Dear Parents, Staff and Friends

Reports
Today you will receive your child’s semester one report card. Once again, I have been extremely impressed with the way in which the teaching staff have written these reports. Their assessments and comments regarding your children’s achievements, learning styles and temperament have been done with professionalism and insight. I always feel honoured to read all the report cards knowing how much time teachers have spent preparing them for parents and students and how much effort your children put into their school each day.

The reports are printed in a new format which reflects the change to the Australian Curriculum. We have also adopted a report card which is generated through a programme supplied to us from Brisbane Catholic Education. This is called the ‘Student Reporting System’. We hope that it is easy for you to read and understand. As it is new there have been a couple of glitches, such as comment overruns, which we will have sorted out with BCE by next semester’s report.

The grading of students is a little different this year. In past years, according to the Queensland syllabus documents, we graded in levels with students in years 2 to 7 achieving across levels 1 to 4; eg a child in Year 4 would previously have been assessed according to Level 2 and 3 statements. Now that we have adopted the Australian Curriculum, we grade students according to the standard they reach in their own year of schooling. We use a five point grading system in accordance with government requirements, ranging from Well Below to Well Above the Standard for each year level eg a child in year 4 will be assessed against year 4 standards. Our Prep students continue to be assessed using the Early Years’ Framework.

School finishes on Friday for a two week break and students return to school on Monday July 9. I thank you for your contribution to the school over the term and I hope that you and your families have a relaxing and enjoyable break.

My Heartfelt Thanks
Many thanks for all the wonderful support shown to me through your thoughts, prayers, care and actions since the passing of my dearly loved mum. I am so blessed to be part of the CTK community.

Enrolments 2013
Although we are only approaching the end of semester one, I have to submit our projected numbers to Brisbane Catholic Education. These numbers are needed so that teacher places can be offered across the Brisbane Catholic Education system for next year. If 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.

Celebration of 75 years of schooling at Christ the King School
Please mark in your calendar Sunday, August 19. On this day we will hold one of our celebrations to mark a great school occasion, our 75th anniversary. We will start the day by joining with Parish for mass at 9:30 and follow on with some entertainment and morning tea. More detail will follow in the coming weeks. If you have any old photos or early school memorabilia that we could borrow for the day, please contact the school office.

Enjoy the week and the holidays!

Trudy Walsh

APRE NEWS

The Best Time of My Life
by: Joe Kemp, A 5th Portion of Chicken Soup for the Soul

It was June 15, and in two days I would be turning thirty. I was insecure about entering a new decade of my life and feared that my best years were now behind me.

My daily routine included going to the gym for a workout before going to work. Every morning I would see my friend Nicholas at the gym. He was seventy-nine years old and in terrific shape. As I greeted Nicholas on this particular day, he noticed I wasn't full of my usual vitality and asked if there was anything wrong. I told him I was feeling anxious about turning thirty. I wondered how I would look back on my life once I reached Nicholas's age, so I asked him, "What was the best time of your life?"

Without hesitation, Nicholas replied, "Well, Joe, this is my philosophical answer to your philosophical question:
"When I was a child in Austria and everything was taken care of for me and I was nurtured by my parents, that was the best time of my life.

"When I was going to school and learning the things I know today, that was the best time of my life.

"When I got my first job and had responsibilities and got paid for my efforts, that was the best time of my life.

"When I met my wife and fell in love, that was the best time of my life.

"The Second World War came, and my wife and I had to flee Austria to save our lives. When we were together and safe on a ship bound for North America, that was the best time of my life.

"When we came to Canada and started a family, that was the best time of my life.

"When I was a young father, watching my children grow up, that was the best time of my life.

"And now, Joe, I am seventy-nine years old. I have my health, I feel good and I am in love with my wife just as I was when we first met. This is the best time of my life."

Parish/School Mass

Many thanks to the students and parents who were able to come along and support the parish school mass last Sunday. The children did a great job in helping to lead the Eucharistic celebration.

AROUND THE SCHOOL

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Keep collecting your Earn & Learn stickers. Please attach your stickers to the sheet and return the full sheet to the office. You will need to ask for the stickers when you shop. There are plenty more Earn and Learn sticker sheets so please don’t stop ay one.

Dance Fever Showcase:

Wow what amazing dancers we have in our school and what a fantastic conclusion to our Dance Fever for this year. It was wonderful to see so many parents come along to see their children and join in with the fun.

DDJ Concert

Last Friday evening we were rocked, serenaded and entertained as the DDJ students shared their music and singing talents with their parents and staff. We are all so lucky to share the gifts of our hardworking, talented students.

People to People visit

On Friday 13 July (first week back after the holidays) we are hosting students from America for the day. We are calling for donations of small Aussie gifts to give to the students. These items can be handed to the classroom teacher or to the office.

Year 2 Purple

On Monday Year 2 Red and Blue hosted a Celebration of Learning in their classes. The students showed samples of their prayer, art, technology, writing, reflections, maths, science and history. It was wonderful to have so many parents visit the room and share in this experience.

LAPTOPS IN MIDDLE YEARS ONE, by Gerogina Brodie

This term we have been using our laptops in Middle Years One for Science, Maths, English, History and Religion. We have used a program called Microsoft One Note a lot. One Note is sort of like Microsoft Word but you can type where ever you want and you don’t have to save anything; it automatically saves.

One Note has sections, books and pages. The books are like school books or even more like the folders some kids use in high school. The sections in each book are like dividers or tabs in a book or folder. The pages in each are like the pages of a book or loose leaf pages in a folder.

In our Science we were given a One Note book which Mr V prepared over the holidays, and in it there were sections. The sections were called the immersion, life cycle report, endangered animal report, action group work and reflection. Part of this includes a speech we are making this week.

In Maths we have created Microsoft PowerPoint presentations using an inquiry approach. We created one about graphs and statistics and one about measurement.

We also do our homework on our computers each night and it includes Study Ladder, which is an internet site for practising Maths and English.

Mr V has taught us a lot about laptops and he has guided us throughout the year and I think everyone is going to love next term.
LIBRARY NEWS

It has been so lovely to see the ‘Winter Wonderland’ being put to use. At lunchtimes students love to find a comfy space to sit and read. This photo was taken at lunchtime on Monday when a group of Middle Years 2 girls were enjoying the space. It was a very peaceful place to be. The early years classes fit beautifully within the perimeter and we love to imaging we are all huddled together keeping warm. Students in Year 2 have been voluntarily spending their lunchtime working on and enhancing the power-points that we have been creating during our Library rotations. Middle Year’s classes have been creating Book Trailers this term which will be displayed throughout next term.

The 2012 Reading Challenge has now reached a total of 4083 books! A grand total and I’m sure there are a number of children who have completed passports at home that need to be returned. Please continue to encourage your children to read and sign off on their passports so we can increase this number after the holidays. This week awards were given to the following students: 30 Books: Brea, Lily, Briannal, Elizabeth, Oscar, Megan 50 Books: Joseph, Nathan, Joshua, Ella, Mason, Elizabeth, Megan 75 Books: Elizabeth, Georgina, Megan 100 Books: Elizabeth and a special mention of a wonderful reader who has now achieved 200 Books - Megan. Congratulations to all the wonderful readers at C.T.K.

Illese Smithwick

GUIDANCE NEWS

123 Magic Parenting Course
Thank you all for your feedback re: timeslots. Due to lots of different time requests I have decided to run 2 courses, one commencing at 5:30pm to give those who work full-time the opportunity to come along.

Course 1 - July
Monday 16th 3.30-5.30pm
Monday 23rd 3.30-5.30pm
Monday 30th 3.30-5.30pm

Course 2 - August
Monday 6th 5:30 -7:30pm
Monday 13th 5:30 – 7:30pm
Monday 20th 5:30 – 7:30pm

I will be ordering booklets over the holidays so please contact me to confirm which course you will be attending within the next week. For those that have already contacted me with a time preference please send a confirmation email to lmorrissy1@bne.catholic.edu.au to be included in the final numbers. Also please advise me if partners or a significant other is also going to attend the course with you. Once numbers have been finalised I will contact you first week back with a location and the finer details. Thanks again all for your interest! Great to see such a positive response. Wishing everyone a happy holiday!

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Thanks to Pauline Ryan, Kirsten Manton, Tracy Smith and Amanda Smith for our home baked treats. Thanks also to Kristy Trigar, Gianna Gangemi and Heather Greene for helping out in the tuckshop.

Bakers
Katrina Rohl Friday 22.6
Emily Stanley-Jones Friday 22.6

Helpers
Shelley Buckley Friday 22.6 AM
Cassandra Bridges Friday 22.6 PM

Rosters: I am preparing next terms rosters at the moment, so keep an eye out for them.

Thanks everyone for your support this term. Have a happy and restful holiday.

P&F NEWS

Think you are the next Billy Idol, Cyndi Lauper, Madonna or B52’s? Possibly we’ll see the Ghostbusters, A Team or Dukes of Hazzard?? Mark your diaries for this years 80's Trivia Night to be held at the Sherwood Services Club on September 1st.

Help Required!!!!
We are looking for a willing parent or parents to organise a parents night out (PNO) for term 4. We are open to options and would love to hear from anyone with ideas or interest in this event. Unfortunately if we do not have anyone willing to assist, we will have to cancel the concept. If you are interested in participating in the organising of this event could you please contact Kylie Bentley on 0408 754 926
P&F Meeting
Thank you to everyone who attended the last P&F meeting on Monday. We really appreciate your participation. Our next meeting will be on Monday 16th July, second week of term 3.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Uniform Shop update:
There is a very limited number of smaller size jackets available for sale (size 10 and below). A small order of larger jackets is expected in the new term.
We also have some girls’ tights, a small number of scarves, some track pants (sizes 10 and 8) and "magic gloves” available for sale.
We open from 8.15am Friday mornings for about 1/2 an hour. Please remember the returns policy of the P&F uniform shop - "within 21 days of purchase, brand new and with receipt". The uniform shop is fully run by volunteers.
We welcome any donations of second hand clothes and all proceeds go to the P&F.
See you Friday!
Vanessa

PARISH NEWS

St Joseph’s, Corinda
Monday 8:30 am (Litany of the Word with Communion)
Wednesday 8:30 am
Thursday 9:00 am
Saturday 7:00 am (Prayer of the Church with Communion)
Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am

Christ the King, Graceville
Friday 9:30 am
Sunday 9:30 am and 6:00 pm

Please note that the weekday Masses noted above are subject to change.

2012/13 Sacramental Program:
Children who have turned 7 by 1 July 2012 (usually Grade 2 and up) who have been baptised may be enrolled in the 2012/13 sacramental program (for penance, confirmation and first Eucharist).
There is a meeting for parents on 17 July 2012, 7:30pm at CTK church. The meeting will outline the program for 2012/13 and the commitment. Interested parents are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting to understand the program.
Enrolment forms will be available via the parish website early July.
Enrolments close 20 July 2012.
Thank you
Vanessa Sullivan
(Volunteer) Sacramental Coordinator

Sports Holiday Program
25th – 29th June

Time is running out!!!
There are only a few days remaining to enroll your child in Game On Australia’s sports holiday program. This program has an Olympic theme, with 4 Olympians and 2 Paralympians scheduled to conduct different sporting sessions. Don’t miss out on this fantastic opportunity.
When: 25th – 29th June
Where: Christ the King Primary School (Undercover gym) and Graceville Memorial Park
Years: Prep - Year 7 - All abilities welcome
Cost: $150 for the full week ($100 for each additional sibling); or $40 for daily option
Times: Activities from 9:00am-3:00pm
Operators: Game On is organised and run by qualified HPE teachers and coaches
Places are limited, so be sure to secure your booking quickly.
For full details and to register online, visit: www.gameonaustralia.com.au
Ph: 0423 315 404 or E: info@gameonaustralia.com.au

We would love to see you!
This is a warm invitation for you and your family to come and visit us and consider Chelmer Station Community Kindergarten as an opportunity for your children's early education. We are a community based, not for profit early education centre (affiliated with Lady Gowrie), situated opposite the Chelmer Railway station. We currently offer a 5 day fortnight program and our thoughtfully designed program and environment help to develop a rich and vibrant educational pathway forward for the children in this community. Call or visit us now to secure a pre-prep place for your child in 2013. Check out our website for more information http://www.chelmerstationkindy.com.au/. Phone 3278 1327 (9am-3pm) or email admin@chelmerstationkindy.com.au and consider enrolling for your future! If attending kindergarten is an education choice you would like to offer your young child but the current models of operating i.e. hours of attendance do not meet your family’s needs, please contact the centre to discuss your circumstances and provide feedback. CSCK is currently examining a range of diverse operational models for kindergarten programs to be offered to families in the local community form 2013 onwards and seeks a community response.

**Hockey Program – 8 week program**

Ages 4 – 9  
Where – Graceville Memorial oval  
Time – Saturdays 8:30 – 9:30  
Contact Tony Meredith, Junior Co ordinator  
Email: juniors@swuhc.com Mobile – 0427 427 2  