Dear Parents

Teaching and Learning
Over the next 2 weeks, I will be attending 2 conferences related to improved pedagogy at CTK. For the remainder of this week, Mrs Maryanne Riley (Principal at St Joseph’s Corinda) and I will attend a Learning conference in Sydney led by 2 world renowned key note speakers, Brendan Spillane and Tom Barrett.

As you are aware, our school as part of Brisbane Catholic Education is engaged in Visible Learning. BCE has sponsored a number of schools to visit schools in New Zealand who have engaged in Visible Learning for a number of years. We have been privileged to be selected to be one of these schools. Mrs Jacqueline Bazzo-Maclean and I will be visiting Auckland schools from August 10 to 14 with Visible Learning teams from 10 other Brisbane schools. We will bring home new ideas and concepts to enhance the quality teaching and learning at Christ the King School.

Today we wish Mrs Nonee Stiles a very happy and well deserved long service leave. Nonee will be travelling in Europe with her husband Geoff and will return to CTK in term 4. Have a great break Nonee and send us plenty of postcards! We welcome Mrs Janyne Dawes to the Year 3 classroom teaching Monday to Wednesday with Mrs Natalie Crowther continuing on Thursdays and Fridays.

Parent Portal
Last week I mentioned that we will be launching our school Parent Portal in the next few weeks. The Parent Portal is a one-stop-shop for parents to access information about events, announcements, forms, policies, school contact details etc. We are getting nearer to launch so it is very important that you have an email account with us as this becomes your user name to allow access to the Portal. You will be able to set your own password after registration which will give each user unique access to your own details. Below is a screen shot of what the Portal page will be like. The Parent Portal is just another way to keep our communication between school and home and home and school as up-to-date as possible.

[Image of Parent Portal]

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Important Dates

August
12 – Exhibition Holiday
18 – CTK NAIDOC Day

Dates for 2015
Term 1  January 28 – April 2
Term 2  April 20 – June 26
Term 3  July 13 – September 18
Term 4  October 6 – December 18

Dates for 2016
Term 1  January 24 – March 24
Term 2  April 11 – June 14
Term 3  July 11 – September 16
Term 4  October 4 – December 2
Australia Day Holiday 26 January
ANZAC Day Holiday 25 April
Queen’s Birthday Holiday 12 June

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Have a peaceful and blessed week  
Trudy

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### WANT TO CHAT?

Talking with kids is easy if you have (a) chatty kids and (b) children who are at an age where they want to talk to you. From the ages of 6-9, children are generally happy to talk to you about school, friends, hobbies etc. From around 10 years onwards, they can become non-verbal. It’s so much easier to talk to teens about sex, values, risk-taking, identity, money, leadership, coping and health if you’ve developed the talking habit during the formative primary school years. So here are some ideas which will encourage talk with your children.

- **How was your day?**

You’ve got to move beyond “How was your day?” and it’s many variations such as “Tell me about the best thing that happened today” and “Anything funny/awful/different happen at school/work/sport?” These are superficial conversation starters that can kill meaningful dialogue stone dead rather than stimulate chat. Say something interesting yourself about your own circumstances or something that may have happened to you. Even better, tell a story about something that happened to you. Stick to stories as kids love stories.

- **Find the right place**

Families also need a talking place – that is, a place that’s associated with affection, reflection, and relaxation and yes, even conversation. The kitchen is usually a good place or perhaps some other place that has special meaning such as a garden chair.
Conversation Killers

If all your conversations revolve around reforming, reorganising and redeeming kids then meaningful dialogue will always be problematic. It’s through talk that your voice is going to be heard so aim to be positive and encouraging in your conversations.

PARENT/STUDENT PRAYER
Due to unforeseen circumstances, the student/parent prayer has been changed to this Tuesday August 11 at 8.15am in the library. The theme for the prayer is ‘Our Amazing World’ and is a chance for us to acknowledge the beautiful world God has given us. All welcome.

KNITTING PROJECT IS UNDERWAY
When Trudy asked me how the knitting went, my first response was, ‘Chaos!’ It was chaos, but good chaos. The children were remarkably engaged in their knitting and it was great to see them chatting and laughing and listening to music while we worked. I’m not sure if the blanket will pass the quality control department, but the result won’t be from a lack of care and effort. We had over thirty students attend with another six enlisting this week.
I had two more mums offer their services on Friday and even two more would help so if you can spare some time on Wednesday afternoons, it would be appreciated.

KNITTING PROJECT DETAILS
WHAT – Children are knitting a blanket for the homeless
WHEN – Wednesday afternoons (3.00pm – 3.45pm)
WHERE – Library
OTHER – All materials are supplied. Afternoon tea is provided.

Walking & Wheeling
Wednesday August 19
7.30am – 8.30am
Coffee Van

AROUND CTK

University of NSW Tests
The University of NSW Mathematics Test is scheduled for Monday August 10 in the library.
Congratulations to the following students for their achievements in the NSW Science Competition:
Merit: Sophia Nguyen, Elise Manton, Xavier Grambower, Clinton Tram
Credit: Mason Connelly, Byron Craig, Hugh Formby, Ella Jackson, Patrick Muller, Lauren Behan, Edward Brownlee, Meghan Mandikos, Hannah Manton, Penelope Mundy, Ayesha Wild, Amy Manthey
Distinction: Hannah Alford, Grace Bamford, Tiana Ebzery, Joanna Manthey
High Distinction: Bronte Fleming
Recently I attended a conference for Teacher Librarians at the State Library. One of the most interesting issues raised was about how to teach children to find problems. We often try to be problem solvers, but we also need to be problem finders. It’s opening our thoughts and extending ourselves into the ‘what if’. With ever changing technologies, children need to be prepared for, and resilient to, the challenges their future will present. Playing computer games can be a useful tool to teach children how to foresee, negotiate and solve problems that can arise. Games like Minecraft are also excellent for teaching spatial awareness and Geometry. With all things in moderation, technology is a wonderful tool that will help children in their evolving future.

On Monday we gathered in our pastoral care groups. Students from group 14 shared a new book by Jackie French called ‘Fire’. We then created a collage using the colours we associate with fire. This has set the scene for the most recent display in the library.

National Bookshop Day

Australia’s only celebration of bookshops takes place on Saturday the August 9 with bookshops around the country hosting events, book readings and a wide range of other fun activities. Dymocks are presenting:

High Tea with Jacqueline Harvey

- **Date:** Saturday August 8 2015
- **Time:** 2:00pm
- **Venue:** St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School, 11 Ruthven Street, Corinda QLD 4075
- **Cost:** $39
- **Enquiries:** (07) 3007 2800
- **Bookings:** brisbane@dymocks.com.au
- **Bookings:** [http://www.trybooking.com/IELM](http://www.trybooking.com/IELM)

Join bestselling author Jacqueline Harvey for a special Dymocks Children's Charity High Tea Event at St. Aidan's Anglican Girls' School's Christine Hartland Centre.
Jacqueline will be reading from one of her Alice-Miranda/Clementine Rose books and signing copies. As guest numbers are limited, booking are essential.

All proceeds from the High Tea will be going to Dymocks Children's Charity who will distribute it to low socio-economic and low literacy schools within Queensland.

Meet **ANDY GRIFFITHS**

Author of the multiple-storied treehouse series is celebrating the release of his new book: **The 65-Storey Treehouse**!

**Riverbend Books, 193 Oxford St, Bulimba**

**Date:** Sunday September 6  
**Time:** 10am  
**Cost:** **FREE!** No bookings necessary.

**Brisbane Writers Festival**

The theme for the **Brisbane Writers Festival** is ‘Minds Wide Open’ and will take place from September 2-6 this year. There is an array of national and international authors lined up to entertain us during the event. From Michael Leunig, Gary Crew and Anita Heiss to local authors Francis Whiting and Christine Bongers, there’s sure to be something for everyone. Most events will be held at the State Library. For further information go to: [http://bwf.org.au/](http://bwf.org.au/)

**SPORTS NEWS**

**District Athletics**

Congratulations to our Athletics Team who competed at the District Athletics Trials last week. Their attitude and behaviour was excellent. Congratulations to:

- Jack Coomber: 10 years boys 800m (5th)
- Teak Wynn: 10 years girls High Jump (3rd), Tetrathlon (4th)
- Lara Kenny: 11 years girls 200m final (5th), 800m final (2nd), Tetrathlon (3rd)
- Elizabeth Nolan: 12 years girls High Jump
- Archie Forbes: 10 years boys Long Jump (2nd)
- Bridget Woodrow: 12 years girls Long Jump (5th)
- Xavier Grambower: 10 years boys shot put (1st)
- Kate Plant: 11 years girls 100m finalist

**CTK Athletics Carnival**

Below is some general information about next Tuesday and Friday. A note outlining details about the Early Years Athletics was sent home yesterday to Prep and Year 1 parents. An information note about Tuesday August 11 was sent home to Prep and Year 1 students earlier this week. An information note and student consent form for Friday August 14 was sent home earlier this week to all students in Years 2 – 6. Parent helpers are essential for the smooth running of the Year 2 – 6 Athletics Carnival and note requesting assistance will also be sent home today. If your child is in Year 2 – 6 and you wish to help next Friday August 14 please complete the return slip on the helper note or advise Trish Blumke.
Tuesday August 11 at Graceville Memorial Park

9am: 800m (Yrs. 4 -6); 400m (Yrs. 2 & 3); 200m (Prep and Yr. 1)

10:30am: Morning Tea at school

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

11am – 2:50pm 10yrs; 11 yrs; 12 yrs High Jump (school)

Friday August 14 at Ambiwerra Sporting Fields, Erinsvale Street Corinda

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

Friday Interschool Sport

Our Friday interschool sport for students in years five, six and seven will commence on Friday August 21 and continue each week until Friday November 6. The students will be participating in softball and cricket.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

The Tuckshop need Volunteers urgently to assist in Tuckshop and Baking. Please contact Amanda on smith_amanda@y7mail.com or phone 0468 389 470 if you are able to help.
Our snap shot this week takes us to Year 1 and Prep

Making connections is an important part of learning. Traditions and traditional stories play an important role in developing our understanding of story, sequence, and structure. Using the traditional framework learners can develop their own story and innovate to create change.

More connections being made in Year 1 as students “Peek into the Past.” Creating a museum with objects and stories gathered from home, builds rich learning experiences as students share their ideas and explain the purpose and importance of each object which holds special significance to them. The link between the past, home and school create an exciting learning environment.

Creative visuals in classrooms are constant reminders to students about learning and participation. These visuals assist students to work collaboratively and support learning behaviour so that all students experience success.

Thank you to our creative learners in Year 1 and Prep for opening their classrooms for this week’s snap shot.
P&F NEWS

Parenting Tips

This week’s tip discusses the importance of boundaries. Children need to learn how to navigate through various environments and relationships with awareness and adjust their behaviours accordingly. When children become sensitive to boundary lines their social awareness and ability to adapt to a variety of environments is raised. They can be more adept in relationships because they have more information about how to be respectful. A great read.

http://confidentparentsconfidentkids.org/2014/01/23/boundaries/

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

WE ARE GO!!!!

Finally! Yes the Uniform Shop is on-line and ready to go. Parents can start to order immediately. We are using the same program as the Tuckshop. If parents already have an account there will be no need to open a new account, use your existing username and password. The school ID number is 25302963. Payments can be made by the usual methods (credit card or direct debit). Although there may be some “tweaking” to begin with, hopefully things will run as smoothly as possible. See the User Guideline below.

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

A User Guide for your Online Uniform Shop

School24 Parent Login

To place a uniform shop order, go to [www.school24.com.au](http://www.school24.com.au) and select “Login/Register” in the top left corner. You will then be able to log in with your username and password.

If you don’t have an account go to “Create Account” and follow the prompts.

You will need your school’s registration ID for this, for Christ the King Graceville it is **25302963**

Placing an Order

1. To view the uniform catalogue select “Place an Order” on the left hand-side underneath the “Uniform” heading
2. From here you can select the items you wish to purchase, click on the image of each item to zoom in
3. Select “Checkout” once you have finished adding items to your basket
4. If you have more than one child on your account you will then be able to select which child the order is for and add any additional instructions
5. Once ready click “Proceed To Payment”
Payment can either be via Credit Card, you may be able to pay on pickup.

6. Once you have completed your order you will receive a confirmation order, you can view your orders status by returning to the homepage and selecting “View History” underneath the “Uniform” heading on the left hand side

If at any point you get stuck and need help call our help desk on 02 8041 1132

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthday wishes to Anton Vansy, Alexandra Bentley & Emma Kidd 5.8; Lucy Egan 6.8; Georgia Hicks & Oliver Mitchell 8.8; Isaac Claudius 10.8; Charles Bamford & Claire Formby 11.8.

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.
CHELMER STATION COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN
is proud to host a...
COMMUNITY LEARNING CIRCLE

We acknowledge the wonderful humour of Michael Leunig
to tell this story

“Go outside and play. Be back by dark.”

A free community conversation that explores how living in a
technologically driven world raises important questions for
children, childhood, living, learning, imagination and
creativity...

SPEAKERS:
Mr Hyahno Moser: Nature Play Queensland; Dr Michelle Neumann: Post Doctoral
Fellow, Institute of Educational Studies, Griffith University; Mr Norm Hunter:

When: Thursday, 20th August, 2015
Time: 7.30-9.30pm
Location: St Matthews Church - Sherwood
Corner Clayley Rd & Sherwood Rd
RSVP: by 18/08/2015
admin@chelmerstationkindy.com.au

Seeking a balance is our goal...
Invite your friends to come along and explore the possibilities.

We welcome you all to jump on board and journey with us.
After overwhelming community feedback, Chelmer Station Community Kindergarten are thrilled to be offering new hours for 2016. We hope to provide a real alternative to the usual 5 day fortnight and give more families the opportunity to enjoy all that our inclusive, diverse community kindergarten can offer.

- The Little Red Caboose Group will attend Monday & Tuesday each week from 8.30am to 4.00pm.
- The Puffer Train Group will continue with a five day fortnight on Thursday, Friday and alternate Wednesdays 8.30am to 2.30pm.
- We are also hoping to offer a self-funded additional day per fortnight on the alternate Wednesday from 8.30am to 2.30pm (this will be subject to enough interest).
- Providing a set two day week, or the possibility of a set three day week, could give families with working parents or those juggling busy weekly commitments, the stability of a constant schedule.

In addition to this, we are excited to be making plans for a new Chelmer Station Kindy Playgroup, for parents and carers to enjoy with children who might be too young to join the kindergarten program. The playgroup aims to provide an opportunity for children to become familiar with the Chelmer Station Kindy environment, and to get to know the educators and their future classmates.

Chelmer Station Community Kindergarten will be hosting an Open Day in November. If you would like to enrol for 2016, add your child’s name to our waitlist, or if you require any further information, please call 3276 1327 or visit www.chelmerstationkindy.com.au