



Christ The King Catholic Primary School

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Relationships

Thank You:

This year has been another great year at Christ the King School. We certainly live our motto "For life, love and learning" with many activities promoting our community life and the teaching and learning of our students. CTK is a place of learning and here we support our students with their learning in all areas whether it be academic, social or emotional.

Many thanks to all members of the P&F committee for your drive and commitment to the school. My special thanks to Derek Hannigan for his leadership of this group. Derek has brought new ideas and energy to the P&F and I sincerely thank him and other members of the P&F committee - Karen, Kirsty and Liz for their continued support.

I would also like to thank other members of the P&F who have been so enthusiastic in their support of this parent group. A very special word of thanks to Ali Coubrough who as our fete coordinator, worked tirelessly to ensure that a very rainy day turned into a wonderful community event. The fete once again signified the spirit of this community and the financial result in 2009 is a very well deserved reward for the combined efforts of all parents and friends of CTK.

My thanks also go to the coordinators of all our social and fundraising events. CTK cafes, Trivia night, Melbourne Cup luncheon, Easter raffle, Easter drive and the welcome night have all contributed to CTK 2009. Each of these built community - an attribute well known about CTK School.

Parents:

The parent group at Christ the King is a very active and generous part of the community. Parent help is symbolic of the great partnership that exists at Christ the King. I sincerely thank all our parents who have helped with the myriad of activities around our school :- reading groups, maths groups, sport assistance, art groups, Tasty Tuesdays cooks, music assistants, tuckshop workers and many more.

Each year level has a parent or group of parents who coordinates social activities for the parents and children of the grade level. This has been a very successful endeavour especially in community building and I congratulate the parents for their efforts.

Teaching and Learning

Teachers and Support Staff:

Christ the King is very fortunate to have such a dedicated and professional staff. They provide vibrant learning opportunities for the students of CTK and an abundance of care. Teachers and support staff have engaged in many professional opportunities throughout the year to enhance their skills and knowledge. Classrooms have been fitted with modern

technologies - interactive whiteboards and new laptops and staff have engaged in professional development to enhance their teaching using these technologies.

Education is currently under the microscope from governments - legislation and change is a fact of life that we accept and work with. Newspapers often malign teachers for the changes and inaccurately perceived lower standards that occur within education but I see and congratulate a very hard working group of people who deliver an exciting and varied curriculum to their students. Our data gathering indicate encouraging educational results this year- thank you to our teaching and non-teaching staff who work to ensure quality outcomes for your children.

In and Beyond the Curricula

There is a wide variety of activities that involve students at Christ the King. These include:

- Interschool sporting opportunities and Skills clinics for our younger grades
- Chess club
- Readers' Cup Challenge
- Debating
- Public Speaking
- Poetry competition
- Instrumental music
- Mini Vinnies
- Hosting students from overseas - Japan and USA
- NAIDOC celebrations

Faith Community & Religious Atmosphere

School /Class Masses and liturgies

At times during the year students have attended Friday mass or liturgy. We are thankful to Father Tim and to the members of the Parish for these opportunities to share with the wider community.

Mini Vinnies:

This very active student group engages in activities to help others. It builds within students a sense of outreach to the community. Well done to these wonderful kids who give up their time for the service of others.

School Pastoral programme

Children from all Year levels including Prep have been broken into 24 pastoral groups and work with teachers as they rotate round a range of activities that address topics such as caring & consideration, courtesy, fairness, perseverance, tolerance and respect. We are hopeful this will have a positive impact across the school and help foster a sense of unity.

Assemblies:

Parents are encouraged to attend our weekly assemblies and to join in both in prayer and in celebration with the students and teachers.

Thank you

I would like to use this opportunity to publicly thank Mrs Natalie Crowther for her organisational role as APRE and for her fantastic support she has given me during her first year at CTK. We are blessed to have her on staff.

Physical Environment of the School

There have been a number of projects undertaken this year to improve the physical environment of the school. These have included:

- Installation of upper years' playground equipment
- Air conditioning of classrooms
- Construction of the Arts' Space

School Renewal:

The school has received notification of approval for a number of grants for future projects at Christ the King. These projects have been made possible with the assistance of the Federal Government's stimulus package and will include:

- Interactive whiteboards in all classrooms
- A master plan for the upgrade of the grounds including the construction of reflective/meditative spaces
- New shade sails for the early years' playground
- Construction of two new classrooms and a library
- Refurbishment of the current library space into a new classroom and Learning Support room
- Construction of a new undercover area including a new tuckshop and uniform shop
- Installation of solar panels

Trudy Walsh
Principal