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Christ The King Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Staff and Friends,

June

5 – Free Dress Day – Lob-a-Choc
8 – Queen's Birthday
14 – CTK Fete

Dates for 2015

Term 1 28 January – 2 April
Term 2 20 April – 26 June
Term 3 13 July – 18 September
Term 4 6 October – 4 December

Dates for 2016

Term 1 24 January – 24 March
Term 2 11 April – 24 June
Term 3 11 July – 16 September
Term 4 4 October – 2 December
Australia Day Holiday 26 January
ANZAC Day Holiday 25 April
Queen's Birthday Holiday 12 June

Staff News

Mrs Therese Wilson has taken 4 more weeks long service leave following her accident at Easter. Therese is unable to attend school as her broken leg requires longer rehabilitation. Please keep Therese in your prayers.

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.

Student Behaviour

As parents you know that there are times when it is necessary to manage the behaviour of your children. Each family is different in the ways they handle situations and even in what they regard as incidents requiring re-direction. Whatever the approach, the result should be that children are directed towards the behaviour you find acceptable and learn how to behave in the same or similar situation.

Schools need to have clear expectations of appropriate behaviour of all students in order that learning and teaching is not disrupted and the right to safety and respect for others is protected. There are occasions when students do not behave in an appropriate manner and at CTK a clear system is in place to actively re-direct student's behaviour appropriately and to try to bring about changes in the student's inappropriate behaviour. Teachers teach the desired behaviours and students are aware of the consequences for choosing inappropriate actions. In the classroom and the playground, a system of steps to re-direct the student is in operation. This means that students are given up to four opportunities to get their behaviour back on track. Students who have not been able to change their behaviour after three re-directions are sent to see one of the Administration team. If a behaviour is extremely physical in nature then a child is sent straight to the Administration team.

The emphasis of all behaviour management programs is on the promotion and development of self-responsibility encouraging personal accountability for behaviour and being able to translate responsible behaviour in all settings.

How are you able to support your child to become responsible and accountable for their actions? As I said at the beginning we all have different approaches, but the one thing we should all do is to have conversations with our children about what we expect as a family, what is expected at school and what is expected by society in general.

Fete

The school is really gearing up for the fete – there are tell-tale signs everywhere. Just a week and a half to go. Thank you so much to those people whose energy is so focused on making June 14 such a great day – remember to tell all your friends about the CTK fete!!

This Friday, June 5, there is a free dress day for the Lob-a-choc stall. Please bring one or more family sized blocks to support the stall at the fete.

Every blessing for this week
Trudy

APRE NEWS

CONFIRMATION CEREMONIES

I had the pleasure of attending the confirmation ceremony here at Christ the King Church last week. Close to eighty children in our parish were confirmed by Arch Bishop Coleridge.

The Arch Bishop explained that once we are baptised into the Catholic faith, we are 'owned' by God. We are marked at Baptism with the holy oils and the sign of the cross on our foreheads marks us as followers of Jesus. Because God 'owns' us, he will care and protect us.

Congratulations to our confirmation candidates as we welcome them into the Catholic Church as confirmed believers.

HANDLE WITH EXTREME CARE

As my son was growing up, we were heading for a major fight. He was becoming more and more disrespectful and at times outright rude. Teens can say cruel things and challenge their parents in ways they never would have dreamed of as children. It's important to understand that teenagers have outgrown their brains and they have faulty judgement.

So it was like two alpha males, trying to get the better of each other because I wasn't going to cop that. Then I did one of the hardest things I've ever had to do as a parent – take a step back. Parenting educator Michael Grose calls it 'dispassionate disengagement.' For the next two years, I refused to argue or get upset with him, I would just give him brief instructions.

It was a long and trying two years but things did change, eventually. My son is now a respectful, caring young adult.

SO when kids taunt or even issue threats - **stay calm and refuse to be drawn into a game of their making.**

Here are the rules of dispassionate disengagement:

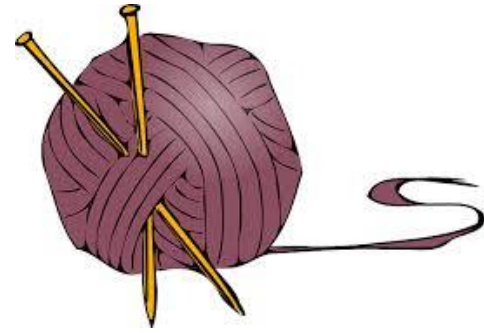
1. Refuse to respond to verbal taunts or challenges.
2. Stay calm, even aloof. Stand your ground and act as if this behaviour is not new to you.
3. Move away from a teenager who is out of control.
4. Sometime after an outburst sit down with him/her and give them some reasons why they should be cooperative and some reasons why they shouldn't be uncooperative.

**WALK AND WHEEL
WEDNESDAYS**

AROUND THE SCHOOL

Knitters Wanted

Can you knit? The Mini Vinnies are about to start a new project. They would like to knit a blanket which will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul. We are looking for volunteer mothers or grandparents who can volunteer their time to come to the school and teach the children how to knit. We are flexible with times as we could do the knitting before and after school or at lunchtimes. We would like to start this project towards the end of this term or early next term. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Marsh at school.



TEACHING AND LEARNING AT CTK

A Learning Challenge

There is always a sense of satisfaction when we have persevered to learn a new skill, understand a new concept, or worked hard to implement a new idea. The way we accept challenges when learning teaches us about ourselves as learners. When we are challenged we learn best. When we persevere with learning our accomplishments are perhaps the most rewarding.

A few years ago, there was a Harvard study on the IKEA Effect. In a nut shell (or packing box) the theory goes like this. To put together a piece of IKEA furniture one has to deal with complex instruction, multiple small parts, resist the temptation to go it alone and persevere to complete the job and hopefully it will look how it's meant to and function the way it is designed to.

Resilience is an important disposition when faced with learning (and construction) challenges.

James Nottingham talks about the Learning Pit. The learning pit is a way to describe the challenges of learning. Nottingham says

The Learning Pit, is a model that explains how and why challenge is necessary for learning. Having first heard Dr. John Edwards in 2001 using a "pit" to explain how organisational growth more often than not involves getting worse before getting better, I thought that the metaphor was an ideal way to explain to my students why I was consistently making things more difficult for them.

<https://vimeo.com/128462566?outro> or Google The Learning Challenge with James Nottingham.

Falling into the learning pit isn't a bad thing. It shows that we are continuing to learn and that resilience, persistence and challenge is rewarding.

THIS WEEK FROM THE LIBRARY

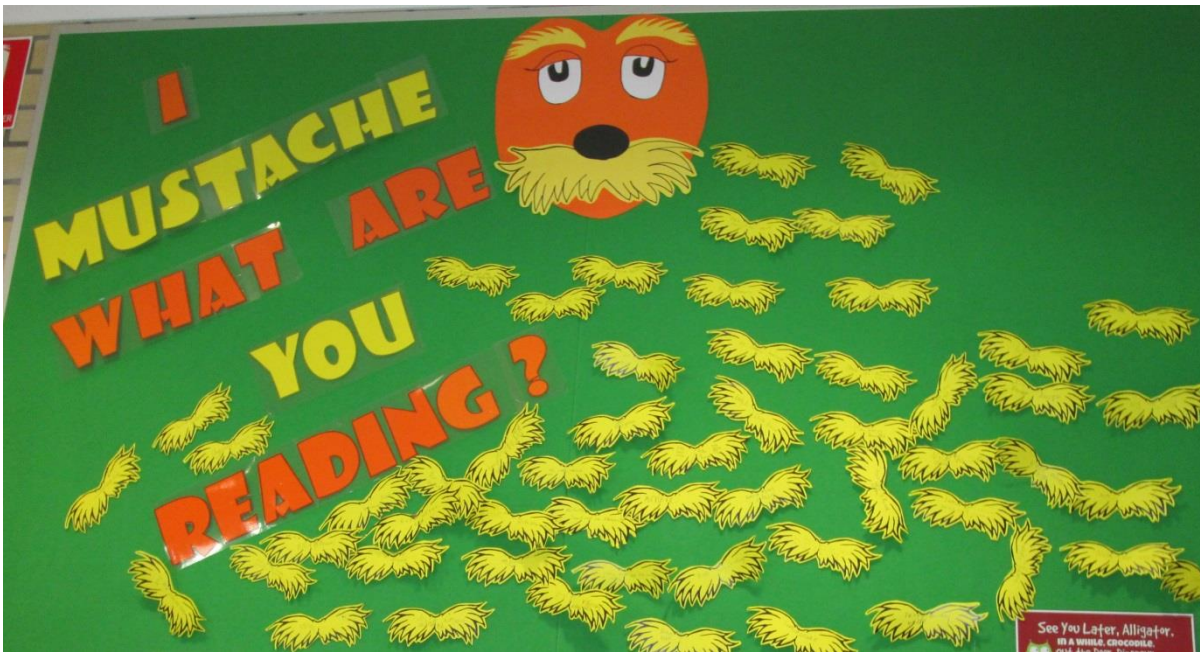
Last Wednesday, our school participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime. I can report that over 3,010 schools, libraries, childcare centres, preschools and communities across Australia participated with over 500,000 adults and children taking part. There has been some great feedback from students and teachers about this event – some classes even watched an AUSLAN version of the story. It's great to see the children engaged with a picture book presented in so many different ways.

The Year One children have been completing a study on Mem Fox and her books this term. This week we read 'Good Night, Sleep Tight' wherein many Nursery Rhymes are used. Together we explored the 12 stanzas of Hickory Dickory Dock and the children enjoyed illustrating them.



Reading Challenge

This week I have been receiving many completed reading challenge forms from very proud and excited students. Certificates of achievement will be presented at assembly on Monday. Why not 'double-dip' and encourage an older child to read to a younger, both children can then count that book towards their total. To encourage students to share the name of the book they are reading, we have a display where children write their name along with the name of their book and post it on the wall. I've had plenty of willing participants in this activity!



Finally, with school holidays approaching, it's time to book in for some fantastic activities available through the State Library. Attached is a flyer describing the exciting activities they have available for children aged 8-16. I can highly recommend it!

Happy Reading
Illese Smithwick



Story Lab is back this winter

For ages 8–16 | 29 Jun – 10 Jul (Mon–Fri), 9.30am–3.30pm
\$70, bookings required

Tickets are now on sale for State Library of Queensland's popular **Story Lab** holiday workshops!

Explore the world of digital technology with exciting new workshops using creative programs. Discover Augmented reality, MaKey MaKey, Littlebits, Photography plus the very popular Scratch and stop motion animation workshops.

Let imaginations run wild as kids learn the skills and techniques from the experts.

Workshops are designed to cater for different age groups (8–11, 11–14 and 12–16) and learning styles, plus all materials are supplied.

Sessions sell out, so book now to avoid disappointment!

Workshops

Make, Create and Innovate! (ages 8-11)

Make, Create and Innovate! (ages 11-14)

Write it, film it, share it! (ages 8-11)

Write it, film it, share it! (ages 11-14)

Create your own Augmented reality (ages 12-16)

Littlebits + DIY Animation (ages 8-11)

Littlebits + DIY Animation (ages 11-14)

Scratch Games (ages 8-11)

Scratch Games (11-14)

Photography (ages 12-16)

For more information

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FETE UPDATE

CHOCOLATE + FREE DRESS DAY = LOB-A-CHOC

We are all very excited for the 2015 Lob-A-Choc frenzy at this year's CTK Fete! Friday June 5 is Free Dress Day to support our Lob-A-Choc stall. On Free Dress Day we need each child to bring to school one or more family sized blocks of chocolate to give to their teacher who will have a collection basket in the classroom. Lob-A-Choc is a huge hit with the kids and we are so grateful for your support as always.

Thanks to all the CTK Parents and Graceville Corinda Parishioners that are helping to organise so much behind the scenes.

Thanks also to our wonderful family and local businesses that have and are continuing to donate prizes and produce.

Please see our attached Fete Plan for a lay out of where to find everything on fete day. I have also attached our Fete Flier that will be letter box dropped in the local area.

CTK Fete Plan



Don't forget to order your ride armbands online through Try Booking. No armbands will be available on the day for purchase. Rides will be \$5.00 each on the day.

Please help out our Deli Stall and Cake stall. Deliver your products on Saturday June 13 to CTK or straight to the stalls on Fete Day.

Drop off your items for the garage sale on Saturday June 13 at the Parish Centre on Randolph Street from 10.00am. The Garage Sale will commence 6.00am Sunday June 14.

CTK HIP HOP - if you are coming to the Fete, please bring your CTK kids to the undercover area at 10.30am SHARP! They will be dancing for us. No costumes - just whatever they are wearing for the day.....

10.45am - CTK Speak Up Performance

11.00am - Elite School of Dance Performance

11.30am - DDJ Music Performance

12.00pm - Kansai Karate Demonstration

2.00pm - Ginger Sport Activities

Food/drinks confirmed - Cakes, lollies, slices, sweets, BBQ (snags and burgers), Siam Sunset Chicken Curry, Ploughman's Lunch Platter, baked ham baguettes, popcorn, chips, fairy floss, snow cones, soft drink, bottled water, sours ice blocks, jelly, beer and wine and our very own Cafe 2 U coffee Van!

See you there!
Kylie

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.

TUCKSHOP UPDATE

The Tuckshop requires volunteers urgently for the month of June.
Below is a list of dates that require helpers.

Friday June 5 8.30 -11am shift - 1 Required

Friday June 5 11.00 - 2pm - 2 Required

Wednesday June 10 8.30 - 11am 1 Required or 11am till 2pm

Friday June 19 8.30 -11am 2 Required

Friday June 19 11am - 2pm 2 Required

Wednesday June 24 8.30 - 11am or 11am - 2pm 1 Required

Friday June 26 8.30 -11am 2 Required (last day of Term)

Friday June 26 11am - 2pm 2 required

Manual orders are still occurring Please register online if you want Tuckshop. Manual order will no longer be accepted.

Regards
Amanda Smith
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SPORT

Interschool Sport

Netball – 29 May, 2015

It has been an absolute pleasure watching the students train and play netball this semester. They have been great sports and have put effort into learning new skills and for some a new sport. A big thank you to all the parents who volunteered to take equipment to the field. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Wendy Creevey who comes to help referee our games.

Well done girls ☺

Kim Fannin and James Vandermaat

CTK UNIFORM SHOP

Going On-line!!

Finally the Uniform Shop is catching up with the modern times. By the middle of 3rd term parents will be able to order on-line which (hopefully!) will make things a lot easier for many. We will keep everyone posted on the progress so 'tune in' to the Uniform Shop News for weekly updates.

New items

We have introduced two new colours to the hair ribbon range – Navy & Light Blue plus Navy & Red. Both are on trial to see how sales go & retail for the normal price of \$4.50 each.

Also, we have a new supplier for the Navy hats as the old supplier could not 'deliver' literally! With the new hats the school logo is embroidered on the front & looks quite smart. Eventually we will phase in the new hat over a period of time. The old stock will still retail for \$12.50 & the new hat is \$15.00. Sizes available in the new hats are large & medium only at this stage & we are expecting delivery after June 5.

The Uniform Shop is open every Friday morning from **8.15am until 9.00am** and 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.

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 Tuesday June 15 and Monday June 22, in the parish centre! Speech and drama classes allow students to build confidence and feel positive about speaking up!

+Chatterbees (p-1) Tuesday June 16, 7.45am-8.15am

+Chatterboxes (3-6) Monday June 22, 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>

5 Reasons Why Your Child Should Learn An Instrument



FREE TRIAL LESSON!

- *Boosts Brain Power
- *Improves Memory
- *Builds Social Skills
- *Develops Discipline
- *Fosters Creativity

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Return your completed form to us via fax (1300 DDJ FAX) or scan it into an email (info@ddjperformingarts.com)

Weekly
Lessons:
Group,
Paired or
Private held
at school

Student Name: _____ Grade/Class: _____
Parent Name: _____ School: _____
Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____
Email: _____ Dance: _____
Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Chelmer Station Community Kindergarten

is proud to host the 2nd annual

LANTERN PARADE

Friday 19th June - 6 pm

**Faulkner Park Netball Courts,
Graceville**

Bring a lantern

PROGRAM

6:00 - GATHER AT THE NETBALL COURTS

6:15 - LANTERN PARADE THROUGH THE PARK

**6:45 - RETURN TO NETBALL COURTS FOR TASTY
TRADITIONAL GERMAN FOOD AND TREATS**

Glühwein

**German
Food**

Songs

Chelmer Station
Community Kindergarten



**FOR MORE INFO ASK YOUR KINDY TEACHER OR
VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
CHELMER GRACEVILLE LANTERN PARADE**

