Dear Parents, Staff and Friends

**Prep Orientation**
Today we welcomed our new preps for 2015 for their orientation session. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm from both our new CTK kids and their parents. Our current Prep students wowed them with their exceptional reading and singing and their beautiful welcoming ways. Thank you so much to Mrs Eloise Bennett, Miss Victoria Kerlin, Mrs Barbara Kiernan and Mr Adam Jenkins for their preparation of today’s very successful event. Thank you also to our parents from prep who served and provided morning tea and to the ladies who assisted our uniform coordinator Mrs Kerry O’Reilly.

**Preparation for 2015 – Class Groupings**
There is much on our “To Do” lists in the next few weeks. One of these tasks is to organise class groups for next year. In the spirit of partnership - sharing understandings, communicating needs and respecting professional and personal insight - your input is welcome and shall be considered. Our main source will be recommendations from your child’s current teachers.
I ask that should you wish to, please put any information about your child’s learning styles, social and emotional needs, strengths and challenges in writing to me, as Principal. Requests for specific teachers will not be considered. Please have this written communication sent via email (twalsh@bne.catholic.edu.au) or paper copy to the school office by Wednesday 29 October.

**Many Thanks**
Last Saturday night’s Trivia Night was a great success with many positive comments being heard around the school. Everyone had a ball! My sincere thanks to Heather Greene and Jenny Reardon for their organisation of the night. I would also like to thank Mr Matt Conway for once again organising the venue.

**CTJ Day Next Monday**
Please remember that Monday, October 20 is a Pupil Free Day. Our teachers will be joining teachers from 11 other schools from our south west cluster to participate in a “Consistency of Teacher Judgement” day moderating on the Australian Curriculum and will be off-site so there will be no classes on Monday. So while your child is having a day at home, their teachers will be enjoying professional dialogue with other teachers, which in turn will help to support the learning and teaching of your child. I acknowledge and congratulate our CTK teachers for the strong reputation they have as professional leaders in this area.

**Enrolments 2015**
We are currently taking Enrolment Applications for Years 1-6, 2015. Should you have friends/family interested in obtaining a position, kindly direct them to our website or the office. If your child is not returning to CTK for the 2015 school year, please advise the school office immediately if you have not already done so.

**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 tonight October 15 at 7pm. Please 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?

Have a peace-filled week.

Trudy Walsh

**APRE NEWS**

**CONSISTENCY OF TEACHER JUDGEMENT**

This Monday our teachers will join other teachers in the cluster to engage in professional dialogue around assessment, planning and teaching. One of the strands this year is Religious Education. During religious education lessons, teachers have planned, taught and assessed work using a textual criticism framework of the three worlds of the text. In other words, students have examined bible stories in detail to get an in depth understanding and awareness of the sacred texts. These days are always professionally rewarding and I congratulate our teachers on their professional attitude and approach in this area.

**DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOUR?**

A sense of humour can brighten family life. We tend to think of humour as part of our genetic makeup, like blue eyes or big feet. But a sense of humour actually is a learned quality that can be developed in kids, not something they're born with. So are there benefits to a good sense of humour? Kids with a well-developed sense of humour are happier and more optimistic, have higher self-esteem, and can handle differences (their own and others') well. But most of all, a sense of humour is what makes life fun. What can you do to encourage your child's sense of humour?

- **Be a humour model.** One of the best things you can do to develop your child's sense of humor is to use your own. Make jokes. Tell funny stories. Laugh out loud. Deal lightly with small catastrophes like spilt milk.
- **Take kids' humour seriously.** Encourage your child's attempts at humour, whether it's reading (potentially unfunny) jokes from a book or drawing "funny" pictures of the family dog. Praise your child for trying to be funny.
- **Teach kids that adults are funny — and that they can be too.** Make humour a part of your day-to-day interactions with your kids and encourage them to share funny observations or reactions, even when you're around other adults.
- **Create a humour-rich environment.** Surround your kids with funny books — for toddlers and pre-schoolers these include picture books or nonsense rhymes; older kids will love joke books and comics. Also check out funny TV shows, movies, and websites.

Humour has many benefits that can strengthen and maintain healthy family relationships and after all…shouldn’t life be fun?

Gerard

**AROUND THE SCHOOL**

**Student Teachers**

We welcome ACU student teachers Mr Landers (Year 4 Red), Ms Layte (Year 5) and Mr Sullivan (Year 1 Red) who are with us at CTK participating in their three week Professional Experience. We also welcome back Ms Heron who has returned to complete her 6 week internship in the Year6/7 Class.

**Year 6/7 Sausage Sizzle**

On Monday 27th of October the Year 6/7 students and Ms. Heron (ACU Intern) will be having a sausage sizzle fundraiser at big lunch. This fundraiser is part of ‘Weekend to end Women’s Cancer’ walk, which will be held on the 25th – 26th of October. Miss. Heron will be participating in the walk which will equate to a distance of 60km over 2 days. The money raised will go to support the Royal Brisbane & Women’s Hospital & QIMR Berghofer Medical Institute. Sausages will cost $2.00.
Poetry from Year 6/7

My Sock Poem by Harriett
You can wear them on your feet,
Or maybe even when you eat.
Wear them if you happy or blue,
Different colours just for you.

Make them smell pretty and nice,
Please don’t wear them more than twice.
Buy them from the shops or mall,
Or maybe even a grocery stall.

You can wear them while at school,
Or if you want to in the pool.
You can wear them in a moat,
But they won’t help you swim or float.

You can wear them in a park,
But they will dirty in the bark.
They will keep you nice and warm
And keep you dry in a storm.

I love socks so very much,
They’re made of cotton and soft to touch

Teacher Professional Learning

As part of our continuing professional learning the staff participated in a CPR update session last Tuesday afternoon after school. Professional development opportunities that help keep our staff updated and informed are highly valued by the committed staff members of our school.

LIBRARY NEWS

This week the last of the Book Club brochures for 2014 were sent home. This is an important fund raising for the CTK library and a great opportunity for parents to pre-purchase some Christmas gifts. Orders need to be placed and payment made by 23 October. Please indicate on your form if you wish to be contacted directly to collect your purchase otherwise books will be sent home with your children. Should you choose to collect directly, we will phone you to let you know that the books have arrived and you can pick them up at a convenient time.

We still have several weeks of borrowing left in the library, however there are numerous overdue books that need to be returned. I will send out some overdue notices this week to remind parents and students the titles of the books to be returned.

SPORT NEWS

Softball - 10th October, 2014
All CTK teams are playing in B division competition
CTK 6/7B Lost against St Aidan’s B:  9-2
CTK 5/6 Team B won against St Aidan Team B:  10-0
CTK 5/6 Team A lost against Graceville A:  6-3
Well done girls 😊
Kim Fannin
Clinics for Middle Years
The Middle Years students will be participating in sports clinics with Mr Treschman each Monday during Term 4 beginning Monday 27 October. This is a component of our Health and Physical Education Program.

Years 1, 2 & 3 Swimming
Swimming began last Friday (10 October) for all students in Years 1, 2 & 3 and will continue each Friday for Term 4 2014. Swimming lessons are held at Graceville State School Pool. Children will walk to and from the pool with their classroom teachers and participate in lessons conducted by staff from Dunlop Park Pool. Children must have their swimmers, swimming cap (given to them on the first day of swimming), sun shirt and sunscreen.

Friday Interschool Sport
There will be no interschool sport this week (Friday 17 October) due to the Year 5 Camp.

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Well!! Here we are Term 4 hitting the ground running!! A thank you from Term 3, Wed 17/9/14 jumping in to assist when it appeared lunch would not be received till after school? So all the gorgeous children were fed on time. Big thanks Ms Tinnelly, Mrs Stiles, Mark, & Mrs Coomber. And for the fabulous cupcakes Steph Wettenhall and Fri 19/9/14 Busy Day! Great Team work, Huge Thanks, especially those Mums who filled in for others. Anne Fowler, Angela Stafford & Amanda Smith. And to Michelle Craig for the lovely Lamington Fingers. The count down is on only 8 weeks till the Holidays Yahoo!! And 10 not counting this week left before Christmas!! Scary. A big thank you to Fri 10/10/14 Bronwyn Stephens & Nicola Quin for the scrumptious cupcakes, all sold out! And my great team of Mums some who came to fill in for others I thank again Angela Stafford, Jen Reardon & Jenny Manthey couldn’t do it without you all! Thanks for your ongoing support!! Cheers Heather

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday to Libby Hinch 16.10; Lily Gundry and Mrs Cassidy 18.10; Penny Munday & Mrs Orghana 19.10.

STUDENT BANKING
Student Banking is each Tuesday.

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.

P&F NEWS

TONIGHT – Wednesday 15 October

Moving forward
Times change. Family, sporting, work and school commitments constantly evolve. We'd like to know what your thoughts are on how the current P&F should evolve as well. This coming Wednesday (15/10/14) we would love you to join us as we discuss the future of the P&F. The gathering will take place in the staffroom at 6:30pm, we hope to see you there.
Trivia Night Thank you

A big thank you to Heather & Jen for organising this year’s trivia night. Without the assistance & leadership of our CTK parents we wouldn't be able to hold great nights like these, so once again thank you for a great night Saturday night.

P&F AGM

Please mark your diaries for November 10 and join us as we discuss our plans for 2015. We would love your input on where we should focus our energy in the year ahead. At this meeting all positions on the P&F executive are spilled & nominations are taken for these roles - President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Grants. If you are at this meeting you will not be expected to put your hand up for a role, we really would like your attendance so we can discuss ideas for 2015.
If you would like to discuss any of this week's P&F news, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Have a great week,
Trish Colburn

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

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