Dear Parents, Staff and Friends,

Staff News

Mrs Bernadette Jennings has accepted a position as Support Teacher Inclusive Education at St Joseph’s Primary School, North Ipswich from Term 3, 2015. I make this announcement with two intense feelings. One is of great joy for Bern who will be teaching at the school where her two young children attend and is very close to home for her. This means that she will be available for her family and travel is reduced greatly. The second feeling is one of loss for our community. Bernadette has been at Christ the King for more than 15 years. During that time she has held a number of positions including class teacher, acting APRE and of course more recently STIE. Both of her children were born while she was a staff member and we have been able to share in that joy. Bern is a valued member of our community who has always worked tirelessly to bring the best to our kids at CTK and she has certainly achieved that. She is very professional in her approach to staff, parents and students. We will miss her greatly but we congratulate her on this wonderful opportunity and also congratulate the St Joseph’s community at North Ipswich on gaining Bernadette’s amazing skills. We will have the opportunity to farewell Bern as a community in the near future.

Student Enrolments

I am aware that a number of schools that accept enrolments from Year 4 or 5 are now interviewing students for 2016. If your child will be leaving CTK this year and is in any year level other than 6, can you please let the office know in writing. I am already planning for 2016 staffing and the knowledge of student numbers is a vital input.

Please Keep in Mind

- Our annual Community Fete is to be held on Sunday June 14, which means we only have 2 more weeks to get ready! Please read our weekly fete notice to keep up to date with what’s happening and what is needed as well as how you can help.

Every blessing for this week
Trudy
BEATIFICATION OF OSCAR ROMERO

On May 23, thirty-five years after his assassination, Óscar Romero, the Archbishop of San Salvador, was beatified. An outspoken critic of social injustice, Romero was shot through the heart by a sniper while performing mass at a hospital chapel on March 24 1980, a day after exhorting El Salvador's soldiers to stop killing civilians. Six days later, the army opened fire as more than 100,000 mourners gathered for his funeral, killing dozens.

The ceremony is the step just prior to sainthood, so a big celebration was expected in El Salvador, although the cheer will not be unanimous. The country is still deeply divided between the rightist and leftist political forces that emanated from its civil war, in the nineteen-eighties, and Romero, identified with the poor, was a divisive figure who declared war on inequality and a criminal military regime.

In 2010, former president Mauricio Funes apologized in the name of El Salvador for Romero's assassination and declared him "the spiritual guide of the nation." Romero's tomb in the basement of San Salvador's cathedral now draws pilgrims from around the world.

"What does the beatification mean for El Salvador and the world? It means that truth and social justice are now factors that will be present in the life of El Salvador," President Salvador Sanchez Ceren said recently.

THE WAY TO A BOY'S HEART

What’s the best way to a boy’s heart?

Approval

Boys are approval-seeking creatures. They crave to be liked, loved and appreciated.

Boy’s behaviour is often in your face. Subtle, boys are not. But at least you know where you stand with boys. They are often more boisterous and active than girls but don’t mistake boisterousness with aggression. Provide them with the space to be active and give them ways to channel their energy in productive ways.

They are more prone to solving social problems physically than we would like but their verbal skills need to be worked on a little harder. They need to be shown how to resolve issues verbally rather than told how to do things.

Boys can be clumsy socially but they form friendships around shared interests and are less likely to exclude people from their friendship circles because of something trivial such as the clothes they wear.

They play for keeps when they play competitive sport but it is the way they push themselves rather than prove themselves at the expense of others.

Boys have a different pathway to adulthood than girls – they become adults by proving themselves so even simple games of sport can become a test of their mettle. We need to provide them with safe proving grounds so they don’t have to resort to illegal or dangerous ways of testing their masculinity.

To successfully raise and teach boys we must understand and work with the gender differences and above all, we must LIKE and APPROVE of them.

AROUND THE SCHOOL

Year 6 Sorry Day Incursion

On Tuesday May 26, as part of National Sorry Day, Year 6 Red hosted a visit from Gaja Kerry, an indigenous elder from our local area. Gaja Kerry shared her indigenous cultural knowledge and understandings with the students and she engaged the students in activities that enhanced their learning opportunities. This is an important component of the Year 6 History Curriculum. We thank Gaja Kerry for giving her time to come to our class and we thank Benarrawa Community Development Association for providing us with this opportunity.

UNI of NSW Competitions

The NSW Science Competition will be held on Wednesday June 3 commencing at 9am. The students involved will proceed to their classrooms as per normal after the morning bell and they will be collected from there. Students require a 2b or HB pencil, eraser and ruler. A practice test will be sent home this week. Please contact Mrs Blumke if you have any further questions.
Congratulations
Elizabeth Nolan and Georgia Colburn have been selected in the District Girls Softball Team. The girls will compete at the regional Trials next month.


Well done Jack this is a fantastic result.

NCCD
In recent years it was decided by the Federal government that the processes used to identify and provide funding and support for children with a disability within the education system were not adequate. It was decided that the best way to obtain a true picture of needs within schools was to collect consistent data, at a national level, to provide a more accurate picture of the children within our schools and how to best support them in the future. As such the National Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) was devised. This is the first year that all schools are obliged to take part in NCCD processes.

This process requires that schools identify children enrolled who have a diagnosed disability and the level of adjustment the school provides for them. At CTK this would involve children who have Individual Education plans (IEP) and children who have Individual Learning plans (ILP).

It is important to note that parents are allowed to exclude their child from the NCCD process. Parents wishing to do this need to advise the school in writing by the 10th June, 2015.

Should you have any questions, regarding the NCCD please feel free to ask, or to visit the following website www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability.

Bern Jennings

Chess Club
The four week block of Chess Club has now completed and next week we will commence another four weeks in the CTK Library on Wednesdays. This will see chess club running from Wed 3 - 24 June.

Children are requested to eat their lunch at the rear of the library and come in as soon as they have finished eating. Over recent weeks students have been taught the ‘castling’ strategy and are gaining experience in protecting their King.

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 continue to conduct 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
See, Think, Wonder are simple words yet they offer an effective strategy for learning. It is a strategy to be used in the classroom, when tackling a new text, a maths problem or history inquiry; it can be used as a strategy to resolve conflict when visiting a new environment for the first time. Children are not new to the idea of see, think and wonder. It occurs very naturally when playing on the beach or exploring the back yard. So how can we use these skills to promote learning for all ages? Seeing or observing gives the learner time and space to observe details without having to act. Seeing develops trust and confidence as the learner is not required to offer conclusions, answers, reasons or place a value on what we see.
Thinking gives the learner opportunities to make connections, build curiosity, open up possibilities and explore pathways to gain knowledge.
Wonder helps learners take the next step. Wondering takes them away from an “I don’t know” mindset or fixed mindset to a “How can I” mindset or growth mindset.
See Think Wonder is a thinking skill developed out of the Harvard’s Project Zero as a tool for learners to look deeply and critically at art. As a thinking strategy the implications are far reaching. This strategy, like many other visible thinking strategies helps the learner to deepen their understanding of the subject matter and develop their dispositions toward thinking.
To read further go to http://www.pz.gse.harvard.edu/visible_thinking.php

Year 3
In Year three this term we have been exploring the History of Brisbane City through to the Graceville area including investigating Graceville Memorial Park and our school, Christ the King. We have looked at what has changed over time and what has stayed the same. We have learnt a lot about change.
A few weeks ago Sr Annette and Mrs Daniels visited us. They were able to share some of the memories they have of the Graceville area over time. The children loved hearing about what Graceville was once like.
Last week we were very lucky to have some more guest speakers come to share their experience of being involved with CTK in the past. We had Jack McLaughlin (a past pupil who attended the school in the second year of operation), Sr Annette (past pupil) and Sr Marian (past principal). The experiences they shared with the children were most valuable. We are so very lucky to have such wonderful people in our community who love to come and spend time talking to our children. The children in Year 3 have gained some wonderful knowledge.
They each had to choose two people to write about. Here are some of their thoughts:

“Jack McLaughlin played marbles at school. He was a very good cricketer but couldn’t play at school because they didn’t have money to by cricket stuff like bats, balls and gloves.” by Mitchell Hicks

“They had blackboards instead of whiteboards. They used a special slate board and pencil to write.”
By Hannah Poulsen

“Sr Annette wore a brown dress. She liked playing skipping. The tuckshop opened when she was here one day a week.” By Jack Curtain

“Sr Marian was a teacher and nun at CTK. She had to wear a black robe, which also covered her head. In summer she wore white. I think the nuns must have gotten very hot wearing those robes all the time at school.” By Stella Cuolahan

“On the weekend the bakery shut down so on Mondays Sr Annette had to run home and have lunch at her house. She made her First Communion and she wore a veil.” By Bronte Fleming
Today at CTK we celebrated the National Simultaneous Storytime – joining thousands of other schools in reading ‘The Brothers Quibble’ by Aaron Blabey. Outraged at no longer being the only child, Spalding Quibble devised unprovoked attacks on his long suffering parents who eventually call for ‘Time Out’. This story explores the negative feelings that can occur when adjusting to a new baby in the family. However it also develops the positives of the heart-warming happenings that occur as a family grows. I am sure that anyone who has siblings will find something to relate to within the pages of this story.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
At the end of last week I was amazed to receive my first completed Reading Challenge record form. Lucinda Bartley from Prep Blue. Lucy has recently begun her reading journey and is now keen and eager to get stuck into books. Well done Lucy!
We now have a total of 34% of our school’s students registered to participate in the challenge. Remember that every book, recipe, newspaper or magazine read counts towards each child’s total.

Overdue Books
Recently I have noticed the large number of overdue books outstanding. Reminder letters for these will go home this week. If you are unable to locate the book/s please let me know at your earliest convenience.

Keep happy, keep reading
Ms Smithwick

P&F UPDATE

DAD’S DINNER
For all the fathers, we will be organizing a dinner to be held on the final day of term 2, being June 26, commencing at 7.30pm at Ananas Espresso at Sherwood. Please email myself at dl lonergan@gmail.com if you can make it along or let one of the other P&F members know.

PARENTING TIPS
This week’s article discusses a technique of staying calm when your children are challenging you. Rather than trying to diffuse a situation with a raised voice, this technique, called ‘strange calm’ suggests to take a pause and stay silent. This allows you to pause and think about the situation before responding, and also models self-management and self-discipline to your children - this is well worth trying!

http://confidentparentsconfidentkids.org/2015/05/21/strange-calm/

Have a great week. Regards, David
Fete Update

Fete Poster
And the winner is ... Todd McElwaine of 4 Red for his impression of The Fete. He will receive an armband for the Fete rides, thanks to P&F Committee. His poster will appear around the community and you too can view his and all entrants posters are on display in the assembly area.

Special mention to Sophie Lane of Prep Red for The Tea Cup Ride.

Cupcake awards: Prep and Year 1 entrants and place getters in Years 2-6 will all receive an iced vanilla cupcake on Monday June 1 2015. These will be delivered to classrooms from 8.30am.

Fete Update
We are on the countdown so I hope your kids are getting super excited!!!!

Thanks to Angela Stafford for putting up Posters in our local businesses. To Jo Taylor, Melissa Bennet-Allen and Jen Reardon for following up our sponsors and collecting so many wonderful prizes. To Jo Taylor and friends for organising a stock-take of the P&F Storage Cupboard (this is such an ordinary, horrid job that is a necessity before the Fete so a super big hug of thanks). To Melissa Lonergan who offers such kind words and gentle support just when I seem to need it. To our gorgeous Fundraising Co-ordinator, Tanya Grambower who has been across everything from the beginning and filling in the blank spots when they pop up.

Please remember that the Fete is a whole-school event, so please come along and help in any way, shape or form you are able to. We will require volunteers on Saturday June13 from 10.00am - just come to the Parish Centre and you'll be shown where to help and on Sunday June 14 - ask your Stall Co-ordinator what you can do to help!

We are really looking forward to a fantastic Fete day - keeping it simple and doing what we do best!

RIDES (Lasseters Lost Gold Mine, Laser Tag, Rockwall, Supa Swings, Mini Ferris Wheel, Gladiator Duel, Small Jumping Castle, 2 x Ponies for Pony Rides) SILENT AUCTION.....RAFFLES.....CHOCOLATE WHEEL (a spinning wheel with 100 different prizes to win)....BAR....PLOUGMAN'S LUNCH PLATTERS.....DELI STALL......CAKE STALL.....TEA STALL.....BAKED HAM BAGUETTES.....BETTER THAN EVER BBQ.....SIAM SUNSET STALL......LOB-A-CHOC.....LOLLIES.....DRINKS, CHIPS, POPCORN......SNOW CONES.....SPRING ROLLS.....GARAGE SALE.....BOOK STALL.....PHOTO BOOTH.....KIDS PLACE.....PERFORMANCES BY KANSAI KARATE; ELITE SCHOOL OF DANCE; SPEAK UP STUDIO; and our own CTK KIDS.....MUSIC through the day by DJ ADIE....

Look forward to seeing you on the day.....

Warm regards
Kylie Bentley
kyliebentley@ymail.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthday wishes to Ella Cooper & Tait Cornish 27.5; Mrs Wagner & Thomas Wild 29.5; Elsa Walsh 1.6; Chelsea Collier 2.6.
**SPORT**

**Interschool Sport**  
**Netball – 22 May, 2015**

CTK Senior A won against Ironside: 18-3  
CTK Senior B won against Corinda 2: 5-3  
CTK Junior A lost against St Aidan Blue: 12-3  
CTK Junior B had a draw against Corinda: 5-5  
Well done girls 😊  
Kim Fannin and James Vandermaat

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**CTK UNIFORM SHOP**

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.

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**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.

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**STUDENT BANKING**

Student Banking is each Tuesday.

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**COMMUNITY**

**Free Trial Speech and Drama Classes!**  
Does your Child need to build their confidence, or maybe they want to try something new and exciting! Speak Up Studio is holding a free speech and drama class for students to try at Christ the King, Graceville on Monday 22nd June and Tuesday 16th June, in the parish centre! Speech and drama classes allow students to build confidence and feel positive about speaking up!  

+ Chatterbees (p-1) Tuesday 16th June, 7.45am-8.15am  
+ Chatterboxes (3-6) Monday 22nd June, 7.45am-8.30am  

Speak Up Studio is also offering a Holiday Workshop Program throughout the June/July holidays! If your child loves Lego, Musical Theatre, Frozen, Crafts, then keep an eye on the website for details of the workshops!  

For more detailed information please visit [http://speakupstudio.com](http://speakupstudio.com)  

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**Beautiful Cards for sale**  
**$5.00 for a pack of 4 with envelopes.**  
**Available from the CTK Office.**