Dear Parents, Staff and Friends,

**Professional Development for Learning and Teaching at CTK**

Learning and teaching are top priorities at Christ the King School and I believe that we are well engaged in improving the quality of our learning and student achievement. Last year we embarked on a Brisbane Catholic Education project, *Visible Learning Plus* where we were amongst 40 schools from across BCE to provide the best possible evidence based practice for learning and teaching. Yesterday and today our classroom teachers have attended an inservice on “Feedback that makes learning visible”. Educational research tells us that Feedback has a huge impact on student achievement. The seminar that staff has attended focused on giving feedback to students in the most effective ways. All teaching staff have attended so that we have a consistent approach across the school.

Next Tuesday, 4 staff members will attend a course, “Design Thinking and Pedagogy” which supports both implementation of the Australian Curriculum and building teachers’ capacity to plan personally significant learning in technology rich environments. Last year 5 staff attended this course and we are now extending that knowledge to other teachers in our school.

The goals of the course are:

- To enhance pedagogical practices that engage students and improve student learning.
- To create engaging, exciting and dynamic learning environments that use the general capabilities as the way of working to promote individual learning.
- To build a professional learning community.
- To build reflective practice as way of working.

Attendance at courses such as these, while meaning absence from school, is extremely important for our school’s development. I know that teachers will look forward to implementing the ideas and strategies that will assist us in maintaining, while also improving the high quality of learning and teaching here at CTK.

**New Privacy Policy**

We have recently added to our school website a Privacy Statement provided by Brisbane Catholic Education that outlines details on how personal information for students and families is collected and used by the school. One important area in particular we ask parents to be respectful of family privacy is in situations where parents are working in and around classes or attending assemblies. While it may seem like a great opportunity to take a photo to keep a special memory of your child at school, parents must be conscious of other students in the class. Photos and names of other children should never be shared publically eg through social media, without the right permissions from the families involved. We appreciate your cooperation in respecting the privacy of other families in the school.

**Final Reminder - Prep Enrolments - 2015**
Prep enrolment details for 2015 are now required from our existing families. If you have a child due to commence Prep next year (born between 1st July, 2009 and 30th June, 2010) and already have children attending Christ the King School please ensure that the enrolment form together with a copy of your child’s birth certificate, baptismal certificate and immunization record is returned to the school office ASAP. The demand for Prep enrolment in 2015 is once again extremely high; therefore it is essential that we have our current families accounted for.

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**Archie's story - Philippines**

A place where I belong

For most of Archie’s life, he lived with his parents and nine siblings in a one-roomed house beside a flood-prone river in the Philippines. “Our roof had holes in it. So when it rained, it was like we were having a shower,” he said as he explained that whenever strong rains hit, the houses had to be evacuated for higher ground.

In 2012, a resettlement program supported by Caritas Australia helped Archie's family move to a safer house and take part in skills training.

“Caritas Australia has changed our lives. We are so thankful and happy that we are living in a safe community. I can see myself being able to send my younger brothers and sisters to school. Thank you Caritas Australia.”
During LENT, we as a faith community make a special effort to support the Caritas Australia’s annual fundraising and awareness raising appeal, bringing thousands of Australians in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

Gerard Marsh

**THE STORY OF THE PASSION**

Friday 4th April

8.30am  11.00am

**AROUND THE SCHOOL**

**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.

**SPORT NEWS**

**Netball – 21 March, 2014**
CTK Senior B won against Indooroopilly: 8-2
CTK Intermediate A won against Graceville 2: 18-4
CTK Junior A lost against St Aidans: 3-12
CTK Junior B had a bye
Well done girls 😊
Kim Fannin and James Vandermaat

**Soccer – 14 March 2014**
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Great improvement this week, keep up the good work.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Amazing! I guess most would agree that tuckshop on Friday 21 March was not a shining moment! I would like to apologise to all! “Practice makes perfect”.
A huge massive thank you for the amazing support from all the Mums and Teachers, who swooped in to assist. To the fabulous bakers for your divine cupcakes, Sophie Formby Wednesday 19 March and Angela Braithwaite and Teena Tapley Friday 21 March which were all gobbled up and then some. To my outstanding team of very patient helpers, Jen Reardon Wednesday 19 March, Sonia Thorpe, Nicole Kelly and Angela Stafford and as mentioned earlier, swooping in when disaster was imminent Trish Blumke and Suzannah Halpin. Many hands make light work. Much appreciated. Heather

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

A sample of the new microfiber Sports Jacket is now on display at the Uniform Shop for parents & students to have a look at. It is expected to retail for approximately $50.00 per jacket.

**SCHOOL BANKING NEWS**
School Banking day is every Tuesday.

Help Help

The Easter Egg fundraiser needs your assistance to sell boxes of Easter Eggs. Please contact Amanda on 0468 389 470 or email smith_amanda@77mail.com final days.

CTK Fete Update

By now every CTK parent should have received an email from their class coordinator about the CTK Fete and our call for volunteers. If you haven't received it and would like to help, please drop an email to glenys.throssell@gmail.com All funds raised by our fete will go towards updating the prep’s playground, landscaping and if surplus money is available, the purchase of additional educational resources for our wonderful school.

Fete positions still waiting to be filled included:

- silent auction
- tombola stall
- raffles stall
- craft stall
- Goal competition / Basketball Shooting / Hole-in-One Golf stall
- lucky dips / jumble stall
- pop sticks stall
- "cold rock” ice cream type stall
- flowerpot fundraiser stall
- fundraising officer (prior to fete)
- external signage (prior and post fete)
- traffic control and roaming security (day of fete)
- WH&S officer

If you can help, please contact Glenys at glenys.throssell@gmail.com or 0403 395 369

Market stall spaces filling fast!

This year the CTK Fete’s Arts & Craft Market will be bigger and spaces are limited. For all market stall application forms and / or general market stall enquiries, please contact Sondra Roberts on sondra.r@optusnet.com.au or 0404 442 597

This week our fete thanks goes to...

All the wonderful CTK families who have graciously put their hands up to volunteer at the fete either as a class, family, a group of parents or individually. It is already a large list, so our thanks goes to you all. A special thanks this week goes to Tara Peel, Sam Totten and Coca Cola for their work and support of our soft drink stall; Sondra Roberts for the great work and in-roads she has made with our Arts & Craft market preparations; Year 2's for undertaking our Fete's Gourmet Food Stall; and to Janelle Burton for undertaking our wildly popular Lob-a-Choc stall supported by Mrs Blumke and year 6/7. Thank you all!

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.

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.

Please - choose any of the weekend masses as part of your continued Lenten journey.

ALL YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS, AND FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE
BRISBANE WEST DEANERY YOUTH MASS
Christ the King Church,
Churchill St, Graceville
Sunday 6th April 2014.

Practice for all those wishing to be part of the music team or youth choir commences at 4.30pm
Mass commences @ 6.00pm
Sausage Sizzle @ 7.00pm
All are then invited to a special Lenten Reflection and Adoration for youth and young adults @ 7.45pm
Evening finishes @ 8.15pm

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

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

An invitation is extended to students of string, woodwind and brass instruments to share their talent at Mass on Easter morning (8.00am 20th April). Rehearsals will be held in St Joseph’s Church -

- Monday 7th and Monday 14th April - 6.45 - 7.45pm
- Saturday 19th April 2.00 - 4.00pm

Contact Elaine Keogh (3379 6272) or Cathy Gleeson (3379 6919) for more information,

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

Free trial class for Speech and Drama!
Speak Up Studio will start holding speech and drama classes at Christ the King in term two.

Speech and drama is a great way for kids to build confidence, communication skills and creativity, while learning how to speak clearly and express themselves. Speak Up Studio’s fun and engaging programs encourage kids to be positive about speaking up, and foster love of reading and literature. For more information on Speak Up Studio visit www.speakupstudio.com.au

Classes will take place on Tuesday mornings in the Parish Centre and will initially be for students in prep - 2 only. Classes for senior students may be offered later in the year.

Free trial class - online registration required to attend
Date and time: Tuesday 1st April, 7.45 - 8.15am
Venue: Parish Centre
Class: Chatterbees Speech and Drama (prep - 2)
Cost: Free
Register: https://speakupstudio.qnetau.com/enrol

**Term 2 program:**
Date: weekly program commencing 29th April for eight weeks, 7.45 - 8.15am
Venue: Parish Centre
Class: Chatterbees Speech and Drama (prep - 2)
Cost: $165
Register: https://speakupstudio.qnetau.com/enrol

For more information please call Miss Cathy Clur on 0447 790 256, email cathy@speakupstudio.com.au or visit http://speakupstudio.com.au/