Dear Parents

Communication and Parental Involvement

Last Wednesday night a number of parents met to discuss ways in which we can ensure that parents feel involved in our school community. It was a productive meeting and the group will continue to investigate a model whereby the strong relationship that the school and parent group has developed will continue to prosper and grow.

One of the items we discussed was communication. Our communication to parents is always done in a respectful and considered manner. Our school has recently received communication from a parent who amongst other things made judgements concerning the reputation of our school and the professionalism and work ethic of our very caring and capable staff. Within the communication there were many inaccuracies which have deeply saddened our staff. I would ask that any communication to our school staff is respectful and factual. I ask that you address any classroom concerns by initially speaking to your child’s teacher and then following up with me if your concerns continue. If you have a school concern, then please make a time where they can be discussed appropriately and respectfully. Without respect, there can not be a successful or fulfilling relationship.

In recent months, I have been interviewing prospective parents asking why have you chosen CTK and to a family, the word reputation was foremost. Despite losing Year 7 this year, our total numbers will increase by 20 students. We have gained students across the year levels. Students come from within and beyond this area. They come from the local state schools. They come because of the words you use about us and because of the fantastic academic results that we achieve in published tests such as NAPLAN. They come because of the school we are – a school that is known for its pastoral care, its academic teaching and results and a place where kids are happy and progress well in their learning. We, the whole school community, are responsible for our reputation. We have a wonderful reputation and you, our supportive parents, our wonderful students and our very professional staff are responsible for that.

I’ll leave my last word to our Mission Statement which I believe we all need to observe and follow if we choose to be part of the CTK community.

At Christ the King School we value our children and provide a happy and secure school community, which encourages life long learning and which focuses on the needs of the individual.

As a vibrant Christian community within the Corinda Graceville Parish we embrace our heritage, our shared cultures and a strong commitment to social justice with God’s love as our example.

We value our caring, dedicated staff who skilfully utilise a variety of resources to achieve quality educational outcomes.

We strive to maintain an ideal learning environment where each child is educated within a vital partnership between parents, carers and teachers.

Have a peace-filled week. Trudy Walsh
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
"Your sins are forgiven."
(Luke 5:20)

Early next month, the children from our parish will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Also called the Sacrament of Penance, it is one of the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church by which forgiveness of sins committed after baptism is granted through the priest's absolution.

True peace can be experienced in life only when we have received forgiveness for our faults and been reconciled with those we have offended. Jesus knew this well. The gospels show that bringing forgiveness into people’s lives was a major purpose of his ministry. When people sought healing, he first forgave their sins. Through the Sacrament of Penance the Church continues Jesus’ ministry of forgiveness.

The celebration of the sacrament has been revised in recent times to better reflect the positive nature of the encounter with Christ. The ritual begins with prayer, followed by a reading from Scripture. There is an examination of conscience and confession of sin in the light of God’s word. Absolution and imposition of penance follows and the rite concludes with praise of God’s goodness.

Please keep our children in your prayers.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia has more than 40,000 members and volunteers, who work hard to assist people in need and combat social injustice across Australia. Internationally, the Society operates in 149 countries and has over 950,000 members.

As like previous years, we will be supporting the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal by collecting non-perishable goods such as:-

- Tinned foods
- Soft drinks
- Books
- Toiletary Goods
- Packaged biscuits and cakes
- Christmas decorations
- Art & Craft Supplies
- Board games

We will be launching the appeal during the last two weeks of school.

We are now asking for donations of large (empty) boxes which will be placed outside classrooms for goods to be stored in.

WALKING WHEELING BREAKFAST

Wednesday 5th November 2014

7.00am – 8.15am

AROUND THE SCHOOL

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.
Debating
Good luck to Jazz Verhagen, Ruth Forbes and Sarah Hicks who will be debating in round 4 of the QDU Junior Debating competition this evening. They will be trying to convince the audience that Disney movies do not send the wrong messages.

CTK Art Update
The year 6/7 students are soon to complete their artwork for their final year at CTK. Being made of clay we are in need of clean Besser blocks, approx 3 dozen so as to construct a sturdy platform to enable the left over clay to be recycled into clay suitable for use by other students at CTK. Should you be able to donate a block or two then it would be greatly appreciated for use in our arts area. Any queries please contact me on 0448 572552.
Many thanks
John (Mr Fitz)-Walter

LIBRARY NEWS
Whilst on lunchtime duty in the library this week I watched silently as students all around me played and talked. There were children reading books together; some playing chess, puppets and other games and many on laptops excitedly sharing their creations with one another. Standing back, I listened to the rich conversations that were taking place - the communication between children knew no barrier such as age, grade, gender or experience. They were all having fun and enjoying their playtime. I couldn’t help but think how lucky we are for our children to have such an environment in which to grow. The library has proven to be a popular place to go and it’s wonderful to see the ownership the children take and how comfortable they are whenever they visit.
A REMINDER: The last orders for the Book Club brochures for 2014 are due back at school by tomorrow, Thursday 23 October. This is an important fund raising for the CTK library and a great opportunity for parents to pre-purchase some Christmas gifts. 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.
Thank you to parents who have helped to return overdue books. We still have several weeks of borrowing left in the library, and there are still quite a few overdue books that need to be returned.

SPORT NEWS
Interschool Sport
Softball - 17th October, 2014
All CTK teams are playing in B division competition
Due to camp softball students did not compete this week.
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.
TUCKSHOP NEWS

As always a few thank yous for Wednesday 15/10. A very big thank you for the scrumptious cupcakes - Melanie Manikot and to her husband for dropping them in Friday 17/10. A very large thank you for filling in once again to my friend Angela Stafford and also Natasha Ross and Andrew Worthington, great job!!! A huge support. And of course for the fabulous cupcakes Gianna Gangemi all sold out once again. Cheers Heather, have a great week.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to Mason Connelly 24.10; Perrinne Hamilton & Elizabeth Nolan 25.10; Dean Lagueras 27.10.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

THANKS

Firstly a HUGE thankyou to the wonderful ladies who helped in the Uniform Shop on Orientation Day. Thanks to Shelley, Debbie, Katrina, Michelle, Tania, Ida Allyson & Angela (apologises if anyone has not been mentioned) the morning ran smoothly. Thanks also to Chris, in the office, for all her help & encouragement as well.

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE**

BACK – TO - SCHOOL

Perish the thought!! The Uniform Shop is now stocked & ready for “Back to School” for next year (2015), from Prep Year right through to Year 6.

From November 24 2014 until December 5 2014 the Uniform Shop will be open every morning & afternoon for the convenience of parents wanting to purchase uniforms. The hours will be as follows:

8.15am – 9.00am every morning from 24/11/14 until 5/12/14
2.15pm 3.00pm every afternoon from 24/11/14 until 4/12/14

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.

The Uniform Shop will re-open on Tuesday 27 January 2015 at 9.30am until 11.30am with school restarting on Wednesday 28 January 2015.

Normal Uniform Shop Hours
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.
THANK YOU
Thank you to the many parents who took the time to meet last Wednesday night to discuss parent involvement at CTK. The evening was informative & many great suggestions were made on the night. Keep watch for further information from this meeting.

As the P&F AGM rolls around, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents, children, staff and community for their support whilst being on the P&F. I have had the privilege of being a part of the P&F for the last 5 years, participating in a few roles, with the latest being President. The time has come for me to step down from the P&F as my time at CTK is drawing to a close in the next year.
I can honestly say that being a part of the P&F has definitely made my journey through CTK memorable. It is a great feeling knowing that you have been able to assist with functions, families, planning & just general school life. I couldn't imagine not having participated.
I look around the school & see the amazing transformations that have occurred in my time at CTK - air conditioning, toilet upgrades, undercover area, the new outdoor learning areas, shelving in the uniform shop & storage areas and most recently the refurbishment of the art space area - these are just some of the big visual items. The most valuable moments are those that happen behind the scenes, helping those in times of need. How fantastic is our school community to bring about these changes.
In my last couple of weeks in the role, I would like to encourage you to think about becoming an active member of the P&F, it is a truly rewarding experience.

Nominations are open for all P&F executive positions, with a nomination form attached. If you have any questions regarding roles in the P&F please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
Trisha Colburn

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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

REWARDING REGULAR SAVINGS

Rewarding regular savings with precious prizes. The Dollarmites have uncovered the ancient Clam of Fortune. Inside they found these amazing prizes that you could win a share of – 40 x Go Pro HERO3 White Edition Cameras, 150 x Slip ‘N Slide Double Waves Riders. Here’s how to win. Every deposit you make with school banking will automatically create one entry for you into the competition. So the more you save, the more chances you have to win (up to a maximum of 6 entries. Competition runs : 20 October – 30 November 2014.

To find out more, visit commbank.com.au/deepseasavers
Student Banking is each Tuesday.
Sherwood Community Festival
Come one, Come all, down to the Sherwood Community Festival on Friday the 21st of November. Balloons, bubbles, laughter and joy will fill the air and you and your family are invited to join in on the festivity. Children can enjoy free rides, witness the nativity play, see roaming santa and more! Parents, you can enjoy the local school performances, enter draw prizes (main prize is a weekend for two at the QT hotel in Port Douglas), purchase creative goods, enjoy the local food and learn more about the community! The free entry event is located on Sherwood Road, between Oxley Road and Hedges Street. It commences at 5:30pm and finishes at 9:30pm. Park along nearby streets or simply catch public transport to Sherwood train station. The Sherwood Community Festival has been providing the greater community with a sense of belonging, culture, and spirit for over 18 years. You’re invited to embrace what Sherwood has to offer this year, we look forward to seeing you there! For more information, visit our website at www.sherwoodfestival.com

Private swim lessons are held on Saturday mornings at Graceville State School pool. These are one on one lessons so a great way to get your child confident in the water and swimming. Call Peter Geraghty to inquire or book a time. [0432407442]