



# Corpus Christi Primary

GROWING TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

## Staying In Touch—Newsletter Update

**Term 1**

**Week 7**

**14 March 2019**

Harmony Day occurs on the 21st March each year. It is a day in which Australians celebrate the core values of inclusiveness, respect for other cultures, tolerance, and diversity. It is a day that began in 1999 and coincides with the UN's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. **Orange** is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. At Corpus Christi we will be recognising Harmony Day this year with activities throughout the week.

**Harmony  
DAY 21  
MARCH**



Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home, from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

We pray that we continue to be a welcoming people.

### *A Prayer for Harmony Day*

*You created all people in your image.*

*We thank you for the variety of races and cultures in Australia and in our community.*

*Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us.*

*Grant that we may always promote the justice and acceptance that ensures lasting peace.*

*Grant that we may show equal respect to all persons of different cultures that we may come across.*

*And help us to remember and appreciate that we are one country, with many stories.*

*Amen*

### **KISS AND DROP**

When using the Kiss and Drop Zone of a morning, children must keep their bags with them in the car and get out onto the path/school side. Children are not to go to the car boot to retrieve school bags. This is very important for the safety of all.

### **FRONT GATE SECURITY - SCHOOL HOURS**

If parents are leaving the school grounds via the front gate during the school hours, they are asked to ensure that they do not let any late arriving children through the gate. **All late arriving students need to be signed in by their parents or caregivers.**



We will hold our first Parent Representative Group meeting on:

**Wednesday 27th March at 5pm.**

Everyone is very welcome to attend!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Dear Parents,

**Faith Formation****Second Sunday of Lent - Year C**

Gospel

Lk 9:28-36 Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James and John.

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

*What are your favourite quiet places?*

*What sort of things do you like to do in your quiet place?*

*Quiet places can be very good for praying. Take a moment to think of when you can go to your quiet place this week.*

*What or who can you pray for?*

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**Catholic Culture**

We will be starting our focus for Diversity next week with a prayer and launch of Harmony Week at our assembly. This will be led by the teachers and children from Year 5. During the week the children will then have the opportunity to read and discuss some great picture books like :

Room On Our Rock by Kate and Jol Temple;

Whoever You Are and I'm Australian Too by Mem Fox.

A display will be created throughout the week in the Breezeway with the children's responses to the books, cultural diversity and harmony.

The week will culminate on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March with an orange mufti day. The children are asked to wear something orange on this day. It may be as small as a ribbon as long as something is orange. The children are also asked to bring in a gold coin donation for Project Compassion.

**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**

Tati lives in the remote forest of Indonesia. She is a mother of three who was earning an income working in a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Caritas Australia and its partners, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and to provide clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting

[www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

Many blessings,

Sharon Shahoud  
Religious Education Co-ordinator

**REMINDER - Book Club Closing Date**

**Book Club Issue 2 orders CLOSE on Friday, 22 March 2019.**

**All orders are to be made online.**

**Please do not send any orders or money to school.**

### **Project Based Learning at Corpus Christi**

Last Tuesday on the 5<sup>th</sup> March during Catholic Schools Week we had an Open Classroom session which was focused on our students sharing their learnings in Project Based Learning (PBL) for Geography. We had many family members from all grades who were able to attend and thoroughly enjoyed seeing, discussing and assisting our students with their learning. We asked our families to engage in providing feedback via the use of "Exit Tickets" and what they liked, were wondering and if they had any next steps for our students in regards to their PBL/ Geography unit.

#### ***For our families who may be wondering...***

*Project Based Learning* is an engaging 21<sup>st</sup> century instructional method that has the potential to provide the deepest and most lasting impact on learning. Learning is student centred, occurs in small groups, it provides students with a sense of independence, fosters collaboration amongst peers and encourages real world problem solving. Students are presented with an authentic problem (in the form of a Driving Question) and are required to engage in a variety of research and problem-solving activities.

#### ***Some feedback from our families...***

*"I enjoyed this session as I saw an insight on what the kids have been learning – sustainability"*

*"I like the way they are working together as a group"*

*My son "was able to tell me about the Driving Question and explain where he is going in his learning"*

*"Impressed with the confidence and independence in students"*

*"I like the relativity based methodology to compare countries"*

*I liked how..*

*Excited the kids are*

*Engaged the kids are in their learning*

*Much they understand what they are learning*

*We are encouraging their curiosity*

*The kids are being creative in how to present their ideas*

*I wonder...*

*How I can help my child with this topic?*

*If we should discuss how to create their ideas at home?*

Thank you all for your participation in our PBL Open Classroom session – watch this space for more news and information!

Mrs Hamilton



**SPORTS NEWS****CROSS COUNTRY**

Cross Country is **Friday 22nd of March** at Andromeda Oval. All children are expected to attend. Notes have been sent home and are due back on Wednesday 20th March. If you are able to assist on the day could you please fill out the parent helper form on the note and return it at your earliest convenience.

**STAGE 3 TOUCH FOOTBALL**

The Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day will be held on Friday 12th April at The Kingsway Playing Fields. Teams will be chosen and the children will be notified as soon as possible.

**WEEK 8 CHANGE OF SPORT DAY YEAR 1 & YEAR 6**

Due to Teachers attending an inservice in Week 8, Year 6 and Year 1 will need to swap their Sport Day for **Week 8 ONLY**. Notes will be sent home this week. We apologise for any inconvenience.

**WEEK 8**

Year 1      Tuesday, 19th March  
Year 6      Thursday, 21st March

**PDCPSSC REPRESENTATIVE SPORTS - SOFTBALL**

Notes for Softball are still being finalised. As soon as they are available they will be given to all approved children. The information below is what is available but it is not confirmed.

*Wednesday 1st May 2019  
Stanhope Gardens Softball Complex  
Stanhope Parkway, Stanhope Gardens*

**HATS**

Please ensure that your child comes to school EVERYDAY with their school hat. Thank you to the children who constantly bring their school hats every single day. **It is encouraged that the children wear their hats to and from school every day.** If they do not have a school hat please provide a suitable non school hat until a school hat can be purchased. Please ensure that your child's hair is done in a way so that their hat can be worn properly when they are playing and it won't fall off. Reminder notes will be sent home with children who continually do not have their hat at school. We thank you for your continued support in helping us to convey the correct sun safety message to our children.

**UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS**

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<b>22/3</b>	Cross Country
<b>27/3</b>	CPS Swimming Carnival
<b>12/4</b>	Stage 3 Touch Football

Melissa McGrath  
PE Teacher & Sports Coordinator

**ENROLLING NOW FOR 2020****ENROL NOW FOR****KINDERGARTEN 2020!**

If you are unsure if your child should start Kindergarten 2020 or 2021 please contact Mrs Paton in the school office before 31/5/19.

We are accepting Enrolments now for 2020 Kindergarten children. This includes our **siblings** at Corpus Christi. Please contact the Office for an Enrolment pack and to make a time for an enrolment interview.

Kindergarten enrolments for 2020 will close on Thursday 31st May. Any enrolments received after this date will be deemed as a "late enrolment".



## ATTENDANCE

It is so important that all children are at school every day.

Routines can help. These include:

- A nutritious **breakfast**- fuel for the day.
- The right amount of **sleep**- to be alert and ready to learn.
- **Organised the night before**- bags packed and lunches organised creates a sense of calm each morning.

Make time to talk about school and check in regularly about what is happening for your child.

### GOOD HABITS ARE FORMED EARLY

Just one or two days absent a month can add up to nearly four weeks of a school year. That's a whole year of lost learning from Kindergarten to Year 10.

Research indicates that attendance patterns are established as early as Year 1 and are likely to continue throughout a student's school career. Students who regularly attend school are also more likely to complete Year 12.

Early intervention strategies are key to ensuring that we can prevent absenteeism before it can put students at risk.

## SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS

School Fee Statements have been sent out to all families. Enclosed with your school fee statements will be information in regard to the Flexible Payment Plan (FPP). We encourage you to participate in this method of fee payment and to adhere to the payment dates/options. This payment method helps you with your yearly budget planning as it allows you to pay your fees in instalments over the 2019 year. If you have any inquiries or concerns regarding school fees please contact the office on 4726 2200.

## TERM 1 CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/ SUNDAY
<b>Week 8</b>	18th •Year 5 Assembly - 2:10pm •School Banking	19th	20th	21st •Harmony Day - Orange Mufti Day	22nd •School Cross Country •PRG Zooper Dooper Day	23rd/24th
<b>Week 9</b>	25th •School Banking	26th	27th •Easter Raffle Tickets handed out •PRG Meeting- 5:00pm	28th	29th •Year 3 & 4 Parish Mass - 9:00am •PRG Zooper Dooper Day •Earth Hour - 2:00pm •Penance Final Preparation - 3:30pm-5:00pm	30th/31st
<b>Week 10</b>	1st April •Year 3 Assembly - 2:10pm •School Banking	2nd •First Reconciliation 4B - 11:30am	3rd •First Reconciliation 4E - 11:30am	4th •First Reconciliation 4G - 11:30am	5th •Year 2 Parish Mass – 9:00am •PRG Zooper Dooper Day •Last day for Hot Cross Bun Orders	6th/7th
<b>Week 11</b>	8th •School Banking	9th •Student ANZAC Service at Penrith - SRC to represent 10:30am-1:00pm	10th •PRG Easter Raffle drawn	11th	12th •PRG Zooper Dooper Day •Last Day of Term 1	13th/14th

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## ASH WEDNESDAY AND HOLY WEEK MASSES @ CORPUS CHRISTI

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Let's celebrate Easter as one community.

### Ash Wednesday Mass

**6/3/19 @ 9:30am & 7:00pm**

A celebration to mark the start of Lent

**March 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 12 Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm**

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord -

**14/4/19 - Regular Weekend  
Mass Times**

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### Holy Thursday -

**Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**18/4/19 @ 7:30pm**

Encounter Jesus as he shares his last  
meal with his Disciples at the Mass of  
the Last Supper

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### Good Friday - Stations of the Cross 19/4/19 @ 10:00am

Walk with Jesus as we re-enact the  
Stations of the Cross throughout the  
Church grounds.

### Good Friday

**Celebration of the Passion of  
the Lord 19/4/19 @ 3:00pm**

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### Holy Saturday (The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night)

**20/4/19 @ 7:00pm**

Come and let us rejoice in the  
resurrection of Jesus by  
candlelight at The Easter Vigil Mass

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### Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday)

**21/4/19 @ 7:30am & 9:30am**

With joy we celebrate the  
resurrection of Jesus as we  
renew our Baptismal vows as one  
faith community

*Please see over for regular weekday and weekend Mass times*



## Regular Mass Times

### Weekday Masses

Tuesday @ 7:00pm

Wednesday - Friday @ 9:10am

### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil @ 6:00pm

Sunday @ 7:30am and 9:30am

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We warmly welcome you, our neighbours, to celebrate Mass and worship with us. Whether you are a family, called to the single life, young or young at heart, have a deep understanding of your faith or are starting to explore your relationship with your faith, you are welcome here.

Children are welcome at all services with Children's Liturgy running at alternate Masses each weekend.

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## Our Mission Statement

We, the people of Corpus Christi, seek to grow in living a Christ-centred mission, sharing our gifts to foster welcome, justice and community in today's world.

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## Contact Us

For more information, contact the Parish Office on (02) 4730 1249, [parishteam@corpuschristi.org](mailto:parishteam@corpuschristi.org), or visit our website at [www.corpuschristi.org](http://www.corpuschristi.org).

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