



Corpus Christi Chatter

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Chatter No. 1 Friday 3rd February 2023

Dear Corpus Christi Families, Staff and Friends,

We warmly welcome all new and returning families and staff to our school community and look forward to working cooperatively throughout the 2023 school year.

Special welcome to Mrs Jennifer Perrone (Tutor Learning Initiative/EAL Support) and Mr Keldrik (Cuisson Learning Support Officer).

Thank you to all children, staff and parents for your wonderful start to the school year.

Congratulations to our Year 6 Leaders, **Orlando D'Andrea,**

Alfie Manjesh, Ribeck Shrestha, Tana Gwatorisa, Henry Sareen, Leyla Worner, Eliana Macalalad, Serena Hana, Sadhana Budhathoki, and SRCs Matthew Alcedo & Nicholas Tran, Ubika Khanal & Sanuli Thennakoon, Paul Taa Molilupe & Sarah Kurian, Alyssa Jones & Rianna Hana who will work with Mrs Ariens, Mrs Polastri and myself.

Thanks to our Rita Carino (Uniform Shop Coordinator) and Mrs Fil Mifsud (Learning Support Officer) for their great efforts in opening in the beginning of the year for opening the Uniform Shop for families.

Special thanks to Glenda D'Elton and Melissa Di Biase for preparing our school administration for the new year.

Special thank you to all teaching and support staff for their time and efforts in preparing for the school year. Thank you to Dan Keirs, Pasquale Torcasio and Keith Hoy for preparing the school environs for the commencement of the school year. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

CONDOLENCES

Deepest sympathies to Mrs Rina Polastri (Wellbeing Leader) and Family on the sad passing of Rina's beloved Mother, Gina during the holidays. In our thoughts and prayers during this time of great sadness.

Deepest sympathies Hankla Family (Purita 5/6RG) on the sad passing of Purita's loved grandmother during the holidays.

In our thoughts and prayers.

EXTEND BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL CARE

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

With AFTER SCHOOL CARE we request families enrol in After School Care if requiring supervision after 3.45pm. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. If parents have any concerns please feel free to contact Mr Lucardie.

TERM ONE LIBRARY & P.E. TIMETABLE

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| LIBRARY | - Tuesday - FDD, 5/6AJ, 5/6MS, 5/6RG |
| | - Wednesday- 3/4MP, 3/4 CW, 1-2CC, 1-2MT |
| PHYS ED | - Tuesday - FDD, 5/6AJ, 5/6MS, 5/6RG |
| | - Wednesday - 3/4MP, 3/4 CW, 1-2CC, 1-2MT |

(Library Borrowing bag is needed for Library lessons. Sport Uniform is to be worn on your allocated day above)

The 2023 National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will be administered to

TERM ONE EVENTS

Tuesday 7th February
Safer Internet Day
(In class Online Incursions)

Monday 20th February
ONLINE Parent-Teacher Meet and Greet Interviews -details to follow.

Tuesday 21st February
ONLINE Parent-Teacher Meet and Greet Interviews—details to follow

Wednesday 22nd February
Whole School ASH WEDNESDAY Mass
10.00am

Wednesday 22nd February
7.00pm Online Parent CYBER Safety Evening (See Flyer in this newsletter)

Friday 10th March
School Closure Day
Staff Professional Learning Wellbeing

Monday 13th March
LABOUR DAY Public Holiday

Catholic Education Week
Sunday 12th - Sunday 19th March
Forming lives of faith, hope and love in the light of Christ

Yr 3 & Yr 5 Online NAPLAN
between Wednesday 15th -Monday 27th March

Mon 27th– Fri 31st March
F-6 Swimming Program
(Details to follow)

Thursday 6th April Children Dismissed
12.30pm End of Term One

COVID UPDATE- (Unfortunately our first at-school 2023 COVID Case notified this week.)

Thank you to families who are continuing to Rapid Antigen Test.

RATs available from school or Council facilities if required at this stage.

We will continue to sanitise, ventilate, promote safe hygiene practices and encourage mask wearing.

Your ongoing support and vigilance is greatly appreciated.

MASK wearing in closed spaces is still strongly recommended. Physical distance where possible.

If feeling unwell, stay home. Conduct Rapid Antigen Testing.

DO NOT send SICK children to school, we will request you come and collect if displaying symptoms.

“NO SHOW-LET US KNOW!”

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 and reason for absence to:

away@ccglenroy.catholic.edu.au

OR

Contact School Office 9306 3062

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

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 OR set smart watch to school mode.**

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 watches 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY Mass 22nd March Mass 10.00am



EASTER 2023

Holy Thursday 6th April

Good Friday 7th April

Easter Sunday 9th April

Easter Monday 10th April

2023 Sacramental Dates TO Be Advised)

YEAR 4 PENANCE (RECONCILIATION) Wednesday 7th September 2.15pm Corpus Christi Church)

YEAR 4 EUCHARIST (SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 10.30AM PARISH MASS)

CONFIRMATION is held bi-annually in Year 5-6. Confirmation celebration will be 2024.

10/02/2023 Start of year whole school Mass & Staff commissioning Mass 10.00am

22/02/2023 Whole School Ash Wednesday Mass 10.00am

16/02/2023 Class Mass- FDD & 5/6 MS (2.45 pm Sacred Space)

02/03/2023 Class Mass- 1/2 CC & 5/6 RG (2.45 pm Sacred Space)

16/03/2023 Class Mass- 1/2 MT & 5/6 AJ (2.45 pm Sacred Space)

30/03/2023 Class Mass- 3/4 CW & 3/4 MP (2.45 pm Sacred Space)

The theme for the class masses in Term 1 is 'Friendship.

5/04/2023 Stations of the Cross Last week of term



**Heavenly Father,
We give you our hopes, worries and fears
as our lovely child start school.
We pray that you would fill their hearts
with excitement and calm their and our
worries with your love.
Please go before them,
help them make friends,
enjoy the activities and build relationships
with their teachers and carers.
May we learn to entrust them each day I
nto your care, and as we do may they grow
in confidence and independence.
Father, may joy abound in their hearts as
they enter this new exciting season of their lives.
In Jesus name. Amen.**

Save the date! 7.00pm Wednesday 22nd February

WEBINAR
RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD 2023
FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Topics covered:
Cyberbullying, Online Gaming, Managing Devices in the Home, Social Media, Child & Tween Online Trends, Strengthening Family Communication, Impacts of Screen Time, Explicit/Adult Content

Corpus Christi Primary School | Wednesday 22 Feb | 7.00pm

- 90 minute live webinar
- Opportunity for Q&A

Follow the link to register:
bit.ly/glenroy2023
(replay will be made available if you register)

Martin McGauran
Primary School Lead Teacher & Digital Safety Educator

Carley McGauran
Psychologist & Mum to 3 primary and secondary aged kids

Testimonials:
"It was wonderful to have both the technical and psychological side of cyber safety." - Parent of 6yo
"Marty and Carley were simply sensational. Their presentation was relevant, honest and informative. A MUST for each school, every year." - Principal
"An evening that provided some reality checks! A few new changes in our home this week!" - Parent of 9yo & 11yo

Logos: Inform & Empower Digital Safety & Wellbeing, Trusted eSafety Provider esafety.gov.au

Dear Corpus Christi Families,

On Wednesday 22nd February, @ 7.00pm (90 minutes duration) we are holding a **Cybersafety Parent Education Webinar 'Raising kids in a digital world for parents and carers.'**

The webinar will be run by two leading experts in this field, Martin McGauran (Primary school leader teacher and education consultant) and Carley McGauran (psychologist and mum to three school-aged children).

As part of your commitment to your child's cyber safety, a parent from each family is required to attend as Cybersafety is an important issue in today's society. Please note: The webinar is for adults only.

Please use the following link to register for the webinar at your earliest convenience.

Here is the link to register for the webinar:
bit.ly/glenroy2023

Once you register (with an email address and name), you will be emailed a link to the webinar.

You will also receive a reminder email on the morning of the webinar as well as 15min before start time.

The following day, you will receive a link to access the replay. If you are unable to attend the live webinar, you can still register to ensure that you can access the replay.



ONLINE TERM ONE PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Due to the requirements of COVID Safe practices we will be conducting **ONLINE** google meet Parent Teacher Meet and Greet on

Monday 20th February 3.45pm-7.30pm and Tuesday 21st February 3.45pm-5.30pm.

Online Booking Appointment open shortly. You will soon receive a email invitation to register an appointment time with your child's teacher.

Please complete online invitation as soon as possible. If you require assistance please email Mrs Vanessa (Family Community Learning Engagement Leader-
vbarbetti@ccglenroy.catholic.edu.au) will be available on Thursdays.

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

Online Details to be sent home next week.

2023 CLASSROOM ORGANISATION

1 x Foundation Mrs Deborah D'Aprano (FDD)

2 x Yr 1/2 Miss Chloe Cerra (1/2CC) Mrs Maria Torcasio (1/2MT)

2 x Year 3/4 Classes Mrs Claire Waldron (3/4CW) Mrs Maria Pringipas (3/4MP)

3 x Year 5/6 Class Mrs Michelle Smith (5/6MS) Miss Rachel Gravenall (5/6RG)

Mr Andrew Jones (5/6AJ)

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| Principal: | Mr Stephen Lucardie |
| Deputy Principal /Learning TeacherLeader: | Mrs Susan Arians |
| Religious Education Leader: | Mr Andrew Jones |
| Learning and Teaching Team: | Mrs D'Aprano, Miss Rachel Gavenall, Mrs Smith |
| Well Being Leader: | Mrs Rina Polastri (Tues, Wed, Thurs) |
| Mental Health In Primary Schools: | Mrs Rhiannon Colarossi (Thur, Fri) |
| Family Learning Engagement Leader | Mrs Vanessa Barbetti (Thursday) |
| Learning Diversity: | Mrs Emma Hinss (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) |
| Italian: | Mrs Sandra Infantino (Tues, Wed) |
| Library: | Mrs Catherine Johnson (Tues, Wed, Thurs) |
| Physical Education: | Ms Heather Harrison (Tues, Wed) |
| Performing Arts: | Mrs Vanessa Barbetti (Tues, Wed) |
| EAL Support/Tutor Learning Initiative: | Mrs Jennifer Perrone (Tues, Wed, Thurs) |
| Administration Officers : | Mrs Glenda D'Elton, Ms Melissa Di Biase |
| Learning Support Officers: | Mrs Fil Mifsud, Mrs Robyn Zelman, Mr Keldrik Cuison Ms Melissa Di Biase, Mrs Maria Romagnano, Mrs Antoniette Di Giovanni, Ms Tracy Dickson, Mrs Tania Kelaart, Ms Jo Madden, Mrs Jessica Di Giovanni Miss Maya Smith, Miss Bianca Jones, Mrs Geeta Thapa, Mrs Maria Castro (Volunteer) |
| Maintenance: | Mr Dan Keirs / Mr Keith Hoy |
| Teaching Staff email addresses are | Initial surname@ccglenroy.catholic.edu.au |
| Eg | Stephen Lucardie slucardie@ccglenroy.catholic.edu.au |

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 be advise soon.

Agenda:

Planning social and fundraising activities for 2023.

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

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION UNIFORM SHOP

Until further advised due to COVID, our Parents' Association Uniform Shop will be **open Wednesdays (8.45-9/15am) 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.

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.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION CANTEEN (2023 LUNCH ORDERS)

An external provider (Jude Fina Foods) will be supplying lunch orders on Wednesdays and Fridays this Year (Term One Trial) commencing **WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY.**

Menu and how to use app were sent home this week and will be posted on storypark as well.



Lunch orders must be submitted VIA the App. ONLY by 8.55am at the latest on Wednesdays and Fridays, or lunch order will not be processed but held over to the following week.

We hope to open the Canteen for either play or lunch time for cold treats/snacks with volunteers support from our parent community (Working With Children's Check required.

Details (days/time) to be advised.

2023 FEES Tuition Fee can now be paid at School Office. Prompt payment as always is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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 under the MACS Concessional Fees Policy.**

Tuition \$365 per child Family Fee \$910 per family

Year 5/6 Camp will be held at OASIS Camp Mt Evelyn May Cost \$350 per child

Healthcare Card holders are eligible to apply for the CSEF allowance (currently \$125) which is deducted from the Tuition Fee. Forms at Office. We will structure our payment schedule to enable families to budget for fee payments.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop Open Wednesday mornings (8.45am-9.15am) and Friday afternoons (3.00pm-4.00pm. Thank you.

GRADE 5/6 SCHOOL CAMP Wednesday 17th May-Friday 19th May

Children in Year 5/6 will attend OASIS Camp Mt Evelyn Wed 17-Fri 19th May **Cost of \$350.**

If experiencing any financial constraints regarding Camp please contact Mr Lucardie.

Details of Camp will be sent out via the classroom.



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.***

**Thank you to all families for your cooperation with using the Cromwell St Crossing or
crossing at the corner of Melbourne Ave and Cromwell St.
Much appreciated.**

**MORELAND Council Parking Officers will patrol the area around our
school issuing Parking Infringement notices.**

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.

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).

YEAR SEVEN 2025 ENROLMENT CLOSING DATE (Year 5 students)

Year 5 children enrolling for Year 7 Catholic Secondary School (eg Penola Catholic College in 2025) must have enrolment forms returned to their relevant secondary school by **August 2022. Enrolments now still open for Year 7 2024**

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.

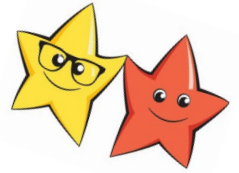
Please regularly check school bags for notes.

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

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 AFTER SCHOOL CARE we will be requesting families enrol in AFTER School Care if at school past 3.45pm.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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

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.

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 8.55am 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 tasks 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.



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 **8.55am** to ensure a smooth start to the school day.

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

School gates will be closed at 9.00am. After 9.00am students must report to the school office to receive a **LATE ARRIVAL PASS** and have their roll adjusted from absent to late arrival.

It is extremely important that children are on time, as late arrivals can cause delays to the commencement of lesson



Back to School 2023– 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.

2023 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 2022 holds. We are looking forward to seeing lots of familiar faces at **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 **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



2023 TERM DATES

TERM 1

Monday 30th January–Friday 6th April

TERM 2

Monday 24th April–Friday 23rd June

TERM 3

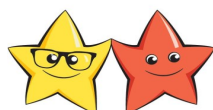
Monday 10th July–Friday 15th September

TERM 4

Monday 2nd October–Wednesday 20th December

STEPHEN LUCARDIE
PRINCIPAL

Stephen Lucardie



Learn music

here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play piano, keyboard, guitar or drums, here at Corpus Christi Primary School.

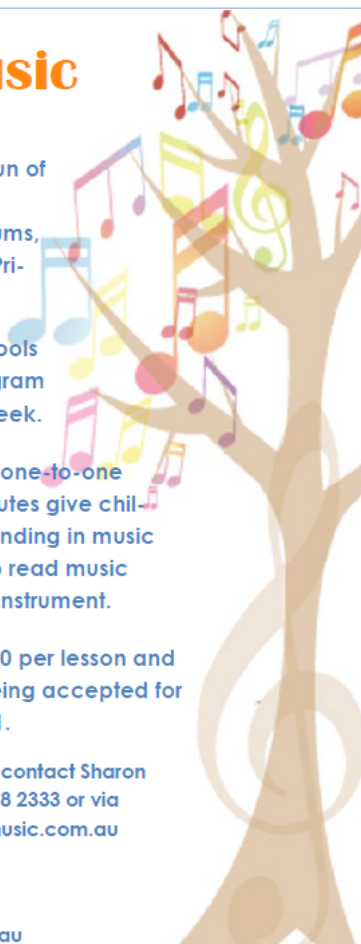
Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from \$18.90 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1.

Interested parents should contact Sharon during office hours on 9818 2333 or via email: sharon@creativemusic.com.au

 **Creative Music**
www.creativemusic.com.au



PARENT INVOLVEMENT AND COMMUNICATION WITH OUR SCHOOL.

1. Involvement in school events such as parent-teacher interviews, participation in the Parents and Friends Association and support of the Canteen, for example, keeps you in touch with the life of our school and shows your children how interested in them and the school you are.
As soon as possible it is a good idea to start communication with your child's teachers.
Find out the best way to keep in touch, a quick phone call or weekly emails so that you become quickly aware of any concerns or issues that arise.
2. Set up a copy of the school calendar in a prominent position at home (the fridge in the kitchen!). mark important dates and events such as interview days, non-school days, term breaks, and school camps.
Refer to it regularly.
3. Make sure your child is at school every day possible – “there is no substitute for attendance”.
4. Send your child to school each day in full and appropriate school uniform, well groomed.
Pride in the school uniform and in how one presents to others.
5. Lay some ground rules for the year: a time for bed each school night, a time to rise each morning, mobile phone and computer usage times (these should not be in a child's room at night
-leave them in the kitchen!).
Set the alarm clock and have a set time for meals. This gives children routine.
6. Encourage and support your child in getting involved in the full life of school
Encourage them to try out for the sports teams, .help prepare class and school prayers and liturgies, raise funds for the many and varied charities the school supports such as St Vincent de Paul.
7. Designate a time and place for your child to do homework – routine is essential for children.
8. Find time each day to talk with your child about their day – it shows you care and listen to them. This is important for self esteem and self confidence.
9. Make sure that your child is in good physical and mental health. Schedule doctor and dental check-ups early in the year and outside school time.
This way you may be able to identify any issues early and address them before they start to effect school performance.
10. Prepare nutritious meals for breakfast, lunch at school, after school snacks as well as the evening meal.
Nutrition is such a strong key for your child's ability to concentrate during the day – good nutrition gives them brain power!

Maximising student learning so that your children acquire new knowledge, skills, attitudes, values and beliefs throughout 2023.





MERCY COLLEGE YEAR 4 EXPLORE DAY

Wednesday 22 March 2023

We invite all Year 4 girls to join us for a day of learning and fun activities to experience what it's like to be a Mercy student for a day!

We ask that students come dressed in comfortable clothing, suitable for a sport activity and bring a water bottle and pencil case containing pens and pencils. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

To RSVP, please email student and staff numbers, dietary requirements and any medical information to registrar@mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au by Monday 6 March 2023.