



# Corpus Christi School

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## Students celebrate 70 years

THIS year Corpus Christi School celebrated its 70th anniversary.

Term 1 was devoted to studying the life of Nano Nagle, her love for God and her strong faith that led to the establishment of Catholic schools throughout Ireland and Australia.

Students learnt about the Presentation Sisters and their delight in opening the first Corpus Christi School in Church St, Bellerive on January 9, 1936.

The school's first principal Sister Mary Darling joined forces with Father Frank Kent and members of the local parish to enrol 60 students for the school's first day in 1936.

In 1943, 103 students attended Corpus Christi.

The school moved to the Alma St site in 1958 and today more than 460 students attend Corpus Christi.

Girls used to wear a navy blue pleated dress with white socks and a red beret, while the boys wore grey pants and white shirts with a grey cap.

We now have a sports uniform which includes a rugby jumper, a red shirt and green shorts or tracksluit pants.

The school has summer and winter uniforms which are very comfortable and hats to protect us from the sun.

Mrs Elaine Doran is our principal and she plays an important role introducing Kindergarten students to the school as well as overseeing building upgrades and extensions,



**YESTERYEAR:** Corpus Christi teachers dress as nuns and teach the students how to march to their classrooms.

enhancing the curriculum and managing a dedicated team of teachers.

The school has a number of specialist teachers who are responsible for library, music, physical education, choir, Italian and drama classes.

During Term 2, a week was devoted to celebrating our 70th Anniversary.

This gave us an opportunity to thank all who have dedicated their

time and efforts to making our school special.

During a week of celebrations students took part in a series of activities including special evening events and a fantastic final assembly.

And during the week the school enjoyed a number of sporting activities too.

On Wednesday we arrived at

school to find that the teachers had dressed as nuns and some as young students.

Many students wore "old" uniforms and we had to call our teachers Sister Mary, Father Paul etc.

We lined up in the morning to sing the national anthem and then had to march in time into our classrooms.

After writing out *Our Father* in Latin we were taken outside by our "transformed" teachers to do the hardest daily fitness exercises we have ever had to undertake.

Instead of our normal recess and lunch bell Grade 6 students walked around the school ringing an old hand bell.

At lunchtime Grade 6 students come into our classes and taught us games including elastics, skipping, marbles and jacks.

And on the Friday morning Archbishop Adrian Doyle celebrated mass at the cathedral.

During the week we had many special guests at school, including two Presentation Sisters who taught at the old school in Church St.

A real highlight was a special song sung by the "nuns".

They started with a church hymn but then re-enacted a scene from the movie *Sister Act*.

Our school is very special to us and we look forward to future activities and celebrations.

**EVE LOMAS and MAGGIE DILGER**

### A helping hand

CORPUS Christi School is well known for its great fundraising days and connections with countries in need. One particularly successful fundraising day is our action packed AFL Day. We dress up, have a sausage sizzle and have a best dressed and handball competition. During Lent we raised money for Project Compassion to help third world countries. \$100 can provide a tap with fresh running water for a small village. Car-washes, crazy hair days and a walkathon are all part of the fundraising. We are also establishing a link with a school in East Timor through the Friendship Schools Project run by the Aloia Foundation. This year we raised money to buy sports equipment for schools in East Timor.

**CLAUDIA CONLEY**

### Role models

EVERY year Grade 6 students at Corpus Christi participate in the school's leadership program. The leadership positions are Aussie Sports Leader, Peer Mediator, Social Committee Member, Library Monitor, Captains and Vice Captains. Aussie Sports leaders stage physical education activities. A Peer Mediator helps in the playground and helps children to get on with one another. The Social Committee organises discos, fundraisers and barbecues. Library Monitors help with student book loans, monitor computer use during the lunch breaks, clean shelves and help with displays. Captains greet visitors, help with sports activities and fundraisers, and represent the school during the year while Vice Captains fill in if the Captains are away or doing another job.

**ASHLEY QUINN**

### Opportunities

STUDENTS at Corpus Christi have numerous opportunities to use their many talents through extension programs. One is an internet curriculum program which includes writing and poetry competitions. Each week there is a mystery object and a difficult riddle posted on the website. Another program is the Grade 5/6 chemistry group which meets once a week and conducts interesting experiments to find out which chemicals react well and what can be done with liquids, solids and gases.

**GILLIAN CROSBY**

## Principal a shining light

FOR the past 10 years Mrs Elaine Doran has been principal of Corpus Christi School.

She has contributed in many ways, so much so that when she leaves the school at the end of this year to take on the position of principal at St Aloysius in Kingston, everyone at Corpus Christi will miss her.

When she was a child, Mrs Doran attended Corpus Christi and she says she absolutely adored her time at the school.

She was a teacher for many years before becoming a principal and taught at various schools including Holy Rosary, New Town Primary, Abbots-

field Primary, Lindisfarne North and Bellerive Primary.

Some of Mrs Doran's achievements as principal at Corpus Christi include the introduction of Kindergarten classes, the establishment of leadership roles in Grade 6, helping the student council become what it is today and making sure that students at Corpus Christi School have a wide range of opportunities available to them including drama, Italian, music and physical education lessons.

The highlight of Mrs Doran's years at Corpus Christi is seeing former students bringing their own children to the school.

The years that Mrs Doran had at Corpus Christi were fantastic and she has fulfilled many of her goals.

These include making sure the school is a safe environment, creating attractive playgrounds, upgrading Grade 4, Grade 3 and Infant classrooms and giving all students an opportunity to tap their many talents.

Mrs Doran has loved her time at Corpus Christi and says she will miss the school community immensely.

**MAGGIE CASEY and GILLIAN CROSBY**

## Positive program

THE *Rock and Water* program at Corpus Christi School focuses on three important attributes — being grounded, focused and centred.

It calms students and lets them find their inner strength.

Mr Rob Carroll runs the program and helps us relax and be in control of our daily activities.

*Rock and Water* helps students protect themselves against bullying and deal with difficult situations.

The program includes games like Chinese Boxing, Chinese Sticky

Hands, Golden Rooster, Rooster Fights and Finger Fencing.

*Rock and Water* encourages participants to be strong inside while controlling what is happening around them.

A lot of people in Grade 6 have learnt that if someone annoys or bullies them, they should walk away and ignore them.

The program has improved our mental toughness and made us better people.

**ANDREW McMANUS and JIM TREWEEK**

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