Dear Parents, Staff and Friends,

**Student Enrolments**

We have been conducting our Prep interviews over the past few weeks for the 2015 school year. Each of our new families is asked why they are interested in becoming part of this school community. With all families the answer has been the importance of being in a Catholic community, the reputation we have in our local area for a quality education and our caring environment. Much of this well researched information has been sourced through you, our current parents. **Thank you, it is very much appreciated and valued.**

I am aware that a number of schools that accept enrolments from Year 4 or 5 have now sent out acceptances for students in 2015. If your child will be leaving CTK this year and is in any year level other than 6 or 7, can you please let the office know in writing. I am already planning for 2015 staffing and the knowledge of student numbers is a vital input.

**Sacraments**

This Friday night some of our students are being confirmed in the Catholic faith. Please keep them in your prayers this week. Mrs Maryanne Riley, Mrs Kim McGregor, Mrs Trish Blumke, Mrs Nonee Stiles and myself will be present at Christ the King at 5:30 while Mr Nik Seow, Mr Bryan Malone, Mr Gerard Marsh and Miss Liz Tinnelly will be present at St Joseph’s at 7:30.

Sacraments provide a special time of grace for us, with God at key times in our life. They are significant moments of being together in a believing community that give us the chance to appreciate that we are a people who have been touched by God and who have come to appreciate that special gift. The use of water, oil, touch, incense, bread and wine are all employed in touching the sacred. The celebration of sacraments recognises the deep need we all have for concrete ritual as a way of experiencing the mystery of our gracious and tender God.

**Christ The King’s School External Review 2014**

Every five years, Brisbane Catholic Education schools participate in an external review process. This is in conjunction with our continuous and yearly school internal review processes where all aspects of what it takes to provide a quality Catholic Education are systematically considered.

Last Thursday, an external panel visited our school to meet with us and participate in discussion about our review processes and observation of our practices aimed at improving learning outcomes for our students. The panel consisted of Mary Tsourounakis (Principal Education Officer-Learning and Teaching), Annette Duffy (Area Supervisor) and Warren Fields (Principal of Our Lady of Fatima, Acacia Ridge). The panel was very affirming of the community at CTK. A full report is produced by the Chair, Mary Tsourounakis, sent to the Director, Ms Pam Betts and is then forwarded to the school. I will keep you informed of the results and recommendations within the report.

**LockDown**

Today, we had a lockdown practice. Thank you to all our parents who were in the school and participated. These practices are vital to the safety of our staff, students and community members.
Uniform
Generally most students are coming to school each day in the correct uniform items – thank you for supporting us in upholding the standards set by our Uniform Guidelines. There are, however some smaller items that require attention:

- Jewellery is restricted to simple studs or sleepers for ears, a Religious cross or icon and a wristwatch.
- Nail polish and makeup are not to be worn.
- Short socks only – no anklet socks
- Hair past the collar must be tied back - Hair ties are to be in school colours.
- The school jumper/jacket - please ensure this is named. Coloured jumpers are not part of our uniform.

We are aware that situations arise when an article of school clothing is unable to be worn. Please write a note to let us know so that we are aware of your child’s situation.

GO QUEENSLAND!!!

Every blessing for this week.

Trudy

APRE NEWS

NATIONAL SORRY DAY

Last Monday was National Sorry Day.

National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held on May 26 each year. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. Stolen generations refer to Indigenous Australians who were forcibly removed from their families and communities.

Our school was involved in a local art project where our Year 5 children combined with students from Graceville Primary and Milperra State Secondary to construct three paperbark flags; Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian. These flags were used for the Sorry Day ceremony at Sherwood Arboretum.

Local Aboriginal elder, Aunty Kerri also spoke to the students about her time growing up in aboriginal communities. She reminisced about her life as a child and shared some interesting stories. Below is a reading from the ceremony read by one of our Year 6 students.

In order to be truthful
We must do more than speak the truth
We must also hear truth
We must also receive truth
We must also act upon truth
We must also search for truth

The difficult truth

Within and around us
We must devote ourselves to truth
Otherwise we are dishonest and our lives mistaken
May we have the strength and courage to be truthful.

Gerard

LIBRARY NEWS

What a fantastic week we had in the library last week! The Book Fair kept everyone buzzing with excitement. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the library by purchasing books from us. Another huge thank you to the CTK staff and David Lonegan for their assistance after school in helping to keep the fair run smoothly.

Our very special visitor, Clifford the Big Red Dog surprised everyone with his appearance around school. How lucky we were to have him, as it was only last year we were celebrating his 50th Birthday. I know he was a huge hit with all the children. Finally, congratulations to Sarah in year 4 who won the ‘Guess how many pages in the book’ competition.

I’m sure the children will enjoy reading their new books.

Happy Reading,
Illese Smithwick and Linda Cunningham

AROUND THE SCHOOL

University of New South Wales Science Competition: The NSW Science Competition will be held next Wednesday 4 June commencing at 9am. The students involved will proceed to their classrooms after morning line-up and they will be collected from there. Students require a 2b or HB pencil, eraser and ruler. Please contact Mrs Blumke if you have any further questions.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Many thanks for the fabulous cupcakes baked by Tiffany Daly on Wed 21/5. Unfortunately there were a few hiccups on Friday 23/5 that resulted in a slight delay of food orders. Thankfully everyone received their lunches and still had time for fun and recreation. Everyone is still learning! On the brighter side we now have a brand new freezer for easier access to the frozen food! The new tubs have finally arrived and should be available no later than next week, and at a push by Friday 6/6. A massive thank you to the dedicated team of Mums who assisted me on Friday 23/5, Stephanie Bamford, Debbie Hadfield and Michelle Bennett. To the very talented bakers, a sell out on the cupcakes!! Gianna Gangemi and Kristy Claudius, a huge thank you! Thank you to one and all.

Bakers
Friday 30.5 Jessie Bennett & Michelle Craig
Wed 4.6 Tanya Grambower
Friday 6.6 Georgia Richards & Nicola Quin
 Helpers
Friday 30.5  Anne Fowler
           Therese Reid (early)
           Penny Worthington (late)
Friday 6.6  Sonia Thorpe (early)
           Nicole Kelly (early)
           Fiona Forbes (late)

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

VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Our current parent volunteer is unable to continue to provide her time for student banking. We are looking for someone to take over this role. It involves collecting student banking from the office, checking and inputting into a database (not complicated). The office staff completes the process by taking the children’s money to the bank. Training will be provided. Many thanks to Alicia Cooper for the great job she has done.

STUDENT BANKING

P&F NEWS

Uniform Shop News
The Uniform Shop is open every Friday from 8.15 – 9.00am.
Alternately order forms are available at the school office or online at 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 & second-hand uniforms sales goes towards our P & F.

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 dilonergan@gmail.com.

Lob-A-Choc is back!
We need your help to make the Lob-A-Choc stall a success at this year’s fete. Thursday the 5th of June is free dress day to support our Lob-A-Choc stall. Please bring to school ONE or MORE family sized blocks of chocolate on this day and give to your classroom teacher who will have a collection basket in class. Don’t forget you do have a chance to win it back! Many thanks, Janelle Burton.

Bottle Week starts Monday June 2nd. Help your class win the soft drink competition.

Prize for the class with the most bottles.

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 in to 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.
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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Part-time Special Needs Educator contract position
Staverton Kindergarten, Chelmer, affiliated with Lady Gowrie Community Kindergartens, has a teaching approach based on the Early Years Framework curriculum.
Staverton Kindergarten has a Special Needs Educator position available commencing Term 3 2014. The successful applicant will work a five day fortnight consisting of Mon, Tue, alt Wed. The position is 3.5 hrs per day / 17.5 hrs per fortnight. The position will be a 6 month contract.

Essential criteria:
- Certificate III (Children’s Services)
- Blue Card and First Aid
- Familiar with Early Years Framework
- Knowledge of National Quality Framework

Please send applications and resumes addressed to The Director, Staverton Kindergarten, via email to admin@staverton.com.au by Monday 2nd June 2014.

Art Workshops at Corinda State High School THIS TERM!!!

‘Art in Print’ is an exciting and hands on workshop spanning two days where students design, carve, colour and print using lino block carvings with the theme, ‘The Monster Under my Bed’.

They will develop their create design under the instruction of our incredible Art Specialist teacher and work collaboratively with our Artist in Residence, Wendy Winsley, a well-known and much respected local artist.

Open to any interested year 4/5/6/7 student. Dates are Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 June. Further information can be found at the office or by emailing Erin Hudson – Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator at Corinda State High School on echud0@eq.edu.au or 3379 0214.