Dear Parents,

I would like to thank the many parents who help to make Christ the King the special school that it is. The children’s Disco organised by the P&F Social committee was planned exceptionally well. A fantastic time was held by all, including the mums who displayed their dancing skills with such style and grace. As some dads and mums made sure the children did not go hungry, others ensured the children were safe and cared for.

I have received an overwhelming response to the Brett Murray workshops. The senior children and school staff are still talking about the positive messages Brett shared with them. Parents who attended the workshop have sent many messages of appreciation and enthusiasm for the way Brett shared his personal experiences and points of view with us. Parents were so interested in what Brett had to say I had to reluctantly wrap up the meeting at 9.30 and still parents came up to Brett to ask more questions as he was happy to discuss issues further. It is wonderful to see how so many people benefited from these workshops.

Over the last few weeks we have been conducting the Kindergarten interviews for 2012. This has kept me very busy and I thank you all for being so considerate and understanding as I have not been as accessible as usual. Letters offering placements will be sent out in the next few weeks as I still have a few more interviews to conduct. I look forward to welcoming many new families into our school next year.

Our prayers are with the children in the Parish who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist. Parents under the guidance of the Parish Sacramental co-ordinators have been busy preparing the children with skill and dedication. A celebration will be organised for the parish children by Margaret Haddad and some parents involved. More information will be sent out closer to the day.

During these very wet days I thank parents and teachers for their continued efforts to keep the children safe during drop off and pick up. The teachers are all making sure that the children meet their parents safely and parents are walking into the school to make sure their children are being guided to their cars. The children’s safety is always a priority. Teachers appreciated the many expressions of thanks we received on Monday afternoon.

On behalf of the Staff at CTK we offer our thoughts and prayers to the Campbell family on the passing of Ian Campbell over the weekend. As a former member of the CTK school community, Mr. Campbell assisted in many areas of school life. We pray that the family will be comforted with love and support at this difficult time.

Have a great week.

Annelise Stockey, Principal
2011 TERM DATES

Term 2
Wednesday 27th April—Friday 1st July

Term 3
Monday 18th July—Friday 23rd September

Term 4
Monday 10th October—Tuesday 20th December

PARISH NEWS

Parish Mass times

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday Masses 8.00am, 10.00am and 6.00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday no masses
Tuesday 7.30pm
Wednesday 6.45am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday 6.45am & 9.15am
Saturday 9.00am with the Rosary at 8.30am.
Reconciliation

Saturday 9.30-10.00am and 4.30-5.30pm

Grade Social events

Thur 16th June Kinder Mum's Dinner
Peronis Restaurant 7:30pm

PUPIL FREE DAY

Saturday 9.30-10.00am and 4.30-5.30pm
Reconciliation

Religious Education News

Last Sunday was the Sixth Sunday of Easter. In the gospel reading from John we hear about Jesus reminding his disciples that the Holy Spirit will teach them everything and remind them of all that Jesus had said to them. "The new commandment given to the disciples – that they are to love one another, 'just as I have loved you' – flows essentially from this. It is new in the sense that it is called for by the new set of circumstances that is fast approaching. After Jesus' death and return to the Father, the community will no longer have the physical presence of Jesus to make the divine love palpable in their midst. Their own, equally palpable, love for one another must instead take on this role. If this high requirement is fulfilled, if they do indeed love one another after the pattern he has set, then this will signal to outsiders that they are truly his disciples." (Brendon Byrne, SJ. www.liturgyhelp.com.au). This gospel prepares us for the Ascension of Jesus which we celebrate next week.

Sacrament of Eucharist. We ask that you continue to pray for the Year 3 students in our school who are preparing for the sacrament of Eucharist. In last week's newsletter there was an error that mentioned that the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist were being received. The students in Year 3 will only receive the Sacrament of Eucharist this year. At the age of 10-11 they will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you would like to read more on the changes to the reception of these sacraments please go to the Diocese of Parramatta website under the sub title of Becoming a Catholic/ Sacraments for children already baptised. The following extract is taken from that site. There is some valuable information on this site which gives the reasons for the changes.

“3.4 Proposed changes to Parramatta practice. ‘The Review’ proposed that the policy be tightened or revised to ensure greater consistency across the Diocese. Most would seem to agree that it should be Diocesan policy that Confirmation and First Holy Communion should be celebrated in separate ceremonies. Some prefer the sequence Baptism at age 0+, with First Confession, Confirmation and First Communion all around age 8 and in that order. Others prefer the sequence Baptism at age 0+, First Confession around age 7-8, First Communion around age 8-9 and Confirmation around age 10-11. [www.parra.catholic.org.au].

Coming up: Year 3 Reconciliation - Tuesday 31st May
Year 3 & Year 4 attending parish mass – Thursday 2nd June.

Mrs Carmel Kevill, Religious Education Co-ordinator

YEAR 6 PARENT MEETING
For any Yr 6 parents available, there will be a meeting THIS THURSDAY, 2nd JUNE AT 8PM at Little Rock Café to discuss End-Of-Year activities. Please contact Janine Dezius on 0414 987 387 to RSVP and for any further enquiries.

MINI VINNIES WINTER APPEAL
This year Christ the King is participating in the Mini Vinnies Winter Appeal. We will be collecting canned food, blankets and clothes until the end of Term 2. Any clothes (that are still wearable) or blankets that you could donate would be appreciated. Please send these items in with your child as there will be baskets in each classroom to collect these items. It would be appreciated if you do not send your items into the school office. Please donate generously to help those less fortunate in our society. Mary Vierboom, Yr 6 teacher

Many Thanks

Our thanks this week to Patricia Doyle, Marian Poleweski, Lorraine Ewer and Anne Davis who have been working in the school office over the past 5 weeks whilst Mrs. Susan Ritchie has been on long service leave. The Office staff are always on the move and these ladies undertook the role with efficiency, care and dedication. Next week we welcome back Mrs. Ritchie from her overseas travel.

Celebrating Gifts and Talents

Congratulations to Jordan Hodgers 4/9, who was presented with the 8-9yr old RLSSA NSW State Championship.

Congratulations to Teana Hodgers 1/3, who received an encouragement award in the under 8 age group for Pool Lifesaving for the 2010/11 season last Sunday.

Congratulations to Analiese Hanna 2/5, who came 1st in her Drama Eisteddfod.
**CHILD PROTECTION**  It is a Diocesan requirement that any parent volunteering at Christ the King School complete the Child Protection training module. This training is now to be completed online at:


Once parents have completed the online training, a confirmation email is sent to the school and to the email address supplied by the parent undertaking the training module. **Once CTK receives this advice, we will forward details of downloading a ‘Volunteer Prohibited Employment Declaration’ for you to complete. This form needs to be returned together with Photo ID (which needs to be sighted) to the School office prior to commencing any classroom assistance. The training module will need to be completed every 2 years.**

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**TERM 2 SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS** are due tomorrow, 1st June. If you have not as yet finalized this account, please make payment a priority. Fees can be paid by cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS, BPAY or POSTbillpay. Please contact the school office if you are experiencing any financial difficulties.

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**SEMESTER ONE REPORTS** Mid year reports will be coming home, together with Comparative Data, at the end of Week 8. We wish to advise that reports from now on will be posted directly home. Please ensure the school has your most up-to-date mailing / contact details.

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**DANCE FEVER** continues on Thursday for all grades, Kinder—Yr 6. Children are to wear their normal sport uniform on Thursdays (instead on Fridays) and will still need to wear their sport uniform on either Tuesday / Wednesday for their normal PE lesson.

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**PARENT FEEDBACK FROM THE DISCO** Please pass on my Congratulations and a huge thank you to the P&F and the Social Committee for the wonderful Disco that they put on last Friday! Sophia and Alexander had a great time with their friends. It was a fun CTK event and we all leaned how glamorous day glow orange vests can be. Who knew? Thanks to the parents for all their hard work on our children's behalf - it was much appreciated.

Natasha Harrison

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**From the Library**

**National Simultaneous Story time** (NSS) last Wednesday was a great success. Both the children and the teachers loved the story of Phoebe who wanted to be like the colourful and outgoing Zelda, but who found acceptance and friendship being herself. The aim of the event is to encourage a love of reading in our children and an appreciation of literature within the school. Thank you students and staff for supporting NSS 2011.

Premier’s Reading Challenge  This week during class I will be reminding the students of the benefits of completing the PRC 2011. Please continue to ask your children which books they have borrowed and are reading for the challenge. As winter arrives and indoor activities are more common, a visit to your local council library to borrow PRC books and encourage reading throughout the week might be an idea.

Sarah Cook Teacher Librarian

**Don’t Dump It - Donate It.** Remember to clear out those draws of old and unwanted mobile phones and place them in the box located in the office. Tell your friends, the more phones we collect, the more we can help others and keep our environment clean.

Environment Group.

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**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**  We have had a few families mention that they have misplaced their order forms for THE NEW ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2011/2012 WHICH BEGINS TOMORROW, 1ST JUNE 2011. Enjoy the great savings and at the same time support CTK. The Sydney and Sydney North books are $65 each and the Sydney Greater West book is $60. The books contain many offers from popular restaurants, cinemas, hotels and much more. Sample books are on display in the school office. Payment via cash, credit card or chq (made payable to CTK P&P). For more info visit www.entertainmentbook.com.au **This book is still available to order.** Order forms are coming home today. For any further enquiries, please contact Kerrie Collier 0414 465 416.

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**Consideration**  All parents should visit the office first if they need to visit a classroom. Please consider the class of children learning who are often easily distracted by parents coming to the classroom unannounced wanting to see a teacher during the course of the day. Not ignoring emergencies, most matters could possibly wait until the afternoon when the teachers do not have the responsibility of teaching the class and duty of care.

A mutually arranged time to meet via a note or a phone call through the office allows teachers to be able to give their full attention to you, as this is not possible while trying to teach and manage a class. Your co-operation in this area is very much appreciated in providing the best possible learning for your child.
**PARISH NEWS**

**2011 FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM**  Students from Year 2 are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please note that children eligible for the program need to have been baptised. Registration forms will be available from the Church foyer from this weekend 4th June to Sunday 19th June. Program Registration for this Parish based program will take place over the weekend of 18th/19th June by your child attending any Mass over that weekend and handing in your child's registration form.

**Sharing Our Faith with Others:** Attention parents and caregivers: Do you enjoy being with primary school age children? Do you have an hour per week to spare? If you answered yes to these questions, then you might like to consider sharing your faith with the children in our local public schools.

Special Religious Educators (SREs) from Christ the King Parish help the children at North Rocks and Carlingford West Public Schools learn more about God’s great love for them. The classes are only 30 minutes in length and the curriculum is extremely easy to follow. No prior experience is necessary, as full training is provided.

At the moment, there are a number of vacancies at both schools, and we are urgently seeking new SREs to take a small class of their own, or to share the task with another catechist. If you believe that all children in our local area should have the opportunity to learn about their Catholic faith, then you might like to volunteer to help us achieve this important goal.

If you would like further information, or if you would like to volunteer to become a SRE Teacher, please contact Therese Pearce, 9872 6329, 0431 487 996, or send an email to therese@fremont.com.au

**CTK PLAYGROUP** - The Playgroup is an informal gathering of parents and their pre-school children who meet from 9.00 - 11.00am each Friday during school term. Contact: Sanja Basaric (0414 552 778)

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**P & F / SCHOOL NEWS**

**P&F NEWS**  Our next P&F Meeting will be held NEXT TUESDAY, 7th June at 7:30pm in the Holy Faith Library.  Mr. John Cowan, Curriculum Co-ordinator will speak to us about the progress of our new Mathematics program in the school and other educational matters.

We hope to see as many parents as possible there!

Marianne Dwyer, P&F President

**Prayers are requested**  On a sad note, we heard of the death of Mr. Ian Campbell on Sunday morning. Mr. Campbell is a long-time parishioner and supporter of our school. He was a regular visitor to our Christmas concerts representing the SUPP group of our Parish.

Mr. Campbell will be greatly missed in our community and our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Dianne and their family at this time.

Marianne Dwyer, P&F President

**UNIFORM SHOP**  The uniform shop will be open this Thursday 2nd and then next Monday, 6th June from 8.30—9.30am. Please note that EFTPOS FACILITIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN THE UNIFORM SHOP. Cash or Cheque (made payable to CTK P&F) only. Parents are most welcome to place a uniform order through the office. Orders which have been paid in full will then be sent home with your child. Unpaid orders will be held in the School Office for payment and collection.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Congratulations and Good luck to** Samantha Dale, Brendan Mitchell and Jade Pond who will be representing both Christ the King and the Parramatta Diocese in the Inter-Diocesan Cross Country at Eastern Creek this Friday, 3rd June.

**For your diary:** **CTK Athletics Carnival**  Our 2011 CTK Athletics carnival will be held at Blacktown Olympics Athletics track (the same venue as last year). It will be held on Tuesday 19th July (Term 3, Week 1), Information notes will be going home later this term.

**CTK Athletics Carnival Program design competition**  A front cover needs to be designed for our Athletics Carnival Program. All entries need to be A4 size in lead pencil and must include:

- 2011 CTK Athletics Carnival,
- Blacktown Olympics Athletics track
- Monday, 19th July.

All entries must be returned to school by Friday 17th June (Week 8).