



Term 4

Week 8

5 December 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last night we celebrated our Christmas Concert together. There were many smiles and lots of excitement as we await the end of year and enter into the season of Advent, waiting and preparing for Christmas. It was wonderful to have so many families and friends join us for this occasion.

We were reminded about the peace and joy that this season should bring but also the need to remember others in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

We thank you all for your generous contributions to our St Vincent de Paul hamper collection which was well received, on the evening, by a representative from the organisation.

Congratulations to everyone on a wonderful night!

Yours in education,

Sarah O'Rourke
Principal



MUFTI DAY

Next Monday **9th December** we will hold a Mufti Day for all students to continue to raise money for our "Bike for a Buck" SRC campaign.

The money raised is going towards bikes for a sport and recreational camp for the disadvantaged.

This will be a Gold coin donation to wear Mufti!

PRG - ZOOPER DOOPERS

Our PRG will sell the remaining Zooper Doopers on **Monday 9th December!**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Parents,

Faith Formation**Gospel**

Mt 3:1-12 John the Baptist begins to preach in the desert.

Who was the prophet mentioned in today's Gospel?

What did he do?

John the Baptist told people they must be sorry for the things they had done wrong so they could be ready to meet Jesus.

What things do we need to be sorry for?

How can we change our ways so that we can be ready to meet Jesus.

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WREATH**Meaning of these symbols**

Circle : has no beginning or end – represents God's life which is everlasting – his love for us has no end.

Evergreen : their ever-greenness reminds us of life, growth and hope.

Candles : Waiting for Jesus to come. Purple – time for preparation, time to recognise our need for Jesus. Pink – a sign of joy because we know that God loved us so much that he sent Jesus into the world.

Purple Ribbon : **Ribbon** – decoration on gifts – we should give other people some of the love of Jesus through our good deeds and kind words. **Purple** – represents hard work and that our giving to others will be hard work too.

Prayer for Rain

God our Father, You created our earth to nourish us and give us life

And Jesus told us to ask and it will be given to us

We ask now in Faith, Hope and Love that you look with favour on our drought stricken land.

Our starving animals and failing produce.

Sustain, strengthen and give new heart to our farmers and all those affected by this drought

In your loving providence send abundant rain soon

And renew the faith of your people and the face of our land.

We make this prayer with many, through Jesus Christ who gives new life to all living things.

Amen

Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Pray for us

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop - Pray for us

Most Revered Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE DD Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes

Catholic Culture**Advance Notice for Sacraments 2020 - Year 4 students 2020 cohort**

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Term 1 - Parent meeting 19/2/2020

First Eucharist - Term 2

Sacrament of Confirmation - Term 4 2021

If there are any students currently in Year 4 and Year 5 who have not made their Sacraments, they are very welcome to join this Sacramental Journey. Please see Mrs Shahoud for a follow up note.

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**Christmas Concert**

Thankyou so much to everyone who contributed to such a wonderful celebration. The Food Hampers were graciously accepted by Greg Hall on behalf of the Corpus Christi Parish / St Vincent de Paul conference. The children will be part of the organisation of the food for St Vincent de Paul.

Donations will be accepted until tomorrow Friday 6th December.



Have a peaceful week,

Sharon Shahoud
Religious Education Coordinator

MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENT INTERVIEWS

As you would know, at the beginning of each year teachers will conduct Mathematical Assessment Interviews on all students from Year 1 to Year 6 to gain information about how the children work mathematically and the next steps in their learning. The interview will be approximately 40 minutes.

Our Mathematics Assessment Interviews for 2020 will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday 28th January, 2020
Wednesday 29th January, 2020

**END OF YEAR RECEIPTING**

The last day for receipting school fees via cash or eftpos at the school office will be Thursday 12th December 2019. School fee payments however, can still be paid using Bpay and Postbillpay options.

AFTERNOON DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS

Please be advised that **all** students are to be picked up by their parents/caregivers by 3:25pm each school day. We understand that sometimes there are emergencies which may result in a late pick up however your help with punctual collection of students would be greatly appreciated. If you require information in regard to after school care, please phone the school office on 47 262 200.

**TERM 1 2020 DATES**

Tuesday, 28th January	Staff Development Day - Staff conducting MAI's
Wednesday, 29th January	Staff Development Day - Staff conducting MAI's
Thursday, 30th January	Years 1- 6 Return to school
Friday, 31st January	Kindergarten Begin School

"BUCK 4 A BIKE"

Monday, 9th December



Mufti Day

All money raised will go towards purchasing bikes as a Christmas gift for those children less fortunate.



SPORTS NEWS



Ethan Brischetto & Harper Matai

BASKETBALL PARRAMATTA SPORT TEAM TRIALS 2020

Well done to Ethan Brischetto and Harper Matai in Year 5 who trialed for the 2020 Parramatta Basketball Team last Thursday. Both boys tried their very best, displaying excellent sportsmanship and skill, whilst being exposed to a new experience. After a very tough trial Harper Matai was selected as part of the final 12 children who will trial with the other schools to make a final team. Congratulations Ethan and Harper the Corpus Christ community are very proud of your efforts and achievements!

**GYMNASTICS**

Congratulations to Georgia Baldwin who has been selected to compete in Hawaii in January at the Aloha Gymfest, this is a worldwide event with over 35 teams across the world competing. This is Georgia's first international competition and it is quite an achievement, not only to be selected but also to represent the YMCA and Australia internationally. Good Luck Georgia!!

2020 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Please return notes by **NO LATER THAN Friday 6th December 2019.**



- Who:** The carnival is open to all children in **Years 2-6, 2020** who will be **turning eight (8) or older** in 2020, and who are confident of swimming one **50 metre** lap. **Children will swim in the Age Group that they will be in 2020.**
E.g If your child will be 8 (in Year 2) in 2020 they will swim in the 8yr old race
- When:** **Wednesday 5th February 2020**
- Where:** Hawkesbury Oasis YMCA, Cnr Drummond St & Church St, South Windsor
- Time:** Arrival at 4:45pm for 5:00pm marshalling
- Travel:** **All students** competing in the swimming carnival **will need to make their own way to and from the carnival and as previously stated, have an adult remain with them throughout the duration of the carnival.**
- What to bring/wear:** Swimwear, towel and sun-protection (lotion and hat).
- Cost:** \$4 per competing student and \$2.20 per spectator. This fee will be paid directly to Hawkesbury Oasis, YMCA when you arrive.
- Parent Helpers:** Naturally an evening such as this cannot go ahead without parent volunteers. Please consider assisting on the evening and indicate this on the permission slip on the note or let Mrs McGrath know via the school office. Please ensure that you have completed the Children Protection Course and that it is up to date.

**Volunteers
Needed!**



If you require a new note please inform your teacher so they can provide you with one as soon as possible.

2020 PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN TEAM SPORT TRIALS ARE OPEN

ALL 2020 Team Sport Trials are OPEN, however, the Summer Sports of BASKETBALL & TENNIS registrations close for these sports only on Monday 11th November as these trials will be held in November 2019.

All other sports trials will be held in Term One & Two in 2020.

Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2020 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above-average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. **While teams are open in age it is strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2020 be invited to attend.**

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports: AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Hockey, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union, Softball, Tennis & Touch football. The sports of Diving & Golf will be held at the MacKillop level.

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed below.

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2020 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria, therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an *EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY* and *MUST* be approved by the child's school. In order for the child to attend the nominated trial or event, this may come down to the discretion of the school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports, only 2 students per school can be nominated. All fields and especially "Representative Experience" *MUST* be completed. Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSc3fh0o86xGIVN3tK.../viewform>

UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS - 2020

Melissa McGrath
PE Teacher & Sports Coordinator

5/2/20

Twilight Swimming Carnival

ARE YOU LEAVING THE CORPUS CHRISTI COMMUNITY AT THE END OF THIS YEAR (EXCLUDING YEAR 6 moving onto high school)

It is a legal requirement that parents advise the school office in writing, the last day of attendance at Corpus Christi, the name of the new school your child/ren will be attending and if any contact details will change.

Please ensure:

- All Library and Reading books are returned
- All school fees have been paid in full
- Collect all your child's belongings from the classroom

Unwanted Uniforms are always appreciated as they are used for accidents etc.

SALE ITEMS



Student chairs -We have some 2nd hand student chairs (28 ONLY) available for you to purchase. If you wish to purchase one, please leave your name and contact phone number at the front office. These chairs can be purchased for \$5 and payment must be made in order to secure one. Payment (CASH ONLY) is to be made at the front office. The date/time for collection is Monday morning 25th November from 8:25 until 8:55am.



Cookbooks- These are available to purchase for \$2 and are available at the school office. Limited numbers available

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE ABOVE SALES WILL BE DONATED TO CATHOLIC MISSION

The Parish Community of
CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH
 86 Andromeda Drive Cranebrook
 invites you to join us at our....

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASSES

2019 ADVENT DATES

"Advent" means "Coming" – a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas

December 1	1 st Sunday of Advent
December 8	2 nd Sunday of Advent
December 15	3 rd Sunday of Advent
December 22	4 th Sunday of Advent

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am and 9:30am

CHRISTMAS 2019 MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

6:00pm – Popular with young families. Children can dress as angels and shepherds

8:30pm – Upbeat Spirit of Christmas

Midnight – Christmas magic at night

Christmas Day

9:30am – Experience the Peace of Christmas morning

New Year's Day

9:10am – Celebrates Mary, Holy Mother of God

*The Second Rite of Reconciliation will be held on Tuesday 10 December 2019 at 7:00pm.
 Here we come together as a community to reflect.
 Priests hear individual confession and give absolution*



Please see over for more information

We warmly welcome you, our neighbours, to celebrate Advent and Christmas with us. Whether you are a family, single, young or young at heart, are starting to explore your relationship with your faith or have a deep understanding, you are welcome here.



THE ADVENT WREATH

The circle represents the eternity of God. The evergreen wreath represents life and immortality. There are 4 candles around the wreath – 1 for each of the 4 weeks of Advent. The white candle in the middle is lit on Christmas Day. The candles represent Jesus, the light of the world. The 3 purple candles represent prayer, penance and preparation. The rose or pink candle is lit on the 3rd Sunday of Advent and represents joy.

We invite you to join us each week during Advent as we light a new candle in the lead up to Christmas Day

REGULAR MASS TIMES

Weekdays: Tuesday @ 7:00pm, Wednesday – Friday @ 9:10am
Weekends: Saturday Vigil @ 6:00pm, Sunday @ 7:30am and 9:30am

CONTACT US

For more information, contact the Parish Office on 4730 1249, email parishteam@corpuschristi.org.au or website www.corpuschristi.org.au

Fr Chris can be contacted on 0415 505 594 or email Christopher.Antwi-Boasiako@parracatholic.org

TERM 4 CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/ SUNDAY
Week 8	2nd •Student Banking •Year 5 History Excursion	3rd	4th •Corpus Christi Christmas Concert 6:30pm •Reports to go home	5th	6th •Kinder Gymnastics •Final Awards Assembly 1:30pm	7th/8th
Week 9	9th •Student Banking •Mufti Day - "Buck 4 A Bike" •Last PRG Zooper Dooper Day 2019	10th •Farewell Teacher Assembly and Guard of Honor	11th •Final delivery for Uniform Orders •Yr 6 Farewell Mass & Graduation 6:00pm	12th	13th •Kinder Gymnastics •Yr 4 Excursion Echo Point	14th/15th
Week 10	16th •Student Banking •Year 6 Fun Day Motiv8	17th •Yr 3-6 Gymnastics •Students meet the Teacher for 2020	18th •Last day for <u>all</u> (K-6) students for 2019	19th	20th	21st/22nd
TERM 1 2020						
Term 1 2020 Week 1	27th January •Australia Day Public Holiday	28th •Staff Development Day - Teacher's conducting MAI	29th •Staff Development Day - Teacher's conducting MAI •First Uniform Order delivery for 2020	30th •Years 1-6 return	31st •Kindergarten begin school	1st/2nd February

IMPORTANT!

FINAL DELIVERY FOR 2019 UNIFORM ORDERS

The last delivery day for 2019 for Uniform Orders is **Wednesday, 11th December (Week 9)**. Please note orders MUST be placed by 4pm Tuesday, 10th December, in order to be delivered on this day. Orders placed after 4pm on Tuesday, 10th December will be delivered on the first delivery for 2020 which is Wednesday, 29th January.



NOTES DISTRIBUTED

- "Buck 4 A Bike" Mufti Day

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.
- * Sample sizes available in the school office, to try on for sizing, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30am-8:55am and 3:05pm-3:30pm.

Please email all exchanges to elle@ozfashions.com.au.

All inquiries please contact Elle elle@ozfashions.com.au or 0421 216 414.

