## Important Dates

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Dear Parents, Staff and Friends

Student Leadership in 2016

Students who have attended our primary school leave CTK very well prepared for their future endeavours. We are aware of 2 past students who have been appointed to leadership positions at their high schools for 2016. We congratulate them and wish all our past students a wonderful leadership year next year.

- Emily Wynn has been selected as Sports Captain and Artistic Gymnastics Captain at Brisbane Girls Grammar School
- Nick Creevey has been selected in a House Captain role at St Joseph’s College, Gregory Terrace

School Fees

All fees are due for payment. As we are required to pay our school bills before the end of year, we would appreciate that all accounts be finalised and thank you to those who have already attended to this. Please make contact immediately with our Finance Secretary should you have any concerns with this.

A Wonderful Showcase of Talent

Yesterday our students displayed their amazing artistic talents. Throughout the year they have many opportunities to show their teachers their academic abilities and their sporting abilities and yesterday we had the wonderful pleasure of seeing artistic gymnastics, music, singing, acting and comedy routines. It was another special day at CTK and I congratulate every child who participated and those who applauded and were so respectful as an audience. I am continually uplifted by your children; they are certainly gifts to us.

I hope that those parents who were able to be here for yesterday’s Talent Quest enjoyed it as much as I did. WOW! What a wonderful day and what amazing kids we have at CTK! Many thanks to the coordinator of the Talent Quest, Mrs Ange Braithwaite, to Mrs Jo Taylor her very able assistant and to Mr Adrian Braithwaite who provided the music. They spent many hours preparing for the day not only auditioning and advising the students, but cutting music, ensuring timelines and setting up the performance area, to name just a few – if you see them about give them a vote of thanks! My thanks also to Mr Gary and Mrs Kerry Muldowney who ensured that mums and dads were fed and watered during the performances. Staff have been so supportive of your children but special thanks to Mr James Vandermaat who set up the sound yesterday and Mrs Trish Blumke who kept our marvellous Year 6 leaders on the go so that we could enjoy every act!

2015 Coming to a Close

We are currently working on class groupings and room allocations for 2016. The structure of our staffing will be announced next week and your child’s class allocation will accompany their report card on Wednesday December 4.

The last two weeks of school are always hectic but I enjoy the pace and variety of events occurring during this time. We will be celebrating Mass with our Parish on Sunday. I am also reading Student reports and have loved to see the improvement in your children’s work over this year. I thank the teachers for their professionalism and obvious knowledge of your child’s learning journey.

End of Year Celebration

Please mark on your calendars Thursday 26th November. We will have a sausage sizzle and concert following at 6pm. The kids have been practising their items with Mrs Danielle-Louise Boundy for a few weeks now and are looking tremendous! You’ll have a fun night! It will be a time to bring along a fold-up chair and a blanket and to appreciate all the blessings that our children bring to us each and every day.

Have a peace-filled week.

Trudy Walsh
CTK P&F Father’s Dinner

CTK Dad’s, the P&F is organising a dinner for the father’s of CTK students. This is an informal occasion to provide Dad’s the opportunity to meet each other.

Details are below and I hope to see you there.

When: Saturday 5th December, 7:30pm

Where: Three Girls Skipping, 365 Honour Avenue, Graceville (BYO)

Please RSVP to David Lonergan (P&F President) on 0408 175 835 or djlonergan@gmail.com

APRE

PARIS TRAGEDY

*Know that God is near ... at the gates ...* (St. Mark)

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.*

*Where there is hatred, let me sow love;*

*Where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;*

*Where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;*

*Where there is sadness, joy.*

The weekend’s events in Paris have shocked the world. We pray for all those directly affected by the atrocities – victims, families and emergency workers.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

For this year, St Vincent de Paul has asked for donations of money to their Christmas Appeal. In previous years, we have donated gifts and non-perishable goods which were made into Christmas hampers. St Vincent de Paul now prefers to give vouchers so that people can purchase specific goods for Christmas.

Over the next two weeks, we have asked children to donate any spare coins to the appeal. One suggestion is they can do a little job at home for a coin or can forgo that ice cream from the shop so that the money can go towards this worthy cause.
MR HOBO MAN

After visiting the classes on Monday to talk about this year’s Christmas appeal, I discovered that Sam Bentley (Year 2) has been thinking about the homeless. Sam noticed a homeless man in the streets and has written this poem to encourage others to think about the poor during this season of Christmas.

Mr. Hobo Man
There is a man all alone
He lives under an umbrella
because he doesn’t have a home.
I call him Mr. Hobo Man.
I would like to help him, if I can.
Let’s all help together
to make his life a little better.

By Samuel Bentley

MINI VINNIES PRESENTATION

This Friday at assembly, the Mini Vinnies will present their knitted blankets to Blind Eye Ministries. Homelessness is a major issue within Australia and it’s believed that up to 120,000 people each night in Australia are sleeping rough on the streets of our cities.

The Blind Eye team are committed to reaching out to the homeless community in Brisbane, establishing authentic relationships and finding ways to support them in taking life’s journey together.

We hope that our blankets will make a positive difference in someone’s life.
**Around CT K**

**Lost Property**

There are quite a lot of unnamed items in lost property. Please take the time to check for any items that might belong to your family. In the last week of term all unnamed items will be given to the uniform shop or sent to St Vinnies.

**2016 Booklists**

The 2016 Booklists went home this week. Ordering details are outlined on the booklist.

**DDJ Music Awards**

The Term 4 2015 Music Awards signifies excellence in performing, practicing, commitment and overall musicianship of a student. These special awards are designed to honour exceptional music students across the Instrumental Music Program.

The award winners are:

**Student of the Year:**
Emily Bennett  
Hannah Alford

**Most Outstanding:**
Claire Thurtell  
Megan Rohl

**Most Improved:**
Jack Alford  
Abby Haig

**DDJ Rising Star:**
Deon Lagueras  
Flynn Neilsen

**FREE COACHING CLINIC FOR BOYS YR 1 - 6**

Thankyou to the group of boys, ranging from Years 1 to 5, who turned up for the cricket clinic last Tuesday.

A huge thankyou must go to Greg Rowell - not only for giving up his time but for his cricket enthusiasm, which was evidently passed on to the boys!

Acknowledgement must also go to Nathanael Scott (who plays for Richmond Cricket Club, London) and Patrick Collins (a First Grade Captain and professional player in Ireland) who spent time with each small group.

No more cricket sessions for the term. We will look into more coaching clinics next year. Below is the link to the Western Districts Cricket Club, if you'd like to join. Please [click here](link) for flyer.

Kind regards  
Tanya Grambower
Reward for Finding Lost Phone

As you may be aware, an iPhone 6 Plus was left on the Tuckshop ledge in the undercover area last Monday November 2. The owner of the phone is offering a $100 reward for anyone who finds the phone. It could be anywhere on the school grounds so please keep your eyes open. Thank you.

Nude Food

Don’t forget- every day can be a Nude Food Day!

Donations Please

Year 4 Red will be building marble tracks from recycled materials in Week 8. We would love donations of

* Cardboard rolls (not toilet rolls).

* Newspaper

* Plastic water bottles

* any other recycled materials that may be useful.

Many thanks,

Claire Byrne and Year 4 Red
Teaching and Learning at CTK

You are invited to attend a Welcome Prayer Assembly on Friday November 20 at 8:30am in the undercover area.

The 2016 School Leaders will welcome our 2016 Preps and their Parents.

After assembly the uniform shop will be open.
Library News

Thank you to those who donated goods for the Bush Christmas Run. I was able to drop off many gifts and pet food to the collection site on Saturday morning. Your generosity is appreciated. Should you still wish to contribute, there is another donation collection on Thursday 26 November. Donations should be delivered to the library by this time.

Harry Potter Competition

Today many students descended into the library to test their knowledge on all things Harry Potter. The quiz was presented on a powerpoint and answers were multiple choice. It will take me a few days to mark them and I aim to award the winner the Harry Potter Trophy at assembly on Monday 30 November.

Overdues

Please be aware that this is the final week for borrowing books from the library. All books are due to be returned by Friday 27 November. Would you please ensure your child/children do so.

Scholastic Book Sale

Scholastic book sale – for anyone looking to purchase books – Scholastic is having their famous 50% - 90% off sale at Morningside on 25 and 26 November. Please see the attached flyer.

Story Labs

One of the great days for kids that I’ve discovered is the State Library’s Story Lab workshops. Children aged 8 – 16 can find exciting, creative and interactive workshops in animation, gaming, electronics and robotics. Check out their website and book early!


Illese Smithwick
HUGE CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE
Two Days Only!
50% to 90% OFF!

SCHOLASTIC WAREHOUSE
UNIT 2, 350 LYTTON ROAD
MORNINGSIDE

WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER
8am–6pm
THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER
8am–6pm

$40 Fill a Box!

A large selection of fantastic children's books will be on sale including paperback novels, picture and chapter books, activity items and much more! Don't miss this opportunity to restock your bookshelves!

IT'S EASY TO BUY:
School purchases can be made using school accounts. Use the school's Scholastic customer number, with a letter of authority on school letterhead and/or school purchase order. School orders are permitted without authority using EFTPOS, cash or credit card.

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*Offer available to teachers and librarians only. One offer per school. Not redeemable for cash. Available at the November 2015 Morningside warehouse sale only. A copy of your school newsletter displaying our advertisement must be presented to the cashier.
Sport News

**SOFTBALL RESULTS**

We recently received the results for softball this season. We would like to congratulate all of the girls for the spirit in which they played each week. They were a pleasure to take to the games each Friday afternoon. A huge congratulations to the Senior A girls who were equal first at the end of the season. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE WINNING TEAMS FOR SOFTBALL THIS SEASON:

Senior A Girls – CTK and St Aiden’s (equal first)
Senior B Girls – Toowong
Junior Girls – St Aiden’s B1
Boys A – Corinda 2
Boys B – Graceville 2
XMAS CONCERT
The Xmas concert is being held on the 26th November. The P&F will be running a BBQ for the evening which will consist of sausages, soft drink, juice, and water.

Debbie Hadfield has kindly volunteered to coordinate the BBQ. I am putting a call out for volunteers to help Debbie on the night, so can you please let me know if you are able to spare some time. We will run four slots for volunteers to help out – set up, cooking, service, and pack up.

DAD’S DINNER
The Dad’s dinner is being held on Saturday 5th December. The start time has changed from 7:00pm to 7:30pm and is being held at Three Girls Skipping at Graceville. Please RSVP to me via email djlonergan@gmail.com or on 0408 175 835 by Tuesday 1st December.

P&F COMMITTEE
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the P&F committee members for their efforts this year. To Charmaine Kai (vice president) for assisting me throughout the year and in particular on Fete day in my absence, to Heath Bamford (Treasurer) for taking on the role with great energy, to Kylie Bentley (Secretary) for her efforts as both Secretary and the Fete Coordinator. Kylie put a great deal of time and effort into the Fete for which I am very grateful. To Greg Bartley for his continued support of the P&F in seeking grants and as the Parish Council liaison, and finally, to Tanya Grambower for her efforts with fundraising, and in particular with the Easter Eggs. It’s been great working with you all and I look forward to the year ahead.

We do have a need to fill the Fundraising role for next year. If you are interested, please speak to me or to another P&F member. Don’t worry, this does not mean you will be asked to run the fete or other fundraising events!

Thank you to everyone at CTK for supporting the P&F events this year and for all those who have put their time in to volunteering and assisting throughout the year.

Tuckshop News

WE NEED YOU

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.

**END OF YEAR UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

Aoid the long queue in the heat & take advantage of the new opening hours which are as follows:-

The Uniform Shop will be open every morning & afternoon from

**23/11/2015 until 3/12/2015.**

The hours will be 8.15am until 9.00am

AND

2.15pm until 3.00pm


Or

download an order form by going to the school website - [pgraceville@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pgraceville@bne.catholic.edu.au).

Happy Birthday

Rory Halpin and Gabriella Ullman 19.11; Elianne Hamilton 21.11; Ms Cunningham and Mrs O'Regan 22.11; Charlotte Beutel and Oliver Cook 24.11; James Ross 25.11.

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

**Children’s Liturgy:** is held in the parish every Sunday morning of the School Term, for all children from Prep to Year 6. Families are encouraged to attend Sunday morning Mass, while the children break open the Gospel story in a way suitable for their age group. Children’s Liturgy alternates between 8.00am Mass at St Joseph’s and 9.30am Mass at Christ the King. Please refer to the parish newsletter to check where Children’s Liturgy will be occurring each week.

**Parish Youth Group:** The parish will be commencing a new **YOUTH GROUP** for high school students (Years 7 to 12) from Term 1, 2016. This will be held each Friday night of the school Term 6.30pm to 8.30pm, with dinner included! The first Friday of the month will be held at the Parish Centre, Graceville. All other nights will be held at St Joseph’s Hall Corinda. So plan to be there in 2016 and be part of this exciting new program.

If you are interested in involving your children in either of these initiatives, or wish to volunteer to help out in any way, please contact Malia Mar at the Parish Office on 3379 1534 or at pv.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au
Sunday 22 November is the Feast Day of Christ the King.

The parish is organising a friendly Feast day celebration for all parishioners, on that day immediately after 9.30 Mass.

After Mass the celebration will continue in the undercover area and the school playground.
The sausages will be sizzling whilst we gather for a chat and the kids play together.

A couple of hours should tire the kids nicely! And that will be plenty of time for adults to mingle and have a good time. Make a note in your diaries.

You are most welcome too come and join in the feast!

Corinda Graceville Catholic Parish.
Get ready for Summer Holidays at the Graceville State School

Vacation Care program

Book Now for the Christmas 2015/2016 School Holidays

All school age children welcome
Invite your friends and families
Laugh out loud – learn through play!

Full fee is $43.00* per day. Extra for incursions and excursions (see program)
Casual Rate of $45.00* apply after 4th December 2015

For full details on how to book and to obtain a copy of daily program please email graceville@schoolplus.com.au or phone 07 3278 2253.

Hours: 6.30 am to 6.00 pm

All children attending must bring a broad brim hat, water bottle, wear enclosed shoes, Sunsmart clothing and their lunch daily.

*Daily fees are calculated for each individual family and are based on a family’s eligibility for Child Care Benefits and rebates.

Daily Fees from $NIL* per child includes breakfast, morning and afternoon tea.
Game On Australia is offering a 3-day multi-sport program in the December holidays. A wide variety of sports, activities and games for students of all ages will be on offer.

**Years:** Prep - Year 6. All abilities welcome.

**Where:** Christ the King Primary School, Graceville.

**Times:** Activities from 9:00am-3:00pm

**Operators:** Game On is organised and run by qualified HPE teachers and coaches

**Early Bird Specials apply so be sure to book quickly.**

For full details and to register online, visit: [www.gameonaustralia.com.au](http://www.gameonaustralia.com.au)

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**St Mark’s Parish Inala**

Invites all

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS to

**G1 – GOD FIRST**

St Mark’s ~ Mercy Hall, Eucalypt St, Inala

**Sunday 29th November**

12pm to 9pm

**Guest Speaker:** Archbishop Mark Coleridge

12.00pm Registration
12.30 - 1.30pm Praise & Worship
1.30 - 2.30pm Testimony Sharing
2.30pm - 3pm Afternoon tea
**3pm - 4.30pm Archbishop Mark Coleridge:**

_Mercy of God_

5pm Mass at St Mark’s Church
6pm Supper & Entertainment

**All welcome!**

Enquires: St Mark’s Parish Office Phone 3372 5658 or email stmarks@bne.catholic.net.au
Queensland Tennis Centre

JUNIOR CHALLENGE

The Queensland Tennis Centre welcomes all players to participate in our ever popular Singles & Doubles Junior Challenge.

Our challenges are an excellent introduction to tournament style competition and open to all players internal and external to the QTC.

**Doubles Challenge:**
Sunday 29th November

**Singles Challenge:**
Saturday 5th December

**Doubles Challenge:** Why not grab a friend or your tennis partner and register today. If enrolling online please write in Notes: Name of Partner OR Partner Required if you don’t have a partner and we’ll try our best to pair you up.

**Singles Challenge:** Accrue your points by playing both the Singles & Doubles Challenge and see who takes home not just the title of singles champion but the overall Junior Challenge Champion for each level.

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Format: All timed round robin matches. *(times are subject to change)*

$35 for one challenge

$50 for both challenges

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IT’S NEARLY SUMMER TIME AGAIN!

Handle Australian animals, travel through the galaxy at the planetarium, explore the botanical gardens, play, splash and slide at a number of water parks, not to mention the bubble machine, have adventures in the amazing playgrounds, travel back in time at the Museum, feed your soul at the Art Galleries and your faces at the Blue Fin. There’s nowhere better to beat the heat this Summer Holidays.

All days are CCB and CCR approved. This means that for an in-service day it could cost you as little as $5.80 a day (108% CCB and 35% CCR).

This Summer Holidays head to PCYC Vacation Care, where fun, friends, and fantastic experiences await.

Please find attached your copy of the program. If you would like a hard copy please come and see us in the PAC.

Any children attending prep next year are more than welcome to attend Vacation Care, we believe it’s a great transition for children to a large multiage setting.

If you have any further questions or concerns, or would like to book in please don’t hesitate to contact Emma at corindasac@pcyc.org.au or on 3379 3379. Click Here for more information.
BENARRAWA WOMEN’S CREATIVE CIRCLE

10am-12pm
Monday, November 23, 2015
Benarrawa CDA
79 Waratah Ave, Graceville

INNER CHILD-INNER ARTIST:
MAKE ART WITH YOUR NON-DOMINANT HAND

“Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up.” - Pablo Picasso

Don’t think you can make art? Silence your inner critic by using your non-dominant hand. Remember what it was like to be a child—when mastery of the pen or brush was no prerequisite for creativity.

For this session of the Benarrawa Women’s Creative Circle—with the help of respected art therapist Pam Blamey—everyone will be on a level playing field as we rediscover our child-like joy in art-making.

Paper, coloured pens and pencils will be provided, so come along and play!!

Contact Renae at Benarrawa on benarrawacd1@westnet.com.au or 3379 9925 for more information or simply come along on the day.