



Corpus Christi Chatter

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Chatter No. 20 Friday 1st December 2023

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY



Corpus Christi Primary School acknowledges and pays respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Dear Corpus Christi Families and Friends,

Christmas is a time when we gather together as families, communities, workplaces and friends to reflect, give thanks, pray and celebrate the year that has been. We put aside the busyness of our lives to celebrate the year that has been and to give thanks for the people we have encountered on our life journey through 2023.

Christmas can be a time of both great joy as well as great sadness.

We remember those who will not be with us at Christmas time and ask God's blessing on them.

We pray for all members of our school community that they will receive the gift of love and peace given to us through the birth of Jesus.

We give thanks to God for the gifts of love, generosity, patience, forgiveness, joy, acceptance, hope and optimism. Share them!!

A heartfelt thank you to Fr Giang, Kathleen Matthews-Ward, (Member for Broadmeadows), all families, staff, former staff and families and students, members of our Corpus Christi Parish, Community, MACS representatives (John Mills and Craig Craig), fellow Principals and friends who attend my Farewell Mass. BIG thanks to organising committee for wonderful afternoon.

I was extremely humbled by your gratitude and good wishes. Great to see you all.

Remember, Be kind, forgive be, grateful and love learning! Take care.

CONDOLENCES to the Leyden Family (Veronica, Sophie and Patrick-former Corpus Christi family) on the sad passing of beloved husband and father, Glenn after a long illness. In our thoughts and prayers.

CAROLS EVENING

We will conduct our Outdoors Carols Evening on Thursday 7th December commencing at 5.00pm with a Parent's Association Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser followed afterwards by Carols at 6.00pm under the Big Yard Shade Structure. All children requested to attend.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Our Year 6 Graduation will be held on Tuesday 12th December with Mass at 7.00pm followed by presentation and supper in Hall. Details to follow.



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2024 MELBOURNE ARCHDIOCESE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS (MACS) 4 Yearly Review.

In Term One and Two 2024 we will conduct our four yearly MACS School Review which will set our School Improvement Plan and Annual Action Plans for the next four years.

Our Reviewer, Emma Richardson, will work with our staff, parents and children assisted by our Regional Learning Consultant Mr Craig Carlin. We have scheduled a School Review School Curriculum Closure Day on Friday 1st March 2024. Children DO NOT attend school.

TERM FOUR EVENTS

Year 5/6 End of Year
Excursion to MSAC
Thursday 14th December

School Christmas Carols
Night Thursday
7th December

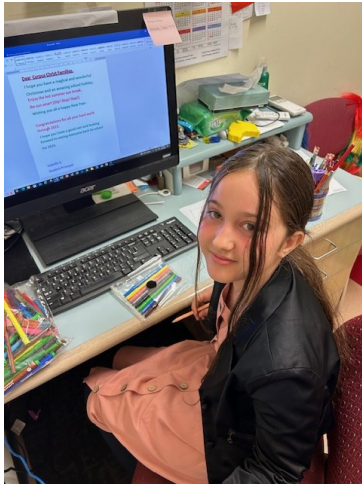
Year 6 Graduation
Tuesday 12th December
7.00pm

Last Day of Term 4
Friday 15th December
3:30pm Finish

2024 Start Dates
Monday 29 January
Staff return
Tuesday 30th January
Foundation only plus
timetable Testing 1-6
Students

LAST LUNCH ORDERS
for 2023
Wednesday 6th and
Friday 8th DECEMBER

Congratulations to Isabelle on receiving 12 Corpus Christ value awards. This entitled Isabelle to be Student Principal for the day.



Isabelle relayed messages on the PA, wrote a lovely Christmas message to families, photocopied and scanned documents, mixed with staff (very generously brought a box of chocolates to share), as well as visiting classrooms and assisting with Foundation and 1/2 classes,.

Isabelle gave out stickers and value awards to children. Well done Isabelle. A ready made replacement if



Dear Corpus Christ Families,

I hope you have a magical and wonderful Christmas and an amazing school holiday. Enjoy the hot summer sun break. Be sun smart (Slip! Slop! Slap!) Wishing you all a happy New Year.

Congratulations for all your hard work through 2023.

I hope you have a good rest and looking forward to seeing everyone back to school for 2024.

Isabelle S.

Isabelle S.
Student Principal



CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

A big thank you to all families who have donated to our Christmas Hamper Raffle and/or purchased/sold raffle Tickets.



2024 School Fees

Unfortunately as costs of living continue to increase in providing educational resources and facilities MACS have had to schedule a fee increase to meet the ongoing cost of providing Catholic Education in the Glenroy Parish. In consultation with our Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic School (MACS) Finance Business Partner we have tried to keep the fee increase minimal (but realistic in meeting our financial needs) so as not to increase financial hardship on families.

An overall increase of 5% will be implemented for 2024.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding.

TUITION LEVY FEE

\$385 per student

FAMILY SCHOOL FEE

\$960

2024 Year 5/6 Camp will be held at Don Bosco Camp at Safety Beach and Cost \$370 per child.
We will restructure our payment schedule to enable families to budget for fee payments.

2024 STAFFING Changes

We are excited to warmly welcome Mrs Angela Ferro incoming Principal for 2024 and beyond.

We wish Ange every success with her new leadership role. I'm sure Ange will enjoy the same support and encouragement I have experienced during my time at Corpus Christi.

We also warmly welcome Ms Lauren Minehan (Foundation/1) and Miss Emillie Pistone (2/3) who will join our teaching staff for 2024. We wish both Lauren and Emillie every success and enjoyable teaching in 2024.

Long Serving staff members, Mrs Rina Polastri, Mrs Catherine Johnson and Signora Sandra Lucardie will be taking Long Service Leave Terms 1, 2 & 3 before transitioning to retirement in Term Four.

Rina commenced at Corpus Christi in 1993 and has given outstanding service as a classroom teacher, Numeracy Leader, Deputy Principal, Acting Principal and currently Well Being Leader.

Catherine Commenced teaching at corpus Christi in 1985 and has given excellent contributions as classroom teacher and Librarian, encouraging our children's love of literature and art, and ensuring our Library is well resourced and wonderful displays.

Sandra has been with us at Corpus Christi since 1997, promoting a love of language and cultural awareness in her Italian classes.

We thank Rina, Catherine and Sandra for their outstanding dedication and commitment to our children and families over a long period at Corpus Christi.

We will have the opportunity to acknowledge Rina, Catherine and Sandra's wonderful contribution before the year ends.



2024 CLASSROOM ORGANISATION

2 x Foundation/1 Mrs Chloe Hopper (F/1CH) Ms Lauren Minehan (F/1LM)

2 x Year 2/3 Classes Mrs Maria Torcasio (2/3MT) Miss Emillie Pistone (2/3EP)

1 x Year 4 Classes Mrs Maria Pringipas (4MP)

3 x Year 5/6 Classes Mrs Michelle Smith (5/6MS) Mrs Rachel Vailini (5/6RV) Mr Andrew Jones (5/6AJ)

Principal:

Mrs Angela Ferro

Deputy Principal /Learning &Teaching Leader:

Mrs Susan Arians

Religious Education Leader:

Mr Andrew Jones

Learning and Teaching Team Leaders:

Mrs Deborah D'Aprano, Mrs Rachel Vailini

Mrs Michelle Smith

Well Being Leader:

To Be Confirmed

MHiPS:

Mrs Rhiannon Colarossi (Thur,Fri)

Family Learning Engagement Leader

Mrs Vanessa Barbetti (Thur)

Learning Diversity Leader:

Mrs Emma Hinss

Literacy Intervention/Tutoring Initiative

Mrs Deborah D'Aprano

Italian:

Mrs Catherine Interligi (Tues, Wed)

Library:

Mrs Jennifer Perrone (Tues, Wed, Thurs)

Physical Education/Art:

Ms Heather Harrison (Tues, Wed, Thur, Fri)

Performing Arts:

Mrs Vanessa Barbetti (Tues, Wed)

Administration Officers :

Mrs Glenda D'Elton and Ms Melissa Di Biase

Learning Support Officers:

**Mrs Fil Mifsud, Mrs Maria Romagnano, Mrs Robyn Zelman,
Mrs Tania Kelaart, Mrs Geeta Thapa, Ms Desi Paskalidis
Ms Tracy Dickson, Mr Keldrik Cuison, Mrs Jessica Di Giovanni,
Mrs Antionette Di Giovanni, Ms Jo Madden, Miss Maya Smith,
Miss Bianca Jones and Mrs Tiana Sheahan**

Maintenance/Cleaner:

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

Families will be notified of their child's 2024 classroom teachers when they receive their child's end of year report.

The following criteria are used as a guideline for formulating class groupings.

- 1) Awareness of positive social/friendship groups.
- 2) Potential Behavioral/personality conflicts
- 3) Maturity/independent working ability
- 4) Gender Balance where possible
- 5) Level balance in multi-age groupings
- 6) Maximum two consecutive years with teacher
- 7) Academic balance
- 8) Parental involvement and support
- 9) Number of new arrivals / ESL /Children with special learning needs.

At the 2022 State election, the Victorian Government committed to providing Little Angler Kits to students via schools.

All Grade 5 students were selected by the Government to receive the kits based on the Victorian Curriculum area of focus, movement and motor development and safety considerations.

Kits went home yesterday to all Year 5 students. Happy fishing!!



Thank you to Mrs Deborah D'Aprano, Mrs Chloe Hooper, Ms Lauren Minehan, Mrs Santina Alessio-, Mrs Vannessa, Mrs Tania, Ms Desi , Mrs Tiana and Maria Castro for conducting a very successful three weeks of Foundation Orientation thanks to all families for your involvement.

Starting out

The school year for **Foundation** commences on
Tuesday 30th January 2024 at 8.50am - 3.30pm

A parent or guardian of each child is expected to be at the school with their child on this day.

Please **DO NOT** send Foundation children with older brothers and sisters.

It is important that the children have a calm and secure beginning, so we ask parents to leave quickly after meeting your child's teacher. The timetable for Foundation Children will differ from the rest of the school for the first few weeks.

Foundation Timetable:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Term 1 Week 1		30th Jan 8.50am—3.30pm	31st Jan NO SCHOOL	1st Feb 8.50am—3.30pm	2nd Feb 8.50am—3.30pm
Term 1 Week 2	5th Feb 8.50am—3.30pm	6th Feb 8.50am—3.30pm	7th Feb NO SCHOOL	8th Feb 8.50am—3.30pm	9th Feb 8.50am—3.30pm
Term 1 Week 3	12th Feb 8.50am—3.30pm	13th Feb 8.50am—3.30pm	14th Feb NO SCHOOL	15th Feb 8.50am—3.30pm	16th Feb 8.50am—3.30pm
Term 1 Week 4	19th Feb 8.50am—3.30pm	20th Feb 8.50am—3.30pm	21st Feb NO SCHOOL	22nd Feb 8.50am—3.30pm	23rd Feb 8.50am—3.30pm

PLEASE NOTE: Foundation children DO NOT attend School on:

**Wednesday 31st January,
 Wednesday 7th, 14th and 21st February 2024**

Foundation children will be dismissed at 3.30pm from their classroom, to a parent or to someone designated by parents in arrangement with your child's classroom teacher.

Please collect your child promptly at dismissal time as children become very upset if they think they have been forgotten.

2024 TERM DATES

TERM 1 -

Teachers resume Monday 29th January

Foundation commence — Tuesday 30th January 2024 (8.50 - 3.30pm)

Year 1– 6 Children commence -

Tuesday 30th January and Wednesday 31st January (Allocated assessment days)

All students commence Thursday 1st February

Term concludes - Thursday 28th March

(EASTER Good Friday 29th March - Easter Monday 1st April)

TERM 2 - Monday 15th April—Friday 28th June

TERM 3 - Monday 15th July—Friday 20th September

TERM 4 - Monday 7th October—Wednesday 20th December

Introducing Body Bright Families

Dear Families,

Our school is excited to have registered with Butterfly Body Bright, a new whole school evidence based initiative of the Butterfly Foundation that aims to promote positive body image in all students so they can thrive socially, emotionally and academically.

Staff and students will be undertaking a range of activities to become a Body Bright School, and we look forward to sharing updates with you along the way.

Families also play an important role in helping to promote positive body image in children. You might like to visit the Body Bright Families webpage to access resources that will help you foster healthy attitudes and behaviours towards the body, eating and physical activity, in your home.

For more information about the program, please visit www.butterflybodybright.org.au

INTRODUCING BUTTERFLY BODY BRIGHT

Butterfly Body Bright is an Australian first, whole of primary school, body image program that promotes positive attitudes and behaviours towards the body, eating and physical activity. The program has been developed by Butterfly Foundation and is strength-based and evidence-informed, supporting our staff, students and families. Early research into the program has shown positive improvements in children's body image.

We are excited to have registered for Butterfly Body Bright and look forward to working towards being more Body Bright as a school community so that together we can support our students to feel confident and *bright* in their bodies.

In future newsletters we will highlight some tips for being Body Bright at home from the 6 Body Bright themes. In the meantime you might be interested in the [FREE resources at www.butterflybodybright.org.au/families](http://www.butterflybodybright.org.au/families)

Butterfly Body Bright

Body image starts developing during childhood. It is the thoughts, feelings and attitudes we hold about our body and how we look, and it is influenced by many things.

Butterfly Body Bright is a program of

Butterfly

For more information about the program visit www.butterflybodybright.org.au

Term 4: Corpus Christi Religious Calendar Events



Tuesday 12/12/2023	Year 6 Graduation Mass 7.00 pm
Friday 15/12/2023	End of year whole school Mass 10.00 am



During this season of Advent
may we be filled with the wonder of Mary,
the obedience of Joseph,
the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the determination of the Magi,
and the peace of the Christ child.
Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
bless us now and forever .
AMEN

A BEAUTIFUL EXPLANATION ON WHAT IS THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST THE KING...

The Kingdom of God is a space. It exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every region and country that cares for its weak and vulnerable. It exists in every parish that reaches out to the needy.

The Kingdom of God is a time. It happens whenever someone feeds a hungry person, or shelters a homeless person, or shows care to a neglected person. It happens whenever we overturn an unjust law, or correct an injustice, or avert a war. It happens whenever people join in the struggle to overcome poverty, to erase ignorance, to pass on the Faith.

The Kingdom of God is in the past (in the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth); it is in the present (in the work of the Church and in the efforts of many others to create a world of goodness and justice); it is in the future (reaching its completion in the age to come).

The Kingdom of God is a condition. Its symptoms are love, justice, and peace. Jesus Christ is king! We pray today that God may free all the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, to live in his love. (Gerard Darring: Centre for Liturgy/Fr Tony cbc homilies/Vatican News)



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION (2023 LUNCH ORDERS)

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

You should receive an email receipt which is confirmation your lunch order had been successfully submitted.

A reminder **Lunch Order for Sushi** is available on **a fortnightly basis**, all other menu item orders are available weekly.

We have been advised Sushi orders have finished for 2023

Always check your email to ensure you have a receipt confirming your order date.

Like and Follow!



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Corpus Christi Glenroy

Corpus Christi is now on Facebook and Instragram!

You can follow to see what has been happening in our school community.

**** PLEASE NOTE – STORYPARK is OUR MAIN COMMUNICATION place to keep you informed with your childs learning journey, class learning intentions and important information happening at school****
PLEASE CHECK REGULARLY

“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

WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

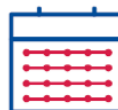
they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



= **4** weeks

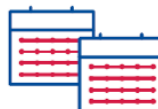


= Over **1** year missed

1 day per week



= **8** weeks



= Over **2.5** years missed



2023 After School Care

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

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 3

Monday 10th July–Friday 15th September

TERM 4

Monday 2nd October–Wednesday 20th December
(Children finish school year at 3.30pm on Friday 15th December)



Stephen Lucardie

STEPHEN LUCARDIE
PRINCIPAL

