 1 – Pay three instalments by the due dates below

EFTPOS – DEBIT & CREDIT CARD (Master Card or VISA)

1 st Instalment	\$580.00	Due & Payable: Wednesday 1st March 2023
2 nd Instalment	\$560.00	Due & Payable: Wednesday 10th May 2023
3 rd Instalment	\$560.00	Due & Payable: Wednesday 19th July 2023

Option 2 – Pay two instalments by the due dates below

EFTPOS – DEBIT & CREDIT CARD (Master Card or VISA)

1 st Instalment	\$ 850.00	Due & Payable: Wednesday 1st March 2023
2 nd Instalment	\$ 850.00	Due & Payable: Wednesday 19th July 2023

Option 3 - Direct Debit Payment Commencing Thursday 2nd March 2023 * Fortnightly option

Commencing Friday 17th March 2023 * Monthly option

Fortnightly	\$ 85.00	<u>20</u> Payments	Final Payment Due: Thurs 23rd Nov 2023
Monthly	\$ 170.00	<u>10</u> Payments	Final Payment Due: Friday 1st Dec 2023

Option 4 – Payment in full \$1700.00

Direct Debit Forms are available, please email accounts@ccwerribee.catholic.edu.au to request

DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS DO NOT INCLUDE CAMPS COSTS.

2023 School Calendar and Important Dates

TERM 3

Thursday 17 th August	First Eucharist Celebrations 5:00pm and 6:30pm St Andrew's
Friday 18 th August	Interschool Sports
	Whole School Assembly 9:00am in the MFR (NB Time change to 9:00am)
	Bingo Social Night MFR - Doors Open 5:30pm for 7:00pm Start
Thursday 24 th August	Middles and Foundation Unit Mass at 9:00am in the MFR
Friday 25 th August	Interschool Sports
Thursday 31 st August	Father's Day Stall
Friday 1 st September	Father's / Special Person's Day Breakfast - 7:30am to 8:30am
	OPEN Morning -Liturgy & Class Visits - 8:30am to 9:30am
	Whole School Assembly – 2:05pm MFR
Tuesday 5 th September	School Advisory Council Meeting 6:30pm in the Staffroom
Wednesday 6 th September	Division Athletics Newport
	P&F Meeting 7:00pm in the staffroom
Friday 8 th September	Corpus Community Cuppa 8:45am - 9:30am MFR
	Lightning Premiership (TBC)
Thursday 14 th September	Footy Colours Day
Friday 15 th September	Whole School End of Term Assembly – 9:00am MFR
	<u>End of Term Three – Children dismissed at 1:00pm</u>

TERM 4

Monday 2 nd October	Term 4 Begins—Students return to school
Wednesday 4 th October &	MIDDLE UNIT CAMP
Thursday 5 th October	MIDDLE UNIT CAMP
Friday 6 th October	Late Start for Middle Students 11:30am
Wednesday 11 th October	P&F Meeting at 7:00pm in the Staffroom
Thursday 12 th October	Junior Excursion and Grade 2 Sleepover
Friday 13 th October	Mission Month Prayer Service & Assembly 9:00am
	Grade 2 children dismissed at 12:30pm
Monday 16 th October	OPEN Morning 8:30 – 9:30am
Wednesday 18 th October	ARTS Show 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Thursday 19 th October	COLOUR RUN
Saturday 21 st October	Corpus Christi Community Mass at St Andrew's Church at 6:00pm
Thursday 26 th October	Seniors and Middles Unit Mass at 9:00am
Friday 27 th October	Whole school Assembly – 2:05pm
Friday 3 rd November	School Closure Day – Report Writing Day
Monday 6 th November	School Closure Day - TIL
Tuesday 7 th November	Melbourne Cup Holiday
Thursday 9 th November	Transition Session One - Foundation 2024
Friday 10 th November	Book Character Parade – All Families Welcome 9:00am
	Subway Lunch
Tuesday 14 th November	School Advisory Council meeting, AGM & Dinner 6:30pm
Wednesday 15 th November	P&F Meeting at 1:30pm in the MFR
Thursday 16 th November	Transition Session Two – Foundation 2024
Monday 20 th November	School Closure Day – Planning for 2024

Wednesday 22 nd November	OPEN Afternoon 2:15 to 2:45pm
Thursday 23 rd November	Junior and Foundation Unit Mass at 9:00am
Friday 24 th November	Whole School Assembly in the MFR at 2:05pm
Thursday 30 th November	Transition Session Three – Foundation 2024
Monday 4 th December	Carols Night – 5:00pm
Friday 8 th December	Whole School Assembly in the MFR at 2:05pm
Monday 11 th December	2024 Orientation Sessions
Tuesday 12 th December	Graduation Mass 6:00pm – St Andrew’s Church
Thursday 14 th December	Adventure Park – Year 6s
Friday 15 th December	End of Year Liturgy and Assembly – 9.00am
	<u>1.00pm Children Dismissed Term 4 Ends</u>

Congratulations

Congratulations Corpus Christi Students

We raised \$450 for Jeans for Genes day

