Dear Parents, Staff and Friends,

LED Sign
Our sign is finally operational. I hope that you see our messages and enjoy the different slides that appear. Mr Marsh is having fun designing them.

External Review
Tomorrow, Thursday, May 22nd we will have a visit to the school from a panel representing Brisbane Catholic Education. They will meet with members of the school community to conduct a review of our school which is for the benefit of the school community’s strategic plan to improve student learning. An external review also provides accountability to the Archdiocese and government(s) on a periodic basis.

The purposes of the review are to:

- Provide an opportunity for professional dialogue with an external panel of experienced educators on learning improvement within the school
- Assist the school to meet our reporting obligations to our local school communities, the Archdiocese and the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board
- Affirm and challenge the processes and outcomes achieved by the school in relation to the learning improvement of students
- Provide an external perspective to the school’s learning improvement journey.

All schools within the Archdiocese undertake the external school review process according to the five year school cyclical reporting schedule approved by the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board for the period 2012-2016.

Prayers Please
Some in our community are in need of our prayers and thoughts. We pray especially for the Hardy family at this time:

God of compassion give your strength to all those who are sad, lonely, sick and feeling helpless.

Bless all those who try to help them through their hardships.

Every blessing for this week
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**APRE NEWS**

**SCHOOL PARISH MASS**
Last Sunday we joined the parish for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. The children sang with pride and passion and were a credit to the school and their families.
This week Year 1 Blue lead the prayer assembly whilst the Year 5 children will attend the Friday parish mass which begins at 9.30am

**CONFIRMATION**
On Friday 30th May, over one hundred children will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation. Monsignior Peter Meneely, Vicar General of the Archdiocese will preside and Father Gerry will assist him.
Confirmands are regarded as the perfection of Baptism, because, as the introduction to the Rite of Confirmation states:

> by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.

Please keep the Confirmation candidates and their families in your prayers over the coming weeks.

**WHAT DO TEENAGERS THINK?**
Every two years Dolly magazine takes a look at the constants in the lives of teenagers – such as school, relationships, alcohol, family and body image – and tracks their thoughts, behaviours and the trends that shape them. Using a mixture of surveys and focus groups the Dolly Youth Monitor has been tracking teenage trends for over two decades.
Here are some findings from the latest data:-
Family is very important to teenagers but the thing they can’t live without is their phone. The number of teens with smartphones has doubled in two years. 80 per cent of teenagers now have a smartphone.

Bullying is still one of the biggest concerns for young people. Online bullying of teenage girls has increased massively in two years. In 2011, 9% said they’d been bullied. In 2013 it was 36%.

Smoking is on the outer. Only 12% smoke and eight in 10 would like their parents to stop smoking.

However, drinking alcohol is still popular. Forty-one per cent say they have been drunk, and the average age that this group first tasted alcohol was 14. Ninety-nine per cent say it’s acceptable to drink alcohol occasionally.

Hyper-networking ... drives teen life and most of it is online. One in two teenagers feel constant pressure to keep up-to-date with social media. If they don’t keep up they may miss out on invitations to parties, knowing what’s going on, gossip and the latest trends.

Teens today are getting a good job, financial security uncertain about the future. Their biggest worry is not be too surprised by the latest findings. It is interesting to note networking and the rate of technological change has added new pressures.

WALK TO SCHOOL SAFELY WEEK
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, this is ‘Walk To School Safely Week.’ Children who walked, wheeled or rode to school today, were handed a sticker at the school gates to help promote the week. The Year 2 and 3 students also enjoyed their ice cream last week as a reward for being the top walkers and wheelers in Term 1. We were delighted to see local councillor Nicole Johnston at our Monday assembly. Nicole presented the Oxley Cup to CTK as the winners for the months of March and April. The cup is a fun way to promote walking safely to school and we were only too happy to be the inaugural winners.

Gerard

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Fantastic! A full week of tuckshop with nearly everything running smoothly, or close to everything anyways. Yeah! I assure you I can’t do it alone, especially since an updated report on my wrist indicates it is still broken! Great appreciation on Wednesday 14 May to Amanda Smith helping out and Nicki Cuolahan for the yummy cupcakes. Thank you to my very efficient team and some Mums for filling in for others last Friday. Another thank you to Janelle Peacock, Justine Ebzery, Amanda Smith (an Angel) and Nicola Quin for the divine cupcakes! Sadly we nearly ran out. Please keep checking when you are on the roster, the children do so love the home bake treats. Here’s to smooth sailing this week! I hope.

Bakers
Friday 23.5 Gianna Gangemi & Kirsty Claudius
Wed 28.5 Kerry O’Reilly
Friday 30.5 Jessie Bennett & Michelle Craig
Wed 4.6 Tanya Grambower
Friday 6.6 Georgia Richards & Nicola Quin

Helpers
Friday 23.5 Stephanie Bamford (early)
Debbie Hatfield (early)
Michelle Bennett
Friday 30.5 Anne Fowler
Therese Reid (early)
Penny Worthington (late)
Friday 6.6 Sonia Thorpe (early)
Nicole Kelly (early)
Fiona Forbes (late)

LIBRARY NEWS

Hooray!
The Book Fair is here!
Come along after school until Friday to view the CTK Book Fair.
Meet our surprise visitor. We have books, packs, posters and accessories available to purchase. Cash and Credit card is accepted - You can either pay online (using a computer in the library) or directly to our staff in the library.

Children will be able to view the Book Fair with their class and many will complete a ‘wish list’ of books they may like to have. These are only to be used as an indication to you of your child's request.

There will be a sign on the door to remind students to leave their school bags outside. This is due to the limited amount of space inside the library at this time. I hope you all enjoy our Book Fair this year and thank you in advance for helping the library to raise extra funds.

Whilst you're in the library, please take some time to view the artwork on display that was created by the Year 2s and 3s.
A competition is circulating for students to guess how many pages are in a particular book. Students are encouraged to enter (for free) to be in the running for the prize of a gift voucher for them to spend at the Book Fair. Competition is open before school and at lunch times. Competition closes Thursday afternoon and the winner drawn so they can collect their prize on Friday.

Happy Book Fair
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STUDENT BANKING

Student banking is every Tuesday. If you would like to open a Commonwealth Bank Account and start saving please see Mrs Collier.

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 dlonergan@gmail.com.

CTK Garage Sale.

NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS

Its time to clear our the cupboards.
The Fete Garage Sale would appreciate donations of Furniture, toys, books, records, bric a brac, and general household items.
No electrical items please, especially no TVs.

We would love you to spread the word to family and neighbours
Please pop into see them and ask if they have items to donate.

This year the garage sale has an army of collectors who would be happy to arrange pick up of larger items. Ph 0425365576 to arrange.
Otherwise, drop items into the undercover garage area of 252 Verney Road East, Graceville.
A text to 0425365576 letting me know you have donated items would be appreciated.

Thanking you all for your help and generosity,
Fiona Forbes

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.corindagracevle@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

Graceville Urban Loop
You may be aware that recently, an exciting new Facebook initiative “Urban Loop: Graceville” launched and we thought this might be of interest to many in our CTK community.
Urban Loop is for those of us who live, work or play in the suburbs of Graceville, Chelmer, Tennyson and Sherwood and aims to keep us connected with the very best of what’s happening in our local community.
If this is of interest, simply log on to Facebook and ‘like’ today. [www.facebook.com/UrbanLoopGraceville](http://www.facebook.com/UrbanLoopGraceville)
Urban Loop will also proudly be supporting the relevant news and events of the CTK community throughout the year.

Staverton Kindergarten – Position Available Contract Cleaner position
Staverton Kindergarten, Chelmer, is a Gowrie (Qld) Inc centre. We are seeking a contract cleaner to clean the centre on a daily basis Monday to Friday preferably starting at 2.30pm (time is negotiable) for 2-3 hrs per day.
Essential criteria:
- ABN and ability to produce invoices to kindergarten
- Provide proof of own business insurance, workers compensation insurance
- Blue Card and Police clearance
- Letters of recommendation

Please contact The Director, Staverton Kindergarten on 3379 1511 to organise a visit to the kindergarten and provide quote for cleaning.

St Kevin’s Primary School Golden Jubilee
All past staff and students are invited to the Jubilee Mass on Saturday 24 May at 9:00am. Mass will be followed by a Family Fun Day commencing with an official opening at 10:15am. For further information please telephone the school or email pgeebung@bne.catholic.edu.au