Dear Parents, Staff and Friends,

**Assisting our learners at CTK**

Last year we successfully introduced two literacy based programmes, ELF and PAL to assist some of our learners. We have continued those programmes this year with a designated staff member and we are excited with the improvement we see in the literacy skills of our learners. A little bit about the programmes:

**PAL Program**
The Phonological Awareness for Literacy PAL is an interdisciplinary programme that develops a range of literacy skills within students. The PAL aims to:

1. Improve phonological awareness and its application to reading and spelling for students diagnosed with phonological awareness difficulties.
2. Improve accuracy and fluency of reading and spelling both single syllable and multi-syllabic words.
3. Address associated difficulties and maximise the ability of students to: a) Maintain their alertness and attention in sessions. b) Maintain upright sitting postures. c) Write more easily and quickly.
4. Create a supportive environment that empowers each student to develop their own literacy skills, create a sense of achievement, and increase motivation to continue to learn outside of the PAL.

**ELF Program**
The Early Literacy Foundations ELF Support Program is an early literacy intervention aimed at students in their early years of formal schooling. Students who experience difficulties in the areas of listening, reading or spelling also tend to struggle with motor, sensory and perceptual skills (e.g. Dewy, Kaplan, Crawford & Wilson, 2002). This led to the development of an interdisciplinary intervention approach which focuses on two key areas:

1. Phonological awareness and its application in reading and spelling.
2. Motor and sensory skills necessary for maintaining attention, sitting upright, and handwriting.

**School Drop Off Zone**

Our school drop off zone operates along the Addison St boundary of the school. The operating hours are 7am to 9am and 2pm until 4pm. This drop off zone is for drop and go only in the morning and for quick pickup in the afternoon. If you wish to walk your child into the school, please find a parking space. I know that it is busy around our school but we have had a couple of near misses lately as cars try to pull out from behind a parked car in the drop off zone or have pulled up close behind a car thinking that it will pull out and then had to reverse and have come close to hitting a pedestrian. Please remember that the zone has council designated times and tickets may be issued if police patrol the area.

**Parents and Friends**

On Monday night, we had our Term 2 P&F meeting with some great discussion taking place. It was wonderful to see a new face at the meeting and I encourage parents to come along to the meetings to support the parent group in their fundraising activities. We have 4 general meetings throughout the year so I hope that you could consider attending one of the 2 that remain. Our fete is well and truly up and away at the moment and I thank you in advance for the support that you are giving to this major fund raising event.

**NAPLAN**

Our Year 3, 5 and 7 students approached NAPLAN yesterday with both a calm and positive attitude towards their national assessment program which continues through to Thursday. This snapshot of achievement in literacy and numeracy provides our school with some useful data on learning improvements for all students. We are now able to analyse the progress students make across year levels and our results show that we are above average in our students’ capabilities to improve their learning – no matter where they sit in the normative bell curve for learning.

Have a great week

Trudy
IF I WERE YOU

‘If I were you, I’d choose the first book.’

Notice that advice follows statements that begin with, “If I were you…” When you give device, only two things can happen. A child can take it or leave it.

If he leaves it by ignoring or rejecting the advice, you grow resentful. If the child takes the advice and dislikes the results, he grows resentful.

Some children actually seek advice to prove that the advice is worthless. They make sure it doesn’t work. It’s their way of gaining a greater sense of personal power.

When we offer instant advice, we deny our children the experience of wrestling with their own problems. We eliminate time for them to think, to struggle and to make personal decisions.

Adults who empower children do not give unsolicited advice. They see their job as that of helping the child generate solutions, sort through thoughts and feelings, and gain confidence through decision making and problem solving. They understand that it is important for children to make some mistakes in judgement.

Parent educator Chick Morgan suggests the following guidelines on handing out advice:

1) Postpone instant advice
2) Encourage children to keep talking so the child can expand on what he sees as the problem and possible solutions.
3) Restate the problem as a question eg “You’re not sure what book to choose for your report?”
4) Use wait time when you restate the problem, this gives thinking time.
5) Ask if the child would like some generating ideas eg “Would you consider…How would you feel about…”

This then leaves the decision-making process where it belongs, in the heart and mind of the child.

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all Primary School children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

Next week, as part of our Walking Wheeling Wednesdays, we will be handing out ‘Walk Safely’ stickers to all children who walk or ride to school. Our Year 7 students will be stationed at our entry points handing out the stickers as students arrive.

WALK WHEEL RIDE

Gerard

SCHOOL PARISH MASS

Sunday 18th May 2014

9.30am All Welcome

AROUND THE SCHOOL

School Fees
May school fees have now been send home via post or emailed.

Australian Catholic University Student Teacher:
We welcome Amanda heron to our CTK school community. Amanda is a 4th year ACU student teacher who will be with MY3 Read (Yr. 6/7) for the next 6 weeks.
LOST AND FOUND

Found
A bracelet in Churchill Street, please see Mrs Collier in the school office.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

My apologies once again for the delays that occurred at the Tuckshop on Friday. Fortunately all the children were fed. (I hope)
Please don’t let this deter you from ordering treats for your children from the Tuckshop. I would like to thank once again all the gorgie who helped out on Wednesday, Angela Stafford, Tiffany Daly, Amanda Smith and for all the delightful cupcakes all sold out.

For all my gorgie helpers on Friday. Therese Reid, Vanessa Reid, Fiona Forbes, Belinda Rowlings and popping in when the shop was sinking Natalie Crowther and at the last Amanda Smith. Bless you one and all.

For the divine cupcakes, delicious, Julie Czekierda and Bronwyn Stephens! Again I do ask for your continued support and understanding as my wrist continues to heal, and I’m still learning along with many of my new volunteer mums. Thanks for your patience as always. We have a slight delay on the new tubs, however I’ll keep you updated. Other exciting news; we now have a brand new pie warmer! Ironically for extra efficiency in the Tuckshop. Brighter days to come. Kind Regards Heather.

Bakers
Friday 16.5 Julie Czekierda & Kate White

Helpers
Friday 16.5 Justine Ebzery (early)
Natasha Ross (early)
Janelle Burton (late)

STUDENT BANKING

Student banking is every Tuesday.

P&F NEWS

CTK Dad’s Dinner
The next Dad’s event is a dinner on Friday 30 May at Café Europe, 660 Sherwood Road, from 7:30pm. Please RSVP to David Lonergan on 0408 175 835 or via email djlonergan@gmail.com.

Country Market Stall announcements
Start pulling out those empty jam jars and start looking up Grandma's recipes for jams, chutneys and pickles, the Gourmet Food Stall would love to sell your delicious home baked goodies! The theme this year is "Country Market” and the list of items to bake and create is endless. Think flavoured oils, freshly cut herbs, lavender sachets, coconut ice, fudge and embellished tea towels, to name a few. Let your creative juices flow and help make this stall a huge success.
***WANTED ASAP! Empty baby formula tins! The tins will be recycled to be used as gorgeous headband holders to sell at the Fete. Please contact Nicki C 0419 757 387

Don’t forget to purchase your $22 amusement rides armband!
For a limited time only, you can purchase CTK Fete Amusement Ride Armbands at www.partytimeamusements.com.au $22 per child and non-transferable. Armbands will not be sold on fete day. After this time, it will cost $5 per ride so don't miss out.

Can you host a CTK Fete & Market sign outside your home?
We would love to hear from CTK families whose homes have high traffic passing by. If you can host a CTK Fete & Market sign in the lead up to fete day, please contact Angela Braithwaite, angelabraithwaite@gmail.com

Put this in your diary
Lob-a-choco's Free Dress Day for Blocks of Chocolate - Thursday 5th June - more details to follow!
CTK Fete & Market Poster Competition closes Thursday 29 May at 3pm. All entries to the CTK school office. Winner announced Friday 30 May at assembly.
Grab a bargain at our MEGA Garage Sale and find out why people travel from all over Brisbane to attend. Saturday 14 June, CTK undercover area, from 6am. All welcome!
Fete - Sunday 15 June, CTK, 10:30am-3:30pm

This week our fete thanks goes to... Manichan Puurand (2 Red dad) for his generous financial donation towards our amusement rides; Gollisa Thomson for her assistance with the CTK Fete & Market Poster Competition and to all CTK mums, dads, guardians, aunties, uncles, grandparents... who are graciously helping make our Fete a celebration of the CTK community spirit and a fun weekend for all. Thank you!
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The suppliers of the Navy & Red Sports Jackets worked tirelessly over the past 5 weeks & were able to deliver them this week ahead of schedule. (Miracles do happen!!) Orders have been given to students & hopefully made it home safely.

The Uniform Shop is open every Friday from 8.15 – 9.00am. Alternately order forms are available at the school office or online at the CTK website. Drop completed form back to the office, the order will be filled out & given to your child to take home.

Please remember, especially during busy times, the Uniform Shop is solely run by volunteers & all proceeds go to our P&F.

PARISH NEWS

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 & TEENAGERS SINGING GROUP
The next Mass for the children & teenagers singing group is Sunday 25 May at 9.30am Mass. Music practice will be on Sunday 18 May, 10.30-11am (after 9.30am Mass) at Christ the King Church. All children and teenagers are welcome to be part of this group!!!
For further information, contact Chris Larter 3379 6579

Parish Sacramental Program
Enrolments for the 2014/2015 Corinda Graceville Parish Sacramental Program are now open. The program is open to children who have turned 7 by July 1, 2014; have received the Sacrament of Baptism; and are now ready for Penance, Confirmation and First Communion.

Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the parish website or picked up from the parish office. Enrolments close on Friday July 18, 2014.

Sacrament of Confirmation
Families and children are well into preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Small groups have been meeting since the return of school for this term. Some of the forth-coming events are:
· Friday and Saturday 23 and 24 May there are Confirmation Retreats for the young candidates. This is a quiet time in which they participate in various activities that will focus their attention and prayer on the sacrament they are about to celebrate. In past years the young people have really appreciated this experience.
· These retreats are of two hours duration. They are run by the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at the Parish Centre at Graceville. If you can help set up, or during the time please contact Vonnie Daniels h) 3278 5551 m) 0422 097 399 or Anne Delsorte delsorte@bigpond.net.au or Fr Gerry pp.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au
· On Friday 30 May over 100 children will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Monsignor Peter Meneely, Vicar General of the Archdiocese will preside, and Fr Gerry will assist him. The power of God’s Spirit will be strong in the lives of these young people and their families.

Please keep in your prayers our Confirmation candidates, their families, and those who are involved in the retreats and their celebrations.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Attention Music Parents: DDJ Performing Arts Instrumental Concert
We would like to invite all current and new music parents and friends to our Instrumental Concert on Thursday 12th June, from 4:00pm – 5:00pm in the Christ the King Library.

Come along and enjoy watching your child demonstrate their hard work and talents at this performance.

This concert gives our music students an opportunity to perform for their friends and family everything that they have learned in the year so far!

Come along on: Thursday 12th June, from 4:00pm – 5:00pm in the Christ the King Library.
Any enquiries: Phone: 1300 335 335
Invitations have been sent out to your email accounts.
Our Lady’s College

Open Day
Saturday 17 May 2014
10.00am – 1.00pm

Phone 3848 7462 to register your interest
Interviewing now for
Year 7 in 2016 & 2017
limited spaces available
In some year levels for 2015
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