



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# The Corpus Chronicle

## CORPUS NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 2 • Wednesday 31st July 2024

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends,

NAPLAN results have been released and reports have been issued to families with children in Years 3 and 5. Proficiency standards have now replaced the previous reporting of student NAPLAN results that used numerical bands and the national minimum standard.

NAPLAN continues to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation. We are extremely pleased with the results achieved in both year groups. The school average was higher than the national average in all areas across the school. In some areas it was significantly higher. Below are some of the highlights for our 2024 NAPLAN results:

- 96% of our Year 3 and 5 students fell into the proficient range in Writing (Strong and Exceeding)
- 85% of our Year 3 and 5 students fell into the proficient range in Reading (Strong and Exceeding)
- We ranked 4th school in the Diocese for Writing in Year 3

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- We ranked 5th school in the Diocese for Numeracy in Year 5
- We ranked 8th school in the Diocese for Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation in Year 5

Please remember that NAPLAN is only one measure of achievement and your child's teacher can provide more information into how your child's NAPLAN results relate to their other school-based assessments and classroom learning and any additional support your child might need.

A result in the **Exceeding or Strong** level means your child has met and/or exceeded expectations for their current stage of schooling. A result in the **Developing or Needs additional support** level means your child has not yet demonstrated they are meeting expectations for their year level at the time of testing.

Our Learning Support Team is made up of dedicated and skilled educators who are passionate about assisting all students in reaching their full potential. Led by our experienced Learning Support Coordinator, Mrs Sharon Breen this team works collaboratively with teachers, parents, and external specialists to provide tailored assistance and support to students who may require additional help in various areas of their learning journey.

Here's how they contribute to our students' success:

- **Early Intervention:** The team works closely with classroom teachers to identify students who may need extra support early on. By identifying challenges at an early stage, we can provide timely interventions to address learning difficulties.
- **Personalised Learning Plans:** For students with specific learning needs, the team collaborates with teachers and parents to develop personalised learning plans. These plans outline individualised strategies, accommodations and goals to maximise each child's progress.
- **Small Group Instruction:** During the school day, the Learning Support Team conducts small group sessions to reinforce classroom lessons and provide targeted assistance in areas such as literacy, numeracy, and social skills. These sessions usually occur in the classroom.





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- **YIn-Class Support:** In many cases, our team members work alongside classroom teachers to provide additional support during regular lessons. This ensures that every child can access the curriculum effectively.
- **Social and Emotional Support:** Our Learning Support Team is also there to assist with social and emotional development. They foster a positive and inclusive school environment where students feel safe and confident to express themselves. Our school counsellor Mrs Sonia David is integral to our team.
- **Collaboration with Parents:** The Learning Support Team actively communicates with parents to provide progress updates and strategies that can be reinforced at home.

Congratulations to all of our hardworking students and staff as we continue to analyse our data and address any patterns or common misunderstandings.

### Trivia Night

We had such a wonderful community get together on Saturday evening for our Corpus Christi Trivia night. It was a great mix of current and past families and the event was such a happy and fun evening. Thanks to our P&F Team led by Lianne Byrne and our Soccer and Netball Clubs led by Cam Perrett and Therese Cameron for all your hard work. There were so many workers in the background ensuring the success of the event, please know how grateful we are for your support. Lauren McGill did a great job being our emcee and leading us through the night and keeping us all on track. We appreciated your energy and enthusiasm. Money raised will be assisting so many aspects of our school including our soccer and netball clubs and our band.





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### Prayers for the Kotarac Family

Please pray for the Kotarac family who tragically lost their son Ethan in an accident at St Ives on Saturday evening. Ethan was a student at Corpus Christi and many of our staff taught Ethan over a number of years. Some of our staff attended a vigil for Ethan on Sunday evening where many of his Year 6 Corpus friends along with his current Year 12 Barker friends gathered. Our hearts and prayers go out to all those impacted. May Ethan Rest In Peace.



*Jayne Wheen*  
Principal

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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## PYJAMA DAY VINNIES WINTER APPEAL- MONDAY AUGUST 5TH



### Will you help us make a change to homelessness?

Everyone deserves a safe place to call home. That's why we are raising money so Vinnies can provide people experiencing homelessness and disadvantage with vital access to food and accommodation.

All students in Year K-6 will have the opportunity to participate in the Vinnies Winter Pyjama Day on Monday 5th August. We will have a guest speaker from Vinnies after assembly on Monday. Bring your Gold Coin donation or you can donate [here](#).

## FIRST EUCHARIST (YEAR 4 AND OLDER)

If your child has completed the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Reconciliation they can complete the Sacrament of First Eucharist (Communion).

Enrolment for your child for this sacrament now open. You can do this by using this link [HERE](#)

This year classes will look a little different due to the Parish office relocation and restricted access to the Hall. Provisions have not been made to run the program as usual with small groups.

To allow the children to complete their sacramental journey and receive their First Eucharist, only two classes will be held (in the church). This will be discussed this further with you at the Parent information evening Thursday 8th August at 7.30pm in the Church.

First Eucharist Program dates for your diary.

Parent Information Night Thurs 8th August in the church (not the Hall). Please make sure one parent is in attendance.

Presentation Mass 17th/18th August

Class one 25th August 3.00pm (due to Rock Mass)

Class two 8th September 3.30pm

First Eucharist Sacrament 21st or 22nd Sept at either Sat 6pm or Sun 10am Mass

Please do not hesitate to contact Gerri Hadwen if you have any questions at [sacraments@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:sacraments@corpuschristi.com.au)

*Penny Delmage*

Religious Education Coordinator





# LIBRARY NEWS

## Grandparents Day Book Fair



What a wonderful event to be able to share with our Grandparents. It was marvellous to see so many happy families and faces in our Library last Friday. We thank all Grandparents for their generous donations to our Library and for supporting their grandchildren's love of reading. An amazing \$4058 worth of books was purchased on the day with the school receiving a \$405 voucher from Lindfield Learning Hub to purchase lovely new books for the Library. Donated books will be available for borrowing asap and those who donated books will be the first to borrow the title they choose. Thank you to Mrs Delmage, Mrs Archer, Mrs Hooper and Bec Wheeler for all of their wonderful assistance in hosting the Book Fair and to Louise and Bruce from Lindfield Learning Hub for their amazing support and supply of all of the fantastic books.

**Premiers Reading Challenge 2024 – Great reading Corpus! 165 reading records** have now been started! We will continue to revisit the procedures and resources of the Challenge in Library over this term and term 3. Students can add any books they have read since September last year. Scroll through the PRC book lists here.

Students in **K-2** can also log books that have **been read to them** in the Library and their classes.

We now have **69** students who have already completed the Challenge! Congratulations to:

Kindy Clara, Maddie, Callie, Samuel, Grace, Rose, Michaela, Lilly, Elle, Alex, Thomas S, **Reilly, Natalie, Sebastian C**

Year 1 Zara, Max, Sabian, Amelia, Lucia, Vivienne, Alexina, Madelyn, Sarah, Harper, Ray, Lilly, George, Lucas, Maddison P, **Joshua, Monica, Anya**

Year 2 Kiki, James, Tobias, Oliver, William, Daniel, Dylan, Saskia, Hilton, Eliana, Joshua, Edenhope

Year 3 Alicia, Monica, Cassie, Max, Tommy, Leo, Charlotte

Year 4 Ethan O, Alice, Cyrus, Ethan W

Year 5 Flynn, Clementina, Hana, Alexia, Katelyn, Arhan, Jayden, Emily, Amaya, Eloise

Year 6 Eugene, Fleur, Chloe, Jonathan

Well done to all of these students who are really celebrating their love of reading.



It is so easy to participate in the Challenge. Log on with your child to see how many books they have already read since August last year and add these to their log. Take note of some of the books they would still like to read and have them borrow these over coming weeks. We have 100s of books on the Premiers Reading Challenge in our very own Corpus Christi Library. We are presenting a book display weekly now with new picture books as well as PRC picture books for children to easily access. Please encourage your child to also ask Mrs Williams if they need help finding PRC books. The Challenge runs until 23rd August 2024 – not long to go now. We still have 96 students who have **started but not yet completed the challenge**. It would be wonderful to see all of these students receive certificates from our Premier later in the year. Keep reading Corpus!

Please let me know if you are having trouble with student login details or require assistance with entering the books online. Please do not hesitate to email Mrs Williams here.

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## CBCA BOOK WEEK 2024

Book Week is coming in Week 5, 17-23rd August 2024.



Every year, the Children's Book Council of Australia holds a book week across Australia to promote the importance of reading and the joy that children can find in it. Schools, libraries, booksellers, authors, illustrators and children come together to celebrate Australian literature in a whole host of events and parades, with the week culminating with the Book of the Year Awards. You can see the Shortlisted Books here which we have been introducing last term. We will continue to explore these wonderful books in Term 3.

This year's theme is **Reading is Magic** which focuses on how literature has the capacity to bring magic to the reader's world and inspire them to explore the magic within themselves. There is a wealth of children's literature that explores magical themes that children are inherently drawn to. This theme encourages children to explore genres such as Fantasy and Fairy Tales but also to find the magic in all books.

We will be celebrating Book Week in **Week 5** with lots of great reading and writing activities, as well as competitions and of course dressing up as your favourite book character for our **BOOK PARADE!** Please see information about important events below:

Important Dates and Events:

\* **BOOK PARADE – TUESDAY 20th August** – dress as something or someone from your favourite book, or your costume might celebrate the Reading is Magic theme. Our parade will be held at 9am after the morning bell – parents are welcome to attend!

\* **FRIENDSHIP GROUP – TUESDAY 20th August** – activities exploring the CBCA Shortlisted Books. Year 5 & 6 leaders will share their digital posters and iMovie book reports with their groups too.

**AUTHOR VISIT – FRIDAY 23rd August** – we will be hosting the wonderful children's author LISA NICOL. Lisa will be visiting our school on Friday in Book Week to share with us her experiences as a children's author. We will be learning what it's like to write like a writer and hear where all the amazing ideas for her books have come from. Lisa has a personal interest in fostering creativity and wonder. Her presentations involve laugh-out-loud readings, music, stories (personal and fantastical), audience participation and occasionally a stuffed kakapo! Her books include *The What on Earth Institute of Wonder* which was shortlisted for Book of the Year 2022 in the CBCA Book Awards, *Vincent and the Grandest Hotel on Earth* which has been likened to the novels of Roald Dahl and Dr Boogaloo and *The Girl Who Lost Her Laughter*, a favourite for younger readers. Children are able to pre-purchase books by Lisa Nicol



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that will be delivered to the school in time for her visit. These books can be signed by the author on the day. Please see here or the below flyer for ordering details. **ORDERS MUST BE PLACED ONLINE BY FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST IF STUDENTS WANT TO HAVE THEIR COPY SIGNED BY THE AUTHOR.**

\* **BOOK IN A BAG IS BACK!! BOOK REVIEW COMPETITION** – We have been exploring the Book in a Bag competition in Library this week. See details below and a detailed explanation [here](#). We will continue to explore examples in Week 3. This is not compulsory but I do encourage all children to participate and share their love of books with their friends – of course there will be prizes galore... Children can bring their Book in a Bag in whenever they are finished and we will start sharing them in Week 5 in Library lessons.

\* **Friday 23rd August** – **WHOLE SCHOOL KAHOOT** – Prizes awarded for costumes, Kahoot and Book in a Bag.

We can't wait to celebrate all things books with the children in Week 5!



The flyer is titled "Book Week Competition" and "Book In A Bag". It features a central illustration of a girl sitting and reading a book. The instructions are numbered 1 through 6, each on a different colored sticky note. The steps are: 1. Choose a favourite book and a gift bag. 2. Create a hand made book cover for the bag. 3. Write a one page summary of the book. 4. Choose 5 items related to the book to put in the bag. 5. Write a note card to explain each item. 6. Present the Book Bag in the Library class. At the bottom, it says "PRIZES FOR EACH CLASS" with an illustration of a pen. There are also small images of a book cover, a gift bag, a ruler, a pencil, a pen, glasses, and a completed book bag.

**Book Week Competition**

**Book In A Bag**

1. Choose a favourite book you have read. Choose a gift bag or similar for your book bag.
2. Create a **hand made** book cover. Attach to front of bag. You can add collage bits and pieces to your illustration.
3. Write a one page summary of the book - attached to back of bag.  
Include Title of the Book with the Author, Main Characters, Setting, and Main Problem/Solution and recommendations
4. Choose 5 items that relate to your book to put in your bag.
5. Write a note card to explain each item.
6. Present your Book Bag in your Library class.

**PRIZES FOR EACH CLASS**

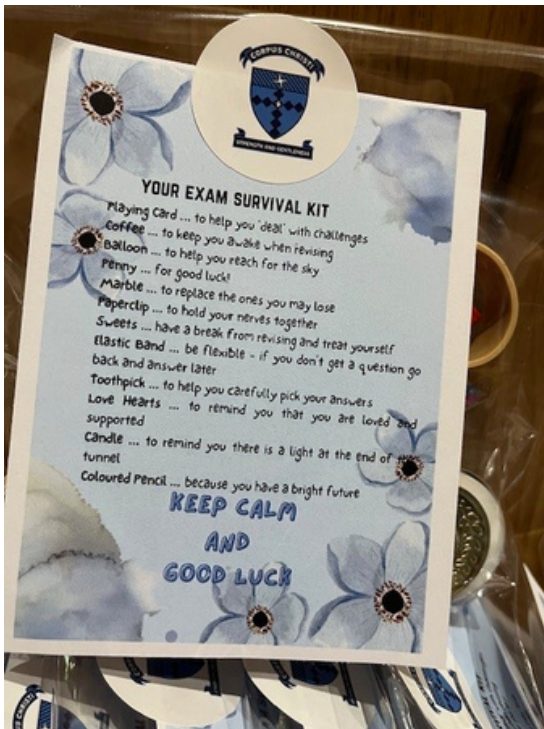
*Liz Williams & Gemma Archer*  
Library Teachers



# PEC NEWS

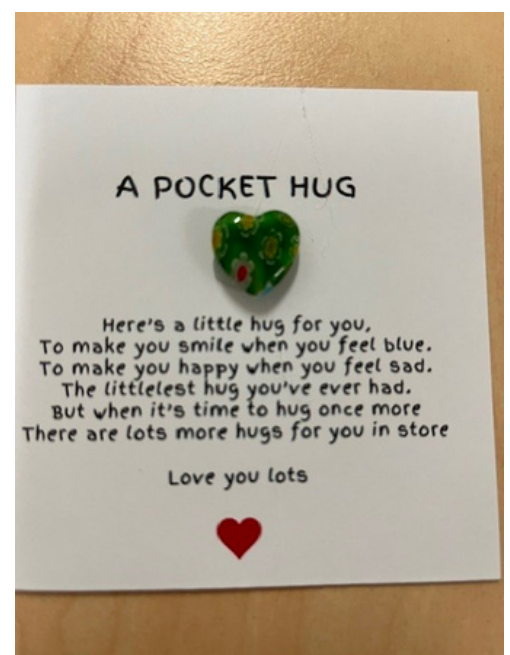
## Exam Survival Kits

Over the holidays I have been extremely busy putting together some special Exam Survival Kits for our Year 12 students up at Brigidine College. Please keep these young ladies in your thoughts and prayers while they sit for their trial exams.



## Grandparents Day

I also prepared some little gifts for our very special grandparents on Grandparents Day. Everyone needs a little hug every now and then!



*Belinda Camilleri*  
Parent Engagement Coordinator

# TERM 3 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024	
TERM 3	
<p><u>Week 2</u> Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August</p> <p>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Photo's – Sport Uniform</li> <li>• Open Night #3</li> <li>• Jeans for Genes Day</li> </ul>
<p><u>Week 3</u> Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August</p> <p>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vinnies Winter Appeal Pyjama Day</li> <li>• Canteen</li> <li>• Pop Up Playgroup #1</li> <li>• Mary MacKillop Feast Day Liturgy</li> <li>• Young Engineers – Year 2</li> <li>• 100 Days of Kindy</li> <li>• Canteen</li> </ul>
<p><u>Week 4</u> Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canteen</li> <li>• Stage 3 Soccer</li> <li>• Feast of the Assumption</li> <li>• Year 6 Public Speaking finals</li> </ul>
<p><u>Week 5</u> Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> <u>August</u></p> <p>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</p>	<p><b>BOOK WEEK</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Old School House Excursion – Stage 1</li> <li>• Book Parade</li> <li>• Canteen</li> <li>• Young Engineers Year 2</li> <li>• Pop Up Playgroup #2</li> <li>• Canteen</li> <li>• Book Week Author Visit – Lisa Nicol</li> </ul>

## Staff Development Days 2024

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Spirituality Day

## Welcome to Term 3

We hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready for an exciting new term. We have already had a fantastic start, and we would like to extend our gratitude to the school for organising a wonderful Grandparents Day as well as all the volunteers who supported the day. It was fantastic to see so many extended family in our school celebrating with their families.

## Trivia

Hawks Soccer, Hawks Netball, Corpus Band, and P&F started Term 3 with the Corpus Community coming together for Trivia Night 2024.

On Saturday night, 110 of our Corpus faithful came together at the Turramurra Bowling Club for Community Trivia. Representatives from all year levels, teaching staff, a gathering of our former parent alumni, as well as all of our beloved Hawks and Pink Hawks parent soccer teams, created an amazing atmosphere with all embracing the 'sporting heroes and Olympic legends' theme.

The teachers managed to edge out our former parents to take the Gold on the night, with the 1896 goddesses and gladiators closing out the minor medals. Best Dressed Team Gold went to our fluorescent track-suited Ping Pong representatives, with our own 'breakdancing' Tom Williams (Yr3) taking Individual Gold.

The night was also a huge financial success, with all comers digging deep to see us raise over \$10,500, which will be shared across the P&F's associated football and netball teams, as well as support our ever-growing school band.

A BIG thank you to all of our sponsors, auction and raffle prize donors, and the hard-working trivia sub-committee who together brought this



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night to the starting line.

We look forward to seeing who takes the baton for 2025!

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**TRIVIA NIGHT**  
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WELCOME TO OUR CORPUS CHRISTI COMMUNITY

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## Movie Night

**Join Us for a Magical Movie Night!**

Moving on to the next exciting event in the calendar, we are thrilled to announce that our school will be hosting a special Movie Night on the

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14th of September! This promises to be a fantastic event for all our students and families, featuring the delightful movie Luck.

<https://movienight2024.square.site>

## **Seeking Sponsorship and Raffle Donations**

To ensure our Movie Night supports our community and fundraising for the school, we are looking for sponsorships and raffle donations. Your generous contributions can help us enhance the experience for everyone and provide exciting raffle prizes. If you or your business are interested in sponsoring the event or donating items for the raffle, please reach out at [corpuschristipf@gmail.com](mailto:corpuschristipf@gmail.com) or contact your class parent who can help put you in touch with the relevant people.

## **Join the Movie Committee**

We are forming a Movie Committee to assist with the planning and execution of this event. If you have some time to spare and would like to be involved in organising this fun-filled night, please contact your class parent to join the committee. We will also send out a message on the WhatsApp groups this week. Your involvement is crucial to the success of the event, and we would greatly appreciate your help.

## **Volunteer on the Night**

There will also be opportunities to assist on the night of the event. Whether it's setting up, helping with snacks, or managing activities, your support is invaluable. More information on how to volunteer will be provided closer to the date.

We are incredibly grateful for the continued support from our wonderful community in all our events. Your involvement and generosity make events like these possible and create a beautiful environment for families.

Please to find out more join our Facebook group



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/404239497029703>

Warm regards,  
The Parents and Friends Committee

**CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Presents  
**MOVIE UNDER THE STARS**

TICKETS	
CHILD	\$8
ADULT	\$15
PRESCHOOLERS & UNDER ARE FREE	

**SATURDAY  
14TH SEPTEMBER**

**SCREENING OF *Luck***

FOOD AND FUN FROM 5PM  
MOVIE STARTS AT 6PM

**17 LINK ROAD  
ST IVES**

PLEASE SCAN QR CODE FOR TICKETS

The poster features a clapperboard background, a QR code, and a photo of a child. At the bottom, there is a photo of a large group of children sitting in a hall for a movie screening.

*Lianne Byrne*

On behalf of the Committee

# CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH NEWS

## Welcome to Corpus Christi Parish

### Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass

At every Sunday 10am Mass, children are invited to go to the Church Hall during Mass to participate in Children's Liturgy. There, they read the Gospel for the week and do activities related to that Sunday's gospel.



Morning tea is served afterwards for everyone!



### Pray and Play

Once a month after Sunday 10am Mass, we organise some simple games for the children to play while parents mingle and chat. The next dates will be on 7 April and 5 May.



To see the latest updates on what's going on in our parish, scan the QR code or join at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CorpusChristiStIves/>



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**WAITARA**  
26-29 September 2024

CATHEDRAL PRECINCT  
(at St Leo's Catholic College)



**RISE UP!**

**EARLY DISCOUNT ENDS SOON!**

**IGNITE CONFERENCE 24**



**Join the Corpus Christi group!**

**info - <https://bit.ly/CorpusChristi8834>**

The Ignite Conference is a beacon of inspiration and faith, drawing young people from across Australia to come together in a spirit of unity and worship.

Located amidst the heart of our diocese at the Cathedral Precinct in Waitara, the Ignite Conference will be held from the 26-29 September 2024.

We are encouraging students in Year 5 & 6 across Catholic Schools Broken Bay to consider attending as part of the Ignite Kids stream.

Primary school registration for Ignite Kids is open to students from:

- 9am-3.30pm on Sat the 28th of Sep and;
- 10.45-1.30pm (with mass at 9am) on Sun the 29th of Sep

Simon Hyland - Deputy Workstream Lead (Evangelisation) has recorded a personal video invitation you might like to play for your students which you can download [HERE](#).

Students can use the code CSBBPrimary when registering for a 50% discount on the ticket which brings the cost down to \$52.50.

There is no parent or staff supervision, excursion form or risk assessment required for Primary schools for the Ignite conference (similar to holiday care etc.), all supervision and duty of care is managed by Ignite Youth.

You can read about Safeguarding at Ignite [HERE](#).



# NOTICES



## **Private Piano lessons @ Corpus**

Term 3 vacancies are available for private 30 minute lessons during school hours.

If you'd like the convenience of your child having professional lessons at school (from a teacher with 30+ years experience) please contact me to discuss further.

Email - [laurapianoteacher@gmail.com](mailto:laurapianoteacher@gmail.com)

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# NOTICES



## Friday Night Pyjama Storytime

Get your kids' weekend off to a great start with our Friday night storytime!

What better way than with fun stories, songs and games, a bit of craft as well as something nice to eat.

Free event – bookings essential

### In our backyard

On the eve of National Children's Book Week, we will be celebrating some classic Australian picture books, including *Wombat Stew*, which turns 40 this year!

**Turrumurra Library**  
**Friday 16 August 5.30pm – 7.00pm**

### Pirate pandemonium

Argh, me hearties, join us for a night of swashbuckling stories just in time for Talk Like a Pirate Day!

**Gordon Library**  
**Friday 13 September 5.30pm – 7pm**

[krg.nsw.gov.au/libraryevents](http://krg.nsw.gov.au/libraryevents)

