



Corpus Christi Primary  
GROWING TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

# Newsletter

**Term 1**

**Week 2**

**7 February 2019**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A warm welcome is extended to all students, families and staff at Corpus Christi. I welcome our Kindergarten students and new families who have joined our school community. It has been delightful to greet the students and families and hear about their holiday.



On Friday 25th January the Leadership Teams across our system gathered together to launch our theme for this year: "Transforming Learning: through curiosity to clarity". We were reminded by Mr Greg Whitby, our Executive Director, that we are the hands and feet in the mission of the Church.

On 29th January and 30th January our staff administered the Mathematical Assessment Interview individually to many of our students. This interview between teacher and student provides the teachers with information about the children's number knowledge and problem solving strategies.

I would like to thank you all for your warm welcome to the Corpus Christi community. The many smiles and the enthusiasm for learning has been obvious from our very first day. I ask God to walk with us on our learning journey throughout 2019.

*Loving God, bless this journey of a new school year.*

*Refresh our souls and renew our spirits.*

*We welcome those who are new to this community and ask that  
you strengthen them to share the wonderful gifts you have given them.*

*May you guide us to work together with open hearts  
and minds, always eager to learn.*

*We ask this in Your name,*

*Amen.*

Yours in education,

Sarah O'Rourke  
Principal

— WELCOME —  
**BACK TO SCHOOL**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Dear Parents,

**Faith Formation****Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C****Gospel**

Lk 5:1-11 An abundance of fish are caught by Simon.

*A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:*

*What sort of messages or errands have you been sent on?*

*When you are a messenger, what do you have to do? (eg listen to instructions, make sure you know where to go, pass on the message clearly etc.)*

*Jesus asks the fishermen in the Gospel to be messengers. What do you think he means when he tells them they will bring in people rather than fish?*

*Jesus calls us to be his messengers. How can we be good messengers?*

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**Catholic Culture**

Congratulations once again to all the children who presented themselves for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation last year. It has been wonderful to see so many children participating in their Sacramental journey with their families. They are then able to fully participate in the sacramental life of the Church and the celebrations we have as a school. We nurture, plan and prepare our children for many things and their spiritual life should be part of this as well. Our first Sacramental meeting for Penance (Reconciliation) will be on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Church.**

Please be aware that we have some upcoming celebrations which we hope many families and friends will be able to attend.

- 18/2/19** School Leader's Induction – 2.10pm Assembly in hall
- 22/2/19** Opening School Mass 9.30am – Kindergarten welcome after communion.  
SRC induction at the conclusion of mass.
- 27/2/19** Parent Penance (Reconciliation) Meeting – 7.30pm in church
- 4/3/19** Catholic Schools Week Liturgy and Assembly
- 5/3/19** Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Breakfast - 8.15am
- 6/3/19** Ash Wednesday – Yr 3 – 6 Parish Mass 9.10am  
K – 2 Liturgy 11.30am (in church)

**Understanding Faith Online Resource**

We are able to use an online resource to support our religious education. Why not check it out for yourselves.

<https://primary.understandingfaith.edu.au/log-in>

user : ceo.parra.6735

password : ceo.2019.parra

**Social Justice**

Welcome back to a wonderful new year. Last year our social justice efforts were amazing and the hope is that we will be able to continue and even improve our efforts this year.

New parents to our school may not be aware that a large part of our mission is to support the marginalised in our community and the world at large. This support comes in many ways ; service, money and donations. We support through social justice : The Diocesan Works Fund, Catholic Mission, Caritas Australia, St Vincent de Paul, Penrith Community Kitchen, CanTeen, Corpus Christi Parish and other disaster relief agencies which may need our help during the year.

Many blessings,

Sharon Shahoud  
Religious Education Coordinator

### **PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**

This year the teachers will be holding a Parent Information Evening. This is an opportunity for the teachers to introduce themselves and share with you information in relation to the grade.

The dates and times are as follows:-

Monday 11th February	6:30pm	Kindergarten
Monday 11th February	7:15pm	Year 1 and Year 2
Wednesday 13th February	6:30pm	Year 3 and Year 4
Wednesday 13th February	7:15pm	Year 5 and Year 6

### **STAYING INFORMED - THE NEWSLETTER**

This newsletter is used throughout the year to inform parents about the faith celebrations, beliefs and events of the school and parish. It is also used to inform parents about the policies and practices that are its legal responsibilities or Catholic Education Office policy. These areas include but are not restricted to school policy and practices relating to supervision, enrolments, communication, anti-racism, grievance, child protection and pastoral care.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Regular attendance at school is critical to ensuring that every student has the kind of opportunities in life that he or she deserves. When students are not at school, they are missing out on so much. Without the knowledge, the skills or the support that schools are so good at providing, young people can get left behind and find themselves underprepared for a fast-paced and often very challenging world.

Therefore this year it is crucial all students attend school and we continue to focus our efforts towards "Every Learner, Every Day".



### **USE OF STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS**

The school respects families wishes to use or not use photos of their children in publications that are either electronic or on paper. The permission to use photos continues from the previous year and will remain in place unless the family advises the school otherwise. If you do not wish the school to use your child's photo in any publication, please let the school know in writing.



### **ANAPHYLACTIC STUDENTS AWARENESS**

Parents are reminded that some of our children can have a severe anaphylactic reaction to various food products. This reaction can be life threatening. Please support the school by not sending food in your child's lunchbox to school that may contain nuts, nut products or egg. This includes all peanut butter products and Nutella. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### **SCHOOL FEES**

School fee statements will be sent to your home address over the coming weeks. Please notify the school office on 47 262 200 if you have not received these by Friday 1st March, 2019. Flexible payment plans (FPP) will be offered to families again this year and this information will be enclosed with your school fee statement. If you wish to take up this payment option, you will need to post back the relevant documentation to the CEDP at Locked Bag 4 North Parramatta 1750. **Please do not return this documentation to the school. Payment for instalment 1 2019 school fees are due Wednesday 20th March 2019.**



### **AFTERNOON DISMISSAL REMINDER**

The **safety** of our children is important as we establish routines within the school. It is important to every Staff member that they know where and with whom each child has gone in the afternoon. Please find below a reminder about Afternoon Dismissal which I ask everyone to become familiar with.

In the afternoon the following is to occur:

**DRIVEWAY:** All students in Year 3-6 who are being picked up by family members will need to be collected via the driveway. This can be accessed via the small gate next to the Office door which is opened at about 2:50pm.

**SAILS:** Students in Years 1 and 2 will line up in their class groups under the sails area. (Pavers area as you walk through the big gates) We ask that parents wait until their child has spotted them and told their teacher before taking them. This is so the teacher is aware of the child leaving and who they are traveling home with.

**KINDERGARTEN:** Students in Kindergarten will be dismissed via the gate near the Church. If they have older siblings then they will make their way to Kindergarten when the bell rings at 3:05pm.

**SIBLINGS:** The only **EXCEPTION** to the above routine, is if students in Years 3-6 have a sibling in Year 1 or Year 2, they will need to meet them under the sails where they will be collected.

**EARLY BUS/BUS:** Any students who travel home via bus will either line up at Early bus (along the windows outside the office) or in the Breezeway. The teacher will collect these students and walk them to the bus pick up zone.

**WALKERS:** Any students who walk home or need to walk across the crossing to meet family members for pick up will need to go to the walkers line. The teacher will then walk them safely to the crossing on Andromeda Drive. The teacher will also cross them over both driveways into the school if this is required.

In the event of Wet Weather or Sweat Weather, the gates will be opened at about 2:55pm. Parents are invited to walk down to the students learning spaces and collect the children from there.

At 3:25pm all students who have not been collected will be walked to the Office and a phone call home will be made to inform you of this.

***We ask that parents respect the students and teachers and wait in the given afternoon pick up areas rather than walking down to the learning spaces or picking up their child from off the lines as they are making their way to these areas.***

### **SPORTS NEWS**

#### **TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Well done to all students who participated at the swimming carnival last night. A big thank you to all parents and staff who volunteered their time to make the evening run smoothly. Further details with results from the swimming carnival will be published in next week's newsletter.



#### **UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS**

<b>19/2</b>	Nepean Zone Swimming Carnival
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**Kinder - Tuesday**  
**Year 1 - Thursday**  
**Year 2 - Wednesday**  
**Year 3 - Wednesday**  
**Year 4 - Thursday**  
**Year 5 - Wednesday OR Thursday**  
**Year 6 - Tuesday**

**\* Year 5: Please refer to the timetable that was sent home, to know the correct day to wear your sport uniform.**

Mrs Melissa McGrath  
Sport Coordinator & PE Teacher





# Transitioning Tips



Transitioning back into the new year after the holiday period, may cause feelings of anxiety especially for those who find change challenging.

The holidays may provide a reprieve from work or school, but after having weeks of no homework, no school or work hours and later bed-times, it can be difficult to adjust straight back into the usual routine.

Here are some suggestions to ease back into the start of a new year.

## Routine



Get back into a routine by

- setting bed-times and wake-times
- reducing screen time
- turning off devices an hour before sleep-time
- reading books

## Choices



Giving kids choices can help them feel they have some control

- choosing their breakfast
- what to eat for recess and lunch
- helping pack their bags

## Healthy Eating



Healthy eating choices are important to keep an active and healthy body and mind

- be aware they are eating a healthy breakfast
- provide ample food for lunch to get them through the day

## Listen



Talk to your children about their day and give them the opportunity to share any worries. Don't share your own anxieties. Listen to your child's concerns and validate their feelings to show them you are listening and know they can handle it.

## Acknowledge



Acknowledge the transition back to school may not always be smooth. Listen to any worries and make a plan for dealing with these challenges. Perhaps practice with your child by role playing. This may help your child feel more confident to handle the situation if it arises.

## Encourage



Focus on the positive moments ahead. Discuss the things your child is looking forward to, whether it's seeing or making new friends, playing sport or beginning a new activity. Encourage your child to participate in new activities and help them manage their time in the first term of school.





TAKE A TOUR AND  
SEE LEARNING  
SPACES

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STAFF AVAILABLE  
TO ANSWER  
QUESTIONS

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ENROLMENT  
INFORMATION  
AVAILABLE

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DROP IN FOR 10  
MINUTES OR AN  
HOUR – IT'S UP TO  
YOU

ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR  
KINDERGARTEN 2020  
AT OUR...

CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY  
TWILIGHT TOUR (OPEN NIGHT)

TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
BETWEEN 5PM – 7PM

If you are unable to attend this night please contact our  
Enrolment Secretary, Mrs Paton, after 5<sup>th</sup> March on

02 4726 2200

Enrolments close 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019

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**TERM 1 2019 CALENDAR**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/ SUNDAY
<b>Week 3</b>	11th ●Parent Information Night: Kindy- 6:30pm Years 1 & 2 - 7:15pm	12th	13th ●Parent Information Night: Yrs 3 & 4 - 6:30pm Years 5 & 6 - 7:15pm	14th	15th ●PRG Zooper Dooper Day	16th/17th
<b>Week 4</b>	18th ●Year 2 Assembly & School Leaders Induction - 2:10pm	19th ●Nepean Zone Swimming Carnival	20th	21st	22nd ●Open School Mass 9:00am-10:00am ●SRC Induction ●PRG Zooper Dooper Day ●PRG Family Picnic 5:00pm-7:00pm ●Diocesan Swimming Carnival	23rd/24th
<b>Week 5</b>	25th	26th	27th ●Parent Meeting Reconciliation - 7:30pm	28th	1st March ●Clean Up Schools Day ●PRG Zooper Dooper Day	2nd/3rd
<b>Week 6</b> Catholic Schools Week	4th ●Year 4 Assembly - 2:10pm	5th ●Shrove Tuesday- Pancake Breakfast - 8:15am ●Open Classrooms ●Twilight Tour - 5:00pm-7:00pm	6th ●Ash Wednesday Mass - Years 3 –6 9:00am	7th	8th ●PRG Zooper Dooper Day	9th/10th
<b>Week 7</b>	11th ●SRC to Halogen Leadership Day	12th	13th	14th	15th ●National Day Against Bullying ●School Cross Country ●PRG Zooper Dooper Day	16th/17th
<b>Week 8</b>	18th ●Year 5 Assembly - 2:10pm	19th	20th	21st ●Harmony Day	22nd ●Year 4 Parish Mass – 9:00am ●PRG Zooper Dooper Day ●Earth Hour - 2:00pm	23rd/24th
<b>Week 9</b>	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th ●PRG Zooper Dooper Day	30th/31st
<b>Week 10</b>	1st April ●Year 3 Assembly - 2:10pm	2nd	3rd	4th	5th ●Year 2 Parish Mass – 9:00am ●PRG Zooper Dooper Day	6th/7th
<b>Week 11</b>	8th	9th	10th ●PRG Easter Raffle drawn	11th	12th ●PRG Zooper Dooper Day ●Last Day of Term 1	13th/14th

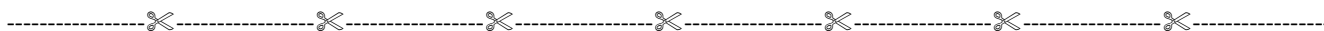
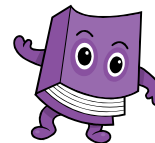




## HELPERS NEEDED TO COVER BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

If you are able to spare some time to cover some books for us at home please complete the slip below. We will supply you with the contact for the books. We will ring you and ask you to collect the books from the school.

Thank you for your help, it is greatly appreciated.



Att: Library

Yes I can help contact books when needed.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_



### NOTES DISTRIBUTED

- Sport Days Term 1 2019
- Year 5 PE Timetable Term 1
- Afternoon Release
- Oz Fashions Uniform Shop
- Tuckshop2U
- Communication from Corpus Christi
- Skoolbag App
- 2019 Diocesan School Fees & School Based Fees
- Scholastic Book Clubs LOOP
- Keeping Updated - School Calendar
- 2019 PRG Claim Dates
- 2019 Welcome to Corpus Christi BBQ Picnic



### Oz Fashions Uniform Shop

- \* Online ordering system via the QKR app.
- \* Delivery to school every Wednesday. Orders must be placed by 4pm Tuesday for delivery on Wednesday.
- \* No refunds. Exchanges accepted on merchandise returned in original condition.

**Please email all exchanges to [elle@ozfashions.com.au](mailto:elle@ozfashions.com.au).**

**All inquiries please contact Elle  
[elle@ozfashions.com.au](mailto:elle@ozfashions.com.au) or 0421 216 414.**

**NOTE: Try on samples will be at the school for your convenience. Please try on the uniforms to ascertain the correct size before ordering to avoid disappointment and confusion. These samples will be available Monday and Wednesday mornings and afternoons between the hours of 8:30 to 9:00am and 3:05 to 3:30pm for Term 4 2018. Please come to the office with your child if you need to try uniforms on.**