

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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Principal's Message:



Dear Corpus Christi Families,

It has been wonderful to see students so engaged in their learning and in the many activities taking place across the school.

Staffing Update

At the end of this term, we will be farewelling Mrs Rachel Vailini as she begins her parental leave. We wish Rachel every blessing as she prepares to welcome an exciting new addition to her family. We are very pleased to welcome Mr Thomas Bonilla, who will be taking over the class for the remainder of the year. Thomas is already a familiar face within our school community, having worked with us over the past few years, and we are confident he will continue the excellent work in the classroom. Claire will continue her work with the class on Fridays.

Graduate Teacher Commissioning Mass

Last week, I had the pleasure of attending Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral alongside our newest staff members Amber, Isabella and Charli. The celebration brought together approximately 200 beginning teachers, principals and MACS staff. It was a wonderful occasion, recognising and supporting those at the beginning of their teaching vocation, and a proud moment for our school to be represented.

St Patrick's Feast Day Mass

It was lovely to see a number of families join us for our St Patrick's Feast Day Mass. These moments of coming together in faith are so important in strengthening our sense of community. Celebrating as a whole school, alongside our families, reminds us of the values of compassion, courage and service that St Patrick modelled, and which we continue to foster in our students each day.

Term One Events

**Wednesday 1st April,
Stations of the Cross,
2.40pm**

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

Term Two Events

**Monday 20th April,
School Closure Day
Staff Professional
Learning**

**Tuesday 21st April,
Students commence
for Term 2**

**Wednesday 6th May,
Sacrament of
Reconciliation
2.30pm,
Corpus Christi Church**

**Sunday 17th May.
First Eucharist
10.30am,
Corpus Christi Church**



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.



Student Leadership Opportunity

Next week, our Year 6 leaders will attend the National Young Leaders Day with Michelle Smith and Rhiannon Colarossi. This event is Australia's largest gathering of young leaders and is a highlight on the calendar for many primary and secondary schools. It provides a valuable opportunity for our students to come together in a world-class venue and hear from some of Australia's most respected and high-profile individuals, who share insights from their own leadership journeys. We look forward to our students being inspired, challenged, and encouraged to continue developing their leadership skills within our school community. Today, our Year 6 leaders also attended Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral to celebrate Catholic Education Week. This was a special opportunity for them to represent our school in the wider faith community and to reflect on their role as leaders within a Catholic school.

Community Engagement

On the weekend, we were pleased to host free hearing and vision screening for children aged 4–6 at our school. This initiative was made possible through the support of the Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale in partnership with the Departments of Audiology and Speech Pathology, and Optometry and Vision Sciences at the University of Melbourne.

It was wonderful to see so many families take advantage of this opportunity, and we received very positive feedback from those who attended. Families were extremely grateful to have access to such a valuable service within our local community.

Student Learning and Engagement

Across all year levels, students have been demonstrating great enthusiasm and commitment to their learning. It has been particularly pleasing to see the strong focus on collaboration, resilience, and pride in their work. Thank you to our teachers for their dedication in providing engaging and meaningful learning experiences.

Community Reminder

For the safety and wellbeing of all students, I remind families again about the importance of not engaging in conversations with students through the school fences during school hours, whether they are known to you or not. While these interactions may seem harmless, they can make it difficult for staff to monitor who is communicating with children during the school day and it is a serious child safety concern. Our priority is to maintain a secure, safe and focused learning environment, and we appreciate your support in reinforcing this message. If you need to pass on information to your child, please do so through the school office so we can ensure it is managed safely and appropriately. Under no circumstances is it ever ok to speak with a child through the fence during the school day. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Staff Professional Learning

Staff will be participating in a Professional Development Day on the first day back next term. Therefore, Term 2 for students begins on Tuesday 21st April.



Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are a special way of remembering the last steps of Jesus' life, from His trial to His crucifixion. There are 14 "stations" or stops, each representing an important moment along the way.

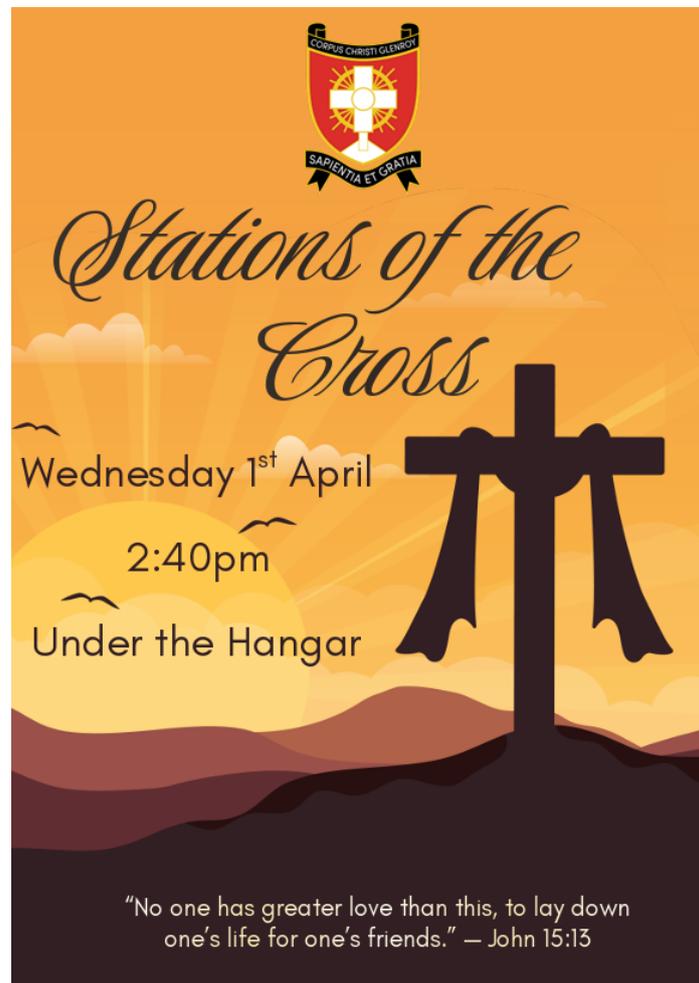
In the last week of Term 1, Corpus Christi students will be presenting a dramatisation of the Stations of the Cross. This prayerful reflection will help our school community meditate on Christ's Passion and sacrifice.

We warmly welcome our whole school community to join us in this Easter and end of term event.

When: Wednesday 1st April, 2026

Time: 2.40 pm

Where: Under the hangar on the basketball court



Looking Ahead

As we approach the end of term, there will be a number of important events and celebrations. Please keep an eye on upcoming communications for key dates and details.

Thank you once again for your ongoing partnership with us. Together, we continue to build a strong, supportive and vibrant school community.

Peace and Blessings,

Ange Ferro

**Deputy Principal
School Improvement and Innovation Leader**



Dear Corpus Christi Families,

The end of Term 1 is fast approaching. Students and staff are to be congratulated on the outstanding way they have approached Teaching and Learning throughout this term. The efforts of all, particularly in the areas of Religious Education, Literacy and Mathematics, have been wonderful as we embrace new styles and approaches to teaching and learning. When visiting classrooms the level of engagement and academic rigor on display is sensational!

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 are to be congratulated on completing NAPLAN this past week.

All students did a great job of remaining focused throughout the test and giving it their best go. It is always important to remember that NAPLAN is just a moment in time and does not show everything a young person can and cannot do in the areas assessed. We will forward you NAPLAN results as soon as they become available to us.



Community Room

Our Community room is open every morning, if you have time to spare this is a great opportunity to relax for a little while and have a cuppa and a chat with other community members. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Traffic/Gates

For the safety of all in our community, I remind you that it is important that road rules are followed at all times near our school. It is illegal and very dangerous to double park and let children out of a car that is not parked in a designated car spot. It is also extremely important that when crossing the road the designated school crossing is used.

Have a great fortnight, God Bless.

Shane Calthorpe





CORPUS CHRISTI

Sacramental Timeline

2026



RETREAT DAY

Retreat Day for Candidates

Tuesday 28th April
9:00-1:30pm
Held at school



FAMILY EVENING

Family Faith Formation Evening

Wednesday 29th April
6:00 - 7:00pm
Held in school library



RECONCILIATION

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 6th May
2:30-3:30pm
Corpus Christi Church



FIRST EUCHARIST

Sacrament of First Eucharist

Sunday 17th May
10:30am
Corpus Christi Church



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Glenroy

ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN!

WHY CORPUS CHRISTI?

- Catholic values at the heart of school life
- Encouraging students to live with compassion and respect
- High expectations for excellence and growth
- Meaningful, purposeful and engaging learning tailored to individual learners
- Safe, inclusive and supportive environment
- Strong focus on explicit Literacy and Numeracy instruction
- Visual Arts, Physical Education, LOTE (Italian) and Library
- Extensive transition program

BOOK A TOUR NOW!



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Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools

Autumn Adventurers

School Holiday Program

Prep to Grade 6

Play

Create

Explore

Have fun!

Cana Catholic OSHC
7am - 6pm
46 Banchory Ave, Hillside

Contact details during service hours:
0493 550 452
CC.Hillside@macseye.vic.edu.au

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Important Information

What to bring

- ✓ Morning tea, lunch and snacks
- ✓ Refillable water bottle
- ✓ Suitable clothing for the weather, SunSmart hat, closed toe shoes, jacket in case of rain

What we provide

- ✓ Breakfast each morning until 8:30am
- ✓ Afternoon tea
- ✓ Sunscreen, but you are welcome to provide your own if your child needs a specific brand

Please remember

- ✓ Label your child's items clearly
- ✓ No nuts please!
- ✓ No food items that need to be reheated

Medical Needs

- ✓ A Medical Management Plan with a colour photo must be provided for children with a medical condition including allergies, food/dried intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma and epilepsy.
- ✓ A Risk Minimisation and Communication Plan must be completed for children with a diagnosed health-care need, allergy or relevant medical condition. If one has not yet been completed, our educator will assist you to complete it on your child's first day of attendance.
- ✓ Provide the prescribed medication as listed on the plan, in its original packaging and clearly labelled with your child's name.

These documents and processes are legal requirements under the Education & Care National Regulations.

In the interests of children's health and safety, care may be refused or delayed if the required documentation and medication have not been supplied.

Excursions

Please arrive by 8.30 am so we can leave on time, and ensure the children don't miss out.

If your child is attending an excursion, please complete a permission form at the service on the morning of the excursion.

The excursion risk assessment will be available for you to view on the day.

Drop off and pick up

All children must be picked up each day by an authorised adult. Please ensure you sign your child in and out each day on the service iPad.

Unexpected changes to activities

Activities and times may change due to unforeseen circumstances, such as poor weather or circumstances beyond our control. If this happens, we will provide an alternative activity to ensure children continue to enjoy their day.

Program

IN-HOUSE ON-SITE EXPERIENCE EXCURSION CREATE & KEEP

Arrive by 8.30am for excursions

WEEK 1

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6 APRIL Easter Monday Create sparkling sun catchers, hunt for shapes in the clouds, design a bright umbrella to take home, and challenge Friends to garden animal tic-tac-toe full of laughs. FEE: \$86.70 AFTER MAX CCS*: \$8.67	7 APRIL Rain, shine and design Create sparkling sun catchers, hunt for shapes in the clouds, design a bright umbrella to take home, and challenge Friends to garden animal tic-tac-toe full of laughs. FEE: \$86.70 AFTER MAX CCS*: \$8.67	8 APRIL Fall into fun Spin into autumn with colourful windmills, create rainbow leaf prints, and paint your own bunny money box to decorate your room with seasonal style. FEE: \$91.70 AFTER MAX CCS*: \$9.17	9 APRIL Meta Art World excursion Enter a world of imagination at Meta Art World! Explore immersive digital art spaces, create your own masterpiece, and complete an adventure circuit full of creative energy and movement. FEE: \$121.70 AFTER MAX CCS*: \$12.17	10 APRIL Circus carnival Roll up, roll up! Play awesome carnival games, test your skills, win fun surprises, and join an exciting circus workshop where you'll juggle, spin plates and perform cool tricks. FEE: \$106.70 AFTER MAX CCS*: \$10.67

WEEK 2

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
13 APRIL Adventure riders Bring your bike or scooter (helmet required) and ride through a day of autumn adventures! Create leaf prints, make nature bracelets, and build a gratitude tree filled with positive vibes. FEE: \$71.70 AFTER MAX CCS*: \$7.17	14 APRIL Movie excursion Explore the outdoors with a nature scavenger hunt, then sit back, relax and enjoy Hoppers on a movie excursion. FEE: \$116.70 AFTER MAX CCS*: \$11.67	15 APRIL Critter quest Create cute pinecone animals, paint bright ladybug rocks, and discover the fascinating world of butterflies in a hands-on workshop full of colour and wonder. FEE: \$91.70 AFTER MAX CCS*: \$9.17	16 APRIL Nature explorers Test your ears with animal sound challenges, share stories around a cosy pretend campfire, and craft your own beeswax candle to take home. FEE: \$86.70 AFTER MAX CCS*: \$8.67	17 APRIL Autumn adventure finale Celebrate our autumn adventures with a picnic party, fun games, and create a colourful air-dry clay masterpiece in your own frame to remember the fun. FEE: \$91.70 AFTER MAX CCS*: \$9.17

*Check your eligibility for CCS at Services Australia.

How to Book

Step 1: Check if your child is enrolled at this school

- If your child attends OSHC at the school hosting the holiday program, go straight to **Step 3** to start booking.
- If your child attends OSHC at a different school or does not attend OSHC, go to **Step 2** and complete the enrolment form. This includes children attending MACSEYE OSHC at other schools.

Step 2: Complete the enrolment form by 26 March

- Scan or click the QR Code and complete the enrolment form.
- Once your enrolment is confirmed, we will email you a unique link to download the Xplor Home App.

Step 3: Book your days

- Book holiday program days via the Xplor Home App.

Child Care Subsidy

MACSEYE's holiday program is approved for the Child Care Subsidy (CCS), allowing eligible families to reduce their out-of-pocket expenses. To check your eligibility for CCS, visit the Services Australia website or login to your MyGov account.

Cancellation policy

Minimum of 7 days' notice is required for booking cancellations.

Normal fees apply for cancellations outside the minimum notice period and the booking will be recorded as an absence.

CCS will be applied to the absence, and the gap fee will still be payable.

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Contact Us

For help with enrolments and bookings, get in touch with our team:

☎ 1300 501 029

✉ enrolments@macseye.vic.edu.au

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Child Safe Standard 2

“Child safety and wellbeing is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture.”

Rooted in the Gospel and the teachings of the Church, MACS Catholic schools uphold the sacred dignity of every child as created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). This belief places Catholic educators in a privileged and profound position to protect and nurture the most vulnerable.

This newsletter series provides an overview of what the Child Safe Standards are, how they are designed to help keep children and young people safe and what school governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) are doing to prioritise and achieve this.

Overview of Child Safe Standard 2:

To be aligned, schools must support the following:

- A public commitment to child safety
- Champion a child safe culture at all levels
- Ensure governance supports child safety policies
- Develop and enforce a Code of Conduct
- Implement risk management strategies that focus on preventing, identifying and mitigating risks to children
- Ensure staff, volunteers and contractors understand their obligation and the role they play in keeping children and young people safe. This includes information sharing and record keeping.

The Child Safe Standards

The Child Safe Standards are a set of guidelines that help organisations create safe environments for children and young people.

They make sure that children are protected from harm, listened to, and respected. These standards require organisations to have strong leadership, clear policies, and a culture that puts children first.

As a parent or carer, you can expect organisations to involve families, empower children, train staff properly, and respond to concerns quickly and respectfully.



This standard promotes a shared responsibility for safety across the entire school community and all levels of the organisation. It ensures a child safe culture is actively championed and modelled from the top down and bottom up.

What does this look like in a school environment?

- **Leadership commitment:** School leaders actively promote child safety and wellbeing as a priority in decision-making and daily operations.
- **Ongoing training and professional development:** Staff are provided with ongoing training and professional development opportunities that increase capacity and confidence surrounding all aspects of child safety.
- **Clear governance:** Policies and procedures reflect child safety responsibilities and are regularly reviewed, updated and publicly available.
- **Staff modelling safe behaviours:** Expectations of staff are clearly defined. All staff demonstrate respectful, inclusive, and protective behaviours towards children. All staff are encouraged and empowered to speak up if any alternative is observed.
- **Ongoing culture building:** Child safety is embedded in school values, professional development, and community engagement with the objective to continually improve practice.
- **Thorough recruitment processing:** Applicable to all staff working in a school context, extending to volunteers and contractors. Valid credentials, references and Working with Children Checks apply. Ongoing monitoring and supervision of all staff and intervention if required.

How Parents, Carers and Guardians can get involved!

Here's how you can support:

- **Familiarise** yourself with the school's child safety policies and understand how they support student wellbeing.
- **Provide feedback** when you notice something that may impact a child's safety or wellbeing.
- **Support** your child when they express their views and that their opinions are valued and heard.
- **Join in** on school activities, parent committees or forums that promote child safety and wellbeing.

Want to know more?

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how we're supporting child safety, please get in touch.

More information on the Child Safe Standards can be found via the [Commission for Children and Young People \(CCYP\) website](#).

