Dear Parents

Works Around the school
Currently we are installing mains water to the irrigation system on our grassed space. We are also returfing the Prep/Year 1 area and cleaning up the area along the path entry from Addison street near the Prep/Year 1 playground. The bark near the pathway will be replaced by artificial turf. We are currently preparing the space with a concrete base. We hope that this will be complete within 2 weeks.

Health and Physical Education
I am pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Kristy Picone to the position of HPE teacher effective from this week. Kristy has worked in schools in Victoria and has worked at the Peak Body of Sport, the Australian Sports Commission and comes highly recommended to our school. We warmly welcome Ms Picone to our staff and to the Christ the King Community.

Prep Enrolments - 2016
Prep enrolment details for 2016 are now required from our existing families. If you have a child due to commence Prep next year (born between 1st July, 2010 and 30th June, 2011) and already have children attending Christ the King School please ensure that the enrolment form together with a copy of your child’s birth certificate, baptismal certificate and immunization record are returned to the school office. We have had many enquiries regarding enrolment for 2016 from new families within the Parish already.

Welcome Night
Remember Saturday, March 28, 4pm-7pm is our “welcome” evening. Come along and make new friends or rekindle friendships from past years.

Have a peace- filled week
Trudy

APRE NEWS

WALK TOUGH TO SCHOOL
Caritas Australia runs Just Leadership Days to engage students with social justice issues, and to encourage them to be just leaders. Students develop leadership skills to equip them not only to lead Caritas Australia events, but to encourage fellow students to be aware of their unequal world, to recognise the inter-dependence of humanity, and to work within their local and global communities to create a fairer and more sustainable world.

A group of Year 6 students participated in a ‘Just Leadership Day’ at Holy Family School last week. As a result of this day, the Year 6 students have decided to have a ‘Walk Tough To School’ day.

Some children in areas other than ours travel many kilometres or cross dangerous rivers and ravines to get to school. On Thursday 12th March, children will enter our school grounds and walk a course. The course is
designed to simulate the difficult journeys that children face just to get to school. A great site to view some of these difficulties is:-

http://www.amusingplanet.com/2013/03/kids-risking-their-lives-to-reach-school.html

MINI VINNIES ICE CREAM DAYS

The Mini Vinnies team will be running two ice-cream days to raise money for Caritas Australia. Children can bring the money on the day. Our youth parish worker, Nadene, will be here to help serve and clean up.

DETAILS

Monday 16th March  - Years P, 1 and 4
Tuesday 17th March  - Years 2,3,5 &6

COSTS

Ice Cream in cone- $1
Ice Cream & chocolate topping  $1.50
Ice Cream Sundae  $1.50

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF SCHOOL

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AROUND THE SCHOOL

SAFETY NOTICE

Please note that the footpath close to the school at 20 Churchill Street is closed for the present time due to site works. It is much safer to walk to school on the other side of the road or travel to school via a different route.

Kids Chapter Books for Year 2 Blue

Do you have any Kids Chapter Books lying around the house? Grade 2 are looking for donations of Early Chapter Books for in class and take home reading. If you have any appropriate Chapter books your children no longer read or have grown out of please drop them into the donations box outside 2 Blue.
Chess Club

Today we commenced our first session of Chess Club. It has certainly proven to be a popular activity amongst students. Children from each year level were involved and judging by their enthusiasm, we’re in for some fun challenges ahead.

John Fitz-Walter

Learning and Teaching:
The goal of Brisbane Catholic Education, as a Catholic Christian community, is to educate all to live the gospel of Jesus Christ as successful, creative and confident, active and informed learners empowered to shape and enrich our world. Learning and Teaching in our Catholic schools is viewed and implemented through the beliefs and values outlined in our Learning and Teaching Framework (Brisbane Catholic Education). At Christ the King, we plan, teach, evaluate and report using the Australian Curriculum and the Brisbane Catholic Education Learning and Teaching Framework.
Social Skills
Our social learning for this week centers around the ability to participate in a conversation. Again, this is a skill that comes easily to some children and yet can be incredibly difficult for others. Even as adults, there are some of us who can easily chat to anyone and everyone and there are those of us who struggle terribly to find the right words to say.
By giving children a simple framework about how to engage in a conversation and by using role play and positive modeling of what conversations should look like, we can help to provide the scaffolding needed to help “crack the social code”.
For the purpose of our teaching this month we have broken conversations into 8 simple components including:
1. Starting a conversation
2. Listening
3. Taking Turns
4. Asking Questions
5. Answering Questions
6. Being Relevant - staying on the topic of conversation, or chatting about something relevant to those present
7. Repairing – correcting misinformation politely
8. Ending Conversations

People who are good conversationalists tend to do all these things implicitly; others need a little support and practise.
You can help your children develop their skills in this area by role playing conversations at home, by encouraging conversations with friends, family etc. and by initiating conversations about an object of interest, or an event recently attended.
The more children have a chance to practise conversation skills the better they will become.
Visible Learning

Fixed or growth mindsets?
With a fixed mindset there is a belief that intelligence is fixed, while a growth mindset sees intelligence as something that can be worked on. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment.

A growth mindset will give learners motivation to welcome difficult work, to set personal goals, to persevere when failure threatens to destroy success and to see the value of effort.

Psychologist, Carol Dweck, has done many years of research on accomplishment and success and believes that growth mindsets is a simple idea that makes all the difference.

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<td>Making an effort makes students feel dumb.</td>
<td>Students try different learning strategies.</td>
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<td>You don’t need to make an effort if you have the ability.</td>
<td>Even if you have ability, you need the effort to succeed.</td>
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Dweck, 1999
LIBRARY NEWS

The library has been buzzing all week with word that Geronimo Stilton will be coming to our school. Book Fair commences on Wednesday 18 March after school hours.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthday wishes to Emma Wagner 4.3; Lily Holt 5.3; Eva Fowler 6.3; Kaiden Hill 8.3; Bronte Fleming & Lauren Ray 10.3.

SPORT NEWS

Interschool Sport:
Interschool sport for all students in years 5 and will begin this Friday 6 March weather permitting. The students will be playing netball and AFL. A permission note and details of your child’s sport has been sent home. The student consent form needs to be returned as soon as possible. A hat, water bottle and sunscreen are essential.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Unfortunately we are still waiting on suppliers for some uniforms eg. Sports Shirts. I will let you as soon as stock arrives.
There are lots of second hand fleece winter uniforms available for purchase at the moment with all proceeds going towards the P & F.
The Uniform Shop is open every Friday morning from 8.15am until 9.00am & is “run” by an amazing group of volunteers.
**Easter Egg Fundraiser**

Thank you to all our wonderful families who have either donated money or elected to sell a box of chocolates. Please return money and any unsold eggs by Friday 27 March.

Thanking you

Tanya Grambower

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**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

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**STUDENT BANKING**

Student Banking is each Tuesday.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Traditional Kung Fu**

Traditional Chinese Martial Art in a manner fitting to modern life. Flyers are available from the school office. For more information please call 0421 719 498 or email jamesdstruthers@gmail.com.