Dear Parents

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to all our students who will take part in their first Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. I would like to thank Mrs Blumke, Mr Marsh and Mrs Cassidy and Mrs Fetherston for their support of our children. It will be a wonderful experience to participate with other children of the Parish. Students and teachers, Mr Malone, Mr Seow and Ms Feenaghty from our other Parish school, St Joseph’s will also be present making the celebrations a great Parish event. We especially thank Mrs Vanessa Sullivan for her organization of the Sacramental programme.

Resilience

With the end of year approaching tiredness and lack of patience can become more obvious (staff too..) so focussing on resilient skills and mind sets to handle everyday stresses and occurrences is important. Being emotionally resilient means knowing how to stay calm and being able to stop getting extremely angry, down or worried when something bad happens. It means being able to calm down and feel better when you get upset. It also means being able to control your behaviour when you are very upset so that you can bounce back from difficulty and return to work or play. Some skills include finding something fun to do, finding someone to talk to, relaxation, exercise, changing negative to positive self talk, not blowing things out of proportion and figuring out how to solve problems.. even concentrating on breathing can help! It is not about elimination of emotions but being able to recognise and manage emotions and behaviours.

Principals’ Cluster

For the rest of this week, I will be attending a principal cluster meeting for our region. At this meeting we are informed of directions that BCE is taking for 2015 and given opportunity to discuss issues that have arisen during the year with our colleagues. Mr Gerard Marsh and Mrs Trish Blumke will be joining me for Thursday but will back at school on Friday.

School Fees

November’s fees were sent home this week. These will be the last for the year. As we are required to pay our school bills before the end of year, we would appreciate that all accounts be finalised by the due date. Please make contact immediately with our Finance Secretary should you have any concerns with this.

Have a peace filled week.

Trudy Walsh

REMEmBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day in Australia is an occasion to commemorate and remember all Australians who have died as a result of war. On the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, a minutes’ silence is observed and dedicated to those soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation.

I recently watched a documentary about the atrocities and living conditions of World War 1. To see what soldiers went through is almost unbelievable as they dealt with death, fear, pain, sickness, hunger, cold, rats, lice, grief and loss. We have a lot to be grateful for living in a beautiful, ‘free’ country.
This Tuesday 11th November, the school will hold a short ceremony in the undercover area at 11.00am to commemorate Remembrance Day. All welcome.

Poppies (50c) and badges ($5) will be on sale before school up until Remembrance Day.

‘Lest we forget.’

PARISH RECONCILIATION
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, children in our parish will celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation over the next few days.

Reconciliation is a big part of what it means to be Catholic. It brings us closer to God, it frees us from our sin, and it continually guides us towards a more Christian lifestyle. Jesus established the Sacrament of Confession, so that we as sinners can obtain forgiveness for our sins and reconcile with God and the Church. The sacrament “washes us clean,” and renews us in Christ.

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

BUILDING CONFIDENCE IN YOUR CHILDREN
I sometimes come across students who avoid any activity that involves risk of failure. Playing a particular sport, completing a specific maths activity or attending a party where they don’t know anyone. These students will readily confess that they can’t stand the pressure.

One way of building confidence is practice. The more they experience something, the better they become.

- If you want a child to feel confident on the telephone let them practice answering the phone.
- If you want a child to feel confident meeting new people, then turn meeting and greeting into a fun game at home.
- If you want a child to feel confident ordering food and paying for it, practice at home.

Don’t add stress by insisting kids do everything right. Close is good enough as long as effort is up. It’s a mistake to wait until kids do things (make beds, spell words, play musical instruments) really well before we give them positive reinforcement.

There are only two reasons kids can’t do anything. One is lack of skill and the other is lack of confidence. So kids will only practise things where they feel confident of success.

So be encouraging, patient and affirming and be assured that kids will acquire competence with practice.

ANDREW CHINN CONCERT
THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
6.30pm

WALKING WHEELING BREAKFAST
We had our last Walking Wheeling Breakfast today with the children enjoying their sausages, bacon, fruit and juice. It was another fine banquet with the students enjoying each other’s company while tucking into the food.

Many thanks to the Sherwood Returned Services Club for donating the sausages and bacon.

I would like to especially thank Mr Matthew Conway who has cooked for us throughout the year and Mrs Fannin who has organised the serving of the food. Nicole Johnson, our local councillor has been a huge supporter of this event always attending and bringing a supply of fruit, juice and milo so thank-you Nicole.

Thank-you also to our Year 6 & 7 students who arrive early to set up and serve the breakfast.
The breakfasts are not only a way to encourage children to walk and ride to school but also bring our school community together to mix and enjoy each other’s company. It is encouraging to see so many children supporting the event.

**BIG BOXES NEEDED**

We require some large, cardboard boxes for classes to store non-perishable goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal. Boxes up to one metre in height are a great size for us to store the hamper items. Please drop them into the office area.

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**AROUND THE SCHOOL**

**CTK Talent Quest - Tuesday November 18, 9am to 2:50 pm.**  
*Once again our run sheet is full for 2014!*

Thank you everyone for getting so organized.  
*This year’s Talent Quest will be a fantastic day!*

Audition times are as follows and we ask that all acts be prepared please.  
(Thank you to the teachers for making this possible)

*We are very excited and look forward to seeing all the auditions.*  
*Keep practising kids!!*

*The following are the audition times for Year 3, Year 4, Year 6/7 and combined years*

**Week 5**
Thursday 6th Nov – MY1 Red & MY1 Blue – lunch time through to 2:50 pm.

**Week 6**
Tuesday 11th Nov – Combined Years – lunch time through to 2:50 pm.

*Any questions please see Mrs Braithwaite or Mrs Blumke*

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

Thank you to everyone for your support of the Library Book Club. Money raised goes towards purchasing more resources for our library and the school. Thank you also to Linda Cunningham who is instrumental at ensuring this runs smoothly. I don’t know what we would do without her!

Over the past few weeks I’ve been watching with interest as a new collection of books keeps disappearing off the shelf. The Pokemon collection, primarily donated to the school, seems to be popular with students in the Year 2 age group. We currently have 21 Pokemon books and each week all 21 have been borrowed from the library. Whilst many of us may not consider Pokemon to be intellectually stimulating, it does have its place in stimulating the interest of the reader. The love of reading is captured when children are allowed to read books they want to read. Some children choose books because they have a sparkly fairy on the cover, others because they’ve overheard someone talking about a topic (ie. Star Wars). Whatever it is that sparks an interest in a child’s mind is nurtured here in our library. There is something very special in seeing the eyes of your children light up when they find a book they’re excited about. We continue to encourage students to love books and enjoy the pleasure they can give.

Happy Reading, Illese Smithwick
**SPORT NEWS**

**Interschool Sport**
This week, Friday 7 November, will be the last week for Interschool Sport for 2014. We take this opportunity to thank the teachers and parents who have given so much time to ensure this activity is successful.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Well the count down is on!!! Hope some faired well in the Melbourne Cup? Only 5 weeks to go and counting!!! eight weeks till the big day Christmas Day! A few very large thank-you’s to the scrumptious cupcakes on Wednesday 29/10/14 Julie Czekierda. And huge thanks to my fill in mum Rachael Phillip’s. Thanks also to Therese Reid & Jenny Manthey Fri 31/10/14 and for the exquisite cupcakes, Nicki Cuolahan and Samantha Totten. All your support as always is greatly appreciated!!!!
Kind Regards Heather

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

****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 4 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 4/12/14**

**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.

Prep Uniforms – Shorts, shirts etc are available.

**P&F NEWS**

P&F AGM - Monday 10 November 7.30pm
We are looking forward to seeing you at this year’s AGM, which is this coming Monday. It is a great opportunity to be a part of the planning process for 2015. As at any AGM, the current executive positions will be spilled and nominations are received for the upcoming year. If you would like to nominate for one of the positions, please complete the attached nomination and forward it to the office by Friday. I understand that not everyone wants to hold a titled position on the P&F, your opinion matters and we would like to have you in attendance to help plan ahead.

I look forward to seeing you on Monday night, where we can celebrate the year that was and looking forward to 2015. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Trisha Colburn  
Outgoing President  

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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 this weekend as part of the sun 9:30 parish mass. and there is a morning tea afterwards. thank you to the parents that volunteer to make both the children's liturgy and the morning tea possible. I appreciate how busy everyone is and how you make the time to fit this in.

All school age children are welcome at children's liturgy. There is now a special kids liturgy group for older (Yr 4 upwards) kids, thanks to Nadine MacDonald.

Can't make it to Sunday 9:30am? well, the youth band is playing this Sunday night. Great sound.

And finally, a special thanks to the group leaders and the parents who have prepared their children for the sacrament of penance. 5 ceremonies are being held this week. Thanks also to the volunteers at each of these ceremonies including the teachers from both our parish schools. We appreciate your involvement, and the giving up of your time to be with us at this special time.

STUDENT BANKING

Student Banking is each Tuesday.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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
Sports Holiday Program  Monday 15th – Fri 19th December

Sports Holiday Fun
Game On Australia is offering another 5-day multi-sport holiday program in December. This program will include lots of sports and activities, including daily swimming sessions.

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