Dear Parents, Staff and Friends,

**Congratulations to our Successful Learners and Inspiring Teachers**

Written reports are on their way home this week and I congratulate our learners on the progress that they have made across the year levels. Our learning programs at CTK are making a difference to our students’ learning progressions from Prep to Year 6. We want all our learners to achieve and grow in their learning. With our teachers, students are setting learning goals in their classrooms, achieving them and then setting new goals. This leads to wonderful progress. Congratulations learners on your achievements this semester.

The report document comments on learning achievements and attitude during this semester. It is based on observational records, anecdotal notes, work samples, and sometimes the child’s self assessment.

It does not give a complete picture of all that happens at school during a semester but does highlight areas for commendation as well as improvement. Discuss the report with your child and with them, set some goals for improvement.

**Staffing News**

Today we farewelled Mrs Bernadette Jennings who takes up the ST:IE position at St Joseph’s North Ipswich. For the remainder of the year, the Support Teacher: Inclusive Education role will be filled by Mrs Jacqueline Bazzo Maclean. We welcome Mrs Brigitte Egan to the Year 4 classroom for the remainder of the year.

**Enrolments 2016**

Although we are only approaching the end of semester one, I have to submit our projected numbers to Brisbane Catholic Education. These numbers are needed so that teacher places can be offered across the Brisbane Catholic Education system for next year. If you are aware that your child will not be attending Christ the King School next year can, you please advise me by note or email as soon as possible?

**Holidays**

School finishes on Friday for a two week break and students return to school on Monday July 13. Enjoy your time with the kids at home – they’ve worked hard this semester and deserve their break.

Thank you parents, for your support, students for your vitality and enthusiasm and thank you to our wonderful staff who continue to work so professionally for our children.

Every blessing for this week and especially the holidays

Trudy
PARENT/CHILDREN PRAYER
Over the last few years, we have run a number of prayer mornings for parents. We will recommence these next term with the invitation for children to join their parents for prayer. The prayer will be run before school at 8.15am and finish by 8.30am.

MORNING PRAYER - Term 3
   Tuesday 21st July   Library
   Tuesday 25th August Library

KNITTING NEEDLES
Our minie vinnies team need some knitting needles for their blanket project. If you are able to donate or lend them to the school, it would be much appreciated.

BONDING TIME
What does a baby, a three year old and a fifteen year old have in common? Each is an age of bonding, which is a vital developmental task of childhood.

A baby bonds with her mother (and father)
Forming bonds with one person, usually a mother, is one of the tasks in infancy.

A three year old bonds with his family
Around the age of three children start to form relationships with their siblings, and their broader family in their own right.

A fifteen year old bonds with her community
Fifteen year olds are ready to bond with the adult world around them. It’s no coincidence that many parents face enormous challenges containing this group, as they are getting ready to spread their wings.
Forming connections with others makes us human and is the source of sustained happiness over time. Your child has an in-built timetable that helps them form the necessary connections to others as he is ready.
So spend time with your fifteen year old, and look for opportunities for your young person to spend time with other adults, whether it’s through a part-time job, sport or other leisure activities. Instigate rituals, such as giving a fifteen year old a house key, that recognise their expanding maturity.

Happy holidays
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

During the June Holidays I will be spending time working in a small Special School in Samoa. Loto Taumafai Primary School specifically caters for students that have a range of ‘learning differences’ and physical challenges in their life. In comparison to other schools in Samoa, this primary school is significantly under resourced and often the teachers provide the necessary tools for teaching out of their own meagre weekly wage.

I would like to invite you to make a contribution to the teachers and students of this small, special school. Other Catholic schools have supported the staff and students in the past as they strive to live up to their motto: “Disability is not Inability”.

I would invite your family to make a donation of ONE of the following:

- A packet of colouring pencils
- A packet of crayons
- A pencil case
- A ruler
- An eraser
- A packet of pencils
- A 60 page exercise book

There will be a basket placed at the school reception. Encourage your son or daughter to perhaps go without one treat this week and they could buy a packet of pencils or crayons. While in Samoa, I will obtain a photograph of the pencils and pens being put to good use. This is an excellent way for students to set a small goal of assisting another person and then witnessing their good work in action. All these donations will go directly to the little hands of those in need.

Should you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me at the school.

Warm regards,
Suzannah Halpin: Prep Teacher

Hip Hop Dance

Our Term 2 dance program taught by MnB Dance concluded last Monday. It has been a great experience for the children from Prep to Year 6 as they engaged in this dynamic program.

Curriculum

The Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum

Throughout Term 3 and Term 4, our school will be implementing the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum with students in all classes from Prep to Year 6. The curriculum is based on principles of best practice in child safety education and centres around three key messages: Recognise, React and Report. Through a series of lessons, students will learn how to recognise, react and report when they are unsafe or find themselves in situations that can have a significant detrimental effect on their physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing.


Professional Development

Over the past week all teachers have been involved in planning collaborative planning sessions. This is an important part of the teaching/learning cycle. Teachers plan for learning that builds on students' knowledge, understanding and skills. They focus on learners and their learning by identifying:

- the curriculum expectations for the year level using the year level description and the achievement standard
- what students need to learn using the content descriptions
- the focus of student learning for a particular period of time
the aspects of the standard that will be addressed
the aspects of learning that meet the needs of each student
Professional Dialogue helps to build capacity in teachers and the opportunity to have the time to share their knowledge and understandings is essential. This year, the staff has also undertaken other professional development experiences including an Action Learning Project, Kidsmatter, Mathematics, Visible Learning, Spelling, and Data Collection and Analysis.

Lost Property
At the end of each term the Lost Property box is cleaned out and unclaimed, unmarked items are sent to St Vinnies or the Uniform shop. Please help us get your child’s items back to them by clearly naming their possessions (including water bottles, jumpers, hats etc.).

LEARNING SUPPORT

To be a teacher is indeed a privilege. To have the opportunity to touch the lives of children and to positively shape their future is a great responsibility and a great honour. To have the chance to fulfil that honour within a community such as CTK is simply a blessing. And as I prepare to have my final day within this amazing school that I have been a part of for so many years, blessed is exactly how I feel.

I am blessed because of the opportunities I have been given.
I am blessed because of the mentors I have learned from.
I am blessed because of the incredible friends I have made.
I am blessed because of the children who have inspired me and made each day a joy.
I am blessed because of the families who have opened their hearts to me and supported me.
I am blessed because I have been allowed to be myself, to try, to fail and to strive to become the best I can be.

I am incredibly grateful for all of these blessings and I know that I will never forget all this community has given me.

I would like to thank the parents, staff and children of Christ the King, I would especially like to thank Trudy, Trish and Gerard for their trust and guidance and to the amazing learning support team; Anne-Marie Champion, Anne O’Regan, Barbara Kiernan and Helen Hicks for their incredible work and dedication over the past couple of years.

I wish everyone at CTK all the best for an amazing future that is filled with the blessings of God.

Bern Jennings

SPORT

Athletics
Next term our focus will be on athletics. The Years 4 – 6 students will commence training this week. There will be West Taylor Bridge District Trials on Weds 28 and Thurs 30 July for students 10 years and older who qualify for events. Our CTK Athletics Carnivals will be held in Week 5 Term 3 (10 – 14 August). Further details will be available early next term.

Athletics District Trials
This Friday, 26 June, students born in 2005 (10 years), 2004 (11 years) and 2003 (12 years) will be participating in trials for district athletics in shot put and high jump. Students will have qualifying distances and heights that they must meet in order to be selected to compete at the district trials. Sprint trials for districts will take place in Week 1 Term 3 (Friday 17 July). A date is yet to be confirmed for long jump trials. All students in Years 4 – 6 are to wear their sports uniforms this Friday.
Interschool Sport
The next interschool sport for students in Years 5 and 6 will commence next term on Friday 22 August. Sports offered will include softball and cricket.

THIS WEEK FROM THE LIBRARY

This week another 20 children received their certificate for reading 20 books in the Premier’s Reading challenge. Some are starting to reach 40 and are showing great enthusiasm toward reading. Keep up the great work over the holidays.

As many parents invest in Kindles and the like I would like to remind you that there are a multitude of books available online through our BCE Oliver borrowing system. There are available in ePUB and audio format and students may only borrow age/year level appropriate books. Should you wish to investigate this option, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will forward details for your child.

A flyer came across my desk this week for an entertaining performance called ‘Sticks, Stones, Broken Bones’ presented by the Ipswich Art Gallery. With a blurb of ‘Sneaky chickens, brain transplant surgery and flying ninjas!’ who could resist? It sounds like fun. For more details CLICK HERE

Please remember to return all overdue books before Friday. You only need to slot them into our returns box just inside the library doors.

Have a wonderful holiday and keep up the great reading!
Illese Smithwick

P&F NEWS

Dad’s Dinner
Thanks to all those who have RSVP for the dinner this Friday night. It's not too late to do so, please contact me on 0408 175 835 or djlonergan@gmail.com if you would like to attend. The venue is Three Girls Skipping, 365 Honour Avenue, Graceville, commencing at 7pm.

Parenting Tips
This week’s tip is from a blogpost which discusses Gratitude. The post suggests a way to ensure we make gratitude part of our daily life by starting a habit of saying one thing we are each grateful for at the dinner table. This is a great (short) read.

http://jamesclear.com/gratitude-habit?__s=tdqxuudfqs33knrqk7k

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthday wishes to Olivia Conlan & Elijah Kenny 24.6; Toby Forbes 25.6; Sophie Lane 26.6; Jemima Wood 27.6; Joshua Duce 30.6; James Muller 1.7; Mrs Creevey & Joshua Rowlings 2.7; Will Campbell & Mikaela Claudius 3.7; Charles & Dylan Hardy 8.7; Emma Moore 9.7; Zoe McElwaine 10.7; Tadhg Lyons 11.7; Will Rutherford 12.7; George Fleming 14.7.

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.
Enrolments for the 2015/16 Sacramental Program are now open. Enrolment forms are available from the parish website www.corindagracevilleparish.org.au Enrolments close: Thursday 23 July 2015. The parent information night will be at Christ the King Church on Tuesday 21st July at 7.30pm. If you are interested in participating in the program, you will need to attend the info night. Contact the Parish Office on 3379 1534 for more info.

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Creative Kids Brisbane: June/July Holiday Art Classes for 3 to 12 year olds
Each day of the June/July holidays Creative Kids Brisbane will be running fun and inspiring art classes for toddlers and primary school aged children at the Graceville Uniting Church Hall. Under the guidance of arts educator Liz Austin-Glen children will explore a variety of art areas ranging from clay sculpture, watercolour painting, illustration, collage and craft activities. For more information please call Liz on 0405 641 363 or email creativekidsbris@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/CreativeKidsBrisbane, www.creativekidsbrisbane.com.au

Golden Opportunity’s at Corinda SHS Term 3

Term 3 is set to be brilliant! We have three separate events running this term including Dance, Art and our Science/Agriculture.

Our S.P.A. Golden Opportunity focusses on soil, plants and animals. With thanks to our incredible Industry Partners, UQ School of Agriculture and Food Sciences as well as Soil Science Australia we are able to host this event at only $10 per child for a full day of experiential learning with some of Queensland’s most engaging and exciting scientists. This event will take place at Corinda SHS in our science labs and our fully functioning FARM!

Date: Thurs 20th August
Times: 8.30am to 2.50pm
Cost: $10
Eligibility: Any interested year 3/4/5 student

Contact Erin Hudson, Gifted and Talented Program Coordinator, echud0@eq.edu.au for more information.

Sports Holiday Program
Wednesday 8 – Friday July 10

Sports Holiday Fun
Game On Australia is offering a 3-day multi-sport program in the upcoming holidays. Lots of sports, activities and games for students of all ages.

Years: Prep - Year 7. All abilities welcome
Where: Christ the King Primary School, Graceville.
Times: Activities from 9:00am-3:00pm
Operators: Game On is organised and run by qualified HPE teachers and coaches
Early Bird Specials apply so be sure to book quickly.
For full details and to register online, visit: www.gameonaustralia.com.au
How are your child’s stationary supplies at the end of Term 2?
Do they have all they need for Term 3?
Do they need a funky new lunch carrier or drink bottle?

will be open all through the school holidays, making it easy to order everything you need online, phone or by browsing in our retail shop located in East Brisbane, Monday to Friday 9- 4pm. Happy Holidays!!!

Queensland Tennis Centre is searching for the next Australian Tennis Champion!
Queensland Tennis Centre (QTC) is putting the call out for children 6 years and over, who want to be the next Lleyton Hewitt or Pat Rafter, to come along to a FREE 30 minute Assessment with a QTC Performance Coach from 6-10 July 2015. A number of coveted scholarship to the new QTC Academy will be on offer. The new QTC Academy has recently launched a dynamic Performance Pathways program at the centre, which caters for players from the ages of 6 years onwards, who would like to take their tennis training to the next level.

To book your child in for a FREE ASSESSMENT or for more information visit:
www.queenslandtenniscentre.com Phone 3214 3800 or email proshop@qldtc.com.au

ATHLETICS OPPORTUNITY

RUN, JUMP AND THROW
Toowong Harriers Little Athletics Centre, affiliated with Little Athletics Queensland, invites members of your school (ages 5 to 17) to sign on for the new season – October to March. There is one competition meet each week, and coaching is offered at competition meets and on Tuesdays. Sign on online, from home, OR between 1pm and 4.30pm, Saturdays 22nd August or 29th August at Jack Cook Park, Taringa (collecting your rego, uniform etc.). Please visit our website www.toowong.littleathletics.org.au for more information.
Other Centres operating in the Western Suburbs include Centenary and Kenmore, both covered on our poster.