Dear Parents,

**Grandparents Day at CTK**

**TOMORROW, Friday 2nd August**

Tomorrow, Friday 2nd August at 9:15am we will celebrate Grandparents Day with a celebration liturgy at 9.15am followed by morning tea and open classrooms.

This is a wonderful event and is a highlight of our calendar for all grandparents who enjoy visiting the school.

Morning tea will be provided by the School.

We hope you can join us.

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**SCHOOL CENSUS DAY  TOMORROW, FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST 2013**

Tomorrow, Friday 2nd August is School Census Day. All children should attend school on that day and absence should only be if it is absolutely necessary.

If your child is absent tomorrow, Friday 2nd August, a note explaining the child’s absence must be presented to the school teacher on the child’s return on Monday 5th August.

This is of course a requirement that applies to everyday of the school year, however, Census data is directly related to Government funding for our schools and the requirements outlined above are set by the Department of Education.

I thank you for your continued support,

Annelise Stockey, Principal
Happy Birthday
this week to

August
1st Antonia Saab
2nd Sophia Melan
4th Nicholas Roppolo
5th Rebecca Kasemsri
6th Sarah Wardan
8th Ashleigh Coleman

Welcome to:
The Beasley Family:
Ellie, Year 4
Libby, Year 3

MARK IN YOUR DIARY
* Father’s Day Stall Wrapping day      Tuesday, 27th August (Wk 7)
* Father’s Day Stall      Wednesday, 28th August (Wk 7)

WALK-A-THON  THANK YOU
We wish to thank all the wonderful parents who helped make last Friday a great success. Thank you to Colin Samany and Ivor Vaz for cooking our BBQ and to all who helped Marshall, Stamp Cards, Prepare and Set up, Serve and Clean up we are extremely grateful, THANK YOU.
As advertised the money raised from this Walkathon will go to purchase Apple TV technology, flat screens and wall-mounts for the classrooms. Thank you to the many families who have already sent in their donations / pledges. Can all remaining pledges by sent in before Friday 9th August so the funds can be put to use as soon as possible.

GENERAL
Environmental Lunch Bags are still available. Wallets for $10.00, Insulated all 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.

P & F MEETING  FRIDAY, 9th AUGUST AT 1.00PM
Our next P&F meeting will be held in the Holy Faith Library on Friday 9th August at 1.00pm.
If you have any particular items that you wish to raise please leave me a note via the office by Friday 2nd August.

Alison Murphy, P & F Committee

Cadbury Fundraiser Update
Thank you CTK for supporting our Cadbury chocolate fundraiser this year. We are wrapping this up and just ask any families who have not already done so, to please return any monies to the office as soon as possible. If you can’t remember if you’ve handed in your money or not, please feel free to give me a call on 0411821027 and I can check for you.
Many thanks, Rachel Elliott.

UNIFORM SHOP 2013  TUESDAYS  8.30AM—11.00AM    1.30PM—3.30PM
The Uniform Shop is open on TUESDAYS ONLY each week with morning and afternoon opening hours for your convenience.
Parents are most welcome to place an order through the office. FULL PAYMENT must accompany all orders.
The Uniform Shop can accept cash or cheque (made payable to Christ the King). Eftpos facilities are able to be accessed through the School office for Uniform orders.
The Uniform Shop Price List is now available on the Christ the King School web site
Go to ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au and click on the ‘Parents’ tab then click on Handbook, School Office and then Uniform Shop / Clothing Pool. On this page you will find the price list to download.

NEWS FROM THE P&F

MARK IN YOUR DIARY
* WAKAKIRRI   Fri, 16th August
* BOOK WEEK 19—23 August (WK 6)
* Book Parade Fri, 23rd August
* Father’s Day Celebration Fri 30th Aug
* STAFF DEVELOPMENT / PUPIL FREE DAY Fri, 20th Sept
* CTK Pink Ribbon Gala Event Fri, 25th October
* 2013 CTK Annual Fete Fri, 22nd Nov
* 2014 Swimming Carnival Tue, 17th Dec.

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### Why God Gave Us Grandparents

God knew that when we were older we would need someone to see only the best in us… someone who would always trust and believe in us especially when we weren’t feeling so good about ourselves.

He saw that we would need someone to make us feel important by asking our opinions and listening to our ideas… someone who would know when we could use a sympathetic ear and a word of encouragement or when we should be left alone to sort things out for ourselves.

And so God gave us grandparents… for their warmhearted laughter and gentle kindness, their tears of concern and words of praise, for their smiles and their prayers and most of all—their love.

That’s why God gave us grandparents.

(Anon.)

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**ADVANCED NOTICE STAFF DEVELOPMENT / PUPIL FREE DAY**

FRIDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER

(Term 3, Wk 10 [last day of term]). This professional learning day will focus on Literacy.

**ADVANCED NOTICE LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

MONDAY, 7TH OCTOBER

(Term 4, Day 1 [first day of term 1]).

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**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

The Working with Children Check is now a three step process which includes Completion of the CEO Online Child Protection Module and Completion of the ‘new working with children check’ through the NSW Commission for Children website. Applicants will then need to present the completed documentation at their local Roads & Maritime Service (RMS) Office (formally RTA) for screening which completes the check.

1. It is a Diocesan requirement that any parent volunteering at Christ the King School complete the Child Protection training module. This training is to be completed online at:


   The Child Protection module MUST be completed every 2 years.

2. When module has been completed go to: [www.kids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au) and follow the links to complete the ‘new working with children check’. A Working With Children Check is a prerequisite for anyone in child-related work. It involves a national criminal history check and review of findings of workplace misconduct.

   Only paid workers in child-related work are required to pay the $80 fee for a five year clearance. This equates to $16 per year, the lowest in Australia (together with Victoria).

   **The Working With Children Check remains free for:**
   - Volunteers and students
   - Authorised carers
   - Potential adoptive parents
   - Adults who reside in the home of:
     - an authorised carer
     - a family day care service provider
     - a home-based education and care service provider

3. CTK will receive email notification when you complete the CEO module. Once the RMS check has been completed you will receive an email which will state that you have clearance to work with children. A copy of the RMS email will need to be presented to the school office to complete your Working with Children Check. **Only then** will you be cleared to work with the children in the school.
What a great way to finish the week last Friday. The sun was shining and the children were all ready to get in a quick 5kms before lunch. Congratulations to our Principal, all the teachers and students on completing the WALKATHON. The day was a great success and I’d like to acknowledge all the volunteers who were on the ready to help. To the Parent Marshalls along the route ensuring the safety of all our children. To the Stamping Ladies on the ready for when the children returned. To the BBQ-ing dads (Mr Samany and Mr Vaz) and sausage sizzle serving mums who distributed 450 sausages in rolls and loads of drinks. Without the help of all of you, that day would not have been as successful. Thank you all. I know that the kids especially get such a buzz when they see their parents as part of the organising team. Speaking of organising teams... a great big congratulations and thank you to our FUN’raising Duo, Melina Gozzi and Nowell Moussa who planned everything to a tee. Their efforts, organisation and willingness to take on any task needs to be commended and congratulated. It’s great working with such a strong team and we are lucky to have such wonderful mum’s doing the fundraising for our school.

Now to the business end, could all children please return their sponsorship money and cards to the school by Friday 9 August in a sealed envelope clearly marked. It is not too late if any of your friends and family would still like to make a pledge/donation. Also, any students that were absent from the WALKATHON can still submit a “family pledge” towards this fundraiser if they wish. The more money raised, the more Technology can be purchased for our school.

As a little incentive, the Class that is the first to have all their money in will receive a Gift Voucher from Toys R Us to purchase Board Games for their classroom.

Many thanks again to all involved making the 2013 Walkathon a wonderful and happy day for all involved.

Connie Este, P&F Chairperson
MISSING SCHOOL JUMPER / LUNCH BOX / TRUMPET? CHECK LOST PROPERTY

This week we returned many jumpers which were labeled correctly. Unfortunately we found two new style woollen jumpers with no names on them. These jumpers are being held in the office. We are also holding a Trumpet with no identification (in the office). Please ensure all school items eg. Clothing, lunch boxes, drink bottles musical instruments etc. are correctly labeled to ensure quick return. Lost property is located outside the staffroom. We have a large number of unclaimed items which will soon be up for disposal. Please take the time to check if your child is missing an item.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week 2013 – Book Parade Friday 23rd August

This year’s theme for Book Week is ‘Read Across the Universe’ and once again we will be having a Book Parade to celebrate Australian authors and good Australian literature. You may wish to follow the theme by dressing up as your favourite space character or of course, as any book character of your choice.

Please do not hire outfits or go to any expense. This is a simple fun event to highlight book week. Your child will come to school in his/her costume and remain in it all day. A change of clothes should be provided if necessary as some costumes may be uncomfortable to stay in all day!

Watch this space to find out more exciting things happening at CTK for Book Week next week.

Chess News

Last week saw our Junior Chess Team compete against North Rocks Public School with a win going to Jordan Hodgers. This week we wish our team luck as they compete in the final round against North Rocks Public School B team.

Sarah Cook, Teacher Librarian/LTST

PARISH NEWS

Parish Mass times

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Reconciliation

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

CHRIST THE KING CARE GROUP

Our next Parish Care Group meeting will be held on Wednesday, 21st August in the Library at 7.30pm. All most welcome to attend. Any enquiries please contact: Maureen Alexander – 9683 1752, Marianne Dwyer - CTK School Co-ordinator (H) 9873 1336 (Mobile. 0418641412) or the Parish office – 9871 8710

Maureen Alexander, Care Group Co-ordinator

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.
COMMUNITY NEWS Term 3, Week 3 1st August 2013

GILROY COLLEGE  Art & Photography Exhibition and The Black & White Affair...Tuesday 13th August 5-9pm. Brother Damien Hall, Gilroy Catholic College. People’s choice award voting 5-6.30pm / Music acts commence 6pm / Presentation of Gilroy’s Portrait Prize, Photography prize and People’s Choice Award 7pm. Bubbly and Canapes provided.

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL—DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

Primary Focus Evening: Restorative Practices: Building and maintaining healthy relationships in and around your home. This is a free workshop open to all our parents in the Parramatta Diocese. Bookings essential: - email your name, school, contact number and venue choice to prcparraevents@hotmail.com

As a parent, have you ever asked yourself: - I don’t know what to do when things go wrong at home? - I feel like my relationship with my child isn’t what it used to be? - Why is everyone always yelling? - Why won’t my child learn from their mistakes?  Come along and listen to some strategies to help you build a more long lasting and healthy relationship.

Cluster presentation venues: Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start
Monday 26th August  Cerdon College, Sherwood Rd, Merrylands West
Tuesday 27th August  Patrician Brothers’ College, 100 Flushcombe Rd, Blacktown
Tuesday 3rd September  St Mark’s Catholic College, 160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens
Thursday 5th September  St Dominic’s College, Gascoigne St, Kingswood

EPPING STREET FAIR  Sunday 25th August. 10am—4pm Rawson Street Epping. Stalls, Talent Quest, Art Show, Food & Wine, Live Entertainment, Prizes, Jumping Castle, fun activities and more. A fundraiser for Allowah Children’s Hospital.

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.

Gregson’s Tennis Coaching After school tennis coaching enrolments are now being taken for Term 3, catering for beginners to advanced standards. Group and Private lessons and Junior competitions available. The MLC Tennis Hotshots tennis program is also being conducted catering for students from 5 years of age. Enquiries and enrolments to Scott Gregson on 0414554612 or sg370@bigpond.com

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.

For further info contact Mici 9639 8620 Or cdw2@hca.org.au

FAITH IN MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

A Conference about Marriage for couples. The gifts and graces of marriage give us great hope and strength for ourselves and our society.


Where: Our Lady of Mercy College Hall, Ross Street, Parramatta (free parking surrounding Streets only)

Guest Speakers: Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP;  Professor Greg Craven, Vice-Chancellor, Australian Catholic University;  Dr Ryan Messmore, President of Campion College and Robyn Moore. See flyer in foyer for more details. Book early to avoid disappointment: By email marriage@ccss.org.au or telephone 9933 0222.

AUSSIE T-BALL Boys and girls 5 years and up are invited to come along and Try Aussie T-Ball and Baseball. Sun 28th July 1pm—3pm at Murray Farm Reserve. Free Sausage Sizzle. Information pamphlet available from the office.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT FOR THOSE WIDOWED CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry is running its next Seasons for Growth Program for adults in Parramatta, commencing on Tuesday 13th August. The Program will run for five consecutive weeks and is a means of helping those who are grieving the death of their spouse or partner. Through input and small group sharing you will be supported and assisted in understanding and working through some of the aspects and effects of your deep sadness, loss and grief and as you make the necessary adjustments to a new life without your soul mate. Venue: 2A Villiers St North Parramatta. Date/Time: Tuesdays 10.00am – 1.00pm. Cost: $80.00. Contact and Registration soloparentministry@ccss.org.au. Ph. 9933 0205.

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD DIAGNOSED WITH AD/HD? ARE YOU LOOKING FOR POSITIVE STRATEGIES TO HELP MANAGE YOUR CHILD’S BEHAVIOUR? Is your child between 6 and 12 years old?

You are invited FREE OF CHARGE to attend a well-known parenting program at Macquarie University. The program is part of an evaluation study and participants will be asked to attend evening sessions and to fill in questionnaires (anonymously). Please call Julie Chesterfield (Department of Psychology, Macquarie University) on 0412 414 114 (if unanswered please speak slowly and leave your name and phone number on the voicemail) or email julie.chesterfield@students.mq.edu.au and leave your phone number.

DrumBEAT - SOCIAL SKILLS  DrumBEAT is a social skills program for children aged 8—12yrs that promotes social understanding and connection through a team drumming experience. No musical experience required! DrumBEAT combines experiential learning with a focus on the here and now, and how your child reacts to certain situations. This format engages children who may be anxious or resistant to 'talk based' therapies. The DrumBEAT program uses rhythm (no musical skills necessary) to explore issues that children face such as peer pressure, bullying, dealing with emotions, identity, social responsibility and teamwork. It is fun, safe, creative engaging and rewarding. Participants lift their self-esteem, learn to work cooperatively and are exposed to the therapeutic and recreational benefits of music in a fun, safe and engaging way. A pre-group assessment with our staff will be required prior to attending this group. Cost: $40.00 per child (payable upon registration) MONDAYS 12 August - 16 September 2013 4:30pm - 5:30pm (6 weeks) Rouse Hill Town Centre, Rouse Hill. To register or for more information contact Emma at Rouse Hill Families Connect  8805 7207

ROCK & WATER - SOCIAL SKILLS  This 6 week physical and movement based social skills program is for boys and girls in grades 4 - 6. Rock and Water uses body awareness, self defence and tai-chi movements and a focus on achievement to teach children how to deal with various conflicts that they experience, as well as individual limitations and possibilities. Physical exercises are positively linked with improved mental and social skills. Children also learn to communicate more effectively, learn to feel, set their own boundaries and to respect others boundaries too. The program begins with simple movements, leading onto boundary and communication exercises and then continues with developing your child's awareness and understanding of self esteem and self confidence. This program is also suited to children who experience anxiety, bullying or lack of general social skills. A pre-group assessment with our staff will be required prior to attending this group. Cost: $40.00 per child (payable upon registration) THURSDAY 8 August - 19 September 2013 4:30pm - 5:30pm (6 weeks - No session 29th August) Rouse Hill Town Centre. To register or for more information contact Tanya at Hills Family Centre  8805 7288

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: A relationship enrichment 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: 6 – 8 September 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

ROLLERCOASTERS  For kids whose families are changing  Group activities for children aged 6-11 who are experiencing & struggling with Family separation / Parents’ divorce / Family changes. Information pamphlet available from the office.


UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY PENRITH OBSERVATORY  WHAT’S ON IN AUGUST 2013
Family Astronomy Night - Saturday, 10 August (7pm – 9pm) Seeing the Invisible! – There’s more to the universe than what we can see. An investigation into the science of looking at the unseen throughout the universe and what we can learn from the invisible.
National Science Week Astronomy Night – Wednesday, 14 August (7pm – 9pm) Cosmic Engine & Astrophysics Night
A colourful and dynamic summary of what you need to know about the cosmic engine
Family Astronomy Night - Saturday 31 August (7pm – 9pm) Supernovae & Supernova Remnants
The ‘death’ of certain types of stars in the universe and what becomes of them after the catastrophic explosion. Investigating the reasons behind detonation, progenitor stars and the various types of remnants that are left behind.
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

LIVING WITH TEENAGERS  Free information evening for Parents / Carers  Relationships, Strategies, Connections, Health—Wednesday, 28th August
Adolescent Mental Health.  Mission Australia, 1 Coronation Street Hornsby.  Bookings are essential. Information pamphlet from the school office.

CARLINGFORD JUNIOR OZ TAG  OZTAG is a great way to keep active and maintain fitness in the summer months and pre-season training.
Who: Junior Boys, Girls and Mixed teams u/6 - u/16
Where: Carlingford High School, Carlingford
When: Wednesday from 4pm onwards
Season Starts: Wednesday 11th Sept
Registration: Wednesday 28th Aug & 4th Sept
Venue: Carlingford High School Oval
Time: 4:00pm – 6:00pm
Registration fee: $60 OZTAG shorts: $25 Team Shirts: $10
Contact us at:  mel_kassem@yahoo.com.au  Call Mel on 0404 146 927  www.sydneyoztag.com.au  Information pamphlet from the office.

THE POWERHOUSE DISCOVERY CENTRE  OPEN WEEKEND  SAT 17TH & SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST. The Amazing Science Circus 2.0 Celebrate National Science Week at the Powerhouse Discovery Centre, Castle Hill, on our August Open weekend dedicated to the wonders of science and mathematics. Information pamphlet available from the office.