



Corpus Christi Chatter

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Chatter No. 2. Friday 14th February 2020

Dear Families and Friends,

Happy Valentine's Day!!

Thank you to all children, staff and families for a successful start to the school year. Well done. Keep up your wonderful efforts!

Thank you to all staff and families who attended our beginning of year Parish Staff Commissioning Mass. Much appreciated. Thank you to Fr Giang and our parishioners for their warm welcome. Special thanks to Mrs Biondi and Mr Sherlock for coordinating our liturgy, all staff, children and parents for your reverence and participation.

2020 FEES

Thank you to all families who have paid Tuition Fees (\$340 per child) as required on day one of the school year.

If you have not paid Tuition Fees that were due on Wednesday 29th January 2020 your assistance in doing so would be greatly appreciated.

Families who have had payment arrangements in previous years or experiencing financial difficulties are reminded that they must still contact the School Office to review or re-validate their arrangements.

\$340 per child

\$840 per family

Year 5/6 Camp will be held at Don Bosco camp Safety Beach in March Cost \$260 per child.

Healthcare Card holders are eligible to apply for the CSEF allowance (currently \$125) which is deducted from Tuition Fee.

We have structured our payment schedule to enable families to budget for fee payments.

Eg. Tuition Fee Week One of Term One,

First Family Fee instalment commencement of Term 2

Second Instalment commencement of Term 3,

Third Instalment commencement of Term 4.

CANTEEN will now open for Lunch Orders on Monday, Tuesday Wednesday, Thursday and Friday throughout Term One and Term Four.

REMINDER "Runners" are not part of our daily school uniform. Black school shoes should be worn on non-sports days. Please ensure your child has correct black shoes.

If your child is out of school uniform a note is required.

Leggings /leisure wear are NOT part of our girl's school uniform.

Sports shorts, netball skirts or tracksuits are worn

TERM ONE EVENTS

Monday 17th February

Parent-Teacher Meet and Greet
Interviews **3.45pm-7.30pm**

Tuesday 18th February

Parent-Teacher Meet and Greet
Interviews **3.45pm-5.30pm**

Wednesday 26th February

10.00am ASH WEDNESDAY Mass

Monday 9th March

LABOUR DAY Holiday

Wednesday 11th March

Catholic Education week Family Celebration Sausage Sizzle

Sunday 15th - Sunday 22nd March

Catholic Education Week

Monday 16th March- Wednesday 18th March

Year 5/6 attend Don Bosco Camp Safety Beach

Friday 27th March 12.30pm

End of Term

TERM TWO

Easter Monday 13th April -Holiday

Term Two starts

Tuesday 14th April

Wednesday 29th April

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Yr 3 and Yr 5 NAPLAN

Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14th May

GRADE 5/6 SCHOOL CAMP
Monday 16th March - Wednesday 18th March



Children in Year 5/6 will attend Don Bosco Camp Safety Beach **Cost of \$260.00** .
If experiencing any financial constraints regarding Camp please contact Mr Lucardie.

Year 5-6 children will not be required to attend school on Thursday 19th March (as a Rest and Recovery day for staff and children attending Camp).

Details of Camp will be sent out via the classroom.
Please contact Mr Lucardie if you encounter any difficulties regarding your child going to Camp. Thank you.

EXTEND BEFORE SCHOOL / AFTERSCHOOL CARE

Children should not be at school prior to 8.30am when Yard Supervision commences.

With BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE we request families enrol in Before or After School Care if arriving at school before 8.30am or requiring supervision after 3.45pm.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

If parents have any concerns please feel free to contact Mr Lucardie.

ROAD SAFETY

Children should always enter the car from the **safety of the curb using the passenger side door**. Children should not walk onto the road to enter the car. Please ensure that children wear seatbelts at all times.

**PLEASE do not DOUBLE Park
when collecting or dropping off children.**



A reminder to parents that parents and children should use the crossing in Cromwell St rather than walk out from between parked cars. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Your assistance in ensuring your children follow correct safety procedures will help avoid a serious or even fatal accident.

REMEMBER OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR MOST PRECIOUS GIFT.

SUNCARE POLICY – NO HAT! NO PLAY!!

All children are to wear our Corpus Christi Sun Hat for protection from the sun when involved in any outdoor activities (eg sport, games, play/lunch time) Children without the school sunhat will be required to remain under the shade of the covered ways. Sun hats are available from the Parents' Association Uniform Shop.

Children are advised to apply sunscreen as well. Sunglasses are recommended for outside activities.

YEAR SEVEN 2022 ENROLMENT CLOSING DATE (Year 5 students)

Year 5 children enrolling for Year 7 Catholic Secondary School (eg Penola Catholic College in 2022) must have enrolment forms returned to their relevant secondary school by

Friday 21 August 2020.

“NO SHOW-LET US KNOW!”

In light of Victorian Government attendance guideline requirements, following an incident at a school late 2017, of a child hiding in their parent's car all day, unbeknown to the parent, resulting in serious heat related injuries, we are continuing our current practice of contacting parents to ensure the safe arrival at school of all children, especially those children who walk or ride to school without adult supervision.

If your child is absent from school we request you inform our School Office of their non-attendance by **9.00am** on the day of absence using the following methods

Email Child's name and class to:

away@ccglenroy.catholic.edu.au

OR

Contact School Office 9306 3062 / 9306 3322

If your child is marked as absent on the daily roll and we have not been notified, we will contact families to ensure that children are still at home. Your assistance will ensure we don't need to make time consuming or unnecessary phone calls.

Children arriving after 9.00am must report to the School Office to obtain a late pass and have their attendance adjusted from absent to present.

Thank you for your continued support and assistance.

PLEASE ensure all current contact details are up to date.

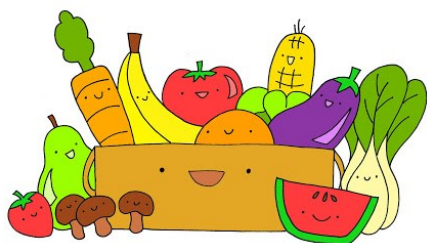
Home address,

Email addresses,

Home Phone Number,

Work Phone Numbers,

Mobile Phone Numbers



CANTEEN

Thanks to Anita, Tien and Nancy, for managing the Canteen.

If interested in volunteering please contact Mr Lucardie .

(Working with children' check required).

Canteen will operate Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, during Term One.

SEVERE FOOD ALLERGIES

We have a number of children who have life threatening food allergies. We ask all parents to **discuss with their children correct disposal of uneaten lunches, not to share food with other children and to practise good hygiene habits** (ie. washing hands before and after eating).

TERM ONE PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

TERM ONE PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS in February are scheduled for **Monday 17th February 3.45pm– 7.30pm** and **Tuesday 18th February 3.45pm-5.30pm** so that teachers can get to know the students and families.

The teachers will be interested in information that will assist them to best support your child/children.

Please spend some time prior to the meeting thinking about these...

- **Family cultural background/languages spoken at home**
- **Family composition**
- **Your child's interests and activities**
- **Health issues**
- **Your child's strengths and challenges as a learner**
- **Goals you have for your children**
- **Your child's friends**
- **Television and Internet habits and access**
- **Homework habits**

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

If any parents would like to help at school functions (such as Mother's Day stall or school BBQ) or come to any of our meetings please email ccpa@ccglenroy.catholic.edu.au or drop your details off at the office.

Thank you
Corpus Christi Parent's Association

PARENT HELPERS / WWCC / CONFIDENTIALITY

Once again we are seeking parental support as classroom helpers, Canteen Volunteers, Sports program, Parent's Association, excursions throughout 2020 and at home helpers.

If interested in helping in school based programs/classroom you will require a Working with Children's Check, (WWCC) a copy of which must be supplied to the School Office for our record keeping.

It is extremely important that when working in classrooms or school setting that confidentiality be maintained at all times

A reminder that we should refrain from discussing or talking about the academic, behavior or social well being of children, staff or families with other parents or children at all times.

Would you like your child or self to be the topic of negative conversations?!!" NO WAY!!

As always, if you have any concerns regarding the classroom please contact myself or your child's teacher so appropriate responses can be implemented. Thank you

A Parent Helpers and Supporting Children's Reading Program will be conducted soon. Details to follow.
Thank you for your continued trust and support.

CORPUS CHRISTI PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Parents' Association plays an important role in providing social, fundraising and recreational activities for our school. Without the Parents' Association annual contribution to our budget, an increase in school fees could result to cover the financial shortfall.

Thank you to our wonderful Parents' Association for your tireless efforts. Much appreciated.

The first meeting of our Corpus Christi Parents' Association
will take place on

Thursday
commencing at 9.30am in the Café

Agenda:

Planning social and fundraising activities for 2020.

Hope to see new and familiar faces at the next meeting. Thank you.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION UNIFORM SHOP

The Parents' Association Uniform Shop will be **open Wednesdays (8.45am-9.15am) and Fridays (3.15-3.45pm) only. Located in Uniform Shop near Atrium Entrance from the Big Yard.**

Please ensure your child is in correct uniform at all times. Runners should only be worn on your child's sports day unless otherwise notified. If your child is out of uniform a note explaining the reason would be appreciated.

Please ensure ALL items of clothing and personal belongings are clearly labelled.

Lost property will be situated inside the Atrium.

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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION CANTEEN

Children must bring their lunch orders to school in a bag clearly labelled with their NAME, CLASS, and ORDER and place it in their classroom lunch basket before 9.30am.

Children are not permitted to place lunch orders over the counter. Children SHOULD NOT carry large amounts of money to purchase items at the Canteen.



NO CREDIT is permitted at the Canteen.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Canteen. If you have any spare time or can help on a regular basis please let Mr Lucardie know (Working With Childrens' check required) and drop into the Canteen and meet Anita, Tien or Nancy to organise a time to help.

PLAYGROUP -

Our wonderful Corpus Christi Community Playgroup will be once again held on **Fridays . It will be held in the Special Project Area 9.00am to 11.00am.**

We welcome back Michelle Hoy as our Play Group Coordinator.
New families always welcome. Just bring a piece of fruit to share.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS 26th February

Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 26th February 2020 at **10.00am**. All families are welcome to join us in this celebration of the commencement of the Lenten/Easter period .

EASTER 2020

Holy Thursday 9th April

Good Friday 10th April

Easter Sunday 12th April

Easter Monday 13th April

2020 Sacramental Dates

EUCCHARIST (YEAR 4)

The Sacrament of Eucharist (First Communion) for Year 4's will be held on

Sunday 25th October at 10am Mass.



Eucharist Parent Meeting: TBA

PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

Sacrament of Penance

Father Giang has advise the Sacrament Of Penance (Reconciliation) will now be held in Year 3-4 from 2021. This means Year 3 children 2020 will have both Reconciliation and Eucharist in 2021.

**CONFIRMATION is held bi-annually in
Year 5-6.**

**Confirmation celebration will be this year on
Friday 13 November 2020.**



COMMUNICATION

Our school newsletter, “The Corpus Christi Chatter” is distributed via email on a fortnightly basis. Please read the “Chatter” to ensure you are aware of school happenings and events. If you are not receiving your “Chatter” please contact the Office to ensure we have correct email details.

Please regularly check school bags for notes.

To access the Chatter online go to :

www.ccglenroy.catholic.edu.au

click *News and Events*

click *Download current newsletter (in red)*



WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

If you work or volunteer with children you will need to apply for a WWC Check. Employers, volunteer organisations and agencies must ensure that any of their staff or volunteers who need a WWC Check have applied by the due date. **This legislation requires we apply for a “Working With Children Check” for all non-teaching staff and all parent helpers (Eg. Canteen, Uniform Shop, Parents’ Association, Classroom Helpers, Swimming Program, Sports programs, PMP helpers).**

All volunteers are able to apply for a **FREE Working With Children Check**
Please see Mr Lucardie to obtain relevant information. Thank you.

SECURITY — FENCE

We request that **parents do not talk to their children from outside our boundary fence as we are trying to educate our children not to talk to passer-bys outside the fence.** If parents wish to talk to their children they are most welcome to sign in via the Office. All visitors to our school are required to obtain a Visitors Pass from the Administration Office. Parents working in the classrooms, attending excursions, volunteering in Canteen and Uniform Shop must have a Working with Children Check Card which must be displayed in the Visitors Pass.

AFTER SCHOOL/ BEFORE SCHOOL

Children waiting for collection after school must wait inside the school grounds so supervision can be provided. At 3.45pm all children must proceed to the Office area to await collection.

If children are walking home they should not linger in the playground but depart immediately and walk directly home.

Children should not be at school prior to 8.30am when Yard Supervision commences.

With the BEFORE SCHOOL/AFTER SCHOOL CARE we will be requesting families enrol in BEFORE School /AFTER School Care if arriving at school before 8.30am or at school past 3.45pm.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

RECESS & LUNCH TIME PICK UP

If you need to pick your child up between **11.00am—11.30am or 1.00pm—2.00pm** for an appointment or family matter could you please do so before or after these times as children are difficult to locate in the yard and classrooms are locked and bags are inaccessible.

SKATEBOARDS/BIKES/SCOOTERS

A number of children use skateboards, scooters or bikes to travel to school. We request skateboard/scooter, bike users wear a helmet and appropriate safety gear (eg knee pads/elbow/wrist supports).

Children should not ride their skateboards /scooters or bikes in our school grounds.

Community Board

The Community Board is located beside the entrance to the First Aid Room.
Please check weekly for fun and exciting events happening in our local area.

Currently on the board is information on:

DAILY Learning



To enable us to implement our literacy/numeracy blocks effectively, we need to commence teaching at 9.00am. We need families assistance to be at school by 8.50am so children can unpack school bags, place lunch orders, return notes and be marked on the attendance roll. Teachers and children will be in classrooms from 8.58am to enable administrative task to be completed prior to 9.00am.

The music/bell will commence at 8.58am indicating all children should be in line ready. Late arrivals cause disruptions to the learning of other children, also the child who has missed the introduction to the lesson. Your assistance in ensuring punctuality will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for contributing to the learning success of the children. We will be conducting Parent Workshops later this term to assist parents developing their child's Literacy at home. Details will be sent home once dates and times are finalised.

FOUNDATION, YEAR ONE and TWO LITERACY/NUMERACY ASSESSMENT

Throughout Term One all Foundation, Year One and Two Children will be individually assessed in the area of Literacy (Reading)/Numeracy. The results of this testing will assist us in developing programs to meet the children's needs. Results are also forwarded to the Catholic Education Office for analysis. Each battery of tests takes approximately one hour to administer. This is a **large task for all teachers to complete and I thank them for their time and efforts**

ELECTRONIC ROLL - PUNCTUALITY/ LATE ARRIVALS

Staff are using electronic rolls to record student attendance.

This enables staff to monitor student attendance and punctuality. Mid-year and end of year reports will record absences, late arrivals and early dismissals.

A reminder that children should be at school by **8.50am** to ensure a smooth start to the school day.

Students arriving after **9.00am** will be recorded as late arrivals.



Back to School 2020– Tips for Parents and Carers

A significant 'spike' in asthma symptoms, and subsequent hospital admissions of children occurs during the first few weeks of Term 1. While there have not been direct links established, the February 'asthma spike' is believed to be largely due to children coming into contact with triggers that they have had time away from now that they have returned to school.

What can parents and carers do to help their children avoid asthma exacerbations at school?

Ensure that your child is always carrying their reliever medication (eg. Ventolin, Asmol, Airomir or Bricanyl) as well as a spacer. Also ensure that you provide medication to the school or preschool that your child attends if required

Ensure that you have provided the school or preschool with an updated Asthma Action Plan that has been signed by a medical practitioner

Ensure that your child knows how to recognise early asthma symptoms, and can self-administer their reliever medication properly

Encourage your child to seek assistance from school/preschool staff if they experience asthma symptoms

For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email

schools@asthma.org.au

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

For safety and supervision reasons, children **are not permitted to play on the playground equipment before or after school**. Your support and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

ABSENT NOTES

It is a requirement that if a child is absent for any reason, a note should be sent to the child's class teacher explaining the reason for their absence. These notes are retained on file for legal requirements.

VALUABLE ITEMS

A reminder that children should not bring valuable items (monetary or sentimental value) to school as items may be damaged, misplaced, lost or taken. Children should not bring large amounts of money to spend at the school Canteen as this can also go missing.

CHILDREN'S MOBILE PHONES/SMART WATCHES

We understand the need for parents and children to contact each other before or after school hours in emergency situations.

We request that if children require a **mobile phone/smart watch at school that Mr Lucardie be advised in writing and that the children check the phone (clearly labelled with their name and class) in at the School Office for safe keeping.**

Phones/smart watches should not be worn or kept in school bags or classrooms as they can be lost, damaged or stolen.

Children are not permitted to use mobile phones/smart phones to make or receive phone call during school hours.

Some children have been found playing with them at recess and lunchtime.

Children should be made aware that they must be responsible in using their phones/smart watches at all time.

2020 Extend BEFORE and After School Care

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a fantastic summer holiday and are looking forward to what exciting possibilities 2020 holds. We are looking forward to seeing lots of familiar faces at **BEFORE and After School Care** and to welcoming lots of new faces as well. Please pop in and say Hi!



Extend OSHC at Corpus Christi Primary School
New Families – Enrol in **BEFORE** and **AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Enrol online – allow 24 hours

Enrolling is quick and easy! Simply set up your own account online via the Parent Portal. Please note it is government regulation that all children must be enrolled BEFORE attending an Extend service. For information on operating hours and fees for your school, visit your After School Care venue or school website.

Enrol now, pay later

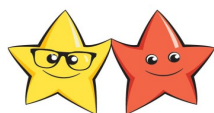
The annual enrolment fee per family of \$20 is NOT payable until you first use the service. So why not enrol now so you can access the service later? It doesn't matter if you don't end up using the service, because you won't be charged.

Watch this space throughout the term for regular updates from our Extend team!

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

STEPHEN LUCARDIE
PRINCIPAL

Stephen Lucardie



2019 TERM DATES

TERM 1 -

Wednesday 29th January–Friday 27th March

TERM 2 -

Tuesday 14th April–Friday 26 June

TERM 3 -

Monday 13th July–Friday 18 September

TERM 4 -

Monday 5th October–Friday 18th December



EXTEND UPDATE.

To celebrate International Day of Women and Girls in Science (Tuesday 11 February) we decided to have a science themed week and experiment with fun sciences activities and learn about women who influence science.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
We're going to learn about chemical reactions when we make elephant toothpaste and our own bouncy balls.	Today we are using magnets and some common household things to make some fridge decorations and paintings.	Let's find out what happens when you draw with a white-board marker on a plate and add water as well as making our own crystals.	I wonder how our fluffy slime will turn out today as well as creating our own weather system in a jar.	Learning more about chemical reactions by using some baking soda and vinegar and seeing what happens to milk and food colouring.

The Extend Superstar is...

Joel Devanandam... for helping the new students learn the ropes at after school care.



What's Been Happening?

Last week at the program we were learning about sustainability and how we can reduce our impact on the environment. We had some fun activities like water pollution games planting, rubbish sorting, tie dying by using natural products such as beetroot. We then finished the week by making some apple pies yummy!

Screen time for your child – 7 tips

There is a lot of conflicting advice and emerging research around screen time. But, the right amount of screen time can depend on a range of factors like your child's age and maturity, the kind of content they are consuming, their learning needs and your family routine. It can be easy to focus only on the clock and how long your child is spending in front of the screen, but the quality and nature of what they are doing online, and your involvement are just as important.

Consider your child's screen use in the context of their overall health and wellbeing – for example, is online time getting in the way of their sleep and exercise? Is it impacting on their face-to-face connections with family and friends? The answers to these questions will guide you and help strike the right balance of online and offline activities for your child.



1. Be involved

Sharing screen time and online activities like gaming with your child helps you gauge the appropriateness of what they are doing and manage potential risks. It's also a great way to start conversations with your child about their online experiences.



2. Work with your child to set boundaries for screen use

If you decide that setting screen time limits is right for you and your child, discuss these new rules with your child. Older children are more likely to cooperate if they have been part of the decision-making process. Colourful pictures or charts of daily limits and other important activities is a fun way to get younger children on board.



3. Be clear about the consequences of not switching off

Part of our role as parents is to set clear limitations and boundaries. The same applies to technology limitations so, being clear and consistent about the consequences for your child if they do not stick to these rules is paramount. The [Raising Children Network](#) provides some useful tools and advice.





4. Set device-free zones and times at home

Device-free zones can help you manage your family's digital use. Here are some ideas for setting digital boundaries within your home:

- no devices in the bedroom for younger children
- all screens off in bedrooms after a certain time for older children
- all screens off at least one hour before planned bedtime
- all family members switch off at dinner time
- charge devices overnight in a place your child cannot access



5. Ask your child to explain their screen use

Get your child in the habit of explaining why they want to be in front of a screen or online. It's a great way to get them thinking about their own digital habits and balancing screen time with other activities.



6. Use tech tools to help manage access

There are robust products and device functions which allow you to see which apps are being used in your home and for how long. But try not to use these tools to secretly monitor your child. Instead, be open about the process and check the whole family's usage, including your own. Start with [Google Family Link](#) for Android devices or [parental controls](#) and [Screen Time](#) for iPhone/iPad.



7. Lead by example

Your behaviour is one of the most effective ways to help your child develop a positive digital mindset. Show your child you can put down your device too.





Dear Parents,

Life is better with music. A quality music education can be a great benefit for your children's lives.

Research shows a child who learns music:

- can improve literacy and numeracy, as well as the ability to learn and understand abstract concepts;
- improves control of psychomotor movements;
- develops self-confidence, social and emotional development;
- attains self-discipline and skills to work as an individual and as part of a team

Enrol your child for ongoing structured music education.

Classes in **VIOLIN and PIANO** at affordable rates provided professionally by an experienced Music Educator and Arts Manager.

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2020
Science Laboratory Refurbishment

TERM ONE DISCOVER MERCY

Open Days

Meet our Principal, explore the facilities and chat with our students and staff at our first open days for 2020.

Saturday 29 February - 10.00am

Monday 2 March - 9.30am and 6.00pm

Presentation and tour will take approximately 90 minutes

Book your sessions online or call 9319 9299

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Applications for year 7 2022 now open