Dear Parents

It is always disappointing when community events are cancelled due to weather. On the upside we look forward to sunnier days when we can gather as a school community for a belated welcome. Many parents have spent countless hours preparing our Welcome BBQ which has always been a fun occasion for our community. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents and look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday March 28 to be welcomed in true CTK spirit.

Have a week filled with love and laughter.

God give us rain when we expect sun.

Give us music when we expect trouble.

Give us tears when we expect breakfast.

Give us dreams when we expect a storm.

Give us a stray dog when we expect congratulations.

God play with us, turn us sideways and around.

Amen

PARISH SCHOOL MASS
The first Parish School Mass for the year will be held this Sunday March 1 commencing at 9.30am. Students will help lead the celebration of the Eucharist through music and word. Morning tea to follow. All welcome!

JUST LEADERSHIP
Ten of our Year 6 students today participated in a Just Leadership day organised and presented by Caritas Australia educator Susan Bentley. The students looked in depth at social justice issues and how individuals can make a difference in their immediate world. The students will now have the opportunity to pass on their knowledge to the wider school community.
PROJECT COMPASSION
Project Compassion 2015 focuses on ‘Food for Life.’ It throws a spotlight on global food issues and how Caritas Australia is empowering the world’s poorest people to establish sustainable food sources for life. Food is essential for all life, yet many of the world’s poorest people do not have food security. That means they live from day-to-day, uncertain of how to afford or how to access their next meal. Without food, the rest of life is impossible to contemplate: how can you plan for the future or educate your children when you fear you will be hungry?

As Pope Francis says: “It is a well-known fact that current levels of production are sufficient, yet millions of people are still suffering and dying of starvation. This is truly scandalous.”

Project Compassion 2015 explores how Caritas Australia is helping the world’s poorest people establish sustainable food, walking with them as they free themselves from the burden of food insecurity and develop new, improved income streams for a better future.

At Christ the King, we support Project Compassion with mission boxes in each classroom and fund raisers. The mini vinnies group will be running a fund raiser later this term.

WALKING WHEELING WEDNESDAY
Our numbers did a significant jump last week with many families choosing to walk or wheel to school. The first breakfast for the year has been locked in for Wednesday 25th March commencing at 7.30am. I would like to thank local councillor Nicole Johnston for once again sponsoring the delicious fruit and juice that the children enjoy so much. Sherwood Services Club has also been a wonderful supporter of the breakfasts and this year, they will be providing all the meat for the four breakfasts. We will also be trialling a coffee van so come along and have a hot chocolate or a coffee.

WALKING WHEELING BREAKFASTS 2015

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PARISH/SCHOOL MASS
Sunday March 1
9.30am
ALL WELCOME
Chess Tuition CTK Term 1 2015
Chess is a game of strategy that teaches a child patience and willpower along with improving the child’s ability to interact with his or her opponent. Chess enhances confidence as well as self-esteem and involves numerous ways to reach an end result. Each game is different with multiple possibilities, strategies and multiple solutions. Children will with time, be able to quickly analyse the effects of each move thereby enhancing their mental ability. Chess calms children through concentration, promotes a need to learn from earlier mistakes and encourages the remembering of earlier moves that have been played.
Chess tuition for beginners and more experienced players will begin Wednesday March 4 in the CTK library during lunchtime and continues for 4 weeks until Wednesday March 25. Mr John Fitz-Walter an experienced chess tutor will be conducting this chess tuition. The fee is $5 per session, $20 for the four weeks, and can be paid to the office (in an envelope clearly marked with the child’s name and class) prior to commencement or at the chess session.

LIBRARY NEWS

I’ve was recently asked my opinion on whether eReaders will take over from paperbacks in coming years. My response was to quote Stephen Fry who said “Books are no more threatened by Kindle than stairs by elevators”.
What are your thoughts?

Book Faire will have a particularly Medieval feel to it this year with the theme being Kings, Queens and Castles. If anyone has any scenery or props that may be suited to this theme that we could use for a few weeks, I would love to hear from you. Alternately if you are interested in helping out with a working bee to make the magic happen, please contact me directly for details or email me at ismithwick@bne.catholic.edu.au
Book Faire will be held in the library after school on March 18 – 20. Our special guest will be Geronimo Stilton who will also be appearing in the afternoons. More details to come soon.
Illese Smithwick

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthday wishes to Mrs Kiernan & Lauren Behan 25.2; Chloe Duce and Fred Hardy 27.2; Grace Braithwaite & Patrick Muller 28.2; Ben Reynolds 29.2; Luca Caruso 2.3; Mia Gundry & Atiana McGarrigal 3.3; Emma Wagner 4.3.
**SPORT NEWS**

**Interschool Sport**
Interschool sport for all students in Years 5 and 6 will begin on Friday March 6. Permission notes and further details will be sent home in the coming week.

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

The Uniform Shop is open every Friday morning from **8.15am until 9.00am** & is “run” by an amazing group of volunteers.

**P&F NEWS**

**Welcome BBQ**
Unfortunately due to the weather, we postponed the welcome night that was planned for Saturday. The good news is we have scheduled in a new date - the Saturday March 28. We hope to see as many of you as possible come along!

A big thank you to Joanna Taylor for handling all that goes with postponing an event, and for being available to organise the Saturday March 28.

**FETE MEETING – WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25, 7.30pm, CTK Staffroom. All welcome.**

**CLASS CO-ORDINATORS**
Volunteers required for Prep Blue and Year 6.

**PARISH NEWS**

**MASS TIMES**
*St Joseph’s, Corinda*
Saturday 6:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am

*Christ the King, Graceville*
Sunday 9:30 am and 6:00 pm

St Joseph’s Catholic Church, Cnr Oxley Rd & Martindale St, Corinda.
Christ the King Catholic Church, Churchill Street, Graceville

**STUDENT BANKING**

Student Banking is each Tuesday.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Don’t miss out…
**ENROL your daughter NOW for Year 7 2018 at Brigidine College, Indooroopilly**
COME AND SEE the innovative and creative learning programs for yourself.
Next Visitation Days are Monday 9 & Tuesday March 10 2015 9.30-10.30am.
OPEN DAY Sunday May 17,10am – 1pm
Phone 3870 7225 to secure an enrolment pack.
Go to www.brigidine.qld.edu.au for more information.
Oxley Rd Discount Drug Store Grand Opening Day – Saturday February 28, 2015
Come down & visit our new Discount Drug Store pharmacy on 286 Oxley Rd, Graceville to help celebrate our grand opening this Saturday February 28 2015 from 10.00am to 2.00pm. There will be fun for the whole family - including: face painting, balloon artists, prizes & giveaways, cake, in store specials & so much more. Look out for the bright orange & purple pharmacy. The Discount Drug Store team look forward to seeing you there!

International Women’s Day – Benawarra Community Development Association Inc
10-12 PM Monday March 9, Benawarra CDA, 79 Waratah Avenue, Graceville
Benarrawa CDA warmly invites women from the local community and beyond. This year’s theme is “Make It Happen” so we invite you to bring along a story to share on how you or another inspiring woman you know is making something worthwhile happen in our local community. Please also bring your smile, a place to share and a little bit of purple!
RSVP to Benarrawa on 3379 0025 on benarrwa1@westnet.com.au