



## Staying In Touch—Newsletter Update

**Term 4**

**Week 9**

**12 December 2019**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we approach the end of the year with so much to celebrate, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your commitment and dedication to the Catholic Education of your child. The partnership of home and school life is important for each and every child.

Thank you to the Staff of Corpus Christi who work tirelessly for improved outcomes for all students. Their support of the school community is so valued and their commitment to this, whether at school, school functions or in the community is always obvious.

I would like to thank Father Chris for his ongoing support of the staff and students at Corpus Christi Primary School. Being part of our wider parish community and the connection to something bigger than ourselves is important and is also valued.

We have enjoyed many learning opportunities throughout the year, including open classrooms, excursions and incursions, gala days, carnivals, book parades, fun a thons, projects, learning experiences, visiting authors, visiting community members, discos and stalls. We have celebrated achievements in learning through ICAS, Assemblies and Graduation.

There is so much to be thankful for as we end the year together. May I take this time to wish you all a very joyful Christmas and a restful break with family and friends.

May peace be with you all throughout this Christmas season.

Yours in education,

Sarah O'Rourke  
Principal

*Wishing you a  
blessed and  
peaceful  
Christmas!*



### **STAFFING**

We farewelled our Staff Members last Tuesday afternoon and celebrated their time with us at Corpus Christi. For various reasons staff choose to move schools or appointments and we continue to wish them all well in their new learning journeys.

**Mrs Mary Clark** will be moving on in her journey to St John Paul II.

**Mrs Margaret Micallef and Mrs Sue Attard** have decided to retire after many years of dedication to Catholic Education.

**Mrs Angela Calderwood, Mrs Lauren Hamilton, Mrs Kay Moore, Mrs Ivana Algeri, Miss Sarah Archer and Miss Ereeny**, as classroom teachers and leaders in our school have decided to share their gifts and talents with other communities in the Diocese. As we know movement within the Diocese is always encouraged and supported.

**Mrs Leonie Preston** will be spending 2020 at St Patrick's Blacktown as the Instructional Leader for that community. We congratulate Mrs Preston on this appointment.

At times CEDP make appointments and so we would like to thank **Christine Comito** who has been our school counsellor, who is moving back to highschools. **Alex Marino** is finishing his IT traineeship with CEDP and so now moves to the corporate world.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Dear Parents,

**Faith Formation****Gospel**

**Mt 11:2-11** John asks, 'Are you the one who is to come?'

*Who is the special person we are waiting for at Christmas?*

*Why is Jesus so special?*

*Who are the people in the world who need Jesus?*

*Why do we need Jesus?*

*Let us pray that Jesus will come into people's hearts this Christmas.*

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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.

Each week a candle will be lit (1<sup>st</sup> week Hope-light one purple candle, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Faith- light two purple candles, 3<sup>rd</sup> week Joy-light the pink candle , 4<sup>th</sup> week Peace- light the last purple candle).

**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**

Our Parish Sacramental Programme this year was very successful. This opportunity for parents to share in the faith journey of their children is very precious. The children love this experience and are very enthusiastic about joining in with their peers, new friends from the parish and parents. Being a facilitator is a very rewarding experience and we appreciate all the effort the leaders put into making the group sessions meaningful and reflective. I would like to thank the teachers in Years 4 and 5 who not only attended these functions but made sure that during the preparation time their class programmes and prayers supported the Sacraments.

Part of my role here at Corpus Christi is to work closely with the Parish and I would like to thank Fr. Christopher Antwi-Boasiako, Deacon Owen Rogers, Mrs Marie Cottee, Mrs Sue Weekes and Mrs Joanne Hocking for all their support throughout the year. We have had some great celebrations thanks to our wonderful team.





### **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 are very welcome to join this Sacramental Journey.** Please see Mrs Shahoud for a follow up note.

### **Social Justice**

Thankyou all so much for your support this year. Over the past twelve months our Social Justice support has been with Project Compassion, Caritas, Catholic Mission, Canteen, Penrith Kitchen, St. Vincent de Paul Society and our very own parish. Our Corpus Christi Community Christmas Appeal of food hampers and the staff outreach to 'Ladies of the Land' were successful even though we were very mindful of the struggles people have at this time of the year. We wish all the volunteers and the families a very happy and holy Christmas.

The student leaders on the Liturgy Team this year have worked very well with their social justice efforts. A highlight this year was going to the annual diocesan Education Mass where the children were able to see how other schools focus on social justice and mission. Thankyou to the following students Sophie Vella, Sandra Stojanovic, Leni Harb, Thomas Whittaker, Lachlan Manners, Dominic Wakeling, Reign Atienza, Cooper Greatrex, Jasmine Slack and Jacob Camilleri for their work.

Wishing you all a very happy and holy Christmas,

Sharon Shahoud  
Religious Education Coordinator



### **GRADUATION**

Last night we were a part of the Year 6 Graduation. We wish our Graduating class every success in their future endeavours and know that they will leave Corpus Christi as the best person they can be. Goodbye and Good luck Year 6.



### **YEAR 4 EXCURSION CANCELLED**

Due to the current bush fires and smoke conditions, the decision has been made to cancel the Year 4 Excursion to Echo Point tomorrow. We thank you for your understanding.

### **CANTEEN**

There will be no Canteen facility moving forward into 2020. We will continue to support the efforts of the PRG, serving Zooper Doopers each Friday of Terms 1 and 4.

### **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**



<b>TERM 1 2020 DATES</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 28th January</b>	Staff Development Day - Staff conducting MAI's
<b>Wednesday, 29th January</b>	Staff Development Day - Staff conducting MAI's
<b>Thursday, 30th January</b>	Years 1- 6 Return to school
<b>Friday, 31st January</b>	Kindergarten Begin School
<b>UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS TERM 1 2020</b>	
<b>Wednesday, 5th February</b>	Twilight Swimming Carnival

**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**

Eli Curran - 1E  
 Ayden Cremona - 3B  
 Annika Sharma - 3B  
 Charlotte Bryan - 3E  
 Shannon Dpenha - 3G  
 Damian Falenciak - 3G

**PLATINUM AWARD**

Liana Peachey - 3B  
 Noah Pickering - 5G

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**

Freya Emery - 1B	Gabrielle Harvey - 3B	Caitlin Medak - 5B
Tiana Walker - 1B	Ayla Ogden - 3B	Darcy McGettigan - 5E
Aimerey Jones - 1E	Jax Pollard - 3B	Caitlin Northam - 5E
Robert Hall - 1G	Elizabeth Newman - 3G	Georgia Baldwin - 5G
Lily Cleland - 2B	Abie Edosowman - 4B	BJ Dhillon - 6B
Chelsea Greatrex - 2B	Millie Gilmore - 4E	
Matthew McAdam - 2B		

**CO-ORDINATORS AWARDS**

Nash Heterick - KG  
 Mabel Samoluk - KG  
 Indiella Tabone - KG

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE 2019**

Leila Bateman - KE	Gabrielle Harvey - 3B	Marchella Isabell - 5E
Alexander Ives - KE	Sophie Wearne - 3B	Darshan Jambagi - 5G
Indiella Tabone - KG	Mikayla Aure - 3G	
Jessica Fokes - 1B	Chantelle Galea - 4B	
Tiana Walker - 1B	Alexander Goh - 4B	
Aimerey Jones - 1E	Liam McWilliams - 4B	
Jenna Saliba - 1G	Sharni Cremen - 4E	
Jacob Ryan - 2B	Ryder duggan - 4E	
Frederick Shapcott - 2B	Marla Goh - 4E	
Samuel Ankuma - 2E	Emily Axisa - 4G	
Lachlan Ives - 2E	Lincoln Klemesrud - 4G	
Isaac Ryan - 2E	Amanda Mazurek - 5B	
Ian Cho - 2G	Mikaylah Elks - 5E	



*Congratulations*



## END OF YEAR AWARDS

At the end of the year, our school presents students in each class with special awards for Care and Compassion, Communication and Co-operation, and Effort and Persistence. These awards are decided by the classroom teacher and given to students who constantly display these qualities. We congratulate these children on their award.



**Care and Compassion** - students demonstrate this through their interactions with classmates in and outside the learning space. They include people in learning activities, invite them into games on the playground and demonstrate compassion for those in need. In addition, these students articulate a concern for the poorest of the poor, are actively involved in fundraising or show an awareness for people less fortunate than themselves.

**Communication and Co-operation** - students demonstrate this through the way they speak with each other, staff and visitors. They are often the first to volunteer to help, they are quiet leaders - although not always first. They encourage others to achieve their best.

**Effort and Persistence** - students demonstrate this through constantly "having a go". They rarely give up and try multiple ways to achieve their goal. They show the quality of being determined to do or achieve something and have firmness of purpose.

Homeroom	Care and Compassion	Communication and Co-operation	Effort and Persistence
KB	Badih Dib	Ayva Ram-Wolarczuk	Zachary Cropper
KE	Charlise Camilleri	Damien Grima	Roemel Chrabowski
KG	Natalie Larnach	Roman Saliadarre	Nash Heterick
1B	Talan Bale	Chloe Horn	Darcie Baldwin
1E	Eli Curran	Amaya Pace	Kashmir Appleton
1G	Isabelle Squassoni	Lily Manners	Toby Mazurek
2B	Jesse Dael	Jackson Quirk	Aylah Markson
2E	James Crane	Samuel Ankuma	Isobel Hodges
2G	Ishana singh	Timothy Balassis	Darcy Kneale
3B	Imogen Tierney	Eva Varlamova	Andre Markas
3E	Aniella Cruz	Tahlia Braithwaite	Kieran Mitchell
3G	Beau Catania	Makayla Byrnes	Mikayla Aure
4B	Mya Tagle	Alexander Goh	Mannat Batth
4E	Flynn Mazurkiewicz	Hayden Horn	Jackson Smith
4G	Kiara Buttigieg	Lincoln Klemesrud	Isaac Searle
5B	Nelvia Vinu	Amanda Mazurek	Brooklyn Palffy
5E	Lorelei Jarrett-Dalton	Ollie Mosbey	Jake Xiberras
5G	Isabelle Pace	Logan buzzi	Jordan Neal
6B	Eloise McEwan	Nevin Vinu	Lucas Hader
6E	Austin Tunaley	Jasmine Slack	Marie-Belle Abyad
6G	Samuel Bulluss	Lindsay Chong	Delphino Rashidi

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

<b>December 1</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
<b>December 8</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent
<b>December 15</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
<b>December 22</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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Fr Chris can be contacted on 0415 505 594 or email [Christopher.Antwi-Boasiako@parracatholic.org](mailto:Christopher.Antwi-Boasiako@parracatholic.org)

**TERM 4 CALENDAR**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/ SUNDAY
<b>Week 9</b>	9th •Student Banking •Mufit 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 •CANCELLED - Yr 4 Excursion Echo Point	14th/15th
<b>Week 10</b>	16th •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**

<b>TERM 1 2020 Week 1</b>	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
<b>Week 2</b>	3rd •Student Banking	4th	5th	6th	7th •PRG Zooper Dooper Day	8th/9th
<b>Week 3</b>	10th •Student Banking	11th	12th	13th	14th •PRG Zooper Dooper Day	15th/16th
<b>Week 4</b>	17th •Student Banking	18th	19th	20th	21st •PRG Zooper Dooper Day •Welcome Open Classrooms 2:30pm-3:00pm •Welcome BBQ 3:00pm-4:00pm	22nd/23rd

**BUCK FOR A BIKE FUNDRAISER**

Congratulations and thank you to all students who donated money for our "Buck for a Bike" SRC Campaign. A total of **\$1290.85** was raised and will go towards purchasing bikes for a sport and recreational camp for the disadvantaged.

**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](mailto:elle@ozfashions.com.au).

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