

STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the week 8 issue of the student newsletter. Winter has drawn to a close and now spring has sprung. The children at CTK have been very busy preparing for Wakakirri and their grade assemblies. We have had lots of fun competing in Voice of youth. It was a tough competition but the competitors tried their best.

At school, Year Four and Year Six completed the RLA (Religious literacy assessment). One of the tasks Year Four had to do was make a model, poster, drawing etc. that showed the meaning of the forgiving father. This is an important parable as it teaches us to forgive others. The father is like God and we are like his son. When we turn away from God we are on our own, but we can always turn back to God "in" or "through" forgiveness, and he will welcome us back into his heart.

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. 'Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. 'When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' So he got up and went to his father. 'But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. 'The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 'But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. 'Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' 'The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

Have a great week! Juliette

A big thank you!

Thank you to the Father's who came and celebrated with the community last Friday. Also, thank you to the kind mother's who helped cook the delicious BBQ. It was great to see student and parent also learning together in the MEGA MATHS morning.

Care for your Belongings

By Mia G, Mia B and Mikaela B.

- ★ You need to put your name on belongings because if you have the same belonging as someone else you'll know which one is yours
- ★ Put your belongings in your bag once you have used them
- ★ Remember to collect your lunchboxes and water bottles from the playground
- ★ If you see your friends belongings OR someone else's belongings on the playground RETURN THEM TO THE OWNER.



Any lost property without names will be displayed at student assembly each day. Clothing items not claimed within a week will be put in the second hand clothing at our uniform shop. Other items will be disposed of.

Make sure you care for your belongings

Confirmation 2016

The 2016 Years 5 & 6 Confirmation took place on Wednesday 24th August at Christ the King Church. These students had been preparing for over a month and were excited to complete their final Sacrament of Initiation.

They were very excited to make this sacrament in our own church. All the Christ The King Parishioners welcomed the participants and their sponsors to the parish. The participants came in their smart-casual clothes and were looking great.

The mass began with "Come Together let's Celebrate" played by the musicians group. Monsignor Ron McFarlane, the chief celebrant was introduced to the congregation.

The participants were led down the aisle to where Father Ian and Father Robert were sitting. When the candidates big moment was about to happen nervousness was creeping over them as they were Confirmed. The crowd clapped as they were finally initiated into the Christian community.

The ceremony ended with "Hearts on Fire" and everyone was invited for refreshments and photos.

We would like to congratulate all the participants that were confirmed on the night.

By Alex



Book Week 2016



On Tuesday 23rd August, Christ The King gathered together in the hall for a book parade. The theme this year was 'Australia-Story Country'. There were some amazing characters such as: a kangaroo, a jolly swagman, a koala and even a gorilla.

Year 6 was extraordinary with the whole class dressing up as the Australian Olympic Team. The teachers were also very creative and dressed up as their favourite character as well.

This was a fun community event especially for year 6 as it was their last primary school book parade that they will definitely remember.



Voice of Youth

This term Year six have been participating in the annual Voice of Youth public speaking competition where students competing have the opportunity to present a 2 to 4 minute speech on 'what matters' to them. Every member in Year 6 presented a speech to Mr Matthews and Miss Brady who were the judges for stage one.

Twelve children from stage one were chosen to present their speeches in the CTK Voice of Youth final to Mr Hughes and Year Four.

This is the experience of the competitors who progressed to the Cluster Final.

"The minute I arrived I could feel butterflies fluttering in my stomach. The competitors walked up on to the stage one by one, my legs were shaking but I managed to walk up the stairs. My palms were sweaty, the feeling of failure was running through my head but I pushed it away. As the students from Saint Monica's welcomed us, I took a glance at the competitors and they looked ready for a tough competition. The more the audience looked at me, the more nervous I felt. Suddenly, my name was called.... I froze but then slowly walked up to the microphone. The Saint Monica's student asks me a question about myself. I struggled to answer, but the words finally come out of my mouth.

"It's now or never, so I take a step forward and open my mouth.... As I continue to present my speech the butterflies stop flapping their wings and disappear. Once I say thank you a tremendous cheer rises from the audience. A massive wave of relief washes over me as I realise it's all over! I take a seat and smile for I am proud of myself. Now all the clapping has ended and all the speech have finished it is now time for the judges to decide on the winner".

Congratulations to Samantha, Elizabeth and Juliette who all had impressive speeches that left a lasting impression on us.

The Winner was Rochelle De La Roche from St Mary's Rydalmere with a speech titled '**Homelessness**'. The winner of the Social Justice award was Juliette Hughes from Christ The King with her speech titled '**Black and White**', which educated the audience about ongoing discrimination in which indigenous Australians are subject to.

This was a tough competition, but everyone tried their best!

By Antonia, Samantha and Juliette.

Mackillop Rugby Union

In week 6 Jonathan Wehbe and Hunter Hosking (Year 6) took a whole week off school to go to Mudgee and play representative rugby union. These boys were playing for Mackillop which is a team made up of players from half of the catholic schools in New South Wales.

On the Monday the boys arrived in Mudgee where they had an intense training session. Following this they had the captain of 2015 talk to them about his experience. The coaches then handed out the jerseys and announced the team captain who was Christ the King's Hunter Hosking .

Jonathan Wehbe held together the front row playing tough, rucking rugby. Hunter led the team around the park at the back of the ruck as a halfback.

On the Tuesday and Wednesday the boys battled their our hearts out which resulted in an undefeated campaign. There were six games in 2 days. The grand final was played against Sydney South West. It was a very tough match.

Following the grand final the NSW PSSA team was announced. Hunter was named in this team, which will have him travel to Adelaide later this term.

Hunter and Jonathan would like to thank Mr Hughes for allowing them to trial.

By Karl.

