Dear Parents

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Enrolments 2016
Although we are only half way through the year, I have to submit our projected numbers to Brisbane Catholic Education at the end of this week. These numbers are needed so that teacher places can be offered across the Brisbane Catholic Education system for next year.
If you have not yet informed the school and 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.

Recent Work around the school
During the holiday period we began work on installing effective shade sails outside One Blue to give protection to the classroom and the bag racks. We have also removed the old green fence and will be installing a net between the shade sail posts to act as a barrier and soccer net for play on the year1/2 playground space. We have also received (finally) notification from our insurance company that we may replace the shade sails outside the Prep room which were destroyed in the storm we had last November.

Catholic Education Week (26 July - 1August, 2015)
Catholic Education Week will be celebrated across Queensland from 26 July - 1August this year. This annual event is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.
The theme for Catholic Education Week 2015 is: Engaging Minds, Igniting Hearts. Serving Others
Catholic Education Week in Queensland is a special opportunity for all Catholic education ministries to celebrate their distinctive mission and share the great things they are doing with their school, parish and wider communities. There are over 300 Catholic schools in Queensland that educate 150 000 students and employ more than 16,000 teachers and staff and most will celebrate Catholic Education Week in some way.
While reflecting on the idea of “Engaging Minds, Igniting Hearts. Serving Others,” I came across this little Irish saying,

“WE LIVE IN THE SHELTER OF EACH OTHER”
What a wonderful image! At CTK we are constantly challenging our students to think and talk about their learning, to make our school a happy place to be and to look out for each other in the School community – “Engaging Minds, Igniting Hearts. Serving Others”
Caring for one another is what a strong community does. Indeed, the quality of any community can be measured by the care it provides for its weakest members.
Have a great week
Trudy
SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM ENROLMENTS
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TIME IS GOLDEN
My three daughters and son have all grown up now and it’s amazing what they remember from their childhood. Here are two recollections they related to me recently which surprised me. The first one was an idea I adopted from Stephen Covey’s book, ‘Seven Habits of Highly Effective People’. Once a week, I would have a special night with one child. For one hour, and just with them, I would do whatever their heart desired. I can remember reading lots of books, playing games, walking down to the corner shop to buy an ice cream, watching a movie…. Unfortunately, I didn’t do too many of them but they told me how fantastic those one on one sessions were. Even though they happened nearly 20 years ago, they could relate the evenings in minute detail such was their enjoyment. It made me realise the value of spending quality time with your children. The second one was a comment from my son when he said, ‘Dad, will you let me do that? You’ve been doing that since I was six and I could have been doing it.” I have the habit of ‘over parenting’ which leads to ‘learned helplessness.’ Sometimes parents are in a hurry, sometimes they’re impatient. That’s me, plus the fact that my father instincts kick in and I try and do too much for my children. Taking over and doing things that they can do for themselves disempowers them. It encourages them to view themselves as incapable. Plus it doesn’t allow them to learn how to do things for themselves.

Chick Morgan in his book, ‘Parent Talk,’ lists six things to say which encourage learned helplessness:-
- “Here, let me do that for you.”
- “It’s late so I’ll fix it for you this time.”
- “I’ll talk to your teacher and see if I can change her mind.”
- “It was raining so I put your bike in the garage.”
- “I haven’t got time to show you right now.”
- “I’ll pay for it this time but if it happens again, you can pay for it.”

KNITTING PROJECT
The Mini Vinnies team will be starting on a winter project next week. With the help of some generous volunteers, they will be knitting a blanket (perhaps even two) for the homeless. I’m not sure how the final product will turn out but the efforts will come from the heart. We hope to present the blanket to a representative from St. Vincent de Paul later in the term.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM VALIDATION
All schools in the Arch Diocese of Brisbane are currently developing their Religious Education programs for the purpose of validation. The aim of this process is to ensure quality Religious Education takes place in our schools. “The schools and colleges of the Archdiocese of Brisbane aspire to educate and form students who are challenged to live the gospel of Jesus Christ and who are literate in the Catholic and broader Christian tradition so that they might participate critically and authentically in faith contexts and wider society.” (Pam Betts – Executive Director BCE)

Teachers at CTK follow the Religious Education curriculum and regularly plan units of work with me. They use a variety of resources to support the teaching and learning of RE. Teachers assess students and evaluate their RE programs.
We will have our Religious Education School program validated at the end of the year. This document will act as a guide and reference for teachers to continue the quality teaching of Religious Education in our school.

**PARENT/STUDENT PRAYER**
We had a lovely prayer morning yesterday around the NAIDOC theme, ‘We All Stand On Sacred Ground.’ Thank you to the parents and children who attended. Our next morning prayer will be held in a fortnight’s time. All welcome!

**PARENT STUDENT PRAYER**
Tuesday 4th August
Library 8.15am

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**AROUND CTK**

**HERBS FOR SALE!!!**
Year 5 and the school community have started a ‘Herb Garden’ this year with the focus being on raising much needed funds for CARITAS. The students have cleared the gardens, planted herbs and are maintaining the garden. The students are doing this not only in class allocated time but are donating their own time to support CARITAS. Once a month a year level or class will be selling small bags of herbs for the cost of a ‘donation’. All funds raised will go to CARITAS. Students will be advised through their classes what day the selling of herbs will take place. We would like to thank you in advance for your support.

Kim Fannin, James Vandermaat and Year 5 Students.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn**
Yes we are collecting Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers. When you shop at Woolworths please collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at your school or at your local Woolworths.

**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. Information about the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum can be found at www.education.qld.gov.au/child-safety-curriculum.
University of NSW English and Mathematics Tests
The University of NSW English Test will be held on Weds 29 July and the University of NSW Mathematics Test will be held on Monday 10 August. Tests will take place in the library commencing at 9 am. Practice Tests and an accompanying letter outlining further details were sent home last week. Please see your classroom teacher or Mrs Blumke if your child did not receive the relevant practice test.

Chess Club
A new session of Chess Club was commenced today and will run for four weeks. 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

TEACHING AND LEARNING AT CTK

Over the next few weeks I would like to take you on a journey into the vibrant and creative learning spaces in the CTK classrooms. After speaking with students and teachers, I can only offer a snapshot of their learning spaces and it has been a privilege to be welcomed into each unique environment.

Why are mistakes so wonderful? This question is prominent in the Year 6 Classroom. Firstly such a question addresses the culture of learning within the room. It acknowledges that learning is not always easy and learners encounter setbacks. The responses highlight that learners are resilient and can move forward by reflecting upon mistakes and finding ways to overcome obstacles. Sharing personal insights highlights the supportive environment within the classroom.

The Road to Success poster in Year 5 Red demonstrates clearly that learning takes us places. The road analogy is one which most, if not all learners can related to which makes it a strong visible reminder or focus upon what we need to do to be successful learners. The sign post along the way support learning. They highlight what materials are needed, where we are in the learning journey and what is needed to continue. Detours and the odd crash may occur however we have skills to refocus, reflect and move forward to success.
Data walls such as the History wall in Year 5 Blue are a visual focus on learning. On walls such as these learners display their thinking, their questions, and their research. Data walls offer students times throughout the day to revisit a topic or ideas. Learning is not limited to a set time. Information displayed demonstrates learning in progress. It highlights the stages of learning and directions taken. While the end product is celebrated it is only achieved through many weeks of hard work.

| SPORTS NEWS |

**WTB District Athletics Trials**

The West Taylor Bridge (WTB) District Athletics Trials will be held on Tuesday 28 July and Thursday 30 July 2015 at the UQ Athletics Centre, University of Queensland, St Lucia. A note outlining details, a project consent form and permission form have been sent home with students (10 years, 11 years and 12 years) who have qualified for events.

**Please note that on Tuesday 28 July** parents are required to provide their child’s transportation to and from the trials and supervision of their child whilst at the trials. No teacher from Christ the King will be attending the trials in a supervisory capacity.

**On Thursday 30 July a bus** will be available to transport the students to and from UQ, and a supervising teacher will be attending. Students are required to be at school by **7:45am Thursday 30 July, as the bus will depart at 8:00am.**

**CTK Athletics Carnival**

**Tuesday 11 August 2015 (Graceville Memorial Park)**

9am: 800m (Years 4 - 6); 400m (Years 2 & 3); 200m (Prep and Year 1)

10:30am: Morning Tea at school

11am – 1pm: Prep and Year 1 Athletics Carnival (Graceville Memorial Park)

11am – 2:50pm High Jump- students 10 years, 11 years and 12 years only (school)

**Friday 14 August (Ambiwerra Sporting Fields, Erinsvale Street Corinda)**

9 am – 2:30pm Years 2 – 6 Athletics Carnival

**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.
Our new addition to the library is really inspiring students to come up with some great name for the competition. Students can continue to place entries in the box in the library until Monday, when the winner will be announced.

This term we will be celebrating Book Week in Week 8 commencing on 31 August and finishing with the annual Book Parade on Friday 4 September. The Library is undergoing a new décor design which is nothing short of BIG!

I invite you to come and check out the new décor as it’s just too big to put in a photo. Thanks to the Year 6 students and their Buddies who helped to create the fireworks.

**Reading challenge**

The Reading Challenge continues this term. As students complete their Reading Records, they can return them to me to add to their total and receive their certificates. Congratulations to all who have received their 20 books certificate, and we are seeing more students start to reach the 50 books.

Illese Smithwick
The Tuckshop need Volunteers urgently to assist in Tuckshop and Baking. If you are able to help please contact Amanda on smith_amanda@v7mail.com or phone 0468 389 470.

P&F Meeting
The next P&F meeting will be held on Monday 27th July, commencing at 6pm in the staff room. If you cannot attend, please let me know if you have any items you would like to discuss at the meeting and I can add them to the agenda. Please email me at djlonergan@gmail.com.

Parenting Tips
This week’s tip discusses way in which your children can contribute to the community in simple ways, and that the further they extend their connectedness beyond home and immediate family, the safer and more resilient they will feel knowing that they have support wherever they go in the surrounding area. The article has some useful suggestions on how to do this, including by starting with your neighbours.

http://confidentparentsconfidentkids.org/2013/12/12/citizen-kid/

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Birthday wishes to Tam Nguyen 23.7; Joanna Manthey 24.7; Aria Walsh 28.7.

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.

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Corinda Graceville Parish
Feast of Nations
12 noon ~ Sunday 30th August
St Joseph’s Hall Corinda
Let’s celebrate our cultures and traditions.
Bring a plate of your favourite food that celebrates your nationality!
Bring Your Family; Bring Your Friends; Bring Your Neighbours.
Food, fun and entertainment!
Wests Baseball Club “Come and Try” and sign-on days are Saturday 25 July 9am-11am, Sunday 1 August 2pm-4pm and Sunday 9 August 2pm-4pm at Atthows Park, Westcombe Street, Darra. Boys and Girls aged from 5 years eligible. Senior players also required. For more information email secretary.westsbaseball@gmail.com or phone Nicki 0409811704 after 4.30pm weekdays.

Speech and Drama Classes!

Speak Up Studio is back for term 3 at Christ the King on Monday and Tuesday mornings in the parish centre! Speak Up Studio creates and develops lessons to help students grow in confidence and self-esteem, whilst having fun in our energetic classes. This term our Chatterbees (Prep to Year 2) will become Superheroes as they launch into speech and drama adventures. Our Chatterboxes will be performing their way to the Circus, learning skills in movement and voice! Classes start back on Monday July 20.

Chatterboxes Monday 7.45am-8.30am
Chatterbees Tuesday 7.45am-8.15am

Speech and drama classes allow students to build confidence and feel positive about speaking up! Speak Up Studio also offers a free trial class for any new students wanting to try a class before registering for the term, so come along and try a class in week two of school!

For more detailed information please visit http://speakupstudio.com.au/ call 3367 8572 or email info@speakupstudio.com.au