Dear Parents, Staff and Friends

As term 3 comes to a close I would like to thank our community for their continued support. We have had a very busy third term including:

- Celebrations of Catholic Education Week
- NAIDOC celebrations
- Athletics carnivals
- Book Week activities
- Fathers’ Day
- UNSW English and mathematics competitions
- Debating has/is happening for our upper school
- Year 6 & 7 camp
- Interschool Sport- West Taylor Bridge District
- Work on the seating and learning area under the big tree.

There is also much to celebrate about your children’s learning. Our students have certainly engaged in high quality learning experiences. To reflect on their experiences, you may like to ask them questions such as, “What do you know now that you didn’t know at the beginning of term?” or “Is there something you can do now that you couldn’t do before?” I hope that you get some great answers. I would also like to acknowledge the continued efforts of our staff to offer a wide range of opportunities for our children. I believe that we as a school are privileged to have so many staff who are professional and gifted in their approach to your children’s learning.

Teachers have continued to engage in professional development this term focussing on Visible Learning, Design Thinking, Kidsmatter and a research project on Numeracy within our school.

Last week our early Year 2 and 3 teachers were released for a planning day to ensure that Term 4 is once again a successful one for our students. Teachers in years Prep, 1 and 4 to 7 will be released this week.

We have a number of families and staff who have experienced loss and grief through the passing of a loved one or facing challenging illnesses. We hold all who face such challenges in God’s loving care for comfort and strength. Ensure that you have a wonderful break and we look forward to having your children back for Term 4 in a couple of weeks’ time.

Have a peace-filled week.

Trudy Walsh

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APRE NEWS

The end of term is a great opportunity for us to reflect on what has taken place in our lives and the things that we should be grateful for. In the busyness of life we sometimes forget to thank God for our blessings.

Prayer of Thanks:
Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.
Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another, our family and friends.
Dear Father, in your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the year.
Amen
(Retrieved from Catholic Online)

I hope you all have a happy and safe holiday and return to school refreshed.
Trish Blumke

Mass and Prayer Assembly Roster:

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How can you be involved as Parents in our school?
We always need to revisit how we are going as a school. We need to find out how we can improve, reach out and how to engage our parents. As part of a P&F and Board initiative we will be holding an information gathering night on **October 15 at 7pm**. Please put the date in your diaries and join us to review the very important aspect of parent involvement in our school. Questions such as the following may form part of our enquiry:

- How can we reach out to parents?
- How can we improve our communication?
- What are parents wanting to hear, say, do at CTK?
- How do we make parents feel included?
- What should our fundraising look like?
- Should we look at a new model rather than the current P&F etc?

Year 6/7 Camp
Last week the year 6/7’s went on a three day camp to Emu Gully. It involved a lot of team work and encouragement. We realised that we had to work together as a team and encourage others if we wanted to succeed in our activities. Everyone felt good about themselves and others and we all had a great time. There was very little down time and we all came back completely exhausted. We learnt so many important lessons like that attitude not ability determines destiny. We learnt to be selfless and to work as a team. We learnt the meaning of camp

- Courage
- Attitude
- Mateship
- Perseverance
- Self-sacrifice

We can use these to help others and to improve the way we work together and co-operate. This has been the best camp yet and we thank those who made it happen.
Ruth Forbes, Harriett Tapley

Lost Property
At the end of this the Lost Property box will be cleared and unclaimed, unmarked items are sent to St Vinnies or the Uniform shop. Each week the Year 6/7 students go through the lost property and return named items to their rightful owners. Please help us get your child’s items back to them by clearly naming their possessions (including water bottles, jumpers, hats etc.).

Kids Matter Primary is a framework work supporting the emotional, social and mental health of children. Throughout the year we have engaged with different strategies to assist our students to navigate social situations, to equip them when dealing with emotions, to build resilience and promote happiness. The following article (please see below for article) is about focussing upon positives, to motivate and encourage children to develop effective behaviours to promote positive social and emotional health.

**Kids Matter**

**AUSTRALIAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE**

**CURRICULUM**

Year 5 Camp
In week 2 of next term the Year 5 students will be attending a three day camp at Tallebudgera Educational Camp. This is an exciting time for the students and an important part of their school education program.

NSW English Competition:
Congratulations to the following students who received awards of credits and distinctions in the 2014 University of NSW English competition. Only a small percentage of the students from Years 3 to 7 choose to enter the competition. Our percentage results are very good.

- **Merit:** Elianne Hamilton
- **Credit:** Lauren Behan (Year 3), Cooper Rowlings (Year 3), Penny Munday (Year 3), Jo Balkin (Year 3), Ellie Manton (Year 3), Xavier Grambower (Year 4), Joshua Rowlings (Year 4), Tara Hannigan (Year 6), Ruth Forbes (Year 7)
- **Distinction:** Hannah Manton (Year 3), Lily Gundry (Year 3) Amy Manthy (Year 4), Laura Smithwick (Year 6), Camilla Crowe (Year 7)
Geography:
This semester, Geography has been included on the report card. Over the past couple of years, teachers have been developing their personal knowledge and understanding of this curriculum area so that they can plan, teach and assess Geography as intended by Australian Curriculum.

Key messages of the Geography curriculum:
1. Thinking geographically is a way to view the world in order to develop a holistic understanding of the world that informs actions into the future that will promote a socially just and sustainable world.
2. Geographic concepts are interrelated and developed concurrently.
3. The skills needed for field studies, map work, interpretation of data and spatial distributions and the use of spatial technologies are integral to this curriculum and are skills that students will need in the 21st century.
4. Geographical inquiry is critical for the students to develop their understanding and appreciation of their place in the world and their identity which is tied to this place. They can also explore how to improve their place as they move into the future.
(Brisbane Catholic Education: Learning and Teaching)

Student Learning Folios:
This week and in the first couple of weeks of next term, students will be bringing home their work folios. These folios are a compilation of some of the work the students have been creating over the past two terms. Student folios are an important part of the reporting process and provide parents and students with the opportunity to build a shared understanding of the learning that has taken place during this period.

Poetry Café:
The Year 6/7 students have been reading, writing and discussing poetry this term as part of their English curriculum. On Friday morning they are having a Poetry Café so they can share their poetry with each other.

Emotion poem by Holly Curtain
Sadness is grey.
Its smells like the smoke from a neglected factory, old and musty, and to sit in a room, grey and old and just sit there and be drawn down.
It tastes like salt from the tears running down your face; it’s like you can taste the sea whilst it is drowning you.
It sounds like sobbing all you can hear is nothing but a cry for saving.
It feels like knotted, frizzy hair in the morning, whilst brushing you just can’t get it out.
It looks like two people fighting in front of you, hate, anger and hurtfulness.
Sadness it’s like a “help me cry”, deep inside wanting to be shown.

SPORT NEWS

Friday Interschool Sport
Interschool sport will continue this week for students in Years 5 to Year 7. Please remember hats, water bottles and sunscreen.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to Jack Coomber, Madison Shanahan, Hamish Thorn, Sophia Wettenthal & Georgina Williams 19.9; Alexander Lindenburg 22.9; Oscar Spencer 28.9; Tiana Ebzery 29.9; Jack Phillips 6.10; Stanley Taylor 8.10.

STUDENT BANKING

TUCKSHOP NEWS

It seems I always start with a major Thank-You! so I will continue with that tradition, and add much appreciation!
To Tracy Smith for the scrumptious cupcakes on Wed 10/9/14. Major thanks to Debbie Hadfield, Angela Stafford great team work !!! and Amanda Smith who helped get all the food out and children fed nearly on time!!?? Large thanks for the divine cupcakes Judy Munday and Kate Muller for Fri 12/9/14. Have a stupendously Happy, Safe, Fun Holiday!!! Enjoy! Stay Safe. Cheers in care Heather

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.

There is a selection of second-hand uniforms available from $5.00 each, so come & pick up a bargain or two. All proceeds goes to our P & F Committee.
FATHER'S DAY STALL WRAP UP

Thanks to everyone who sent money with their children for the Father's Day stall. The kids seemed to have lots of fun 'shopping' for Dad themselves.

I would like to say a special thankyou to Kate Muller, Tanya Grambower and Nicky Quinn who helped with the big task of packing the gift bags before the stall day.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Kate Muller, Amanda Smith, Camillia McLaren, Nicky Quinn, Justine Ebzery, Lisa Drummond, Nicki Cuolahan, Michelle Craig and Michelle Poulsen who helped out on the day with the stall. A wonderful job done ladies, it could never happen without your help!!

Last but not least,........ Thank you to the teachers who allow us to steal a little bit of their classroom time to help make Mother's Day and Father's Day just a little bit more fun for the kids (who doesn't love secret presents that parents don't know about!!). You are all good sports and a great team at CTK.

25% OFF TENNIS COURT HIRE

The Father's Day bags were to contain a voucher for discounted tennis court hire at Queensland Tennis Centre Tennyson (along with the gifts), but some of the children got away from us a little too quickly and may have missed receiving the voucher for their bag.

There will be 100 vouchers left in the office for your child to collect if they would like to have a game of tennis with Mum or Dad. You are more than welcome to grab a voucher as you go past, even if your child didn't buy a bag. They are there to be used!!

Trivia Night Date Claimer

It's that time of year again! We are organizing a TRIVIA NIGHT to be filled with fun, laughs and loads of exciting questions and music. The theme this year is Cocktail/Black Tie, so dust off your gorgeous frocks girls, boys pull out your best suit or dinner jacket and let’s have a ball!!

Date: Saturday 11th October Time: 7.00pm Venue” Sherwood RSL

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sports Holiday Program
Wed 24th – Fri 26th September

Sports Holiday Fun

Game On Australia is offering another 3-day multi-sport holiday program in September. This program will include lots of sports, games and activities to ensure an active holiday.
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

September/October 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 school 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.
**Swim Clinic**

A swim clinic will be held at Graceville State School pool from Monday September 29th til Friday October 3rd. Learn to swim, stroke correction and squad classes are on offer. For details contact Peter Geraghty on 0432407442 or email petegeraghty@hotmail.com