Dear Parents, Staff and Friends,

Welcome back to another great term at CTK. I hope that you and your family had a restful and joyous Easter. Term two is already shaping up as a busy one with some important plans and activities.

At the end of the term all students will receive a written report. This report is one element of the reporting and assessment process. Interviews, another aspect of reporting, began in term 1 and are continuing this term and I hope that you are making contact with your child’s class teacher to discuss goals for learning. The end of semester report will share an element of your child’s progress throughout first semester. These reports will be sent home in the final week of the term. Other important activities and events for this term include:-

- Anzac Day School celebration (24 April 8:30am)
- Dance each Monday as part of the Arts Curriculum
- Prep interviews for new families entering CTK in 2016
- Year 3, 5 and 7 NAPLAN testing – 12th, 13th, 14th May
- Parish Sacramental Program

The list is by no means exhaustive and as you can see CTK is a busy place indeed. I certainly am excited about the term ahead and I look forward to it being both successful and productive.

Staff News

Two of our staff members are currently not well and away from school. Mrs Nonee Stiles has contracted Ross River Fever and will be away from school for 2 weeks. Nonee is on the mend and is looking forward to being with her class and the school very soon.

Mrs Therese Wilson was in a car accident during the holidays and has broken her leg. She is recovering at home and beginning some rehabilitation. Her return to work is unknown at the moment but we will keep you informed. Please keep these wonderful women in your prayers.

Tuckshop

Our tuckshop is being run extremely effectively by Mrs Amanda Smith and the children receive their well-presented lunches on time. **However we are facing a huge dilemma!** There are not enough volunteers and without your help, the Tuckshop just cannot function. This week there are no volunteers as yet on Amanda’s list. She cannot supply food for your kids without assistance. There are far too many orders. Just giving an hour or so on a Wednesday or Friday would make such a difference. **Without assistance the Tuckshop is just not viable.**

Have you discovered the BCE Connect App yet?

BCE Connect, a mobile app for all BCE Schools, is another great way to participate in our CTK school community.
You can download our app from:
- Google play store
- Apple App Store - iPhone link and and iPad link.

1. Search in your App store for BCE Connect. The app is designed to work on both Apple and Android devices. It is a free App.
2. You can then select Christ the King from the list of schools. Be sure that you select CTK Graceville – there is another Christ the King at Deception Bay.
3. Make CTK your favourite.

On the App you will see information such as:
- Links to our website
- Announcements
- A Calendar of events
- Our Newsletters
- Easy access to forms you may require
- Tuckshop news

Let me know what you think of this information site and if there is anything else that would be useful to you on the App.

Have a peace filled week, Trudy

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**APRE NEWS**

**EASTER SEASON**
Welcome back to another busy term.

On Holy Thursday, last term, Year 6 presented the story of the passion through freeze frame. The presentation began with the Agony in the Garden and concluded with Jesus being laid in the tomb after his death on the cross.

Jesus had told his disciples in advance that he would rise again on the third day after his death. He had been buried in a tomb guarded by an enormous stone so that no one could steal the body. When some women came to visit the grave a couple of days after his death they found that the huge stone had been moved and the tomb was empty. Jesus was seen that day and for several days later. He revisited old friends who realised what had been prophesied had come true - Jesus had indeed risen from the dead.

Easter is, therefore, a time of great celebration for Christians. Churches are sometimes decorated with white lilies, traditional Easter flowers, and the mood is joyful and uplifting.

In most churches, the decorations are white, gold, or white and gold. White represents the angels who announced the resurrection, while gold symbolizes triumph.

The Easter season runs for 50 days up until the feast of Pentecost.

**ANZAC DAY**
Anzac Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of Anzac, with its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

Our Year 5 Red class will lead a special ANZAC prayer assembly this Friday. If you wish to see an uplifting piece, I would recommend the official music video produced especially to commemorate 100 years since the landing at Gallipoli – ‘Spirit of the ANZAC’ s‘
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q20DUaIzYJg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q20DUaIzYJg)
**SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE SCHOOL**

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**PARISH SCHOOL MASS**

Sunday 17\(^{th}\) May

9.30am

**AROUND THE SCHOOL**

**Anzac Day Service**
For the last three years the students of Christ the King have participated in the Anzac Day Service at the Graceville War Memorial. The following information is essential for those wishing to be involved.

**Date:** Saturday 25\(^{th}\) April.
**Meet:** 7:00 am gather in Appel Street Graceville, outside the Graceville Railway Station.
**March:** 7:15 am march to Graceville Memorial Park.
**Service:** 7:30 am. Service at Graceville Memorial Park commences.

Christ the King students will be required to wear their formal school uniform including their school hat. We will assemble behind the school banner and would appreciate parent support as we march with our school to the War Memorial.

In the past it has been a very moving and proud moment for our students as they take time to remember the men and women of our Defence Force.

Today there was a short meeting to explain and discuss the procedures and protocols for the Service. Several of our students will be selected to lay an official wreath during the service. Other students may wish to lay their own floral tribute during the service and we would encourage families to discuss this possibility in order to make it happen. A note was sent home with a return slip indicating an intention to march. On the morning we would still encourage others to participate.

We hope that Christ the King will be fully represented as it has been on the past. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Sherwood-Indooroopilly RSL and Mr Matt Conway for their continuing support of Christ the King.

Mrs Stiles and Mrs Maclean

**UNI of NSW Competitions**
Again this year we are offering students from Years 3 to 6 the opportunity to take part in some **International Competitions** offered by the **University Of New South Wales**. A note outing further details will be sent home early next week to all students in years 3 – 6. Forms and money are to be returned to the office by **Friday 1 May**. Please see your classroom teacher or Trish Blumke if you have any further questions.
MnB Entertainment

Hip Hop Dance lessons began last Monday and from all reports a great time was had by all. These classes will continue each Monday for all students in Prep – Year 6.

Nappies needed! Any size, any brand, any number.

Do you have any unused disposable nappies taking up space in your cupboards? Perhaps your children are now using the next size up? Or perhaps your children have grown out of nappies completely and you would still like to help mothers and children in need?

The Nappy Collective is a volunteer group who collect unused nappies and distribute them to organisations around Australia who assist women and children in crisis. In May and October each year they hold a nappy drive to collect the unused nappies.

A collection box will be at the CTK office until Thursday 14th May for any donations you may have. The nappies do not have to be in the original packaging, but they do need to be clean! If you are able to label them with the size, that would be very helpful. A handful of leftover nappies may not seem like much, but every single donation will help another mum somewhere.

This is a very practical, simple and effective way that we can all make a difference to families in need, so please, clear out your cupboards, or add a pack of nappies to your supermarket trolley (newborn and crawler are the most needed sizes).

For more information visit [http://www.thenappycollective.com/](http://www.thenappycollective.com/) or see Miss Cunningham. Many thanks for your donations.

Chess Club

Chess Club will be held in the CTK Library **Session 1** - 29 April to 21 May and **Session 2** – 4 July to 25 July. Chess is a game of strategy that teaches children 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.

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.

John Fitz-Walter
LEARNING AND TEACHING AT CTK

As you walk through the foyer to the officer area you may have noticed a growing display on the bulletin boards. These walls offer a snapshot into the various stages of learning at CTK, across classes and subject areas. It encompasses students and teachers who are our learners. The data wall is a visual reminder of how learning occurs including ideas such as how learning intentions are developed, what makes a successful learner, investigations and activities, feedback and reflection.

LIBRARY

ANZAC Commemoration in the Library

Thank you to Mr Matt Conway and Mrs Sharon Briody for supplying us with memorabilia for our ANZAC display in the library. Class wreaths presented at assembly on Friday will support the display for a week should you wish to view them.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
To continue to foster the love of reading, registrations for the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge will open next week. The actual Reading Challenge commences on 19 May. We encourage all students to be involved as we strive to promote reading through our school.

Don’t forget to check out the Children of the Week who are being celebrated at CTK.

This noticeboard is in the administration foyer.

Happy Reading

Illese Smithwick
Birthday wishes to Sophie Black 22.4; Matthew Janssens 27.4; Caitlin Drummond & Alyssa Grambower 28.4; Evie Spencer 29.4.

SPORT

Regional Trials
Stella Gracey will be competing at the Regional Hockey Trials this Thursday. Abby Read, Evie Rutherford, Charlie Eastment and Lara Kenny spent yesterday and today at the Regional Netball trials. Congratulations to all the students on their sporting achievements.

CTK P&F

EASTER EGG REMINDER
Thank you to all for the terrific support of our fundraiser! This is a gentle reminder that there are still 40 families who need to return their envelopes to the office. Please return by Friday as we’d like to finalise amounts. Thank you kindly, Tanya (on behalf of the P & F Committee)

Fete: It’s this Term – we’re on the count-down……

- Please donate where you can to the raffle baskets in your child’s class room(s)

- Please check with your Class Co-ordinator/Fete Co-ordinator for your child’s class(es) to ascertain how you can help with the Fete Preparations.

- Please start thinking about what cakes, sweets, jams, dips etc you can make – maybe you would like to start baking, brewing, thermo-mixing sooner rather than later so you don’t feel overwhelmed as the Fete draws closer.

- Colouring Competition will be sent home with each student within the next fortnight – please look out for it in their school bag and get it back on time!

- Free Dress days in lieu of donations for particular stalls will be coming up in May and early June. Please keep a look out for this information in the form of a note, from your class co-ordinator in an email or on the electronic board above the pick-up zone.

- Please start putting aside any donations you may have at home for the book stall and the Garage Sale. Remember, drop off for the goods is Saturday 13th June at the Parish Centre from 10.00am. Remember, we are unable to take electrical items. We would also like for the items to be clean and in working order – this will help us on the day during set-up.

GARAGE SALE HELP REQUIRED – Thank you so much to Helen Deighton, Nicola Quinn and Nicky Coulihan for offering to help with the set-up of the Garage Sale on Saturday 13th June. We need as much help as we can get – just an hour of your time – many hands make light work! We will endeavour to make it as pain-free as possible. We also need people power on Sunday 14th June to help operate the Garage Sale – 6.00am until 10.00am – members of the P&F team will be volunteering the entire weekend however we also need to help set-up other areas of the Fete, so the more volunteers we have the better! Please, please, please volunteer your time to help us organise and operate this year’s garage sale. Email Kylie at kyliebentley@ymail.com.
EASTER EGGS
A reminder to please return Easter egg moneys as soon as possible. Thank you to all those who have participated in this fundraiser.

PARENTING TIPS
This week’s tip comes from an article on kindness. The article talks about the opportunity that we as parents have to guide and coach children toward expressions that have the power to engender a sense of well-being, empathy and confidence.

The article gives some tips on how we can promote kindness in our everyday lives, including:

- renew your own resources - ie be kind to yourself first;
- noticing and appreciating good behaviors; and
- creating everyday habits and routines of kindness.

There are some great practical tips in the article, and I'd encourage you to take five minutes to read it.

http://confidentparentsconfidentkids.org/2015/04/14/elements-of-a-confident-kid-kindness/

UNIFORM SHOP
Welcome back from the holidays & to term 2. Have spoken to the suppliers of our winter uniforms & they have assured me delivery will be next Monday. All orders will be then be processed & most will be given to your child (hopefully on the same day – depending on time of delivery!) to take home.

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

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.

Our Lady of the Rosary, Kenmore Parish is holding a Parish Mission from April 25th-29th, and would like to invite and welcome any parishioner from across Brisbane West Deanery to attend.

Sessions will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, corner of Kenmore Rd & Moggill Rd, Kenmore, with morning and evening sessions being held. The Mission Team are from the Thomas More Centre in the USA. OLR look forward to a good response and to active participation by as many as possible.

OLR looks forward to seeing you all there. For program details please read the attached brochure. You are all most welcome to attend any session.
STUDENT BANKING

Student Banking is each Tuesday.

COMMUNITY

Win prizes in the Sherwood Arboretum Junior Fun Run - Saturday 21 March

One of our most popular riverside parklands, the heritage-listed Sherwood Arboretum at Jolimont Street, will celebrate its 90th anniversary on Saturday 21 March.

Christ the King Primary students have a wonderful opportunity to win prizes from The Athlete’s Foot stores at Indooroopilly and Mount Ommaney, with a Junior Fun Run starting at 8.30am. Entry in the 1km Fun Run is FREE and open to students 12 years and under.

Please register now by sending a short ‘Fun Run’ email to info@sherwoodarboretum.com.au

Families are invited to attend a brief 90th anniversary ceremony, including the presentation of Fun Run prizes, with the Brisbane Lord Mayor, Cr Graham Quirk and guests at 9am. The celebration includes the planting of a 90th anniversary grove and a Queensland Kauri in the Arboretum’s historic avenue.

The Friends of Sherwood Arboretum Association will hold a fund-raising barbecue for all guests at 9.30am. Brisbane City Council, the Oxley-Chelmer History Group and Sherwood Forest Runners are supporting this historic celebration.

On 21 March 1925, Sherwood Arboretum led the way as Brisbane’s first arboretum solely for Australian native trees.

Please see flyer in documents section below.
The Communities of St. Thomas More Catholic Primary School Sunshine Beach and Noosa District Catholic Parish Invite you to attend

Jubilee Mass and Family Day Celebrations

Sunday 17th May 2015 - Mass commencing at 9.30am
Followed by BBQ Celebrations and Activities
at St. Thomas More School, Ben Lexcen Drive, Sunshine Beach
Please RSVP by 8th May 2015 to psunshinebeach@bne.catholic.edu.au or 54492022

Jubilee Gala Cocktail Evening
Featuring Students’ Art Show and Auction
Saturday 23rd May 2015 - from 6.30pm
Champagnat Centre at St. Thomas More School
Tickets - $75.00 per person
(includes Gourmet Travelling Feast, a Drink on arrival & Entertainment)
Tickets available online from Monday 20th April 2015 at http://www.trybooking.com/HLBT
Tickets also available from the School Office - 54492022 or Parish Office – 54471188
Ticket Sales for Gala Evening close Friday 15th May 2015

Please forward this information to all past students, families, staff and supporters as we look forward to celebrating this significant milestone in the history of St. Thomas More School

at ‘25 years in Truth and Love’ of ‘St Thomas More Primary School 25th Jubilee’
www.facebook.com/stthomasmore25years