

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL The Corpus Chronicle CORPUS NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends.

We have had a number of students representing Corpus Christi so far this term in many facets of school life. Our students have been involved in cross country, AFL, chess, horticulture sessions, North Shore debating, da Vinci Decathlon and last week a group of our Stage 2 and 3 students spent the day working with four schools in a SPARK day exploring artificial intelligence (AI).

Students worked in pairs to create an "idea" about sustainability in their schools which uses Al. Topics covered everything from the basics of what Al is, through to design and creation exercises using Al and understanding the benefits and potential risks.

Much has been said in recent months about the challenges that Al presents for schools, particularly large language models and generative Al tools such as ChatGPT.

In a recent article written by the CEO for the Australian Institute of Teachers and School Leaders (AITSL) it was of interest to note that while the technology is different to what we've seen in the past, the reaction to it is one that has echoed throughout history. Over the course of the last 200 years, schools and teachers have had to face concerns over emerging industrial and technological innovations.

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In the 1800s, teachers worried about students' reliance on paper, and what would happen when paper ran out. In the early 1900s, teachers worried about the use of ink, and that students were losing skills such as sharpening pencils with a knife.

In the 1980s, we worried that the pocket calculator would lead to loss of numerical skills among students. In the 2000s, we worried that text messaging would affect students' spelling and that search engines and the internet would affect students' memory recall.

We cannot stop technological progress, and so as educators we must adapt to these innovations and advancements. Our focus is on teaching students how to use these tools responsibly, and even embracing them as part of our teaching and learning practices. Like we have taught them to do with internet sources more generally, it is important that our students critically reflect on the information generated.

OPEN DAY THIS FRIDAY

We look forward to welcoming both our current and prospective families to our school on Friday morning. We will start with assembly, including some of our Music Space students and our choir sharing their talents with us. Then parents are invited into classrooms to experience a Mathematics lesson. Please drop in if you can to see our new Mathematics Curriculum in action. You will see a Daily Review or partake in a lesson with your child. Our Mathematics Masterclass will be taking place in the music room.

SMALL STEPS CHILDHOOD ANXIETY SEMINAR - PLEASE REGISTER

We look forward to seeing you at the seminar in the school library on Wednesday 5th June at 5:30pm. **Please register** using the QR code below to secure your place. Following the seminar we will be holding our P&F meeting for Term 2 and everyone is welcome to attend.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CONFIRMATION



The second parent information night will be held Thursday 22nd May in the Parish Hall for those parents whose child is about to start preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The presentation of candidates will be held at the weekend masses on the 25th and 26th May. There will also be a compulsory practice in the Church for each child and a parent on Tuesday 25th June at 4.30pm.

Confirmation will be held on Friday 28th June 2024 at 6.00pm.

Attendance by at least one parent at the information evenings is a requirement of the course. All queries can be directed to Gerri Hadwen via sacraments@corpuschristi.com.au

The Angelus

Starting Week 5 at 12:00pm we will be pausing to pray the Angelus in our classrooms. This practice has been introduced across all schools in our Diocese. The Angelus is a meditative prayer based on the Annunciation when Mary said "yes" to being the mother of Jesus. The ringing of "The Angelus" is an invitation to briefly stop what we are doing and pause to pray, recalling the mystery of the Incarnation. This week, teachers will be looking at the history of this beautiful prayer and the significance of taking time in the day for prayer.







Feast Day Mass

All classes will celebrate our Corpus Christi Feast day in a whole school Mass celebration on Thursday 30th May 2024 at 9:00am. We will then participate in some fun activities to celebrate our Feast Day.

Family Rock Mass

We look forward to seeing many of our families at our next Rock Mass for the year on Sunday 16th June 2024. This Mass is being led by our students in Stage 2. It is a whole school Mass, and we hope to see all our families in this celebration of the Eucharist.



Penny Delmage
Religious Education Coordinator

PE NEWS



Cross Country Diocesan

Congratulations to Fleur Kelly, Hana Haughey and Annabelle Moriarty for representing Broken Bay in Cross Country on Tuesday 21st.





Stage 3 Tag/Touch Interschool Day - 4th June, 2024

We have 3 teams from Stage 3, representing the school in Touch/Tag sports day held at Koola Park, East Killara.

We are still looking for parents to volunteer as Team Managers please for the day.

Players can wear footy/soccer boots on the field- please ensure runners are worn and boots taken in bag.

Compass notes have been sent out to players; Parents of these players please respond ASAP.

Stage 2 Tag/Touch will be held week 10 on the 2nd of July.



Athletics School Carnival - Tuesday 11th June

SAVE THE DATE!!! Compass Athletics note is out.

Parents, please fill out the forms ASAP as the sports coordinator needs to start organising.

We need parents to please volunteer in order for our kids to have an AMAZING and FUN Carnival!

Lisa Sargent

PDHPE Specialist & Sport Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS



PREMIER READING CHALLENGE 2024 –155 reading records have now been started – what a wonderful achievement Corpus! Next week we will revisit the procedures and resources of the Challenge in Library with a special focus on where to locate PRC books. It's easy to borrow PRC books from the Library to add to your child's recording records. Scroll through the PRC book lists here. Students can add any books they have read since September last year.

Students in K-2 can also log books that have been read to them in the Library and their classes.

We now have 47 students who have already completed the Challenge! Congratulations to:

Kindy Clara, Maddie, Callie, Samuel, Grace, Rose, Michaela, Lilly, Elle

Year 1 Zara, Max, Sabian, Amelia, Lucia, Vivienne, Alexina, Madelyn, Sarah, <mark>Harper, Ray</mark>

Year 2 Kiki, James, Tobias, Oliver, William, Daniel

Year 3 Alicia, Monica, Cassie, Max, Tommy, Leo

Year 4 Ethan, Alice

Year 5 Flynn, Clementina, Hana, Alexia, Katelyn, Arhan, Jayden, Emily, Amaya

Year 6 Eugene, Fleur, Chloe, Jonathan

Well done to all of these students who are really celebrating their love of reading.



It is so easy to participate in the Challenge. Log on with your child to see how many books they have already read since August last year and add these to their log. Take note of some of the books they would still like to read and have them borrow these over coming weeks. We have 100s of books on the Premiers Reading Challenge in our very own Corpus Christi Library. We are presenting a book display weekly now with new picture books as well as PRC picture books for children to easily access. Please encourage your child to also ask Mrs Williams if they need help finding PRC books. The Challenge runs until 23rd August 2024. We still have 108 students who have started but not yet completed the challenge – it would be wonderful to see all of these students receive certificates from our Premier later in the year for completing the Challenge. Keep reading Corpus!

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Please let me know if you are having trouble with student login details or require assistance with entering the books online. Please do not hesitate to email me <u>here</u>.

CBCA BOOK WEEK 2024

This week we introduced BOOK WEEK 2024! Always a highlight of our year here in the Library. Book Week introduces a whole new world of inspirational reading for children (and adults!) of all ages. This year's Book Week theme is Reading is Magic! You can see the Shortlisted Books here which we will be exploring in Terms 2 and 3.



Borrowing Reminder

Please encourage your child to borrow every week. Even if they have their own books at home, it's always nice to bring home a book from our school Library to share with the family. Remind your child to pack their library bag for borrowing on their Library day. (Years K, 3 and 4 MONDAY, Year 1, 2, 5 & 6 TUESDAY.)

National Simultaneous Story Time (NSS)

Today we participated with over 2 000 000 other children across Australia and New Zealand in National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS).

The NSS is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 24th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

By facilitating NSS we aim to:

- · promote the value of reading and literacy,
- · promote the value and fun of books,
- promote an Australian writer and publisher,
- promote storytime activities in libraries and communities around the country,
- and provide opportunities to involve parents, grandparents, the media and others to participate in and enjoy the occasion.

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Today's NSS was the very beautiful story Bowerbird Blues by Aura Parker and you can hear the author reading the story <u>here</u> as well as view a demonstration of some of her wonderful artistic techniques.

Liz Williams & Gemma Archer Teacher/Librarians

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS - SAVE THE DATE!

URStrong Community Information Workshop



We are excited to be hosting a whole community event (students, parents, teachers) to explore our positive relationships platform - **URSTRONG**.

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, empowering your children with friendship skills through their award-winning Friendology curriculum.

You are invited to attend an ONLINE Language of Friendship parent-child workshop for URSTRONG Schools on **Tuesday 4 June at 6:30pm AEST**. Tyson Greenwood, (Director of URSTRONG), will teach you and your children skills + language to foster healthy, feel-good friendships.

Registration Required: https://urstrong.com/event/language-of-friendship-for-urstrong-schools-4/

*You will receive an email within 48 hours of the event with the zoom details.

We believe that empowering our students with these skills will create a culture of kindness at our school and we hope you can attend.

Liz Williams
Assistant Principal

TERM 2 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024		
TERM 2		
Week 4		
Thursday 23 rd May	 Parent Volunteers Induction 	
Friday 24 th May	Open Day #2	
Saturday 25 th	■ P & F Picnic	
Week 5		
Monday 27 th May	■ Bupa Visit – Year 5	
Thursday 30 th May	 Feast of Corpus Christi Mass 9am 	
Friday 31 st May	■ Stage 2 Excursion	
Week 6		
Tuesday 4 th June	 UR Strong Language of Friendship Parent, 	
Tuesday 4 Julie	Student Presentation	
Wednesday 5 th June	Way Ahead Small Steps Childhood Anxiety	
	Seminar	
	P & F General Meeting	
Thursday 6 th June	■ Bathurst Camp – Stage 3	
Friday 7 th June	■ Bathurst Camp — Stage 3	
Week 7	Wellbeing Week	
Monday 10 th June	 Kings Birthday Public Holiday 	
Tuesday 11 th June	 Whole School Athletics Carnival 	
Sunday 16 th June	■ Rock Mass	

Staff Development Days 2024

Friday 5th July System-wide SDD Towards 2025

Monday 22nd July - System Curriculum Reform Day

Monday 14th October - Spirituality Day

MERIT & PBL AWARDS

Class	Merit	PBL
КВ	Grace L	Luca T
	William C	
КО	Leonardo F	Foxie N
	Leo B	Elliot F
1G	Elsie S	Lucas H
	Violetta M	Sarah L
1DM	Antoni B	Amelia W
		Charlie M
2L	Dylan J	Maeve D, Lila R
	Gwen N, James Y	Hugh F, Lachlan C
2H	Grace M	Kiki V
	Antoine L	Billie C
38	Hudson C	Natalia G
	Salvatore M	Kenny P
4M	Marcus L	McKenna K, Christal C
	Ethan W	Alice V
5J	Will J	Arhan S
6D	Savannah M	Andreas V
00	Charlie D	Yana B
3/6S	Ethan B	Charlie W
MUSIC/DRAMA	Amaya W Lucas A	

P & F NEWS

P & F Picnic - Saturday, May 25th

Just a quick reminder: the P & F Picnic is happening this Saturday, May 25th, from 2 pm to 4 PM at Bicentennial Park in Pymble. We're looking forward to seeing everyone there and hoping for some sunshine amidst the showers.

Enjoy a free sausage sizzle courtesy of a generous donation from Craig Cook Butchers. Craig Cook Butchers is renowned for their high-quality meats and exceptional customer service. They have been a proud supporter of our community, and we are thrilled to have their support for this event. You can learn more about them and their products at Craig Cook Butchers. Your paragraph text





General Meeting

Please come along to our next P & F General Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, 5th June, at 7 pm - 8pm (straight after the Small Steps Anxiety Seminar)

Save the Dates for Upcoming Events

Friday, June 21st: Parent Social at Terrey Hills Tavern 7 pm-till late.

Saturday, July 27th: Sporting and Olympic Heroes Trivia Night (Term 3 Fundraiser, parent-only event). Test your knowledge and enjoy a night of fun!

Saturday, September 14th: Movie Night (Term 3 Fundraiser, family event). Bring the whole family for a cozy movie night under the stars.

If you would like to keep up to date with the latest P&F news, please join our Facebook group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/404239497029703/

We look forward to seeing you at these exciting events! Stay tuned for more details and updates.

Kind regards,

On behalf of the Committee

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH NEWS

Welcome to Corpus Christi Parish

Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass
At every Sunday 10am Mass,
children are invited to go to the

children are invited to go to the Church Hall during Mass to participate in Children's Liturgy. There, they read the Gospel for the week and do activities related to that Sunday's gospel.



Morning tea is served afterwards for everyone!



Pray and Play

Once a month after Sunday 10am Mass, we organise some simple games for the children to play while parents mingle and chat. The next dates will be on 7 April and 5 May.





To see the latest updates on what's going on in our parish, scan the QR code or join at

https://www.facebook.com/groups/CorpusChristiStIves/

