Dear Parents

Principal’s Report from P&F meeting – Monday 16th March

My newsletter item this week is a copy of the report I presented at the P&F afternoon meeting on Monday.

One of our goals in the Strategic Renewal area of Mission and Religious Education for 2015 is to provide Social Action opportunities for staff and students. We have begun the year well. We have also strengthened our ties with the Parish by welcoming Nadine Macdonald, the Parish youth coordinator. Nadine has been present at our school mass, assemblies, “Walk Tough to School” and ice-cream days.

I outlined some of the areas that we have engaged in this year – The Delivering Excellence in Learning and Teaching (DELT) system approach to school improvement. Mrs Maclean has been released from class for 1 day/week to coordinate this strategy across the school. Mrs Kiernan has been engaged for an extra day to assist in the Learning Support role. Her focus will be to implement interventions for students within the maths subject area.
At the meeting, I outlined some of the programmes and strategies that we have and will implement during 2015. Professional practice will be developed through engagement in these programmes and parents will be kept informed of the learnings and strategies occurring at CTK.

At the meeting we discussed the use of funds and how they may be utilised to adequately resource the school to lead to school improvement.
Parent Teacher Interviews
Over the coming weeks, we look forward to meeting you for the first and important part of our assessment and reporting program for the year. The Parent teacher interviews are commencing for some classes before the holidays and for others just after the holidays. These interviews highlight the value to our children’s learning that the parent partnership brings. Christ the King school recognises, and values highly, the active role that parents play in your child’s learning. Your classroom teacher will be contacting you to arrange interview times.

Final Reminder - 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 is returned to the school office by Friday 2nd April. The demand for Prep enrolment in 2016 is once again extremely high; therefore it is essential that we have our current families accounted for.

Have a peaceful week

Trudy
WALK TOUGH TO SCHOOL DAY
Last Thursday, our children crawled, climbed, jumped and scrambled their way to school. To simulate how tough it can be for some children to get to school, the Year 6 class devised a course for children to move through before they started their school day.
At Monday’s assembly, the children unanimously agreed that it was a fun way to start their school day. I asked the students if it would be fun to do it again. They all said yes. Then I suggested we do it the day after, and the day after and the day after.
There would come a time when you would start getting sick of it particularly if there was a dangerous element added (eg getting across a raging river.)
Caritas Australia are supporting people in need around the world. They are assisting them to break free from the cycle of poverty, regardless of their ethnicity, political beliefs, gender or religion.
They also aim to educate people about the difficult living conditions around the world. Hopefully our walk tough to school day has made our children more aware of the difficulties faced by children in something we take for granted, travelling safely to school.

EASTER LITURGY
This year, the school will present the Stations of the Cross for our Easter liturgy.
The purest meaning of Easter is the celebration of the resurrection or rising of Christ to heaven, which is the foundation of our Christianity. Easter Sunday reminds all Christians of their heavenly calling and of the open door for relationship with God through Jesus, His Son.
Liturgy times will be advertised in next week’s newsletter. Parents are most welcome to attend.

SAINT PATRICK’S DAY
Yesterday was Saint Patrick's Day or the Feast of Saint Patrick. It is a cultural and religious celebration held on 17 March, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick. The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland as well as celebrating the heritage and culture of the Irish in general.
On St Patrick's Day it is customary to wear shamrocks and/or green clothing or accessories (the “wearing of the green”). St Patrick is said to have used the shamrock, a three-leaved plant, to explain the Holy Trinity to the pagan Irish.

WHY FINISHING FIFTH BEATS WINNING
Last year I attended the Queensland Primary School Rugby League Championships and witnessed some very good young footballers. I also witnessed some appalling adult behaviours.
During one of the games, I heard a mother constantly yelling out to her son from the sideline to tackle harder and run faster and to win the game at all costs. When he wasn’t playing up to her expectations she berated him in a most embarrassing and belittling way.
Winning means they’re doing well. It’s equated with success. It’s a good habit to develop.
…… or so the theory goes.
It’s good for kids to experience disappointment, annoyance and frustration just as it’s good to experience positive emotions.
Not winning also teaches kids to link success with effort. It teaches them that perseverance pays off eventually.
Helping kids accept setbacks and unpleasant emotions rather than block them out is the key to building their resilience.
Stanford University professor Carol Dweck encourages parents to use process praise (“you used smart strategies”, “you worked hard on that one”, “you thought long and hard to work that problem out.”) She says this helps kids value effort and work for longer-term results.
It’s easy as a parent to get caught in the winning trap. We sometimes just get carried along with the hype. But maybe finishing 5th is better for kids in the long-term than always being a winner.

Gerard Marsh
AROUND THE SCHOOL

Dance Classes
Each Monday in Term 2 all students from Prep to Year 6 will be participating in Dance Sessions conducted by MnB Entertainment Group. We are looking forward to this exciting experience.

Lost Property
We are trying to keep the lost property to a minimum. You can assist us by ensuring your child’s possessions are clearly marked. All marked property is returned to the owner. Unclaimed property that remains in lost property at the end of term is given to the uniform shop or to St Vinnies

Chess News
We have discussed a few moves in Chess club to help us to better our game. I can confirm it’s working as this week, a Year 6 student was seen putting Ms Smithwick into checkmate in only a few swift moves. Only two more weeks of lunchtime chess to go and it’s great to see such a healthy turnout of students.
John Fitz-Walter

WALKING WHEELING BREAKFAST
Wednesday 25th March
7.30am – 8.15am
Menu- bacon, sausages, fruit & juice
Coffee van available for adults

Kindly sponsored by Sherwood Services Club and Councillor Nicole Johnston
Visible Learning

How do we establish a growth mindset and enable success for our children? Throughout classrooms, there are many and varied ways teachers and students establish learning goals to enable success. OLI - Our Learning Intention and Osc - Our Success Criteria are displayed to make clear the focus of learning. Learning intentions emphasise what students will learn, rather than what they will do while success criteria make clear how students demonstrate their achievement. Student goals are made visible so that students can focus on specific areas and enable students to take responsibility for their learning.

Students also have ways to provide feedback about their learning. These opportunities allow students to reflect on their progress, articulate strengths and discuss opportunities for improvement.
CTK Book Faire

Excitement has been building around the school all week but today was a great day to start our Book Faire! Everyone is welcome to attend. Purchases can be made after school each afternoon and Friday morning this week. This year we hope to have a credit card machine up and working (no promises until it actually is). We would prefer payment to be by cash or credit card. Our special visiting author Geronimo Stilton will be here to entertain and delight students and families.

There has been a huge transformation in the library and I must thank everyone who helped to make it possible, namely Mrs Wilson, Mrs Briody and Mr Fitz for their input, encouragement and assistance and the students in Year 4 Blue who were willing to help without knowing what it was for.

Remember all monies raised through the Book Faire go back to purchasing resources for the school.

It’s all about the books,’ bout the books... Stilton’s Friends?

Watch out for the Security Mice – Perhaps Geronimo
You never know what type of trouble you can get into in the library!

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Illese Smithwick

Hope you had a Happy St Patrick’s Day. Students helped to create our library display this week.
Birthday wishes to Mrs Edney and Alexis O’Hanlon 18.3; Evie Roberts & Matilda Tyley 21.3; Catherine Katter 23.3.

**SPORT**

**Interschool Sport**

*Netball – 13 March, 2015*

CTK Senior A lost against Indooroopilly: 16-10
CTK Senior B won against St Aidans: 5-4
CTK Junior A lost against Ironside: 3-1
CTK Junior B won against St Aidans 2: 3-1
Well done girls 😊
Kim Fannin and James Vandermaat

**UNIFORM SHOP**

FINALLY!! Size 6 sports shirts have arrived. Parents who have placed orders have been notified or orders filled out & delivered. All sizes in the socks are also available as well.

There are lots of second hand fleece winter uniforms available for purchase at the moment with all proceeds going towards the P & F Committee.

The Uniform Shop is open every Friday morning from **8.15am until 9.00am** & please remember Uniform Shop is ‘run’ by an amazing group of volunteers who give up their time freely to help the rest of us with our uniform needs.

**CTK P&F**

**WELCOME NIGHT:**

28th March 2015

4.00pm until 7.00pm

We have rescheduled the welcome night to the 28th March. Other than the date and hopefully the weather, everything else remains the same!

We are looking forward to welcoming our new CTK families as well as catching up with our CTK friends.
### Christ the King Catholic School P & F Association AGM

**Monday 16th March 2015**

**Attendees:** Trudy Walsh, David Lonergan, Heath Bamford, Charmaine Kai, Greg Bartley

**Apologies:** Kylie Bentley, Tanya Grambower, Pauline Ryan

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<td>Minutes - business arising</td>
<td>Minutes from last P&amp;F accepted by David Lonergan</td>
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<td>3a</td>
<td>President’s Report</td>
<td>We have set the meeting at a different time with the aim of giving those parents that wouldn’t be able to make an evening meeting an opportunity to attend. Welcome Night – see General Business Fete – see General Business Fundraising – Easter Eggs – see Fundraising Use of P+F Funds - Playground equipment for the early years including some fixed equipment behind the prep classrooms - Annual curriculum resources payment - Exercise type playground equipment for the upper years Parenting Information - see General Business. Underground water tanks for natural turf.</td>
<td>Look at cost options - water tanks vs artificial turf.</td>
<td>David Lonergan/ Charmaine Kai</td>
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|   |   | PAL and ELF programs.  
Inservicing for staff.  
Learning is visible in all our 
community.  
Shared information session.  
Possible talks by Trudy  
Walsh maybe after school.  
Revisit school vision.  
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| 3c | Treasurers’ report | February – good profits from uniform shop for beginning of school year.  
Good amount of funds in the P+F.  
|   |   | Heath Bamford |
| 3d | Other Reports | Uniform shop running well and Kerry to continue running it in 2015.  
|   | Uniform Shop | Online ordering system  
|   |   | Kerry O'Reilly/ David Lonergan |
| 3f | Parish Council | Youth coordinator - Nadine Macdonald  
|   |   | Greg Bartley |
| 3g | Grants | Look into grant for playground equipment & get grant to suit.  
|   |   | David and Charmaine to obtain quotes for playground equipment.  
|   |   | Greg Bartley |
| 4 | Allocation of P&F Funds Raised | Playground Equipment  
- Rubber or astro turf with cushioning under play equipment.  
- Donating old play equipment and ship to another country in need.  
- Possible to install in Term 2-3 holidays – will depend on funding source - P+F funding or grant.  
Suppliers – Playworks, Megatoy and Compound quotes from other suppliers.  
Water pump in sand pit.  
Ability to lock off water pump, if one is to be put in.  
Consult with teachers.  
Annual curriculum payment  
P+F provides $10k to school for resources  
Tuckshop Wishlist  
- New PC - $400-$600  
- Optigrill - $200  
- Pop Corn Maker - $30-$50  
- Commercial Sandwich press  
|   |   | Meet with play equipment suppliers next week. Wednesday 9am at school  
|   | Allocation of P&F Funds Raised cont. | David Lonergan / Charmaine Kai |
|   |   | School to investigate  
P+F to contribute  
Not to go ahead at this stage due to lack of bench space.  
School will investigate other options.  
Currently well resourced P+F |
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<td>Awning Upgrade to Grade 1 classroom.</td>
<td>resources fund contributes towards that. Lote in Years 5&amp;6. Alliance Francis for French Monday afternoon after school. Class room teacher is to undertake the arts curriculum which includes music.</td>
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<td>New readers and library books - all grades</td>
<td>School maintenance issue not P&amp;F. Maintenance person has been advised.</td>
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<td>Language and/or music teacher for all children</td>
<td>P+F to contribute funds</td>
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<td>Fix the pool fence gate from Prep area to road.</td>
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<td>Extension to under the tree including pavers</td>
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<td>Fete 2015</td>
<td>Fete – 14\textsuperscript{th} June 2015</td>
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<td>Thanks to Kylie Bentley for setting a cracking pace in organising the fete.</td>
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<td>Garage sale for fete. Noone has volunteered to organise the garage sale at this stage. Maybe P&amp;F committee to run it, if no one volunteers. Advantage this year of goods to be deposited at the Parish Centre on Saturday rather than keeping it at home. Parish centre confirmed ok for Garage sale venue.</td>
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<td>Kylie still seeking sponsorship opportunities.</td>
<td>Anyone with sponsorship ideas please contact Kylie Bentley.</td>
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<td>Fundraising</td>
<td>Cadbury Easter Egg Fundraiser</td>
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<td>140 boxes of Easter Eggs have been ordered. All eggs have gone out.</td>
<td>Any left over eggs to go to families who want to sell more.</td>
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<td>Pie Drive</td>
<td>Leave until Term 3 after Fete in Term 2.</td>
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<td>General Business</td>
<td>Welcome Night – 28\textsuperscript{th} March 2015. Thanks to Jo Taylor for co-ordinating the event again after the cancellation on 21\textsuperscript{st}</td>
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February due to the weather. Some costs from Party Hire company for chairs etc for cancelling. DJ deferred charges – no additional costs due to cancellation.

| 7b | General Business | Class Co-ordinators | David to follow up with Kylie to confirm Class Co-ordinator. | David Lonergan |

| 7c | General Business | Parenting Workshop  
Butterfly Effect $660 for workshop. Confidence for kids.  
Funded by P&F and School Board. $10 fee to attend.  
Term 2. Date – TBC.  
Internet awareness for Parents and Students. Cyber Internet safety seminar last year with St Joseph’s was well received last year. Could have similar seminar with St Joseph’s again this year.  
Parenting blog. Pauline Ryan has provided some information.  
Not-for-profit Relaxation App for kids “Smiling Mind”  

| 7d | General Business | Upcoming Events  
- Trivia night.  
- Mother’s and Father's Day stall. | | |

| 8 | | Next meeting - 11th May 2015 at 7.00pm | Charmaine Kai |

| | Meeting closed | 4.10pm | |

**CORINDA/GRACEVILLE CATHOLIC PARISH**

**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

*Living Biblically in a Secular World*
A New Formation Series by Archbishop Mark Coleridge begins **Wednesday 18 March 7.15-9pm** in the Francis Rush Centre  
(next to St Stephen’s Cathedral, City).

The Scriptures, though written 2000 years ago, offer insight and wisdom into the contemporary issues we experience today.
This series of 9 presentations, running from March to November, will focus on contemporary issues through the lens of the Scriptures. Drawing on his biblical scholarship, Archbishop Mark will demonstrate the capacity of God’s Word to speak into everyday issues and its power to change our lives.

This series is open to EVERYONE, but in particular we wish to encourage all young adults (18 years to 35 years) to attend this Formation Series.

LIVING BIBLICALLY IN A SECULAR WORLD
Formation Series with
ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE
7.15 - 9:00pm
Third Wednesday of the month
Commencing 18th March
And continuing on 15 April, 20 May, 10 June
15 July, 19 August, 16 September,
21 October, 18 November
Francis Rush Centre
(next to St Stephen’s Cathedral)
277 Elizabeth St, Brisbane
Cathedral car park open (entrance via Charlotte St.)
www.bne.catholic.net.au/eb
Gold Coin Donation

Young people across Brisbane West Deanery are particularly invited to attend this event and meet together beforehand for a quick meal. Contact Michael Doherty on 0409 235 480 or Stef Unger on 0402 527 845 or email bwdeanery@bne.catholic.net.au

STUDENT BANKING

Student Banking is each Tuesday.

COMMUNITY

NETBALL PLAYERS 8-9 YEARS WANTED
Netball is loads of fun and playing in a team environment teaches children lots of skills. Rangers Netball Club needs players in the 8-9 years age group - no experience necessary. Contact us on rangersnetballclub@yahoo.com.au.

We train and play at Graceville. Check out our website www.rangersnetballclub.com for more details.

Police-Citizens Youth Clubs
This Easter Holidays head to Corinda PCYC Vacation Care, where fun, friends, fabulous food and fantastic experiences await. This holidays we have fun in the sun, a water play day, cooking challenges, fitness games, jumping castles, zoos, restaurants, and camp outs complete with a camp fires. Book in now to secure a place. All days are CCB and CCR approved. This means that for an in-service day it could cost you as little as $3.80 a day (108% CCB and 35% CCR). Please find attached your copy of the program and booking form. If you
would like a hard copy please come and see us in the PAC. If you have any further questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact Emma at corindasac@pcyc.org.au or on 3379 3379.

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**Homestay families required**  
**For Corinda State High School**

Corinda State High School has a very strong International Student Program which attracts International Students from a variety of countries world-wide. Some of these students stay for a short visit (a few weeks) and others longer (1 - 3 years). Our Long Term International Student numbers are increasing and we are committed to short term Study Tours for Term 2 and Term 3. We are looking for caring families who are willing to look after these students while they study at Corinda.

Hosting an International Student is very enriching and creates an environment that teaches students to look beyond their own society. It provides the opportunity for students and their families to develop international friendships and develop a knowledge and understanding of other customs and cultures.

Homestay families are expected to provide:

- a caring and supportive home environment that is close to public transport where English is the primary language spoken;
- a clean, comfortable private bedroom and a study desk (for long term students)
- access to bathroom and laundry facilities;
- internet access;
- three healthy and sustaining meals a day plus snacks as required
- **A Tax-free payment of $525.84 per fortnight is paid to families (for up to two students in each household)**

We assist in helping you attain a current blue card for every family member over 18 years of age where required.

If interested, please contact our Homestay Coordinator, Kylie Bentley on 3379 0216 or via email kbent29@eq.edu.au.

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**Origami Sea Life**

Here’s a chance to build your very own aquarium … but you won’t get wet and you won’t have to change the water!

Master Folder Jonathan Baxter will be exploring the underwater world with a collection of fishes and corals. You can learn to fold a cheeky shrimp or an ocean-wandering turtle.

For the more experienced folders there will be a chance to fold the magnificent Nautilus Shell. We are sure that this will take pride of place in your origami collection or it might become a gift you can make for someone special.

The classes are aimed at the 8 years upwards and will guarantee something to keep the kids entertained long after the workshop.

The workshops will be held at the Graceville Presbyterian Church Hall in Banks Road on April 14, 15 & 16th with two sessions a day, starting at 9:30 and 1:30.
The workshops will only cost $35 per child with all materials supplied… and to stretch your holiday dollar even further, there are family discounts and parents and carers are free.

For more information contact Jonathan Baxter on 3172 7291
or email kami@origamidojo.com.au

Chelmer Station Community Kindergarten
Currently taking final enrolments for 2016. Be part of a responsive Pre-Prep program delivered by experienced and qualified early childhood teachers who forge interactive relationships with the local community to shape the daily learning experiences of the children.
Phone 3278 13217 Email admin@chelmerstationkindy.com.au