Dear Parents, Staff and Friends,

In today’s newsletter I thought that I would offer you, our parents and friends, a few thoughts to ponder in regard to teachers. During this term, I have had the good fortune to view our teachers in so many roles and I would like to share with you what great professionals they are and how lucky your children are to experience their care and educational expertise. I have:

- visited classrooms to see teachers individualise their teaching to meet the needs of diverse students and set goals for their development and understanding
- been a part of professional development offered by our own staff which reflects their depth of knowledge and commitment to improvement
- sat in on meetings with parents and their child’s teacher to discuss their learning needs so that we work in partnership to seek the optimum outcome for each child
- watched as our learning support team carefully and professionally engaged with teachers and students to deliver programs that enhance the learning of our students
- been delighted as I have observed colleagues engaging with students to the sounds of laughter and joy at being in the classroom
- listened to lunchtime conversations where staff discussed the pleasure they derived from being with your kids and the satisfaction they had when they were able to assist their students in their learning

Few would dispute that the aim of education should be to produce individuals able to think for themselves and not merely follow what someone else has told them. For teachers to accomplish this is to concentrate on what M. F. Ashley Montague called “the drawing out, not the pumping in.” Teaching should excite a youngster’s natural curiosity. It was a wise mother who asked her young son after school not “What did you do today?” but “What questions did you ask today?”

An educator himself, Bergen Evans once struck back at people who presumed that anyone could be a teacher. Commenting on George Bernard Shaw's aphorism, “He who can does. He who cannot teaches,” Evans wrote: “The common inference from this much-quoted statement, that the teacher is a sort of failure in the world of action, greatly comforts anti-intellectuals. But almost all successful people of action (all of whom think they could be teachers if they turned aside to it) have proved failures as teachers.” In any case, Shaw's quip does not stand up to logic. Teachers can do something; they teach. Like any other professional activity, teaching requires a cultivated ability. To be done exceptionally well, teaching also requires a special talent and sense of vocation.

Practiced diligently by men and women of talent, teaching is as much of an art as Shaw's play writing. The trouble is that there are lots more teachers than playwrights. Teaching is a creative act, never more so than in primary and secondary schools. Good teachers, like good artists, have their own individual styles of performing. They also respect the individuality of their students in the realization that everybody learns at different rates and in different ways.

Because teaching is challenging often with expectations coming from systems, administrators, parents, politicians, not to mention children, teacher burnout and stress related problems are a reality for part of the workforce. “A teacher is sometimes like a candle which lights others in consuming itself,” wrote Giovanni Ruffini.

Society has always expected an awful lot from its teachers, and now we are expecting even more from them. We expect them to serve to a large degree as surrogate parents, dealing with the emotional tangles and torments of childhood. Teaching is one of those rare jobs in which one's work is wrapped up in one's personality. It is very demanding psychologically.

Every thinking person would agree that the hope of the human race lies chiefly in education, but most of us pay little attention to the people who provide this precious service, nor do we give them much support in the vital job they do.

"Teaching is not a lost art, but the regard for it is a lost tradition," Jacques Barzun wrote. We need to restore that regard.

Trudy
I can remember asking my daughter some years ago to bring in the washing and she responded, ‘maybe.’ It was like she threw me a rope and I grabbed it. What came out of my mouth wasn’t very smart. Usually when parents ‘pick up the rope’ we turn into the child and kids become the adult in the relationship. Behind most conflict between kids and parents are the deeper issues of Power (I’m the boss of you!), Position (I’m your parent!) and Prestige (What will others think of me if I let you get away with this?) Last-wordedness and comeback lines threaten our position, our prestige or they are about power. That makes ‘picking up the rope’ so irresistible. But we need to just let it be, most of the time! Next time a child ‘throws the rope’ by having the last word or using a quick throw-away line realise what is happening. You are involved in a game of a child’s making. Look at the imaginary rope, smile and walk away, refusing to pick it up. That’s the adult thing to do.
Gerard Marsh

THE STORY OF THE PASSION

Friday 4th April

8.30am  11.00am

WALK AND WHEEL
WEDNESDAY

AROUND THE SCHOOL

Harmony Day… Everyone Belongs

He who lives in harmony with himself lives in harmony with the world. Marcus Aurelius

21 March is Harmony Day.

The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.
There are many ways we can celebrate Harmony Day – through sport, dance, art, film, music, storytelling, cooking and sharing cultural meals. By participating in Harmony Day activities we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and make it a better place.

Year 4 Red will be presenting the Prayer Assembly on Harmony Day. Each class has been given a balloon poster to decorate and these will be shared on assembly. The students of CTK can wear a touch of orange to show their support for Harmony Day.

**Dance Classes**
Each Monday in Term 2 all students from Prep to Year 7 will be participating in Dance Sessions conducted by MnB Entertainment Group. We are looking forward to this new and exciting experience.

**Lost Property**
We are trying to keep the lost property to a minimum. You can assist us by ensuring your child’s possessions are clearly marked. All marked property is returned to the owner. Unclaimed property that remains in lost property at the end of term is given to the uniform shop or to St Vinnies.

**Found** - A watch on Randolph Street, please see the Office for more information.

**Curriculum News**
This year our teachers will continue on their learning journeys engaging in exciting professional development opportunities that will include: Visible Learning, Design Teaching and Pedagogy, and Kidsmatter. As life-long learners the staff has embraced these professional development learning experiences and are applying the skills and strategies to their everyday teaching practices. Next week many staff members will be attending a Visible Learning Professional Development Day. The following week teachers will be planning with their colleagues in preparation for Term 2.

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**SPORT NEWS**

**Netball – 14 March, 2014**
CTK Senior B won against Holy Family: 14-7  
CTK Intermediate A lost against St Aidans: 0-17  
CTK Junior A won against Ironside: 2-0  
CTK Junior B won against Ironside: 9-0  
Well done girls 😊  
Kim Fannin and James Vandermaat

**Soccer – 14 March 2014**
CTK lost to Indooroopilly 8-0.

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**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

I always seem to start tuckshop news with a massive thank you! Again thank you. I am truly grateful for all those who have baked mouth watering cupcakes – Wednesday 12 March Luisa Uriate and Friday 14 March Melanie Manikot and Kate Muller. All cupcakes were sold out!

To my brilliant team of mums, Natasha Ross, Janelle Burton, Kristy Trigar, Amanda Smith both Wednesday and Friday and Angela Stafford. Without your help I could not have done it! Amazing. Heather Greene.

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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

Lots of good second-hand uniforms available at the Uniform Shop at the moment. Prices range from $5.00 to $7.00 per item so please come along & pick up a bargain!

The uniform shop will be open every Friday from 8.15am until approximately 9.00am. Alternatively order forms are available at the school office or online at the CTK website. Drop the completed forms back to the office, the order will be filled out & given to your child to take home.

Please remember, that the Uniform Shop is fully run by volunteers & all proceeds go to our P & F.

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**SCHOOL BANKING NEWS**

Thank you for all our wonderful student savers. School Banking has taken off with a bang! What a great way to teach our children to save.

Don’t forget to bring in your banking each Tuesday.
P&F NEWS

CADBURY EASTER EGG FUNDRAISER
FINAL DAYS!!!! ALL MONEY BACK MONDAY 24 MARCH.

Thank you for supporting our Cadbury Easter Egg Fundraiser. We require all funds to be returned to the school office on Monday 24 March. We appreciate your assistance in finalising this fundraiser on time. There are still 10 boxes of Easter Eggs that are available for families to sell. If you would like to assist us in selling these boxes, please call Amanda Smith 0468 389 470 or email smith_amanda@y7mail.com

A Easter Basket will be drawn on Monday 31 March at Assembly. We also have numerous participation prizes drawn out randomly for all bunnies who have returned their envelopes.

Thank you for your support.

PARISH NEWS

MASS TIMES
St Joseph’s, Corinda
Monday 8:30 am (Liturgy of the Word with Communion)
Wednesday 10:00 am Mass with Anointing of the Sick (Friends and Neighbours Mass) , 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
St Joseph’s Catholic Church, Cnr Oxley Rd & Martindale St, Corinda.
Christ the King Catholic Church, Churchill Street, Graceville

A short note to head into Lent:

Fast from criticism and feast on praise
Fast from self-pity and feast on joy
Fast from ill-temper and feast on peace
Fast from resentment and feast on contentment

Fast from jealousy and feast on love
Fast from pride and feast on humility
Fast from selfishness and feast on service
Fast from fear and feast on faith.

YOUNG PEOPLE’S MUSIC GROUP - SUNDAY 9.30AM MASS
All children and teenagers are invited to come and help lead the singing at the Sunday 9.30am Parish Mass at Christ the King Church once a month.

Our next Mass is 23 March.

To prepare to sing at this Mass, a 30 minute practice will be held after the Sunday 9.30am Parish Mass at Christ the King Church on 16 March.

For further information, contact Chris Larter (3379 6579).
Children’s liturgy and a cup of tea - part of this Sunday's 9:30am mass and afterwards. And the youth band are playing Sunday night 6pm.

Choose any of the weekend masses as part of your continued Lenten journey.

ALL YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS, AND FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO THE NEXT BRISBANE WEST DEANERY YOUTH MASS

Christ the King Church,
Churchill St, Graceville
Sunday 6th April 2014.

Mass commences @ 6.00pm
Sausage Sizzle @ 7.00pm
Lenten Reflection and Adoration for youth and young adults @ 7.45pm
Evening finishes @ 8.15pm

All school aged youth, young adults (18 to 35) and the young at heart are invited.

Come along to catch up with friends or meet new friends from across our local parishes in the Western Suburbs

Practice for choir and musicians commences at 4.30pm

For any more info contact Michael Doherty on 0409 235 480 or email: bwdeanery@bne.catholic.net.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

South West United Hockey Club invites you to
Come along and try hockey Thursday nights 6-7pm at Graceville Memorial Oval (opposite Graceville State School)
Girls and Boys—Ages 5 to 17. Come and join the fun!
For more details visit www.southwestunitedhockey.com.au
Or call Brett Holland on 0478 215 628

Sports Holiday Program
9th – 11th April
Sports Holiday Fun
Game On Australia is offering a special 3-day sports holiday program in the upcoming Easter holidays. This action-packed program will provide a great sporting and social experience for all children.
Years: Prep - Year 7. 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

Easter School Holiday Art Workshops at Graceville Uniting Church Hall
Creative Kids Brisbane has inspiring, educational, fun, skill based children’s art workshops for all levels of creativity on offer at the Uniting Church Hall on Oxley Road in Graceville these Easter holidays. Each day of the school holidays children aged between 3-12 will have the chance to learn a variety of art skills and techniques such as drawing, sculpture, free form clay work, mixed media and painting under the guidance of experienced arts educator Liz Austin-Glen. For more information go to www.facebook.com/CreativeKidsBrisbane or please contact Liz on 0405 641 363 or via email at liz.austinglen@gmail.com.

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