



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends

We will be holding our Whole School Public Speaking Competition this Friday. This event is the culmination of many weeks of learning the skills of public speaking. These skills go beyond just the ability to speak confidently in front of an audience; they also contribute to personal and academic development. Here are some of the key advantages for our students:

- **Improved Communication Skills:** Public speaking helps students develop strong verbal and non-verbal communication skills. They learn how to articulate their thoughts clearly, use appropriate body language, and modulate their voice for better understanding.
- **Boosted Confidence:** Speaking in front of a group from a young age can significantly boost a child's confidence. As they gain experience and receive positive feedback, they become more self-assured in various social and academic situations.
- **Enhanced Self-Esteem:** Successful public speaking experiences can lead to an increased sense of self-worth and self-esteem. Children who are confident speakers are more likely to believe in themselves and their abilities.

- **Critical Thinking:** Preparing and delivering a speech requires students to think critically and organise their thoughts logically. This process enhances their analytical and problem-solving skills.
- **Empathy and Listening Skills:** Public speaking also involves listening to the audience's reactions and adjusting one's approach accordingly. This helps students develop empathy and active listening skills, which are important in interpersonal relationships.
- **Academic Success:** The ability to communicate effectively is crucial in many academic areas. Students who excel in public speaking often perform better in assignments, class discussions, and debates. They also tend to excel in job interviews and presentations later in life.
- **Leadership Development:** Public speaking is a fundamental leadership skill. Learning it early in life can set the foundation for future leadership roles and responsibilities.
- **Overcoming Fear:** Many people have a fear of public speaking. By learning these skills in primary school, students can overcome this fear at an early age, making it easier to face similar challenges in the future.

Incorporating public speaking skills into the primary school curriculum not only equips students with essential life skills but also fosters personal development and prepares our students for a successful future in various aspects of life. We are very proud of all students from our beginning speakers in Kindergarten to our Year Six students who have developed their skills over a number of years. Congratulations to all of our finalists.

Planetarium Incursion

Gary Starr brought his planetarium to Corpus Christi yesterday for our students in Stage 1 and Stage 2. The students were very engaged and hopefully you have had a chance to hear all about your child's visit to the planetarium. We received the following feedback from Gary after the visit.

It is always a pleasure visiting your school. As usual, your students were great. They were engaged, respectful, and well-behaved. They asked some excellent questions, and I hope I have inspired them to learn more about our universe. You and your staff should be very proud of them.



Movie Night On Saturday

We hope you have your tickets for one of our favourite community events of the year. Watching a movie under the stars with your primary school friends is

an incredibly exciting and memorable experience. It feels like an adventure to watch a movie outdoors, especially under the open sky. Don't forget your blankets and remember snacks and pizza will be available on the night. The weather is looking great!



Jayne Wheen
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



The students in K-6 are currently completing units of work in Religious Education on Mission that will continue into Term 4. There are a series of online modules and videos which we will be using and today we participated in workshops with facilitators from Catholic Mission.

Let's kick goals for good!

Our school is signed up for Socktober for Mission Month. **Join us at our Socktober Event Day on Monday October 30th.** This year, by kicking our goals as a school, we can raise vital funds for Timor- Leste, where a medical clinic and a children's home are providing hope for generations of young people.

Wear your sports uniform and your favourite-coloured socks, and don't forget parents can sign up on the Socktober site: www.socktober.org.au and add your story of why you are doing Socktober for Mission Month. Your job is to pick a **Goal Package** when you sign up. You can get sponsored by friends and family for each of the goals you

kick in that goal package, with the money going to support children in need in Timor-Leste and around the world.

We will be working through the **Socktober Challenge** in class together over the next few weeks, doing fun activities from the Mission Packs and learning how children in Timor-Leste live, learn, and play, while doing our best to support them.

First Eucharist




This term those students who have celebrated Baptism, Confirmation and Reconciliation are eligible to celebrate First Eucharist.

Our Year 4 students are preparing for the sacrament of **First Eucharist**. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for their sacrament on the weekend of **17th September at 6pm or 18th September at 10am in the Church.**

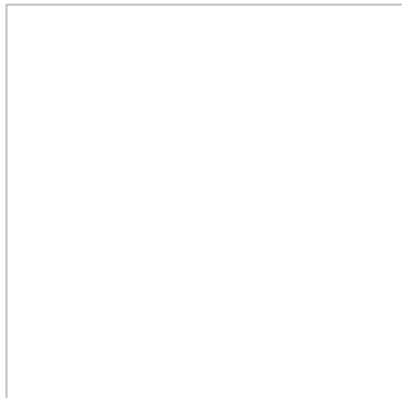
Penny Delmage

Religious Education Co-ordinator

LIBRARY NEWS

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Book Week 2023



What a wonderful week of activities we enjoyed during Book Week.

See our Corpus Christi Facebook to see the amazing costumes in our **BOOK PARADE!** as well as some wonderful pics of children participating in cross grade Friendship Groups to explore some of the CBCA shortlisted books for 2023. If you

would like to see the winners of the CBCA Book Awards for 2023 see [here](#). Children nominated by their teachers or Mrs Williams received some lovely prizes for their efforts with their costumes this year.

- **BOOK IN A BAG – BOOK REVIEW COMPETITION** – Lots of children have brought in Book in a Bag projects and we are currently sharing those during Library lessons. Once we have presented all of the entries, a winner from each year group will receive a prize for the efforts. It is lovely to see all the colourful bags brightening up our Library.
- **AUTHOR VISITS** – the children thoroughly enjoyed our author visits this year from **Wendy Harmer** and **Ashleigh Barton** Many children purchased by Ashleigh Barton and had these personally signed by the author on the day.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported their children to participate in Book Week this year.

Premiers Reading Challenge 2023 – The Premiers Reading Challenge is now closed. Congratulations to the 73 Corpus Christi who have completed the Premiers Reading Challenge this year.

Kindy : Lily, Anya, Joshua, Vivienne, Monica, Lucia, Sabian, George, Sarah, Harper, Madi P, Charlie

Year 1 : James, Tobias, Lila, Kiki, William, Daniel, Lachlan, Annabelle D, Hugh, Romeo, Joshua, Alyssia, Michael, Oliver, Isla,

Year 2 : Hugo, Clinton, Evan, Tommy, Charli, Cassie, Evelyn, Clara B, Max, Audrey, Hamish, Mikaela, Clara J

Year 3 : Alice, Larry, Joaquin, Chloe

Year 4 : Clementina, Russell, James, Hana, Katelyn, Emily, Flynn, Eloise, Amaya, Dylan, Alexia, Caitlin, Max, Marshall, Annabelle, Alessandro, Arhan, Lottie, Lia, Beau, Jayden

Year 5 : Chloe, Luca, Fleur, Jonathan

Year 6 : Angelina, Harrison, Zara, Oliver, Eloise

Well done to all of these students for a wonderful achievement. Students in Year 4 will receive a special treat from Mrs Williams for being the class who had the most students complete the Challenge this year!

All students who have completed the Challenge will receive a personally signed certificate from our premier in November.

Liz Williams

Teacher/Librarian

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2023	
TERM 3	
Week 8 – Monday 4 th September Friday 8 th September	Stage 2 BUPA Visit Whole School Public Speaking
Week 9 – Monday 11 th September Thursday 14 th September Friday 15 th September	Stage 2 BUPA Visit R U OK? Day Pop Up Playgroup #4
Week 10 – Friday 22 nd September	Last Day Term 3
TERM 4	
Week 1 - Monday 9 th October	<u>I</u> st Day of Term 4 Kindy Farm Excursion
Week 2 - Wednesday 18 th October Friday 20 th October	Kindy Transition School Disco
Week 3 - Tuesday 24 th October Wednesday 25 th October	School Photo's Kindy Transition

PE NEWS

CLUSTER & DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVALS

A fabulous effort to our Cluster Athletics team who competed in Week 6 at Narrabeen. Corpus Christi placed 4th out of 14 schools which is impressive!

Out of our team of 36 students who competed, we had 10 qualify for the Diocesan Athletics Carnival.

Beau – 11 years high jump, senior boys relay

George – junior boys 800, 1500m, high jump

Benji – junior boys discus, shot put

Nicolas – senior boys 800m, 1500m, high jump, long jump, senior boys relay

Amelia – 13 years girls 100m, senior girls high jump

Savannah – 11 years high jump

Grace – junior girls discus, shot put, high jump

Eloise – 11 years girls 800m, 1500m

Hugo – senior boys relay

Oliver – senior boys relay

In the overall individual ranking point scores for athletes for the day we had 8 students place in the top 10!

– Nicholas placed 2nd overall amongst the 12-13 years male athletes at the Cluster carnival.

– Grace placed 4th overall amongst the 8-10 years female athletes at the Cluster carnival.

– Amelia placed 5th overall amongst the 12-13 years female athletes at the Cluster carnival

– George placed 5th overall amongst the 8-10 years male athletes at the Cluster carnival.

– Eloise placed 6th overall amongst the 11 years female athletes at the Cluster carnival.

– Beau placed 7th overall for the day amongst the 11 years male athletes at the Cluster carnival.

– Benji placed 7th overall amongst the 8-10 years male athletes at the Cluster carnival.

– Savannah placed 10th overall amongst the 11 years female athletes at the Cluster Carnival

DIOCESAN RESULTS

Nicolas, Beau and Amelia have progressed through to the Polding Athletics Carnival which will be held at Homebush in Week 1 next term.

Nicolas will compete in the senior boys 800m (2nd place at Diocesan), senior boys 1500m (2nd place at Diocesan) and the senior boys long jump (3rd place at Diocesan). Nicolas placed 3rd place overall amongst the 12-13 year male athletes at the Diocesan carnival.

Beau will compete in the 11 years boys high jump (3rd place at Diocesan)

Amelia will compete in the 13 years girls 100m (3rd place at Diocesan)

Amazing effort! Training continues for a little longer for these 3 athletes!



FRUIT & VEG MONTH

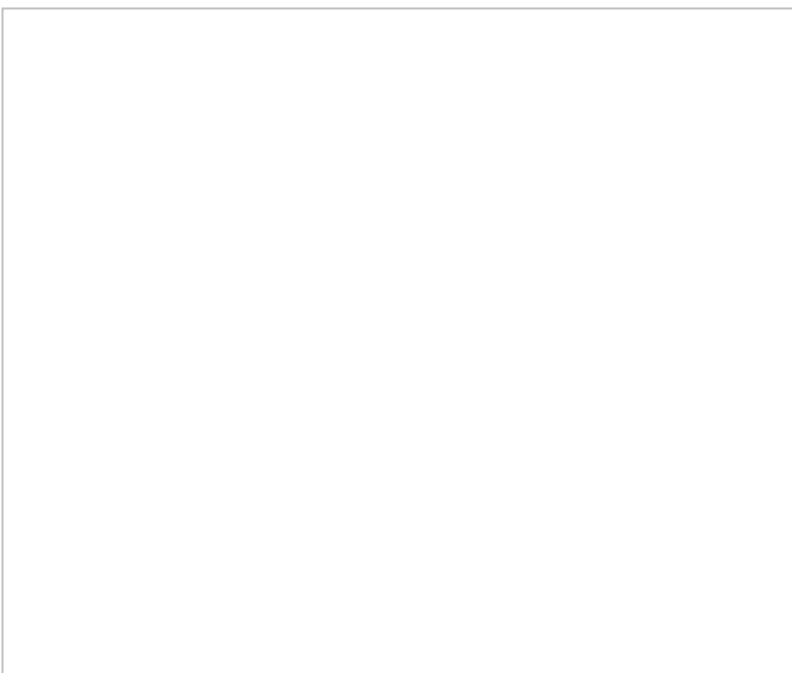
Corpus Christi is participating in Fruit & Vegetable month in September!

This is a health promotion event that aims to encourage increased fruit and vegetable consumption amongst NSW primary school children through engaging activities for the classroom, whole of school and at home.

This year's theme is: Fruit & Veggie STEMs!

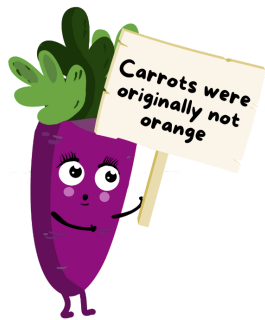
Together we will learn about the science, maths and technology behind fruit and vegetables. Students will be involved in various classroom and school-based activities to encourage them to eat more fruit and vegetables.

Please see the following link [here](#) with some family-friendly, healthy recipes and attached fun fruit & vegetable facts and helpful hints.

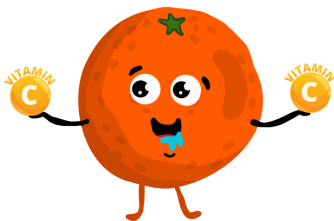




Carrots come in a rainbow of colours! From white to purple.



Oranges contain more Vitamin C than any other fruit. Almost 88% of an orange is just Vitamin C!



PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to all our students who participated in class heats for our Whole School Public Speaking competition this term. The children have made great gains in their public speaking skills and have contributed enthusiastically in their speeches. The following students are the finalists from each class:

Year	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
KB	Maddison P	George G	Amelia W
KM	Grace R	Vivienne F	George R
1DS	William W	Lila R	Kiki Vy
1G	Stella N	Edenhope T	Annabelle D
2L	Charlotte W	Tilly B	Hannah L
3H	Chloe O	Harper S	Mila P
4D	Alessandro M	Lottie S	James P
5S	Patrick C	Chloe S	Juliyana B
6F	Oliver C	Nicolas G	Eloise S
3-6S	Spencer B		

1st and 2nd place winners will now proceed to the Whole School Public Speaking Grand Final on Friday morning, 8th September, at 9:00am. Children who achieved 3rd place should also be prepared to speak on the day should any of the 1st and 2nd place winners not be able to attend. Unfortunately Ale will be away so Lottie and James will represent 4D.

All children will present their prepared speech followed by a short break. Students from Years 3-6 will then have 10 minutes to prepare a 1 minute impromptu speech. A variety of topics will be provided on the day for the impromptu speech. Parents are warmly invited to attend.

MERIT & PBL AWARDS

KM

Merit: Finn S

PBL: Zara S

1G

Merit: Edenhope T

PBL: Joshua L

1DS

Merit: Antoine L, Eliana K

PBL: Isabel V, Romeo K

2L**Merit:** Hudson C, Kaela L**PBL:** Darcey P**4D****Merit:** Katelyn L**5S****Merit:** Fleur K**PBL:** Andreas V**6DL****Merit:** Daniella C**PBL:** Beau B**Music/Drama****Merit:** Sabian V**PBL:** Jonathon W

SRC & ENVIRONMENT TEAM



Our SRC and Environment Team invite you to help save our planet by reducing the rubbish in our school and enjoying healthy food to boot! To assist in this mission, each Wednesday from now on will be **NUDE FOOD DAY**. This means that we bring our Crunch and Sip, recess and lunch in reusable food containers and try our best to avoid processed, pre-packaged food. We understand that this can sometimes be challenging in a busy household, so if children do have packaged foods on a Wednesday we ask that they take any rubbish home with them. Let's all join together to create healthy, waste free lunch boxes on Wednesdays.

CORPUS CANTEEN



If you would like to volunteer in the canteen in Term 4, please contact Ali or the office.

Any help is appreciated - there are shifts for full days, half days or just for recess/lunch service times for an hour.

All parents/carers are welcome!

P & F NEWS

CORPUS CHRISTI
STRENGTH AND GENTLENESS

PURCHASE PIZZA, DRINKS, POPCORN, ICE CREAM & LOLLIES ON THE NIGHT

We warmly invite you to the
**CORPUS CHRISTI
MOVIE & PIZZA
NIGHT**

SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER
CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC SCHOOL
17 LINK ROAD ST IVES

GATES OPEN AT 5PM ❖ MOVIE STARTS AT 6PM
ADULTS \$15 CHILD \$7.50 PRESCHOOL & UNDER FREE

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SCAN ME

Looking forward to seeing you all this Saturday night for our wonderful community Movie Night.

If you haven't yet bought your tickets, **scan the QR code NOW!**

Kind Regards,

P&F Executive Committee

NOTICES

Please Note:

- Ku Ring Gai Vacation Care will no longer run holiday care in the Corpus Christi grounds
- School Photo's date change from 13th October to 24th October

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