Dear Parents,

This term is moving along very quickly and much has already been happening. I greatly admire the work of our teachers here at Christ the King who have been able to not only keep up with the pace but have given so much more behind the scenes. The planning and preparation for the Anzac Liturgy, the Mother’s day Liturgy and open day. The preparation for the Naplan testing. The Kindergarten assembly last week as well as all the assessments teachers have been conducting for the children’s reports. The preparation for and participation in the Gala days as well as the commencement of lunchtime sports. The continued work in Wakakirri and the choir. Also the senior student’s maths club. All this has been happening in the last three weeks.

We are truly fortunate to have such dedicated and committed teachers at our school. I remind you all of this as sometimes we forget that teachers work long hours to provide the best learning experiences for your children. Your children are central to all that we do and their wellbeing is uppermost in our thinking and planning. Teachers work hard at being fair and just, making sure that all the children in our school are given the opportunity to shine; and I can assure you that we keep a close eye on making sure that we give the children equal opportunities through a variety of experiences.

Through our Positive Behaviours for Learning strategies we explicitly teach the children that we are guided by our three school rules, Care for Self, Care for Others and Care for the Environment. These rules are based on our Gospel values, reflected in the Beatitudes. Jesus’s message in the Beatitudes is one of humility, charity and brotherly love. Jesus emphasised that these are the driving virtues in our life and that we, as Christians are motivated by the love that we have for each other. I believe that we at Christ the King strive to ensure that our children develop these understandings. We believe that we all need to rejoice in our achievements, and applaud the dedication of others. It saddens me when I become aware of the over emphasis on extrinsic rewards and performance rather than rejoicing in the participation and learning developed through the experiences provided by the school.

I therefore ask you all to trust our Professional decisions here at CTK in how we organise our assemblies, Liturgies and sporting events. We do not ever make any decision lightly and I can assure you we consider all the children and all their needs when planning the events in our school. I appreciate and highly value your support and always welcome positive suggestions.

I look forward to working together to create the best learning environment for our children.

Annelise Stockey
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**National Simultaneous Storytime 2013**

NSS is an important annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. By facilitating NSS at CTK we aim to;

- promote the value of reading and literacy;
- promote the value and fun of books;
- promote an Australian writer and publisher.

Yesterday the staff and students had a wonderful time listening to and watching the story “The Wrong Book” by Nick Bland.

The school assembled in the hall and as Mrs Parsons read the story, members of our staff performed. It was a real treat to watch Mr Matthews play Nicholas Ickle, a boy who wanted to tell a story about himself but who was constantly interrupted by various animals and characters from other stories. We had a delightful elephant (Miss Vella), two lovable monsters (Mrs Searson and Mrs Williams), two savvy pirates (Miss Nafranowicz and Miss Cassar), a dignified queen with jester (Miss Werner and Miss Schmid), two rascally rats (Mr Shields and Mrs Robson), a true to life puppet and puppeteer (Miss Szocho and Mrs Manion) and The End ushered in by Mrs Flunt.

The students and staff thoroughly enjoyed themselves and went back to class with an enhanced love of reading for pleasure and an appreciation of Australian authors.

Thank you to all of the staff at CTK who came together to make this annual event one to remember!

*Mrs. Sarah Cook, Teacher / Librarian, LTST*
YOUR CHILD’S SAFETY IS IMPORTANT TO US.

PLEASE TAKE CARE WHEN TURNING INTO THE SCHOOL IN THE MORNING

Morning Drop–Off    Parents are reminded that when dropping off their children in the morning the following guidelines apply:

* Supervision of children begins at 8:15am
* Always drive less than 5km per hour within the school grounds
* Be aware of the traffic flow of the other cars around you (this is a busy time of morning for everyone and extra care should be exercised)
* Don’t STOP on the pedestrian crossing
* Always have children leave the vehicle on the passenger side only.
* Children MUST use the crossing.

Only park in designated parking spaces around the hall, never on the top playground unless there is a major school function, and only then after 9.00am as latecomers may still be walking across the playground.

We thank you in advance for your continued support and care.

PINK RIBBON COMMITTEE MEETING

A ‘Pink Ribbon’ Committee meeting will be held NEXT TUESDAY, 28TH MAY at Gloria Jeans North Rocks at 1.30pm.

All are most welcome to come along for this initial meeting to discuss and gather fresh ideas for 2013.
For more information or offers of support for this important cause please contact Kathleen Spurr (Daniel Yr 5) on 0414 701 137.

FUN’raising NEWS

GENERAL

Environmental Lunch Bags are still available. Wallets for $10.00, Insulated Rounder for $12.00 and Updated Laminated Name Tags for $1.00, please consider these especially for lunch orders.

If you would like to purchase the ‘Perfect Lunchbox’ recipe book please forward $30.00 per book to the school office with your child’s name, class and number of books required.

Please mark in your diaries WEDNESDAY 28th JUNE for the WALK-A-THON.

Yours in fun, Nowell Moussa and Melina Gozzi  The FUN’raising Duo

LIBRARY NEWS

Chess News

A valiant effort by our NSW Chess League School competition team, but unfortunately they went down to a very good Cherrybrook Public School Team. This week we host Beecroft Public School. Good luck to Marko, Jordan, Christie and Kavin.

PARISH NEWS

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Reconciliation    Saturday morning Rosary at 8.30am with Reconciliation at 9.30am and then at 4.30pm

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: Aileen Beaini 0400 704 717.
**SPORT NEWS**

**Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day**

Last Tuesday 24 boys from years 5 and 6 ventured out to Anne Aquilina Reserve to represent Christ the King in the annual Parramatta Diocese soccer gala day. The students represented their school proudly and consistently presented a positive attitude to all aspects of the event. Well done boys.

**Stage 2 Gala Days**

Student nominations are currently being organised.

Last term students in stage 2 were given the opportunity to nominate themselves for consideration to represent Christ the King in soccer, netball or touch football. As an alternative to holding trials, this year in 2013 our aim is that students will gain access to at least one gala day if they have expressed interest. The student nominations are currently being carefully collated by our sports committee. The team is analysing it in a way that all our students who would like to represent their school in sport are given this opportunity. Communication around your child’s status in the above sports will be communicated ASAP.

**Dates for stage 2 gala days:**

Boys Soccer: 25th June
Girls Soccer: 26th June
Netball: 23rd July (stages 2 and 3)

**Cross Country**

Good luck to the following students who are currently preparing for the NSWCPS Cross Country on the 15th June.

Hunter Hosking   Samuel White   Skye Grosvenor
Daniel Hall    Jade Pond    Brendan Mitchell
Anthony Matthews, Sport Coordinator

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**CTK WALKATHON   FRIDAY, 28TH JUNE**

Grab those sneakers because all the Christ the King pupils and teachers will be finishing off Term 2 on Friday 28 June with a 5km school WALKATHON. We will aim to leave the school grounds by 10.45am and head up the back streets to North Rocks Park/Don Moore Community Centre where you can have a little break before heading back or you can optionally do 3 laps of the oval. There will be a drink stop with water here at the park. You will then return on the same route back to the school where the ‘end of term festivities’ await you. Families and friends are invited to join the children at a family picnic from 12 noon. You can opt to bring your own picnic lunch or you can help support the Year 6’s who will be organising the food and drinks and snacks for sale on the day.

Your WALKATHON card will be sent home soon for you to start obtaining sponsors. Once your card and sponsorship is completed please bring it back to your class teachers. All cards MUST be in by Thursday 27th June so that they can be officially stamped as completed on the day. Your cards will be available for collection right after you return through the school gates on the day of the WALKATHON from one of the officials. Your card will be stamped immediately as “completed” or “finished” and handed to you and then you will have the school holidays to start collecting from your sponsors. There will be a Toys’R’Us Gift Voucher to purchase board games for the classroom for the YEAR that has all their cards and money in first. So make sure you encourage all your classmates to get in first.

Please remember that this is an official school day and children are required to participate and wear their full sport uniform on that day. Children will not be able to leave the school early and will be required to complete the school day.

The money raised at this WALKATHON will go to purchase Apple TV technology, flat screens and wall-mounts for the classrooms, so get cracking as the more money raised the more units can be purchased (each unit is around $1500).

The route will be the same as the one which was completed in 2011. A map of the course and a request for parent volunteers will follow shortly from the FUNraising committee.

This is one of the major CTK fundraisers for this year and one that the kids enjoy immensely. It is also a great social event so let’s make this a healthy and super-fun day for all.

Connie Este together with the FUN’raising Committee and Social Committee
THE AFTERNOON SHIFT at Hills Community Aid, Baulkham Heights. **Free activities** The Afternoon Shift is a space for families to come together free of technology and other everyday interruptions. Each week we provide activities for families with children from 5-12 and their parent/s. Information pamphlet available from the office.

CTK PARENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL  iConnect... with Learning, in Partnership, in Faith  25-26 May 2013. The 2013 Parent Conference is excitingly close - 5 weeks! Registrations have been strong with large contingents from across the state and interstate. The weekend will be filled with valuable presentations and interactive technology displays. Distinguished panellists will discuss the Future of Catholic education on the Saturday afternoon whilst we want to see all the dads, uncles, football & soccer coaches at Brett Murray's "Mighty Knights" presentation on the Sunday. There will be a special gift for every male that attends and of course, females will gain huge benefit as well from the presentation! An information pamphlet is available from the school office. Registration information for the Conference can be obtained by emailing procarrasecretary@gmail.com.

WHAT'S ON IN JUNE -  UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY  UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY  Great Western Highway, Werrington North (Building AO)

**Family Astronomy Night - Saturday 1 June**  -  (7pm – 9pm)

**Supermassive Black Holes and the Unified Model** – Why do only some galaxies contain very active cores due to their supermassive black holes? Why do they look so different?

**Family Astronomy Night - Saturday 15 June**  -  (7pm – 9pm)

**How to Create a Star** – This talk is about stellar evolution: from normal stars to hyper-novas

These nights not only include the multimedia presentation but also a 3D astronomy movie and viewing of the night sky through the University's 0.6 metre and 0.25 telescopes. Our programs run regardless of the weather.

Cost:  $15 adult, $10 child/concession and $40 family.

Bookings are essential:  Book online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What’s On

Enquiries:  Phone (02)4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au

THE GREAT MOSCOW CIRCUS  5-23 JUNE  ROSEHILL GARDENS RACERCOURSE.  Various session times. Information pamphlets available from the school office.

WHIZZ KIDS WORKSHOPS

Is your child gifted, talented, intelligent, curious, creative and filled with promise? WE CAN HELP YOU!  An invitation to participate in a series of new and innovative workshops at UTS. Creative Teaching—Dynamic Learning!

2013 Program Dates:  June15/16 and October 19-20.  **Cost is $90 (+GST) per day or $165 (+GST) per weekend. Time:9.30am-3.30pm** (Saturday and/or Sunday)  Workshop Categories: Year 3/4 and Year 5/6. For further information please contact www.inspirationeducation.com.au or 1300 677 336. Brochures are also available at the School Office.

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

If you have been separated or divorced and would benefit from regular shared discussion evenings with others who are in a similar situation to you, you are welcome to “STEPPING BEYOND” group sessions which are held on the last Tuesday of each month. The emphasis is on personal development, growth and goals for a hope-filled future. Venue: CCSS centre 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. Date/Time:  Tues. 28th May.  7.30 – 9.30. Cost: $5.00. Further detail and registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205

DEALING WITH THE LEGAL SYSTEM

Each year CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry offers an Information night for anyone interested in gaining a greater understanding on how to choose the best lawyer for your situation, how best to deal with Lawyers so as to minimize your legal fees and how to protect your rights regarding family assets. This night is being held on Wed 12th June at 7.30pm at CCSS Centre, 51-58 Allawah St, Blacktown. Guest Speaker: Mr Richard Brading, (Solicitor at Wesley Legal Service, Castlereagh St.) Further details and registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205
**Muirfield High School P & C Fundraising Committee are holding our 2013 Car Boot Sale,** Saturday 25-5-13 – Bookings are now open – Cost of standard space is $35, Early bird price of $30 if paid by 20/4/13.

Tables are also available to be booked. Book a car space and/or table and turn unwanted household items into cash. If you would like to book a car space please email Karin Grant on kgrant@hydroinnovations.com.au or phone 0425 354 924

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** A weekend for married couples. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . Your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again! Weekend date: **14 – 16 June** at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au Information: website www.wwme.org.au

**123 Magic and Emotion Coaching—Effective Discipline for Children 2-12 Years**. It is a program that can be put in place quickly and its simplicity means that it is easy to use and easy for children to understand. It is a program that eliminates arguing, yelling and smacking. **Mondays 10th June, 2013—24th June, 2013.10am-12.30pm at Catholic Care Blacktown Family Support St Patrick’s Parish Centre 51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown. For further information and bookings contact our office on 8822 2222 RSVP 27th May, 2013. Childcare may be available. Please enquire when booking. There is a cost of $15.00 to cover cost of materials.**

**LITTLE FLIPPERS MOBILE SWIM SCHOOL** We come to you to teach swimming in the confidence of your OWN pool. All swimming instructors are Austswim or Swim Australia Qualified. For information contact: Jacqui Stone 0421 205 929.

**North Rocks Tennis School** Enrolments available for Term 2 coaching. For more information please contact John Hassett on 9872 6097 or 0408 414 881

**Gregson's Tennis Coaching**

After school tennis coaching enrolments are now being taken, catering for beginners to advanced standards. Group and Private lessons and Junior competitions available. Enquires and bookings to Scott on 0414554612

The MLC Tennis Hotshots tennis program is also being conducted catering for students from 5 years of age. Enquires and enrolments to Scott Gregson on 0414554612 or sg370@bigpond.com

**Free English classes in Castle Hill** The Northern Sydney Institute, part of TAFE NSW, is starting free Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) classes in Castle Hill. New migrants may be eligible for 510 hours of free English lessons and childcare. Please contact the Hornsby AMEP Office on 9472 1995 or email amep.nsi@tafensw.edu.au for more information.

**FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION NSW** Our Mission C.A.S.E

**CARERS UNITE**- For all NSW foster carers to unite into a powerful collective voice.

**ADVOCATE**- To advocate on behalf of foster carers & their families, & to form strong working partnerships with government & non- government organisations in support of a quality OOHC system.

**SUPPORT**- To provide peer support to foster carers, & to assist them to achieve the best possible outcomes for their foster children & families.

**EDUCATE**- To educate foster carers & raise awareness in the general public of the vital role of foster carers.

**Our Vision** To provide advocacy, support & information to carers, to ensure they continue to receive the best support from their NGOs, allowing each child in care to achieve their full potential.

FCANSW welcomes & supports a culturally diverse community of foster carers who come from all different backgrounds & offer a wealth of experience.

**What unites us is the common goal we have in raising this next generation to reach their full potential.** An information pamphlet is available from the school office.