



# NEWSLETTER

Term 1 | Week 3 | 11th February 2021

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,  
We have begun our school year by revisiting our school expectations of Care, Compassion, Cooperation and Communication. The four C's. The children have been focusing on CARE during their lessons and have been receiving our new tokens when the school staff have seen Caring behaviours.

Each grade is collecting their tokens and will celebrate their efforts together. Children may celebrate with extra play, bubble party, bring your teddy to school day, use gel pens for the day, extra sport time or for Kindergarten playing on the 'big kids' play space. We look forward to all of the celebrations.



Year 4 have already reached their goal and celebrated their achievement with a game and extra sport time. Congratulations Year 4!



Yours in education,

Sarah O'Rourke  
Principal



## STUDENT PUNCTUALITY

Our school day starts at 8:55am when the bell rings. When students arrive on time they are able to meet and greet their friends, have some play time and then move to class efficiently and start their lessons.

When students arrive even 5 minutes late, they miss out on the introduction or plan of the first lesson and their learning is affected. Parents are asked to ensure that their children are at school by 8:55am to allow them to take full advantage of the day's learning.

The main school gates will be closed promptly at 8:55am. If you arrive after this time you will need to park and accompany your child to the front Office where they will need to be signed in. Thank you for your ongoing support of attendance throughout the school year.



## 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.

## WELCOME TO THE CORPUS CHRISTI COMMUNITY

Sophia Yr 1	Jordan Yr3
Dominic Yr 1	Felicity Yr3
Teejay Yr 2	Payten Yr4
Veyda Yr 2	Ariliya Yr5
Alexia Yr 3	Elija Yr5
Zaria Yr 3	Daniel Yr5
Samuel Yr 3	Aleisha Yr6

### ***We Welcome Back to Corpus Christi***

Aarohi Yr 2  
Annika Yr 5  
Chase Yr 5



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Parents,

## **FAITH FORMATION**

### **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B**

## **GOSPEL**

[Mk 1:40-45](#) Jesus cures a leper.

*In today's gospel who came to Jesus?*

*The man had a sickness which made him an outcast. What does it mean to be an outcast?*

*What did Jesus do when he met him?*

*Jesus showed compassion and kindness when others would have sent the man away.*

*What did the man do when he was cured?*

*What would it be like to be an outcast or an outsider?*

*Jesus asks us to be kind to outsiders. How can we show kindness to people who do not feel included?*

*We pray that this week we will look out for ways we can show kindness to people in need.*



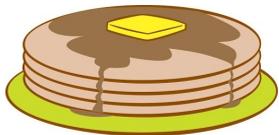
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## **CATHOLIC CULTURE**

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 considering the changing circumstances. 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. The parents were able to collect packages for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** from the church last night. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact either myself or the parish.



## **SHROVE TUESDAY**



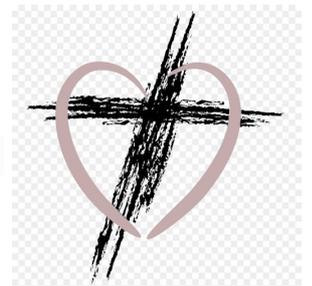
## **SHROVE TUESDAY**

We will be having our regular pancake celebration with the children on Tuesday, 16th February. The children will be given a pikelet each. Unfortunately due to our Covid 19 restrictions we will still not be able to invite parents and friends onto our school grounds.

Gold coin or fold note donations to launch our Project Compassion "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." 2021 initiative can be made on this day.

## **Ash Wednesday**

We will be having grade liturgies for the children in their learning spaces, on Wednesday, 17th February where they will be receiving ashes under the guidelines of Covid 19 restrictions and parish directions.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### 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:** 32findJUMP

### SOCIAL JUSTICE

## “Aspire not to have more, but to be more.”

### *Ash Wednesday – 17th February 2021*

This week the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice.

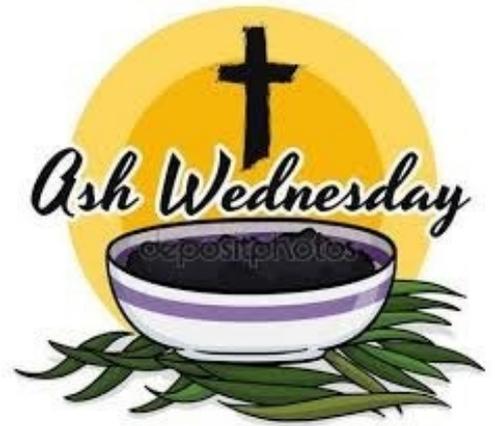
We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion. Each family will receive a Project Compassion box and/or a set of envelopes for their donations or you can donate online via the Caritas Australia website at: [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au)

Saint Oscar Romero is our inspiration for Project Compassion 2021, so in his words let's “Aspire not to have more, but to be more.”

Have a peaceful week

Sharon Shahoud

Religious Education Coordinator



## BEYOND THE GATE IN YEAR 5

Written by  
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### Religion.....



In Year 5, we are learning how our head, heart and hand guide us to be like Jesus. A lesson called 'LockDown Shopping' got us all to really think about the Dispositions. We were able to show head, heart and hand through the dispositions of being responsible shoppers and making good choices in buying suitable food in a lockdown, showing empathy to others that did not get the products they needed to last through lockdown and being compassionate to others when trading items.



Throughout the term, we will be learning the importance of history, in particular the history of the church and the traditions of the early church. We are learning how to reveal our identity and belonging through human flourishing. We have many questions that we want to find out in this Religion unit. Some of them are; Why is it important to learn from history? How does the early church differ from today? How can we enhance our belonging and identity?

### English....

In our writing lessons, we are learning how to compose and edit coherent informative texts. For this unit we are learning about Australia. We started the term by writing all the things we already know about Australia. We are now looking at a variety of informative texts and summarising all the facts that we read. Over the next week, we will make a poster to inform our readers about Australia. We will include headings, subheadings, images, technical language and key facts about Australia.



### Mathematics.....

In Mathematics we work together as a grade. We are learning to use appropriate units of measurement such as millimetres, centimetres, metres and kilometres and how to accurately convert them. We are doing this by answering a series of true or false questions and then proving our answers in more than one way. We have 'sweaty brains and crinkly eyebrows' while working through some of the challenging tasks, but, we also have fun and discuss our answers. Our Year 5 teachers are always here to help us.



### Geography.....

In Geography we are learning about how our perspective and opinions help us understand different cultures. We had a fun time during our two day 'entry event' where we got to understand how different countries celebrate different things. We created Indigenous dot paintings, made Chinese lanterns, learnt traditional African, Russian and Hawaiian dancing, played Pin the Tail on the Kangaroo and traditional Australian shoe thong throwing, watched a Greek Mythology online story and ate vegemite and fairy bread.



## Let us Introduce Ourselves

Over the next few newsletters we will be introducing our lovely teachers from each of the various stages. We hope you enjoy getting to know them a little better.

<b>Early Stage One Team</b>	
	<p><b>Miss Byrne</b></p> <p>Miss Byrne has been a part of the Corpus Christi community since 2018, where she started as a university prac student before becoming a classroom teacher. She loves teaching, especially Mathematics and History.</p> <p>Miss Byrne enjoys photography, travelling and spending time with her family and friends. Her favourite sport to play is netball but also enjoys watching the Panthers in the NRL. She loves all things Disney.</p> <p>She is very excited to be a part of the Kindergarten team and is looking forward to a wonderful year of learning with the students and their families.</p>
	<p><b>Miss Chapple</b></p> <p>Miss Chapple joined the Corpus Christi Community in 2019. She has two pet Samoyeds named Koda and Ziya who love going for walks and visiting the dog park. Miss Chapple loves cooking for her friends and family, and enjoys exploring different cuisines.</p> <p>Miss Chapple loves reading picture books from her favourite author Jon Klassen and sharing them with her students. Her favourite picture book is 'This is not my hat' by Jon Klassen. She is very excited to be a member of the 2021 Kindergarten team and is looking forward to a fantastic year of learning.</p>
	<p><b>Miss Cini</b></p> <p>Miss Cini was welcomed into the Corpus Christi community in 2004 as a student and was welcomed back in 2020 as a casual teacher.</p> <p>She has two beautiful and energetic nephews called Matthew (4) and Noah (2), who she loves spending her free time with. Miss Cini loves the summer time and reading. She spends most of her holidays by the beach or pool reading.</p> <p>Miss Cini is excited to be a part of the Kindergarten team for 2021. She is looking forward to the wonderful year ahead full of fun and learning.</p>
	<p><b>Mrs Hom</b></p> <p>Mrs Hom has been teaching for 15 years and joined the Corpus Christi Community in 2019 as a member of the Diversity team. Throughout her career she has taught grades K-6 and loves teaching Kindergarten.</p> <p>Mrs Horn enjoys spending quality time with her family, whether it be away camping and watching her children ride mini bikes or escaping to the coast for a swim and a fish.</p> <p>She is very excited to work with all of the Kindergarten students and their families this year and welcome all of the new families to the Corpus Christi Community!</p>

## Year One Team



### ***Mrs Barrett***

Mrs Barrett has been teaching at Corpus Christi since 2016. She has an energetic beagle named Mila and she loves to go on walks. Mrs Barrett also supports the mighty Panthers!

This is her second year on Year 1 and she is enjoying it. She likes to read story books to her students and her favourite subject to teach is Mathematics! Mrs Barrett is an EMU specialist at the school assisting students in their mathematical understandings.

She is looking forward to a wonderful year ahead helping students achieve their learning goals.



### ***Miss Craig***

Miss Craig is delighted to re-join the Corpus Christi community after working in the public education system.

As a former student herself, she is especially excited to be welcomed into the school by her sister, Mrs Findlayson and within a school community that inspired her own love for teaching and learning. Miss Craig has a passion for literacy and exploring the world of quality authors.

Miss Craig is looking forward to sharing her love of learning during her time at Corpus Christi Primary School.



### ***Mrs Downey***

Mrs Downey first started working at Corpus Christi in 2015 and is part of the PBS4L team. She has two sons called Noah (12) and Eli (10) who keep her very busy on weekends. She loves coffee and cake (any flavour!) and spends most of the school holidays visiting family in Queensland and swimming at the beaches in Caloundra.

Mrs Downey loves teaching, especially Writing and History and is very excited to be in Year 1 this year. Her favourite part of the day is seeing all the smiling faces of students, big and small as they arrive at school each day.



### ***Mrs Thompson***

Mrs Thompson has been teaching for 39 years, many of which have been at Corpus Christi. Throughout her career she has taught all grades and held leadership positions.

She has two daughters and a gorgeous granddaughter. Time with her family and travel are her passions.

Mrs Thompson enjoys the challenges of teaching and the joy of seeing children achieve success.

## Year 2 Team



### **Mrs Betros**

Mrs Betros has been teaching for 16 years. I joined the Corpus Christi Community in 2005.

I worked as an Early Childhood Teacher for 18 years and ran the Corpus Christi Occasional Care for 5 of those years.

I am a mother of 4 adult men and have 6 grandchildren with two more on the way.

I love learning from the children I teach and I am so happy that I can share our wonderful faith with them.



### **Miss Fraser**

Miss Fraser has been teaching for 5 years. She joined the Corpus Christi community back in 2017 and has taught Year 1, Kindergarten, Year 4 and now Year 2. She has a very white and fluffy, energetic Samoyed puppy who keeps her on her toes.

Her favourite subject at school was Writing and Science.

Last year, she joined our PBS4L team of teachers. This year Miss Fraser is looking forward to a wonderful year of learning, setting goals and having fun with Year 2!



### **Ms Winch**

Ms Winch taught Early Childhood for 20 years before making the move to Primary teaching. She joined the Corpus Christi community in late 2019 as a casual relief teacher. She then went on to join the Diversity teaching team mid 2020. This year she is thrilled to be teaching Year 2.

Ms Winch has 3 adult sons, Christopher, Benjamin and Dominic (twins), 1 daughter, Chelsea (8), and 2 grandsons, Jaxon (7) and Oliver (2). Her home is ruled by her cat Sampson. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, and loves being in the outdoors as much as possible.

She is looking forward to a great year ahead, teaching, learning and growing with the wonderful Year 2 students, the amazing teaching team and the Corpus Christi community at large.



### **Mrs Panol**

Mrs Panol loves teaching children. She joined the Corpus Christi community in 2015, since then she has spent most of her time working with Year 3 and Year 4. She has also worked as the school's technology support teacher.

Mrs Panol enjoys spending quality time with her family and close friends, especially playing with her daughter, Ysabel (2). Some of her favourites include traveling overseas, delicious desserts and warm sunny days. She is looking forward to a fantastic year of learning!



### **Mrs Thomson**

Mrs Thomson has been a part of the Corpus Christi community for over 20 years. First as a parishioner in the Corpus Christi Parish and then as a teacher here at the school. She has taught a cross all grades and has loved teaching many students over the years and working with their families as they learn and grow. When she isn't at school she enjoys spending time with her family and especially loves getting outdoors with her two children Grace (4) and Henry(2).

Mrs Thomson is looking forward to working with the teachers, students and families in Year 2 this year as they continue on their learning journeys.

## OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

### LEAVING STUDENTS

# School F E E S

A full term's notice (10 school weeks) in writing must be given to the Principal before a parent/guardian terminates the Student's enrolment. If sufficient notice of termination of the Student's enrolment is not given, the parent/guardian is to pay the school one term's school fees including any diocesan fees applicable. One exception is that notice in writing will be accepted at any time during Term 4 in relation to the following year's enrolment.

### SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS

Term 1 School Fee Statements will be posted within the next couple of weeks to your home address. If you do not receive a statement, please contact the school office on 4726 2200. Payment for instalment 1 2021 fees will be due on 17 March 2021. Alternatively, please refer to the detailed information enclosed with your School Fee Statement, for further payment options. Please note, Cash payments can **no** longer be accepted at the school office.



### PARKING AND OUR NEIGHBOURS

We ask you to continue to be considerate of our neighbours when parking around the school. We understand that many cars in one spot at one time can be frustrating however, please move slowly around our school and only park in designated parking areas. Please be mindful of our neighbours and access to their properties.

Police and Rangers are seen regularly around the school during drop off and pick up times.



### ENROLMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2022

We welcome families to contact the school Office to begin the Enrolment process for Kindergarten 2022. Expressions of interest and Enrolments packs are now available. Due to the changing nature of COVID restrictions we will keep you updated throughout the process.

Due to these changes, the advertised Open Days that we had advertised in our previous newsletter have now been changed. We will however be having one open evening for **NEW** families, registration is mandatory. If you know any new families that may have interest in enrolling for 2022 please ask them to contact the school office for details.

We look forward to being a part of this journey with you all.



## OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS



### Xavier College Open Night

Xavier College will be holding an open night on Tuesday March 2, 2020 from 4pm-6pm. Prospective 2022 students and families are welcome to attend.

Tours and application forms will be available on the night.

### Library Days

Children will have their Library Borrowing Days as per below. Please ensure that your child bring in their Library Bag on this day every week in order to be able to borrow.

Kinder- Tuesday

Year 1- Wednesday

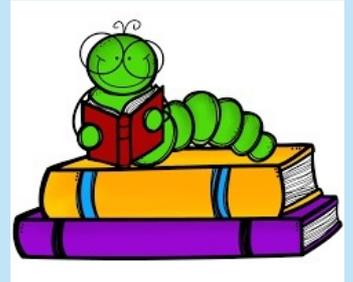
Year 2- Monday

Year 3- Friday

Year 4- Wednesday

Year 5- Monday

Year 6- Friday



### Oz Fashions Uniform Shop



- \* Online ordering system via the QKR app.
- \* **Delivery to school every Monday. Orders must be placed by 12pm Friday for delivery on Monday.**
- \* No refunds. Exchanges accepted on merchandise returned in original condition.
- \* **Due to current circumstances, sample sizes are not available for trying on.**



*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.*

### TERM 1 2021 DATES

Tuesday, 16th February	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday, 17th February	Ash Wednesday
Monday, 22nd February	Award Stamping
Monday, 8th March	Award Stamping
Tuesday, 9th March	Open Day for Kinder 2022 Enrolments (New Families Only)
Monday, 22nd March	Award Stamping
Thursday, 1st April	Last day of Term 1. Holy Thursday



#### Sports Days- Term 1 2021

<b>WEDNESDAY-</b>	Kinder Year 3 Year 6B
<b>THURSDAY-</b>	Year 1 Year 5 Year 6E
<b>FRIDAY-</b>	Year 2 Year 4

# TERM 1 CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/ SUNDAY
Week 4	15th February	16th February	17th February • Ash Wednesday	18th February	19th February • Assembly	20th February/ 21st February
Week 5	22nd February • Award Stamping	23rd February	24th February	25th February	26th February	27th February/ 28th February
Week 6	1st March	2nd March	3rd March	4th March	5th March • Assembly	6th March/ 7th March
Week 7	8th March • Award Stamping	9th March • Open Day for Kinder 2022 Enrolments (New families only)	10th March	11th March	12th March	13th March/ 14th March
Week 8	15th March	16th March	17th March • Shrove Tuesday	18th March • Ash Wednesday	19th March • Assembly	20th March/ 21st March
Week 9	22nd March • Award Stamping	23rd March	24th March		26th March	27th March/ 28th March
Week 10	29th March	30th March	31st March	1st April • Holy Thursday • Last day of Term 1	2nd April • Good Friday	3rd April/ 4th April • Easter Saturday