



CCS NEWS

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Dear Parents and Children,

*Loving God,
You sent Jesus to show us how to live with one another
and how to take care of one another.
Open our ears that we may hear your word.
Open our hearts that the teachings of Jesus will grow within us,
And open our hands to one another in peace.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

A very happy new year and welcome to the new school term. It was wonderful to see the smiling, happy faces of our students as they returned to school this morning. I wish to extend a particularly warm welcome to new families joining the Corpus Christi community in 2010. I pray that your time here is blessed with friendship, joy and learning.

Yesterday the staff returned with renewed energy, ready and keen to support the young people in our school. We welcome Mr Ben Lott who has been appointed to a permanent teaching position at Corpus. Mr Lott will be teaching year 3/4. Mrs Penny Delmage has been appointed to the position of teacher librarian, Miss Emma Kirk a temporary position on Kindergarten and Miss Angie Long, a temporary position on Year 1. We welcome the expertise these teachers bring and look forward to a fruitful year ahead. We also welcome back our existing staff. Listed in today's newsletter are the teachers and their responsibilities for the year

Tomorrow the community welcomes our new Kindergarten students followed by 'Tea and Tissues' for the mums and dads on the deck. All new parents of children in other grades are also welcome to join us.

Today's newsletter includes a number of important reminders and dates for your calendar. Please take the time to read each section. A more detailed term calendar will be sent home next week.

My School Website

Today, the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) launched the My School website (www.myschool.edu.au). This is the first time in Australia that information on all schools (almost 10,000) is available in one place. The website provides profiles on each school, including ours, and includes information about the school such as numbers of students and staff, attendance rates and results from the national literacy and numeracy tests.

While the website shows comparisons between our school's results and those from statistically similar schools across Australia it is important to remember it does not take into consideration the varying ability groups present in our schools.

There is a lot of information contained on the website, and we encourage parents, carers and other interested members of the school community to view the website. If you have any questions you can go directly to the ACARA information desk (at 1300 895 563), or please feel free to speak to me.

Finally, thank you for the warm welcome I received this morning and for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Fran Taylor
Acting Principal

Staff list for 2010

Acting Principal: Mrs Fran Taylor
Acting Assistant Principal: Ms Maria Goudie
Acting Religious Education Coordinator: Mrs Monica Officer
Office: Mary Sillince and Gloria Flynn

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Kindergarten Miss Tracey Follers (KF) Miss Emma Kirk(KK)	Year 1 Miss Angie Long (1L) Year 1/2 Mrs Leanne Lawrence (1/2L) Year 2 Mrs Domenica Elliott (2E)
Year 3 Ms Maria Goudie and Mrs Lisa Siva (3GS) Year 3 / 4 Mr Ben Lott (3/4 L) Year 4 Mrs Christine McBryde (4M)	Year 5/6 Mrs Nikki Delrennie (5/6D) Miss Katie McDermott (5/6M) Mrs Monica Officer and Mrs Ann Godley (5/6O)
Year 3/6 S Mrs Chris Frost Mrs Margaret Hayes Mrs Tracey Daly Ms La Rosa Mrs Healy	Library Mrs Penny Delmage Sport Miss Laura Bahri Music Mrs Amaris Leong
Special Needs : Mrs Karen Houlcroft Teacher Assistant: Mrs Anne Rayner Mrs Chris Hooper Mrs Maria Tanner	

Parent Information Evening

The Parent Information evening will be held on Wednesday 10th February (Week 3) commencing at 7.00pm. This will be followed by the first Parents and Friends meeting for the year at 8.00pm. This is an important evening for parents to meet their child's class teacher. Each teacher will outline class aims, expectations, routines and units planned. Two identical half hour sessions will be held in each classroom.

Session 1: 7.00 pm – 7.30pm

Session 2: 7.30 pm – 8.00 pm

Please note this is not the time for an interview. A special time for parents to meet their child's teacher individually will be held in week 4.

ANAPHYLAXIS

You may be aware that there are children in our school who are at risk of having a severe allergic reaction to nuts. In an endeavour to support these children, our school community has implemented a number of measures. One of these measures is to try to minimize the contact they have with nut products. We strongly urge you do not send foods with nut products in your child's lunches or morning teas.

As the health, well being and safety of the children in our school is of paramount concern to us all, I know I can depend on your support and assistance with this matter.

Parking in school grounds

A reminder to all parents and friends that there is no parking available in the Link Rd school grounds between 7am and 6pm Monday to Friday. This includes parents dropping off and collecting children from Link Rd Kids before and after school care. This is an important safety issue that needs to be adhered to by all parents and friends. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

Daily Timetable

8.30am	Playground supervision begins
8.45am	Warning bell
8.50am	School begins
10.00am	Fruit Break
10.50 -11.10am	Morning Tea
1.10-1.20pm	Children eat lunch seated and supervised by teachers
1.20-2.10pm	Lunch play
3.05pm	End of day

Kiss and Drop Zone

Afternoon procedure

Parents and friends are reminded that the children being collected in the afternoon will wait on the deck until an adult collects them and walks them to their car. It is still often difficult to see the children as they walk along the pedestrian path hence the need to be accompanied by an adult.

Morning procedure

Please ensure children exit cars from the left hand side and walk along the path to the school gate.

Leaving Early/Arriving Late

Please remember that all children are expected to be at school by 8.45am each day in readiness for the school bell at 8.50am. Any child who arrives after 9.00am requires a late notice from the school office. If you need to collect your child before the end of the day you must sign a leave notice from the school office prior to collecting your child.

Important Dates to Remember

Friday 29 th January –	Kindergarten start school. (Half Day)
Sunday 7 th February –	Year 6 Parish Mass
Wednesday 10 th February –	Parent / Teacher Information Night. First session starting at 7pm P & F Meeting – 8pm
Tuesday 16 th February -	Opening School Mass
Wednesday 17 th February –	Ash Wednesday – Yrs 3 – 6 Mass 9.30am, K -2 Liturgy in Classrooms
Monday 22 nd February –	Swimming Carnival at West Pymble