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Dear Parents, Staff and Friends

World Teachers’ Day

I often write to you about the outstanding quality of our staff at CTK and this week provides the perfect opportunity to acknowledge the gifts and strengths of the teachers and school officers who work for your children as we recognise “World Teachers Day 2015”.

Primary School Teaching is a vocation of great responsibility and the opportunity to work with your children is an honour and a gift. It is a responsibility we take with serious commitment. Each and every day here at CTK, teachers manage the day to day challenges of planning and delivering exciting educational opportunities with extraordinary dedication. Our school officers are part of our teaching team who work hard for your kids.

On behalf of the whole school community I wish all teachers and school officers here a very happy teacher’s day and I acknowledge and recognise the professional dedicated staff we are blessed to have at Christ the King Catholic Primary School. I encourage you to celebrate their gift to this community.

Day For Daniel

This Friday October 30 is National Day of Action to raise awareness about child safety and protection. Parents, carers and guardians are encouraged to start a conversation about personal safety in the real world and in an online environment. Brisbane Catholic Education and CTK use the Recognise React Report language with the children and these posters are displayed in each classroom and throughout the school. Each year level uses components of the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum which builds on these terms. On Friday we encourage our students to wear something red – a shirt, ribbon etc- to be reminded of the work done by the Morecombe family in keeping our children safe.

Enrolments 2016

We are currently taking Enrolment Applications for Years 1- 6, 2016. Should you have friends/family interested in obtaining a position, kindly direct them to our website or the office. If your child is not returning to CTK for the 2016 school year, please advise the school office immediately if you have not already done so.

Preparation for 2016 – Class Groupings

There is much on our “To Do” lists in the next few weeks. One of these tasks is to organise class groups for next year. In the spirit of partnership - sharing understandings, communicating needs and respecting professional and personal insight - your input is welcome and shall be considered. Our main source will be recommendations from your child’s current teachers.

I ask that should you wish to – please put any information about your child’s learning styles, social and emotional needs, strengths and challenges in writing to me, as Principal. Requests for specific teachers will not be considered. Could you please have this written communication sent via email (twalsh@bne.catholic.edu.au) or paper copy to the school office by Monday November 2.

Have a peace-filled week.

Trudy Walsh
Sacraments of Initiation of Children

Archbishop Mark Coleridge has launched the revised policy for the Sacramental Initiation of Children. For the 2015-2016 program our parish policy will stay as it has been outlined to parents and how it has worked for the last few years.

For the 2016-2017 programme, the parish policy will begin implementing the revision the Archbishop has put forward.

The parish and school will explain all this to parents and parishioners next year.

Children from our current Year 2 class will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation next month. The sacrament was instituted by Jesus Christ in his love and mercy. It is here that we meet the loving Jesus who offers sinners forgiveness for offenses committed against God and neighbour.

Please keep the children in your prayers as they prepare to receive this important sacrament.

One Conference

To start off 2016, all staff from Christ the King will attend a spirituality conference.

The conference is based on the theme of ‘One’. We are ‘One’ with God, we work together as ‘One’ group here at Christ the King and we aim to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ united as one faith community.

We will join over 800 participants over a two day period listening to a variety of speakers and culminating with a mass. This is a great opportunity to come together with other educators in the south west cluster in a professional and spirit filled celebration.

I look forward to the gathering. Gerard Marsh

Around CTK

Talent Quest

The annual school Talent Quest will be held on Tuesday November 17. A note outlining audition times was sent home early last week. Auditions will take place at lunchtime on the day assigned to the year level.

Remaining audition dates are as follows:

Wednesday November 4: Year 6

Friday November 6: Prep and Year 1

Tuesday November 10: Combined Years

Wednesday November 11: Year 5
Day for Daniel – Child Safety – Wear Red and Educate!

On Friday October 30 the students are encouraged to wear something red (t-shirt, ribbon etc.) to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. This day is about educating children through child safety and protection initiatives and helping empower our children to ‘Recognise, React and Report’ if they feel something is not right. **Students involved in interschool sport will need to have their full sports uniform for their games.**

Nude Food Day 2015

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Nude Food Day. Remember everyday could be a Nude Food Day.

You can find more information about Nude Food lunches by following this link - Information for Parents. There are also healthy Nude Food lunch ideas at [www.nudefoodday.com.au/resources/](http://www.nudefoodday.com.au/resources/).

Let's come together to show our support towards healthy eating and waste reduction.

[Click Here](http://www.nudefoodday.com.au/resources/) for more information
Cricket Session

A huge thankyou to Mr Greg Rowell and his eager helpers - Sam Carpenter and Ciaran Divney - for a terrific cricket clinic on Tuesday. The coaches completed a number of batting and bowling drills with the boys and they enjoyed a fun morning. Thankyou must also go to the mums and dads who organised their sons to attend an early start at 7:30am!

Another cricket session is planned for next Tuesday at 7:30am. If you'd like your son to attend please fell free to contact tgrambower@gmail.com

Some of the boys (my son included) is now very keen to commence a season of cricket.
Teaching and Learning at CTK

The three Steps to problem solving; 1. Identify the problem. 2. Find solutions and try them out. 3. Check in: how did it go? While these seem very straightforward they are not always easy. It requires time, patience and understanding to find solutions to difficult situations.

A quick snapshot of the information provided by Kids Matter suggests finding quiet spaces so that children feel relaxed. It is important to listen and not jump in to solve the problem, rather begin a conversation in a supportive environment. When you have a sense of what is going on brainstorm and identify possible options to implement change. It may be important to role play these strategies to give children the language and confidence needed to move forward. It is also important to know that the first solution may not have the desired effect and it is necessary and ok to try new ways. Finally check in: how did it go? This stage of problem solving needs to be revisited several times during the process and continued at various intervals after the process.

Learning to negotiate solutions to everyday problems will make our children independent, confident individuals who will feel good about themselves and better able to meet life’s challenges.
This week children received their signed certificates for the 2015 Premier’s Readers Challenge. I would like to thank everyone again for your participation in this event. Almost one quarter of students at C.T.K. participated to completion.

Well done everyone.
**Book Club**

Are you looking for some great Christmas stocking fillers? The last book club catalogues for the year have been sent home, and this is a great way to avoid the shops and support your school at the same time. There are two ways to order. You can do it all online, or you can fill out the form and return it with your cash or cheque to the office.

The books are usually sent home with the children when they arrive, but if you are buying some surprises and would prefer to collect your order from the library, please send an email to lm cunningham@bne.catholic.edu.au to let me know, and I will hold your order at the library to collect. Please have all orders into the office or lodged online by Thursday October 29th.

**Chess Club**

Chess club is entering its third week for this term. It’s been great for students to learn particular moves and use them in their games. The last game will be next week. Please ensure your child’s payment is up to date.

Many thanks

Illese Smithwick

**P&F News**

**P&F AGM AND PARENTING WORKSHOP**

P&F Meeting – The next P&F meeting will be held on Tuesday November 10, commencing at 6pm, and will be the Annual General Meeting for the Committee. At this meeting, all P&F positions are spilled and new committee members elected. If you would like to nominate for any of the positions, please either let me know in advance or come along to the meeting. The P&F is a great way to get involved in the school.

As part of the AGM, the P&F is putting on a FREE parenting workshop. The workshop is run by an external group called Coaction Consultancy, and focuses on our beliefs and behaviours as parents and how these contribute to our children’s sustained, healthy success. In particular, the workshop will explore ways of developing our children to be resilient, adaptable, responsible and self-confident individuals. This should be a great evening, and provide some very useful parenting strategies. Please RSVP to me via email djlonergan@gmail.com or on 0408 175 835.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

The Christmas concert is being held on November 26. As in previous years, the P&F will be running a sausage sizzle for the evening and I am putting a call out now for someone to coordinate the BBQ on behalf of the P&F. We are looking to keep the offering very simple, so coordinating would involve setting up and packing up, ordering and collecting the food and drink (we have a list of what will be provided), and coordinating the volunteers for the BBQ and serving. Don’t worry, you won’t be doing it alone, as I and other members of the committee will be able to provide guidance. Please email me or call me if you are interested.
DAD’S DINNER

We are planning a Dad’s dinner for Saturday December 5, commencing at 7.00pm. Venue is to be decided. Please RSVP to me via email djlonergan@gmail.com or on 0408 175 835.

Tuckshop News

URGENT URGENT URGENT - The Tuckshop needs Volunteers urgently to continue operating. Please contact Amanda on smithamanda@y7mail.com or phone 0468 389 470 if you are able to help.

Uniform Shop News

Orientation Day

The Uniform Shop will be operating for the 2016 Prep Welcome Assembly on November 20 2015. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase uniforms “on-the-day” or take advantage of the “on-line” facility which is available, although new parents may have to personally collect orders when they arrive at school.

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.
Happy Birthday

Ella Thorn & Bridget Woodrow 29.10; Daniel Hendry 30.10; Thomas O'Reilly 1.11.

Corinda/Graceville 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

Chelmer Station Kindy - Open Day

Chelmer Station Community Kindergarten
Open Day

Saturday 21st Nov 2015
11am – 1pm

3278 1327
admin@chelmerstationkindy.com.au
https://www.facebook.com/chelmerstationkindy

Ask us about our exciting new operational hours for 2016!

Come jump on board and journey with us...
2 SUPERB JAZZ & BLUES BANDS ON THE BOWLS GREEN AT OXLEY!

Dan’s Hot Five

Experience the joy and sounds of the 20’s and 30’s ‘Jazz Age’... when it didn’t matter how down you were the music would always make you feel good about life.

Karen Anderson & the Fortunate Sinners

Join soulful songstress Karen Anderson and her high steppin’, hot blowin’ band for a journey through sweet jazz, soul and blues. This really is a voice not to be missed - sultry, smooth and big!

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1  11am - 5pm  CLUB OXLEY, Englefield Rd., Oxley
fsjb.com.au             fsjb@westnet.com.au
3376 5655

Tickets from $20 Pre paid     All monies raised go to Club Oxley and Rotary

Sherwood Community Festival Association Inc.

www.sherwoodfestival.com

It’s on again!

Sherwood Community Festival is having its 20th birthday party this year and everyone is invited!

This free family event, sponsored by Brisbane City Council and local businesses, packs a punch with plenty of attractions for the whole family: free rides for the children, a rock-climbing wall, a petting farm, plus a fabulous variety of food and market stalls. The live entertainment includes
bands, choirs, dance troupes, a roaming Santa, and a nativity play – complete with live camels, of course – plus a whole lot more! And don’t forget the raffle with some amazing prizes.

There will even be a Best Sausage in the Shires competition run by Living in The Shires, with local butchers vying for bragging rights!

The Sherwood Community Festival is a not-for-profit family-friendly event, organised entirely by a team of volunteers who give their time willingly to make it happen. It takes over the entire shopping strip, and this year, to mark its special 20th-birthday milestone, the street will be dressed up with 1000s of balloons.

President of the organising committee Viv Rogers says that every year someone leaves their car parked in the street, seemingly unaware of the frenzied preparations going on around them. Here’s a tip: November 13 is not a good day to park your car in Sherwood Road from late afternoon! It is going to be party central down there. You have been warned!

It really is a night of great family fun.

This year, to celebrate its 20th year, revellers are encouraged to come in fancy dress. There will be spot prizes for the best dressed!

**When:** November 13 from 5.30 pm until 9.30 pm.

**Where:** Sherwood Road, between Oxley Road and Hedges Street, Sherwood.

**Getting there:** the Sherwood train station is right at the end of the street, plus there is plenty of street parking in the surrounding area.

**Cost:** free entry, free rides, free entertainment.

**UMAT Tutoring**

- 1 hour sessions
- Teaching of thought processes, strategies and the answer logic behind each question
- Working through of a large volume of practice questions
- Take-home material is also provided, including both practice questions and explanatory guides for each section in the UMAT
- Located in Westlake

For enquiries, please contact me on 33766287.

**Chelmer Graceville Community Kindergarten**

**OPEN DAY:** Sat 21st Nov 2015
**TIME:** 11am – 1pm
New Exciting Operational Hours 2016!
**MONDAY AND TUESDAY 8.30am - 4pm**
**6 DAY FORTNIGHT** available subject to interest!
**TRADITIONAL 5 DAY FORTNIGHT** still available at the end of the week.
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.

Call us to find out more…

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 3278 1327 or visit www.chelmerstationkindy.com.au.
Nappies needed!
Any size, any brand, any number.

We had a fantastic response when CTK contributed 1096 nappies to The Nappy Collective back in May and now it is on again. Do you have any unused disposable nappies taking up space in your cupboards? Perhaps your children are now using the next size up? Or perhaps your children have grown out of nappies completely and you would still like to help mothers and children in need?

The Nappy Collective is a volunteer group who collect unused nappies and distribute them to organisations around Australia who assist women and children in crisis, usually those escaping from a situation of family violence. Our donations, however small, enable these organisations to use their funds to help women and children in other ways.

A collection box will be at the CTK office until Thursday October 29 for any donations you may have. The nappies do not have to be in the original packaging, but they do need to be clean! A handful of leftover nappies may not seem like much to us, but every single donation to the collective will help another mum somewhere.

This is a very practical, simple and effective way that we can all make a difference to families in need, so please, clear out your cupboards, or add a pack of nappies to your supermarket trolley (newborn and crawler are the most needed sizes).

For more information visit http://www.thenappycollective.com/ or see Miss Cunningham. Many thanks for your donations.