

# CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC SCHOOL



**NEWSLETTER #2 Friday 20th of February, 2026**

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## Principal's Message:



Dear Corpus Christi Families,

As we move further into the term, I would like to take this opportunity to share some exciting developments across our school. 2026 is a year of strong focus, growth and refinement in Learning and Teaching, and I am proud of the work happening in every classroom.

We are delighted to share that our school has grown in enrolments this year and we warmly welcome the many new families who have joined our community over the past few weeks. It has been wonderful to see new friendships forming and families becoming part of the life of our school.

As interest in our school continues to grow, it is important that families with a child commencing **Prep in 2027** submit an enrolment form to the office within the next two weeks.

We are currently conducting **school tours every Monday morning at 9.15am**, as well as offering private tours at other suitable times. If you have friends or family who may be interested in learning more about our wonderful community at Corpus Christi, please encourage them to contact the office to speak directly with Shane or myself to book a tour. We would be very happy to meet with them.



## Term One Events

**Thursday 26th Feb,  
Meet and Greet Chats**

**9.00am-5.30pm**

**Thursday 5th March,  
Welcome BBQ and  
Stomp Dance**

**Monday 9th March,  
Labour Day Public  
Holiday**

**Wednesday 11th,  
Friday 13th, Monday  
16th and Tuesday 17th  
NAPLAN for Years 3  
and 5 students**

**Saturday 14th March,  
Rotary Club Hearing  
and Vision Tests @  
Corpus Christi**

**Thursday 2nd April,  
End of Term Mass,  
10.00am  
Students dismissed at  
12.00pm**

## 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.



## Ash Wednesday Mass

On Wednesday we gathered as a school community to celebrate Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of the season of Lent.

I was incredibly proud of our students. They participated with reverence and respect throughout the Mass, sang beautifully and responded thoughtfully in prayer. Our student readers read with confidence and clarity, and all students demonstrated a deep understanding of the significance of this sacred time in our Church year.

Ash Wednesday reminds us that Lent is a season of reflection, renewal and preparation. It is a time to grow in faith, kindness and compassion towards others. As a community, we begin this journey together with open hearts.

## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

We are continuing to strengthen our whole-school approach to Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). Our focus remains on deepening student understanding of our core values:

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Safety

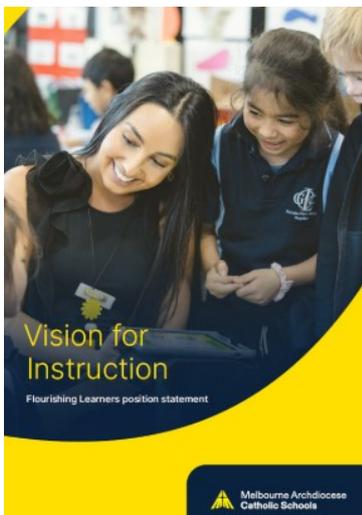
Through explicit teaching of expected behaviours, consistent language across the school, and celebration of positive choices, we are building a culture where every child understands what it means to live these values each day. You may hear your child talking about our expectations at home, this shared language between school and family makes a real difference.

## Vision for Instruction

Our work is guided by the Vision for Instruction from Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools. This framework supports high-quality teaching in every classroom and ensures that:

- Learning intentions and success criteria are clear
- Teachers use evidence and data to inform instruction
- Students receive explicit teaching and regular feedback
- Curriculum delivery is structured, purposeful and responsive

This Vision ensures that all students, in every year level, experience consistent and effective teaching practices.



## School Improvement and Innovation

### **Literacy-A Strong Start and Clear Instruction**

This year we have introduced InitialLit in our Prep classrooms.

InitialLit (Initial Literacy) is a structured, evidence-based literacy program that provides explicit instruction in:

- Phonemic awareness
- Phonics
- Vocabulary
- Reading fluency
- Comprehension

It ensures our youngest learners build strong foundations in reading from the very beginning. From Year 1–6, we are implementing explicit, evidence-informed Literacy programs that follow a clear instructional sequence: modelling, guided practice and independent application. This structured approach provides clarity and ensures students develop knowledge and skills in a deliberate, sequential way.

### **MACS Mathematics Accelerated Program**

We are delighted to share that our school has been invited to participate in the Maths Acceleration Program through Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools. This invitation recognises the strong work already happening in Mathematics across our school.

The Maths Acceleration Program:

- provides specialist coaching and professional learning for teachers
- strengthens explicit teaching practices in Mathematics
- focuses on deep conceptual understanding
- uses assessment data to target student growth
- supports differentiated instruction to accelerate progress.

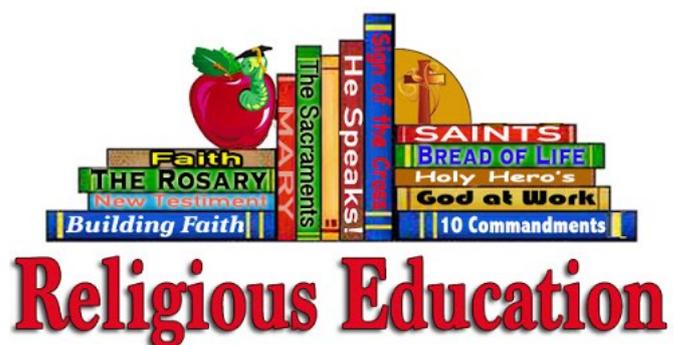
This is an exciting opportunity that will allow us to enhance our Mathematics Learning and Teaching even further and ensure strong growth for all learners.

### **Religious Education-New Curriculum Implementation**

We have also introduced the new Religious Education curriculum in our junior school. We are proud to be one of a small number of schools implementing this curriculum prior to it becoming mandated.

The updated curriculum:

- deepens theological understanding
- strengthens links between faith and contemporary life
- encourages rich dialogue and critical thinking
- supports student engagement with Scripture and Catholic tradition



Our early implementation reflects our commitment to excellence in both academic learning and faith formation.

## School Improvement and Innovation

### Clear Focus for 2026

This year, our major focus is on Learning and Teaching excellence across every classroom. Our approach is informed by research in Cognitive Load Theory and the Science of Learning. This means we carefully consider how students process, retain and apply new knowledge. Teachers deliberately sequence learning, break concepts into manageable steps, revisit prior learning and provide clear explanations and practice opportunities. These approaches strengthen long-term understanding and support students to achieve at high levels.

Across the school this looks like:

- Consistent explicit teaching practices
- Clear learning intentions and success criteria
- Structured lessons with modelling and guided practice
- Regular checking for understanding
- Data-informed planning and targeted support
- High expectations for every learner



Our goal is simple, to ensure every student is known, challenged and supported to achieve their personal best.

### Student Representative Council

I am very proud to announce in the newsletter, after the children were celebrated at assembly, the names of our 2026 Student Representative Council. I am sure they will all do a tremendous job. Congratulations to the following students:

Erika, Aiden, Erica, Jovena, Ubika, Shailley Jane, Bibek, Subhan, Bivasha and Rianna.

### School Student Leaders

After a thorough selection process, we chose students who have demonstrated the values of leadership, responsibility, and commitment to our school community. Again I congratulate the following students who will be taking on this important role:

Amelia, Adelika, Almas, Roshan, Johns, Rianna and Diana

### Welcome BBQ

We look forward to gathering as a community at our upcoming Welcome BBQ on Thursday 5th March. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new families, reconnect with others and enjoy time together in a relaxed setting.



We encourage all families to attend.

*I leave you with a quote about Lent:*

*“Lent is a time to begin again, to turn our hearts toward what truly matters and to grow in love, faith and hope.”*

*Peace and Blessings,*

Ange

**Deputy Principal  
School Improvement and Innovation Leader**



*Dear Corpus Christi Families,*

*As you have read in Ange's principal message, there are so many wonderful things happening at Corpus Christi this year in the space of School Improvement and Innovation, especially Learning and Teaching.*

*It is also important to point out that while all of us, staff and families, work really hard to educate in the space of Literacy and Numeracy, we are also focused on children becoming the best versions of themselves as little people who are getting ready to make positive contributions to the world around them.*

*I know we are doing great work in this area as on a personal note I was so proud to have my Mum and Nana attend Ash Wednesday Mass this past week, even though I was away at Professional Learning. My Mum called me that evening to say how reverent and respectful all the children were, how beautifully they sang, and how all the readers were so clear and easy to listen to. Well done everybody!*

**2026 MEET and GREET SESSIONS**

Don't forget to book your Meet and Greet session. The Meetings will run for approximately 15 minutes, please arrive at your child's classroom, 3 minutes before the appointment time. Our Meet and Greet Day provides an important opportunity for parents and teachers to connect early in the year. These conversations support strong partnerships and ensure we are working together to support each child's learning journey. We look forward to welcoming you into classrooms for this valuable time.

Bookings for interviews can be made by the following methods.

Type the link below into your internet browser and follow the prompts:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/d2z9m>

Or alternatively, scan the QR and book your appointments. If you have any difficulties please visit the office.



*Have a great fortnight.*

*God Bless*

*Shane Calthorpe*

*If any Corpus Christi Community member with a small local business wishes to advertise in our next newsletter on our special Corpus Christi Community Business page, please email [dp@ccglenroy.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dp@ccglenroy.catholic.edu.au) by Thursday 5th March.*

# 2027 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN!

School Tours take place every Monday of  
Term 1 at 9.15am, call 9306 3062 to book.



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*Glenroy*

Book a tour at a time that  
suits, call the office on 9306  
3062 and speak with Principal,  
Ange Ferro or Deputy  
Principal, Shane Calthorpe.

OR

scan the QR Code and we'll  
call you.



# PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING



Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

9am

Community Room

***ALL WELCOME!***

Topics for discussion:

Easter

Mother's Day

Fundraising ideas

Working with Children Checks





**Penola is  
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**Open Day**

**Saturday 14 March 2026**  
10am - 2pm



Tour the College, meet  
staff and hear from  
student ambassadors



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FAWKNER NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE PRESENTS...

# PRIMARY YEARS HOMEWORK CLUB

THURSDAYS, 4PM – 5PM

79 JUKES RD, FAWKNER

(THE ORANGE BRICK HOUSE LOCATED BETWEEN THE SKATEPARK AND THE LEISURE CENTRE)

Our friendly volunteers are here to help with schoolwork, answer questions, and make learning easier.

Arrive at 3:50pm, have a snack, and work on your homework in a welcoming, supportive space.

## DATES FOR TERM 1, 2026:

- 5 February
- 12 February
- 19 February
- 26 February
- 5 March
- 12 March
- 19 March

STUDENTS IN YEARS 1 – 6  
WELCOME!



**FREE!**



**REGISTER**

<http://events.humanitix.com/primary-school-homework-club>

**Fawkner**  
Neighbourhood House

**cmj<sup>+</sup>**  
Centre for  
Multicultural Youth

 **AUSTRALIAN  
COMMUNITIES  
FOUNDATION**

**Merri-bek  
Libraries**

# 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.

Enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1, 2026.

Interested parents should contact Karen during office hours on 9818 2333 or via email: [karen@creativemusic.com.au](mailto:karen@creativemusic.com.au)

