Dear Parents, Staff and Friends

**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?

**Announcing the implementation of the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum**
For the next two weeks of this term and into next term, our school will be implementing the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum with students in Years Prep to 7. The curriculum is based on principles of best practice in child safety education and centres around three key messages: Recognise, React and Report. Through a series of lessons, students will learn how to recognise, react and report when they are unsafe or find themselves in situations that can have a significant detrimental effect on their physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing.

**Book Week**
Many thanks to Ms Illese Smithwick for organising very successful Book Week celebrations last week.
NAPLAN
As you are all aware, I have always stated that NAPLAN is a point in time test and should not be taken as the most important indicator of how a child is progressing, however it does give some general indication of how we are travelling against other schools. Our grade 3, 5 and 7 students performed extremely well with all classes achieving above the state and national average in all areas tested, ie Grammar and Punctuation, Numeracy, Reading, Spelling and Writing. These results reflect the work done not only in years 3, 5 and 7, but also across all classrooms from Prep to Year 7. Below are tables of our average results for each year level. We include all children who wish to sit NAPLAN unlike some schools who advise some students not to sit.

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Have a peace-filled week.
Trudy Walsh

APRE NEWS

September 7 to 13 September is designated as Queensland Child Protection Week. The theme is Protecting Children is everybody’s business. Jesus showed his love for the children when he said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

Prayer for this week:
O God of Compassion, your gaze is always drawn to the defenceless and the wounded.
Teach us not to turn a blind eye or a deaf ear to those victims whose silent cries reach out to you.
Make us vigilant in our care of children, young people and vulnerable adults.
May we listen to the voice of the voiceless, be supportive of the courageous and sincere and humble in our admissions of sin.
Transform us into true agents of your justice and healing.
We pray that St Mary MacKillop, our patron and guide, may be our vision of sacred respect which you demand of each of us towards those entrusted in our care.
Guide our families, communities and parishes to grow stronger in our attentiveness to one another, so that all may encounter your love in safe and nurturing environments.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

Mass and Prayer Assembly Roster:

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LETTER TO THE CTK COMMUNITY

Thank you for your kind words and best wishes which Trudy has regularly been passing on to me. They certainly lifted my spirits and made me feel appreciated as part of the CTK community.

Although my progress is a little slow for my liking, I am certainly feeling stronger every day with lots of walking and physio.

We all have our own perspectives on life and its challenges. We recently had a visit from some friends and I was telling them how well I was looked after at Greenslopes Hospital.

Thirteen year old Sara said, “Well Mr. Marsh, you’ve had a nice ‘holiday,’ getting well looked after in hospital, great food and Pay TV. And now you’re home you can help Mrs Marsh around the house doing some washing and ironing and you can do some cooking as well.”

From my perspective, I wouldn’t call it a holiday but it has certainly made me appreciate the precious gift of every day and the beautiful gift of family and friends.

Thanks once again for your prayers and kind thoughts and I look forward to re-joining the CTK community in Term 4.

Gerard Marsh

AROUND THE SCHOOL

Friday Interschool Sport
There will be no Interschool Sport this week. Interschool Sport will resume next Friday 19 September and then continues after the holidays.

Year 6/7 Leadership Camp
The Year 6/7 students will be at camp at Emu Gully, Helidon from Wednesday 10 September until Friday 12 September. This is a very exciting time for our Year 6/7 students and the camp plays an important part in their development as school leaders and their preparation for high school.

Lost Property
At the end of each term the Lost Property box is cleaned out 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.). There are a number of near new, unnamed hats that were left at the Athletics Carnival last Thursday. These can be collected from Mrs Blumke.

Curriculum:

Professional Development:

All teachers will be participating in planning days over the coming weeks. This is an important part of the teaching/learning cycle. Teachers plan for learning that builds on students’ knowledge, understanding and skills. They focus on learners and their learning by identifying:

☐ the curriculum expectations for the year level using the year level description and the achievement standard

☐ what students need to learn using the content descriptions

☐ the focus of student learning for a particular period of time

☐ the aspects of the standard that will be addressed

☐ the aspects of learning that meet the needs of each student

Professional Dialogue helps to build capacity in teachers and the opportunity to have the time to share their knowledge and understandings is essential. This year, staff have also undertaken other professional development experiences including an Action Learning Project, Design Thinking and Pedagogy, Kidsmatter, Rainbows Training, and Data Collection and Analysis.
KIDS MATTER ANXIETY WORKSHOP

Over the course of the year I have had a number of parents raise concerns about anxiety levels in their children. The questions that are often asked are, "When should I be concerned about the level of anxiety my child experiences?" and "What strategies can I use to help my child manage their anxiety levels more effectively?"

If these are concerns for you this workshop, run by Kids Matter may be beneficial.

LIBRARY NEWS

I hope that you all had as much fun as I did last week for our annual Book Week celebrations. It was wonderful to see so many children dress as characters from their favourite books. Many thanks must go to you, their parents, for all your work in preparing your children for this event. A special thanks to the Year 6’s and 7’s who volunteered to compare the parade. They demonstrated their leadership skills taking on this responsibility with enthusiasm and good entertainment. A random name was picked out of a hat to be a Book Parade costume winner. This year the winners were Spencer and Ines (Prep); James and Ben (Year 1); Isaac and Niamh (Year 2); Ellie and Eliane (Year 3); Luca and Josh (MY 1); Georgia (MY 2) and Taylor for (MY 3). The winners were given a card that they need to bring to the library to collect their prize. Many have already done so, but if your child has a card and hasn’t collected their prize, please bring them in so we can reward them.

Friday afternoon was delightful as we sat in the cool and watched a performance called ‘Worlds Apart’. Preps to Year 4s enjoyed a fun musical presentation based on a selection of the CBCA nominated books.

Harry Potter Quiz

I would also like to congratulate Harrison and Laura S for competing and winning the Harry Potter Quiz. This quiz has been run at lunchtimes in the library over the past few weeks. The scores for the quiz were very close and all participants should be proud of their efforts. Results are currently advertised on the back wall of the tuckshop building.

Justin D’Ath

Students in Years 2 – 7 were entertained and enlightened by our visiting Author, Justin D’Ath last Thursday. I have since heard that some children have made connections with Justin as his ‘Sam Fox: Extreme Adventures’ cartoon series is on channel 10 each weekend. How wonderful for them to be excited and making such connections at such a young age. We have many of his books available in the library, but like our previous visiting illustrator, David Legge, many of the books have already walked off the shelves.
SPORT NEWS

Junior Cricket
The Junior Cricket was a big success for their first game. They went in with a positive attitude and got a great result. Player of the match was Harrison for making an effort with his bowling and improving his skills with every ball. We would like to congratulate Imogen W for her bowling with limited runs and Harrison and Clinton for being a successful batting team with 21 runs achieved.
CTK – 80
Corinda 1-66
By Lancelot

Senior Cricket
The seniors had a great experience for their first game. Sadly they were beaten. We would like to congratulate Sophie S for player of the match, Jazz for her multiple 6’s and 4’s. We would also like to congratulate Camilla for her great CTK spirit. We had a fabulous time and have gained experience for future games.
CTK – 38
Corinda – 82
By Sarah

Softball - 5th September, 2014
All CTK teams are playing in B division competition
CTK 6/7B lost against St Aidan’s B: 8-6
CTK 5/6 Team B won against Graceville Team B: 13-8
CTK 5/6 Team A won against Corinda Team B: 9-4
Well done girls 😊
Kim Fannin

STUDENT BANKING

Student Banking is each Tuesday.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

A very large Thankyou to Amanda Smith for helping with the banking and to Nicola Quinn who made the divine cupcakes for Wednesday 3 September. Massive thanks goes to Jen Reardon and Sarah Crowe who filled in for parents who were unable to make it, and Nicole Kelly. It was a big day ladies, well done great team work!!

Friday 5 September thanks also goes to the makers of the gorgeous cupcakes Tanya Grambower and Brendan Jackson. Friday 5 September. The countdown is on, holidays are just round the corner YAHOO!!!! Cheers Heather

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

ATTENTION PARENTS/STUDENTS OF LOST UNIFORMS

Items of clothing with names on them are waiting for collection at the Uniform Shop NOW! Any unclaimed items will be resold at the beginning of Term 4 with the proceeds going to our P & F Committee.
Could the following please come & collect their lost items asap:

Jumpers/Jackets
- Georgia Bennett-Allen
- Mia H
- Fitzgerald
- Lotscher
- Lara Kenny
- Georgia Rutherford
- Amelia England
- J.S.

Hats
- Tara H
- Moodie

Unfortunately there is a large pile of Jumpers with no names on them. These will also be resold at the beginning of Term 4 unless owners can somehow lay claim to them!
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.

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**P&F NEWS**

**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/Blakc 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

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**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’s liturgy** is on 14 Sept and then 12 Oct.

It's part of the 9:30am mass and all schol age children are welcome to attend. There is a cup of tea after the 9:30am mass organised by parents in our sacramental program.

And the youth band is playing this Sunday night (6pm).

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**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,
- **Times:** Activities from 9:00am-3:00pm
- **Operators:** Game On is organised and run by qualified HPE teachers and coaches quickly.

Early Bird Specials apply so be sure to book quickly.

For full details and to register online, visit: **www.gameonaustralia.com.au**

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**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**.