

Term 1, Week 5 • Wednesday 6th March 2024

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends.

In the last few weeks many of our students have had the opportunity to represent Corpus Christi out in the wider community. We have had students representing the school in debating, swimming, the Sutton Cup, Brigidine Leadership Day and at BUPA aged care facility.

School pride can be displayed in many ways, but it usually reflects a feeling of strong connection to the school or being proud to represent the school and the values it stands for. What is clear is that schools with a strong sense of pride are obvious as soon as you walk in the school gates.

School pride also gives students a sense of ownership which has flow on effects leading to many positive behaviours including increased desire to pursue and accept opportunities available at school and a desire to make the most of their schooling experience.

School pride is also linked with general happiness. Students with strong school pride are substantially more likely to say they felt happy, to promote positivity, to show empathy and compassion and to show responsibility. This goes hand in hand with building strong long-lasting friendships, developing good self-esteem and growing in confidence.

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School spirit builds when students, parents, teachers and administrators work together to build a sense of community, to promote the positives and to drive a sense of pride in the school. As a community, there are many things we can do to encourage and promote Corpus Christi pride.













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URSTRONG

Corpus Christi is a URSTRONG school. URSTRONG's whole-school friendship strategy has improved the social climate in schools around the world, connecting over a million kids, parents, and teachers with a common language of friendship. We are proud to be a URSTRONG School and are committed to empowering your children with friendship skills. I have included the following information for our many new families and as a refresher for those who were first introduced to the program back in 2021/2022.

You are invited to take advantage of a <u>FREE Parent Membership</u> to access hundreds of resources – including an 8 session video series. This will allow you to learn the same language & strategies being taught in the classroom through the Friendology 101 curriculum. We hope that, as a URSTRONG Family, you will reinforce the important messages of empowerment, self-compassion, & kindness at home.

URSTRONG

As a next step, we would recommend:

Click here https://urstrong.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/About-URSTRONG.pdf to view an overview of URSTRONG.

Activate your **FREE Parent Membership** and explore all the resources available to your family.

Explore the hundreds of resources available to you!

We believe that empowering our students with these skills has and will continue to create a culture of kindness at our school and we hope that, together, we can support your children to have healthy, feel-good friendships.



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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

This Friday we celebrate women in our community. The theme this year is Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress'. In line with our ASPIRE program Cheryl Jackson one of our Year 4 parents has offered to talk to all of the children in Years 3 to 6 about her career. Cheryl works in IT Contract Law, working in an exciting and growing area of IT that uses Al/automation. Prior to this Cheryl spent 14 years teaching secondary students.



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our Welcome event this **Saturday 9th March.** Please encourage each other to attend and support our wonderful P&F team who put so much thought and effort into our school events.

P&F GENERAL MEETING

This will be held on **Wednesday 13th March at 7:00pm** in the school library. All parents are welcome.

CLASS PARENT MEETING

We will be holding a brief meeting **before the P&F meeting at 6:30pm** for all class parents.

Jayne Wheen Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

BOOK FAIR FOR PROJECT COMPASSION



Thank you to Cassie Frankish in Year 3 for coming up with the great idea to hold a Book Fair this Friday to raise money for our Project Compassion Campaign during Lent. Bring in your preloved books that are in good condition and a gold coin to buy a book for yourself. Thank you Cassie!

CANTEEN RICE DAY

As part of our Project Compassion Campaign, we will be having 'Rice Day' on Wednesday 20th March to help our fundraising during Lent. All children in K-6 will be able to purchase a bowl of rice for a donation of \$3. Students will be asked to BYO bowl and spoon. Details on how to order through QKR will follow.



Although it is not compulsory for students to take part, we are hoping many will participate. Rice is a staple part of the diet of many of our neighbours in developing countries and is often all they may have to eat in a whole day. Teachers will be discussing this concept in class and making links to learning in Religious Education through the Project Compassion website. All money raised will be donated to Caritas Australia.

FAMILY ROCK MASS TERM 1



We look forward to seeing many of our families at our first whole school Rock Mass for the year. It will be on Sunday 24th March (Palm Sunday) at 5pm in the church. It will be led by Year 6 and Kindy who will participate in a special reading of the Gospel.

We would love to see as many Kindy and Year 6 children attending as possible. Please RSVP

(https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=6TdW9-zmC0maab_Nfg2vrxy51ANY7FRDjMEzewa6g6xURTZCR0NXRjZBTE5WTk1WNVVQVEYwNDJFQi4u)

by Friday 8th March if you would like your child to be considered for a specific part in the Mass as teachers will need to allocate this well in advance. This way teachers will have time to prepare the children for this special Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



Please keep the children in Year 4 and above in your prayers as they prepare in the coming weeks for their First Reconciliation.

Reconciliation will be held on Saturday 23rd March at 9.30am and 3.30pm.

Penny Velmage
Religious Education Coordinator

PE NEWS

STUDENT NEWS

Congratulations to James Perrett who qualified for the NSW Junior State Swimming Championships in the 10 years Boys 50m Freestyle Relay team by beating his official PB by over 3 secs. This race will be on Saturday 23rd March at Olympic Park. We wish James all the best.

Swimming Zone

A huge thankyou to Mr Jackson, Mrs Siva and our volunteers for taking the representative team to Zone held at Hornsby. It was an extremely hot day but everyone did a wonderful job and we are so proud of all our little super fish swimming in their events.

Congratulations to James Perrett, with a new record North shore zone 10 years boys 50m freestyle 38:95 old record was 39:03. James also came 1st in the North shore zone champion for junior boys 8-10 years age divisional champion.

Special mention for individual rankings for the zone- to Amaya Watts came 6th ranking in her age group (11) and Alxia Kramis 9th ranked in her age group (11)

James came 1st Freestyle, 1st in Backstroke, 2nd Butterfly 3rd in Breast stroke and Alexia Kramis- 3rd place in Backstroke. They are both off to the Diocesan on the 12th March and we wish them all the very best.

Sutton Cup (soccer)

This week Corpus Christi students from Stage 2 and 3 played in the NSFA Sutton Cup for the first time. It was named after Ben Sutton who is a Parrarroo with a passion for change and equality for the younger generation.

Pararoos have been participating in fundraising events to raise awareness of Cerebral Palsy. He has since created the Pararoos Development Centre, making himself an advocate for Soccer.

Congratulations on the Stage 3 boys that were the winners of the Tournament! Not only did stage 3 score points for the matches, but they scored points for showing great sportsmanship.

A special thank you for the support and coaching of Mr Cam Perrett, Ms Ali Tyree, Mrs Lauren McGill, Mr Chris Dale and Mrs Yeates.

Upcoming event

Reminder for students to start training at home, for their cross- country and infant fun run that will be held in week 9 on 5th April.

Students aged 11-13 years run 3km

Students aged 8-10 years run 2km

Infants will be running laps around the oval in a fun run event.

Lisa Sargent

PDHPE Specialist & Sport Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS





now OPEN

CORPUS CHRISTI IS EXCITED TO BE PARTICIPATING!

What is the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge?

The PRC is a statewide Challenge that encourages students to develop a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students and enables them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition, but a challenge to encourage each student to read, to read more, and to read more widely.

All students who complete the challenge and have their reading record validated by the school's PRC coordinator will receive a certificate signed by the Premier of NSW.

How many books do students need to read?

Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 are challenged to read or experience 30 books. 20 of these books must be from the relevant Challenge booklists, and up to 10 books can be personal choice books. Books can be read with a parent, carer, teacher or another student.

Students in Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 20 books independently. At least 10 of these books must be from the relevant Challenge booklists, and up to 10 books can be personal choice books.

If a book is from an approved PRC series, students can enter up to 5 books as Challenge books, and can read up to 10 other books from the same series as Personal Choice books.

More information on the rules of the Challenge can be found on the PRC website.

Books must be added to a student's online reading record by Friday 23 August 2024 in order for their reading record to be validated and receive a certificate.

How do students log their reading?

Students can access the PRC's <u>Student Experience site</u>. Students will have received a sticker with their login details for the Premier's Reading Challenge from their class teachers. These should be in students' Home Learning this week or next week. Please note the usernames/passwords are the same as previous years and they are CASE sensitive. A video guide explaining how to use the Student Experience site can be found <u>here</u>.

Students may also record their reading on the Personal Reading Log and submit it to the PRC Coordinator by 23 August 2024, who will complete the reading log on the students' behalf.

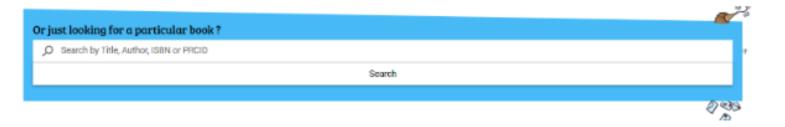
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How can students find books on the NSW PRC challenge lists?

Students can find many books listed on the PRC challenge list in our Library. Many of these books are marked with stickers on the front cover indicating which level of the PRC book lists they belong too. For K-2 students, there are tubs at the front of the Library that contain K-2 PRC books for easy access. Check with your local public library too as most libraries promote the NSW PRC.

A quick guide for logging books:

- 1.Log into the Student experience site using your provided student username and password.
- 2.Use the blue search bar to search for books you have read.



2a. If the title appears, click "Add to Reading Log" to add it as a PRC book.



2b. If the title does not appear, you will need to enter it as a personal choice book.

To enter a personal choice book:

Home Rules Log out

To enter a personal choice book:

- 1. Click on the icon in the top right hand corner:
- 2.Click on "My reading log"



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3. Fill in the book details under the "Add a Personal Choice book" field and click "add"



If you have any issues with logging books, please speak to Mrs Archer or Mrs Williams.

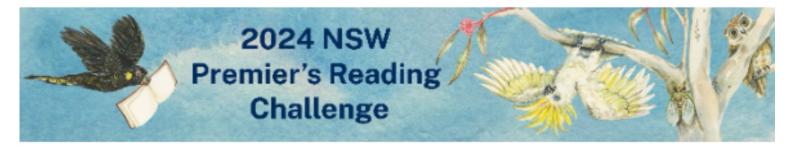
New Booklist Update

Visit the booklists page to check out the new titles added to the PRC booklists this year!

See here -https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/rules.html for more information about rules for the challenge.

If any parent requires assistance in entering the books online please do not hesitate to see me in the library after school or email Mrs Williams lizwilliams@dbb.catholic.edu.au. We are more than happy to demonstrate how the website works. We will be discussing the challenge in Library classes and students in Years 3-6 will be shown how to enter their books online.

As in previous years there will be a competition to see which class has the most students completing the challenge. Please encourage and assist your children in this wonderful initiative to promote the joy of reading.



Library Bags:



Library bags have arrived! For those parents that have paid in advance for the library bag, please come to the office to collect. Any child needing purchase a library bag, please come to school office.

Liz Williams & Gemma Archer Teacher/Librarians

NAPLAN NEWS



NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) assessments for Years 3 and 5 students will be held next week in Week 6 as per the below timetable.

All NAPLAN assessments this year will be presented in the ONLINE format except for Year 3 Writing, which is in pen and paper format.

School iPads will be provided to all students to complete the assessment, even if they usually bring their own devices. All devices have been checked and aligned to minimum standards for successful participation in the assessments.

All students are required to bring their own headphones each day of the assessment period.

Students who are absent for any of the assessments may attend one of the make up sessions provided to complete missed tests. The assessment window closes on Tuesday, 26th March. All assessments must be completed by this date and any student unable to complete assessments by 26th March will be marked as absent.

NAPLAN Assessment Timetable

	Wed13 March	Thurs 14 March	Friday 15 March
NAPLAN	9:15-10:15am	9:15-10:15am	9:30-10:30am
Assessments	Writing	Reading	Mathematics
	(Year 3 Paper Version;		
	Year 5 Online)	11:30-12:30pm	
		Conventions of Language (Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling)	
Make Up Sessions	Thurs 16/3- Tue 26/3		
	(All assessments as required)		

Students are well prepared for the assessments. Students will participate in a practice session of the test on Friday using the Public Demonstration Site here https://nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site Students will be seated in the classrooms we have allocated for the testing period and will familiarize themselves with the online environments and tools of each test.

A wealth of additional information regarding NAPLAN can be found here: https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself if you have any enquiries about NAPLAN in 2024.

Liz Williams
Assistant Principal

VOLUNTEERS INDUCTION SESSION

A VOLUNTEERS INDUCTION MEETING for 2024 will be held on site in the LIBRARY at 3:30 pm THURSDAY 6th March for NEW VOLUNTEERS.

If you would like to volunteer at the school in any capacity including sporting events, classroom learning assistance (Reading Groups), excursions, canteen assistance, fun/social days or similar, you will need to attend this session.

Only NEW volunteers need to attend. If you have volunteered previously at the school, you do not need to attend the induction again.

Liz Williams Assistant Principal

MUSIC NEWS

STAGE 3 MUSIC PASSION PROJECTS



Stage 3 are continuing working on their 'Passion Project' in Music. Just a reminder parents and friends are welcome to come and enjoy sharing what they have learnt.

WHEN: Wednesday 20th March, Week 7, 2:10pm (after lunch)
WHERE: AP Room

Genna Archer Music Teacher

WELLBEING WEEK

TERM 1 WELLBEING WEEK



INCLUSION





This term our focus for Wellbeing Week is Inclusion.

During Week 7 we will be learning how important it is to include others at school and in the wider community.

Inclusion is when the members of an environment feel that they are valued, respected, and included regardless of their background or identity. They have the same opportunities as others, and they are not overlooked or excluded.

Some of the activities we will be completing are:

No homework:

Please use this time to engage in some wellbeing activities and catch up on rest and relaxation!

Storytelling:

Students will share a story with their class to help us to engage in and seek out opportunities to include others at school and in the wider community.

DEAR time:

Everyone will Drop Everything and Read when music plays over the loud speaker teachers included! No exceptions!

Mindfulness:

Students will complete mindfulness activities including yoga, artworks and meditation in their classes.

Harmony Day:

Harmony Day takes place in Australia every March 21. It is a day to celebrate and include all the different cultures that are a part of Australia. Students will be participating by reading poems and stories, playing games and listening to music which reflect the different cultural diversities in our country. Children will draw, paint and create art which reflects their understanding of inclusion and diversity.

We hope you have a safe and happy Wellbeing Week! CCSI Wellbeing Team

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY 2024

Corpus Christi are excited to be celebrating National Ride2School Day on **Friday 22 March 2024**.

National Ride2School Day is the perfect opportunity to kick-start new healthy habits and promote the many benefits of active travel. We encourage all students and their families to leave the car at home and give riding, walking, scooting or skating to school a go. It's sure to be a fantastic day and we look forward to seeing you there! #ride2school #ride2schoolday



National Ride2School Day 2024



When: Friday 22 March 2024 Where: Schools around Australia

Event Website

https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/rides-and-events/ride2school/ride2school-day/

Main message

Join more than 350,000 students from almost 900 schools around Australia who will be registered to participate in this year's National Ride2School Day

Key messages

Why Ride2School?

- <u>Bike riding is the easiest way to get healthy:</u> It is recommended that children
 get 60 minutes of physical activity every day to maintain their health, and
 riding a bike to school is an easy and fun way to make sure they are hitting this
 target. It's also a great way for parents to spend quality time with their
 children.
- It improves physical activity rates: In the 1970's, 80% of all school children rode
 or walked to school but now more than two-thirds go by car. Thanks to
 Ride2School that trend is reversing schools that participate in the
 Ride2School Program report an average active travel rate of 54%.
- It helps build confidence: Riding, walking, skating or scooting to school will
 make your students feel more self-sufficient, build resilience and helps them to
 develop an awareness of road safety and the environment around them.
- Students perform better in class: Being active on the school journey has a
 much greater impact on student concentration than having breakfast before
 school. A Danish study has shown that children who walk or ride to school
 display improved concentration for 4 hours longer than those who are driven.

P & F NEWS

THIS SATURDAY, 9TH MARCH, PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR EAGERLY AWAITED CIRCUS EVENT.

Face Painting & Endless Fun

Experience a world of colour with our very Alida Alvarez's expert face painting, and dive into various games and crafts with Eleanor Johnson designed to entertain all.

Special Treats Ahead

We have hot dogs, ice cream, lotties, and fairy floss, as well as the opportunity to indulge in delicious slushies courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence. A big thank you to them for their generosity! We understand that these options may not cater to all, so if you prefer, you can bring your own food to the event.



🐾 Spectacular Performances & Dancing

Be captivated by our unique guest circus performers and hit the dance floor. It's all about enjoying the moment and having a blast.

Heartfelt Appreciation

We thank our community and the families who are volunteering their time and talents. Your support has blown us away and is what makes events like these possible:

Thanks to the Voegler, Lubbe, Short, Ong, Roberts, Shah (KB), Chau, Stone, Cabacis, Anania, Lukas, Nash, Shah (5J), Johnson, Patterson, Williams, McGill, Kellett, Pemberton, Stone, Kramis, Frankish, Kelly, Darragh, Le Roux, Jackson, Alvarez, Beltran, Haughey, Clarke, Maly, Warby, Biet, Albert, Goodchild, Chan, Chen, Seeto, Lo, Devitt, Zhou families; and our dedicated school staff: Mrs Wheen, Mrs Williams, Mrs Delmage, Mrs Pickford, and Mrs Camilleri.

Your efforts are shaping a fantastic evening for all.

There's Still Time to Volunteer!

We have a few volunteer spots left. Sign up here: volunteersignup.org/FX7XM.

🔑 Key Information

Please use the school car park and do not park in the church car park, as Mass will be on at the time of our event.

Don't Forget!

Save the date and spread the word. Join the P and F team for their first meeting of the year on **March 13th at 7 pm** to catch up on school and committee news.

TERM 1 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024	
TERM 4	
<u>Week 5</u> Monday 4 th March Tuesday 5 th March Thursday, 7 th <u>March</u>	 Bupa Visit Year 6 Canteen Canteen Parent Volunteer Session @ 3.30pm
Week 6 Monday 11 th March Wednesday 13 th March	 Stage 3 Reconciliation Bupa Visit Year 4 NAPLAN - Yrs 3 & 5 Canteen
Thursday 14 th March Friday 15 th March	■ NAPLAN – Yrs 3 & 5 ■ Canteen ■ NAPLAN – Yrs 3 & 5
Week 7 Monday 18 th March Tuesday 19 th March Wednesday 20 th March Thursday 21 st March Friday 22 nd March	 Bupa Visit – Year 5 Canteen Rice Day in Canteen Harmony Day Canteen OPEN DAY #1 National Ride to School Day Rock Mass @ 5pm – All Welcome!
<u>Week 8</u> Monday 25 th March Tuesday 26 th March Thursday 28 th	 Feast of the Annunciation – Class Liturgies CANTEEN Holy Week Liturgy @ 11.30am Easter Hat Parade & Raffle @ 12.30pm

MERIT & PBL AWARDS

Class	Merit	PBL
кв	Harvey F	Lucas A
КО		Atlas F
1G	Michael W	Joshua D
1DS	George R, Lucia S	Lilly B
2L	Annabelle D	Noah S
2H	Eliana K	Joshua L
3S	Clara B	Harry H
4M	Darren W	Anika J
5J	Alexia K	Beau G
6D	Olivia D	Ava G, Arlin E
3/6S	Spencer B	Charlie W
LIBRARY	Lucas H (1G)	
MUSIC/DRAMA	Lachlan C (2L)	

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT



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TRIVIA NIGHT: 16 MARCH



a night of fun 🔷 support the new Presbytery build



Buy seats or a table - \$35 per head



Plenty of prizes to win!

- Bring cash and gold coins for games
- Prize for best decorated table get creative or go green for St Patrick's Day!







We welcome any donations:

BSB: 062 784 / Account No: 100001798 Ref: New Build TN





RAFFLE TICKETS available now



\$5 a ticket Drawn on night

PRIZES

- 1st handmade 18ct white gold ring with a 10.08ct round amethyst, 6 claw set (\$2,500)
- 2nd Anytime Fitness, St Ives annual national pass incl 3 personal training sessions (\$800)
- 3rd Cosmetic hamper (\$300)
- 4th JVC 32" Android 11 Smart TV (\$300)
- 5th Villeroy & Boch Vase (\$100)



PROPERTY FOR SALE? TALK TO US

The church will get a 10% donation of commission from the sale of your property.

Contact our long-term newsletter sponsor First National Real Estate: Noelene or Mark Johnson on 9488 8200.

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Mrs Sargent needs your help in cleaning out the Sports Shed. If you have 30 minutes spare, 1 hour or 3 hours we would be most grateful.

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CHASSKUUM DEWS





Open Day

Saturday, 9 March 2024

Campus Tours | Presentations | Learning and Extra-curricular Showcase Meet our Staff and Students | Food Stalls | Farm Animals

Register Now at www.loretonh.nsw.edu.au

Discover where Loreto Normanhurst can take you.