

# Corpus Christi Newsletter

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14th November, 2017

## From the Principal



*As we pray, we begin to feel the interior beauty and joy of God that refreshes our soul.*

*It is important to rest, to break away from daily concerns, to recreate and thereby restore the energies of your body and soul.*

Adapted from 'Making Meaning in Our Lives'

by Peter Hoskings, SJ

### **CORPUS CHRISTI PARENTS & FRIENDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The P&F AGM is to be held at 8pm in the All Purpose Room tonight, 15<sup>th</sup> November. As all Corpus Christi parents are members of the P&F, I encourage you to come along and hear first-hand about the work that the P&F, particularly the P&F Exec do on your behalf.

### **SCHOOL STAFFING FOR 2018: BRIEFING-MEETING**

This meeting has been postponed. The new date will be advertised soon.

### **COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**

The Year 6 Liturgy Captains and the SRC Captains attended the Roseville Memorial Services Club Remembrance Day service. I accompanied the students and they showed great respect as they placed poppies as a sign of remembrance during the formal tributes. The represented Corpus Christi with pride.



### **CORPUS CHRISTI REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**

The whole school observed Remembrance Day with a moving ceremony at the school flag-pole last Friday. This sombre occasion was marked with respect and admiration for the fallen. Several students read passages and talked about what Remembrance Day means to them. The ceremony concluded with Mr Pulley leading us in proudly singing the National Anthem.

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## **SOCIAL JUSTICE SLEEPOUT**

On Friday evening, 60 of our students took part in the school's first ever Social Justice Sleep Out. Years 5 and 6 stayed overnight at the school with the Year 4's heading home at 10pm. The students walked the journey of someone who was homeless, learning about the difficulties they experience and the risks to their safety and well-being.

Year 4 were challenged to create beds out of cardboard and sleep out for 40 minutes in the cold. Year 5 and Year 6 slept on the field until midnight until they were "moved on" from their sleeping places to finish the evening sleeping on the floor of the classroom.

The experience was effective in the children gaining an understanding of what it's like to sleep rough, without the comforts of home. Abi: *"We learnt that the percentage of children who are homeless is extremely high and that donating money would really give a lot of help to charities who can help them."* Kate: *"It was really uncomfortable sleeping on the floor and the wet grass was even worse. It was also really cold and when we were woken up, I felt really sore from sleeping on the ground without a mattress."* Zara: *"The Sleep Out was important to raise awareness for homelessness and to figure out what it really was. We didn't sleep very well. It was a different experience to what we are used to."*

Thank you to Mr Pulley and Miss McDermott who designed the program for the night that ensured the experience had an impact on the children. Thanks to Mr Sheedy, Mrs Siva, Mrs Delmage and Mrs Lawrence who came along and provided assistance and moral support for this event.

Thanks to the students for wholeheartedly getting into the spirit of this experience.

## **Qkr! AND SCHOOL 24**

### **Canteen Ordering through Qkr!**

Thank you to all the parents who have been reducing their balances in Schools24. We still have a number of parents who have balances greater than \$10.00 so will keep Schools24 open for another week until Friday 24 November 2017.

The **Qkr!** payment platform is, of course, now open and any parents who do not have a balance in Schools 24 should now be using the Qkr! payment platform for canteen orders.

In order to finalise the closing of Schools24, any balances in Schools24 after Friday 24 November will be disbursed as per the following if a credit balance remains

<\$10.00 – recognised as donation to playground project

>\$10.00 – balance will be put to fee payer's school account or parents can elect to make a donation to the playground project. If school fees have been finalised the fee payer's account will sit in credit and come off the 2018 fees when invoiced in January 2018.



## **KINDER 2018 WELCOME MASS**

On Sunday, we welcomed next year's Kindergarten children with a Mass which was run by the 2017 Kindergarten class and Year 5 & 6 students. The children all received a small wooden cross to signify the beginning of their journey at school.

## **FAIRY TALE DAY**

Kindergarten children will have a Fairy Tale Day on Friday with the assistance of their Year 6 buddies. The day will provide photo opportunities and special activities during the day including some story writing with their buddies! We hope the children have a wonderful day.

## **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Less than 2 weeks to go!!

By now you will have received the Christmas Fair Newsletter. Please read it carefully to see how you might make a contribution to this very special Corpus Christi event. It is all taking shape and the excitement is building!!! Spread the word via the flyers that will come home today.

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## STATE PARLIAMENT HOUSE VISIT

The School Captains and Vice Captains were the guests of Mr Jonathan O’Dea, MLA, Member for Davidson at State Parliament House on Monday. These Year 6 students were given a guided tour of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council. They were then presented with certificates for representing the school.



## YEAR 6 CAMP

Next week, Year 6 students will travel to Milson Island for a three day school camp. There will be time for the students to reflect on their time at Corpus Christi and on how much they have learned, how much they have grown and how ready they now are to face the challenges of secondary school. We wish them safe travel and a wonderful experience with friends as they participate in a range of new outdoor activities.

## SIBLING DISCOUNT & PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS FORMS FOR 2018

Please return these forms to the office ensuring they have been signed on the back page. Every family must return the form outlining their payment arrangements for next year. So far, we have only received 50% of the forms. These need to be returned to the school office ASAP.

## STRENGTH & GENTLENESS - OCTOBER

Congratulations to the student who received the Strength & Gentleness Award for October.

*Baba Yee*

Principal



## COMING EVENTS

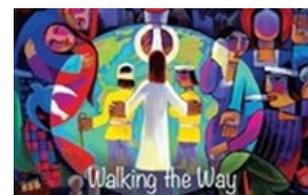
Kindergarten Fairy Tale Day	Friday 17th November
Year 6 camp	Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th November
Choir singing at Brigidine Carols	Friday 24th November
Christmas Fair	Saturday 25th November
School Choir to sing at St Ives Village	Thursday 30th November (5.30pm)
Band performing at St Ives Village	Monday 4th December
School Christmas Carols	Tuesday 5th December
Year 6 Graduation	Friday 8th December
End of year Mass	Tues 12th December
LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS	Friday 15th December

## Religious Education

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Walking the Way—Parent Reflection Morning**

The rescheduled Walking the Way Parent Reflection Morning will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November in the AP Room from 9am – 11am. Please RSVP to Miss McDermott if you would like to attend.



### **Kindergarten Grade Mass**

Thank you to the Kindy students for their enthusiastic and reverent participation in Sunday's Parish Grade Mass. Thank you to the Stage 3 students who helped to lead this Mass. Thank you to Mrs Siva who prepared and coordinated the students' contribution to the Mass including an enthusiastic song 'Rainbow'.

This was the first parish Mass that we have taken part in the music ministry. Thank you to Mr Pulley, Charlotte Sim, Abigail Wehrhahn and parents Belinda Camilleri and Liz Sim for their wonderful efforts!

Thank you to the parents who prepared and served morning tea.

At this mass we took the time to welcome the families of Kindy students for 2018, and presented these families with a cross to mark this special event in their life of their child.

### **Gethsemane Donation Day**

A huge thank you to students and families for the generous donations to our Christmas parcels to the Rozelle and Croydon boarding houses. With the help of our year 4, 5 and 6 students we will pack our parcels up in early December and deliver these gifts to the boarding houses.

Blessings for the week ahead.

Katie McDermott

[katie.mcdermott@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:katie.mcdermott@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

Religious Education Coordinator

# Library News

As children borrow and return their donated books we have a great new selection of books available in the library. There are only **2 more weeks** of borrowing, as all books need to be returned by the beginning of **week 9**.

## Homework and Library Bags

Homework and Library bags are available from the uniform shop.

## Overdue books

As we are nearing the end of the year I will be sending home regular overdue notices, as there are a large amount of books to be returned to the library. I would appreciate a note or email to penny.delmage@dbb.catholic.edu.au if you cannot locate a book or you think it has been returned. That way I can record it as lost and you will receive no further notes. However, it is expected if the book is not returned you either replace the book or pay for the replacement cost. I appreciate your understanding.

Penny Delmage  
Teacher/Librarian

# P & F News

## P&F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

P&F AGM will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm in the All Purpose Room.

## Christmas Fair – 25<sup>th</sup> November 10am-4pm

### Less than 2 weeks to go

Please take a few minutes to read the latest fair newsletter. There is a lot happening this week with raffle books, pre-paid rides form, market stalls, letterbox drop date and more!

Attached you will also find the fair flyer – please send far and wide to all your family and friends and encourage them to come along and enjoy a great day out!

Also like us on facebook @ corpuschristmasfair



45th Annual

CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL  
**CHRISTMAS  
FAIR**

“Great day out for the whole family”

**Saturday 25th November**  
**10am-4pm**

RIDES & AMUSEMENTS  
INTERNATIONAL FOOD & BBQ  
FACE PAINTING  
CHRISTMAS GIFTS & GOODIES

CAKES & GOURMET DELIGHTS  
PRE-LOVED BOOKS  
KIDS' CRAFT  
MARKET STALLS

...AND A VISIT FROM SANTA!



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# P & F News

**2017 Annual General Meeting and 2018 Officer Elections...**

**Are you interested in becoming more involved in our school community?**

**Would you like to get to know other parents and work together to support our school?**

**The Parents and Friends' Association of Corpus Christi (P & F) needs you!**



## **So what is the P & F?**

The P & F represent parents and the school community, and links formally with the school, as an Incorporated Association. The key focus of the P & F is to foster a strong school community and engage in targeted fundraising to support specific needs of the school. The P & F also arranges social activities which aim to provide an engaging and fun environment for parents and teachers. The school sporting clubs (run by separate committees) also link formally to the P & F.

In the past, the P & F has funded shade cloths and other enhancements to the quad area, iPads, cube seating, air conditioning in class rooms and new IT equipment, amongst other things. In 2017 a large sum of P & F funds was allocated for work to start on an outdoor play space for the children with construction of stage now complete and ready for opening in the next few weeks. Funds have also been allocated to upgrade the canteen and purchase new freezers.

As a parent or guardian of a child/children enrolled at Corpus Christi you are automatically a member of the P & F and are invited and encouraged to attend General P & F meetings held ~2 times per term at school (dates are always listed in the newsletter). Parents are welcome to raise issues, offer ideas, ask questions or contribute to discussions at these meetings.

Each year at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in Term 4, an Executive Committee is elected to lead the P & F and represent the broader parent community. There are 7 parents who sit on the P & F Executive Committee each year as volunteers in the roles of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 executive members. The P & F committee meet ~4 times per term (including both general and executive meetings).

The P & F Executive Committee for 2018 will be elected at the upcoming AGM being held on Wednesday 15th November at 8pm in the All Purpose room at school.

The P & F is always looking for new members to join the committee each year to ensure we have new ideas and fresh perspectives to continue to improve our association.

In 2018 the P & F have the following vacancies on the Executive Committee:

P & F Secretary – the role of the secretary is to attend and contribute to meetings and other initiatives and keep a record of all business conducted. In the treasurer's absence the secretary may receive monies and issue receipts.

P & F Executive member – attend and contribute to meetings and other initiatives. *One position available in 2018.*

Please consider joining the Committee for 2018. You will find below a nomination form to either self-nominate or nominate another parent (ideally with their consent). Please note carefully the conditions listed on the form. Nominations close at 3pm on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.

If you'd like to find out more about being part of the committee, please speak to any of the existing committee members.

## Corpus Christi Parents and Friends Association

### NOMINATION FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2018

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full Name)

of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Address)

hereby accept the nomination for the position(s) of: (please tick appropriate position(s))

- PRESIDENT
- VICE PRESIDENT
- TREASURER
- SECRETARY
- EXECUTIVE (3 positions)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In Accordance with our P&F Constitution, nominations must be received at least 7 days before the general meeting. Therefore, please submit your nomination on or before 3.00pm Wednesday 8th November, 2017.

Proxies for nominated positions cannot be accepted.

All current P&F Executive Committee positions are to be vacated and the 2017 officers will be elected at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at 8.00pm

Please submit signed nomination forms in a sealed envelope to the School Office addressed to:

Cam Perrett  
President  
Corpus Christi P&F



# Gingerbread House Event 2017

**Back by Popular Demand!!  
Sunday 3 December 2017, at 11am**

**Bring the kids, family and friends and have a fun afternoon getting into the festive season decorating your very own Gingerbread House or Nativity Scene!**

You will need to allow at least 1.5 - 2 hours to decorate your house or nativity scene. *It is very easy*, loads of fun and all instruction and decorations will be provided. Unless of course you want to add something specific, please bring it along.

Kits vary depending on the kit/s you choose. There is no limit to how many you can order, if you wish to purchase extra to take home.

## What's Included

Everything you need to start and finish your very own gingerbread house on the day.

- Gingerbread Pieces
- Icing / Icing Sugar
- Selection of lollies such as: jaffas, bullets, smarties, jellybeans, freckles, snakes, musk sticks, candy canes – Please bring along anything you would specifically like to add to it.
- Board
- Cellophane
- Ribbon

***All orders must accompany payment or your order will not be ordered. Orders must be returned by Friday 10 November 2017*** as 4 weeks lead time for orders is required by the baking company.

Please contact Jen Perrott at [catechists@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:catechists@corpuschristi.com.au) or (02) 9144 6998 at the parish office with any questions. We look forward to seeing you.



## Canteen News

Please see the Term 4 roster below. If you can help out with canteen, please get in touch with the office.

F - 17/11	Belinda Camilleri	Edwina Stuart	Fiona Hurst	Anna Gordon	<b>FULL</b>
T - 21/11					
F - 24/11	Emma Kerdic	Georgie Tannous	Ivonne Gomez -Garcia		
T - 28/11					
F - 01/12	Hannah Wakeling	Fleur Bowie	Lisa Angell	Angela Forman	<b>FULL</b>
T - 05/12	Charmaine Lorch				
F - 08/12	Olivia Mestres	Carole Neese	Michelle Ward	Cris Jesperson	<b>FULL</b>
T - 12/12					

## Students Leaving at the end of 2017

If your child will be leaving Corpus Christi at the end of 2017 to attend another school, please advise the school in writing as soon as possible.

This letter needs to be signed by a parent/caregiver and also indicate which school your child will be attending in 2018.