Dear Parents,

This term is flying by so quickly and so much is happening I just wanted stop for a moment to thank the wonderful school community for all that is achieved at Christ the King.

The teachers at our school give so much of themselves on a daily basis that what they inject in their everyday practice is often overlooked.

I was so proud of the amazing presentation of the Year 6 “Invention Convention” last Tuesday evening. The students and teachers (as well as the parents) displayed their creativity, research and building skills when making and presenting their “machines”. As the teachers explained on the evening, 21st century learning is about developing the creative mind, the process of realizing that dream/creation. The Year 6 students were guided expertly through this process and presented amazing inventions. What also impressed me was the resilience shown by many of the students in trying over and over again to present their projects even when things didn’t always go “right” the first time. What a great skill to acquire, a skill that will support them through their learning years.

We are blessed with the beautiful and spiritual liturgies and celebrations that are held here at our school under the leadership of Miss Vella and her team. It was wonderful to see the many Grandparents who attended our CTK Grandparent’s Day last Friday. To see the joy and pride on their faces was so heartwarming.

I also wanted to thank the many parents who support us through volunteering to help and organize events. The Walkathon was a resounding success due to the careful planning of the walk and sausage sizzle by the P & F. The children’s disco this Friday will also be a fantastic evening of fun.

We are now in the final stretch of presenting the CTK Wakakirri item. The teachers, led by Mrs. Kelly-Hosking and Mrs. Collignon have been working very hard with the children to prepare their spectacular presentation. They will be rehearsing next Sunday ready for a dress rehearsal next week and then their final presentation at NIDA on Friday evening. Thank you to the teachers and parents who have worked so tirelessly throughout the year to give our children this very special opportunity.

The many sporting events we have had so far this year, especially the Athletics carnival, was skillfully organized by Mr. Matthews and his team. Thank you to the many parents who help and support us during these events. Without you we could not run these days so successfully.

I ask you to keep in your prayers all those within our community who are experiencing sadness and illness within their families. May the Lord provide you all with strength, love and faith throughout these difficult times.

Annelise Stockey, Principal
**LIBRARY NEWS**

**ED ALIVE SOFTWARE**  (Purchase is optional) Thank you to the families who have sent in their order forms. Final orders must be received by NEXT MONDAY, 12th August. Additional brochures / order forms are available from the school office.

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**ICAS MATHEMATICS COMPETITION**

**When:** NEXT MONDAY, 12th August  
(not Tuesday 13th August as previously advised)

**Time:** 8.00am sharp - as the assessment takes 45—50 minutes  
**Where:** Holy Faith Library  
**What to bring:** 2B pencil, eraser and sharpener

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**P & F NEWS**

**Parent’s & Friends General Meeting**  TOMORROW, Friday 9th August @ 1pm.

Our next P & F meeting will be held tomorrow, Friday 9th August at 1.00pm in the Holy Faith Library.

All are most welcome to attend. We hope you are able to join us.

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**WALK-ATHON NEWS**  Thank you to the many families who have already sent in their walkathon donations / pledges. We ask that all remaining pledges be sent in by TOMORROW, Friday 9th August so the funds can be put to use as soon as possible.

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**MARK IN YOUR DIARY**

- Father’s Day Stall—Wrapping day  Tuesday, 27th August  
- Father’s Day Stall—Wednesday, 28th August

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**FETE NEWS**  The CTK Fete will be held on Friday, 22nd November and with a little over 3 months to go we would like to thank all those parents who have already volunteered to coordinate stalls. We are truly blessed to have such a generous and supportive group of parents who are prepared to give up their time to help raise much needed funds for our school. If anyone else is interested in joining the fete team by taking on a stall or if you have any ideas or suggestions, please do not hesitate to grab us in the playground or contact us using the details below. All assistance is greatly appreciated.

The Made 4 U Market which ran as part of the fete last year is also seeking stall holders. If you or anyone you know has a small craft, handmade or giftware business and would be interested in joining our boutique market please speak to Alison Baxter for further details. Stall spaces start at $75-00.

Later in the term we will begin asking for donations and for volunteers to help on the night. We ask you all for your generous support to help make the 2013 fete a memorable event for our children and a successful fundraising event for our school.

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**PINK RIBBON NEWS**  We will be holding a Pink Ribbon meeting next Monday, 12th August at Pronto at 9.00am. All are most welcome. Our Pink Ribbon Girls Night Out will take place on Friday 25th October in the Mary MacKillop Hall (CTK Parish Hall). More details will be coming home soon. We are now seeking donations for raffle and lucky door prizes for the night. Please contact me if you can help.

Kathleen Spurr  0414 701 137,  CTK Pink Ribbon Committee
WAKAKIRRI NEWS  Parents and children are invited to a Wakakirri Blessing Mass at 10.00am this Sunday, 11th August which will then be followed by a BBQ lunch. Children involved in the Wakakirri performance will then remain at school for a full rehearsal for 3 hours from 12pm—3pm. Please note this is a closed rehearsal (not time for an audience yet!)

Wakakirri information
1. If you can braid hair, we need your expert skills between 8.30am—10am next Friday 16th August.

2. Help needed to pin curl hair on Thursday afternoon 15th August. If you want us to pin curl your child’s hair please let us know by NEXT TUESDAY AFTERNOON 13th August.

3. VENUE - NIDA  215 Anzac Parade, Kensington NSW 2033.
   There is limited parking at NIDA, 44 spaces after 6pm. Parking in also available in nearby streets.

4. Bottled water with a screw cap is the only drink allowed.

5. PHOTOGRAPHY / VIDEO NOT PERMITTED AT NIDA DURING THE PERFORMANCE

6. Dress rehearsal—NEXT TUESDAY, 13th August at 1.00pm. GOLD COIN DONATION.

7. Tickets—Every family who purchased a $30-00 ticket will receive it next Tuesday

8. Donations of suitbags would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Lara Kelly-Hosking & Mrs. Dympna Collignon, Wakakirri Coordinators

SPORT NEWS

SOCCER GALA DAY  Last week we had students from both Years 3 & 4 participate in the Stage 2 soccer gala day. Christ the King sent three teams to compete. All teams competed with tremendous pride and sportsmanship. Congratulations to the students who represented our school at this gala day.

NRL RUGBY LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT
This year Christ the King has been in conversation with the National Rugby League Development Office for the Parramatta Eels. With Rugby League / Touch Football being a sport which is played throughout our community Christ the King is aiming to cater for this need. Due to this we will see the implementation of a partnership with the NRL and begin an in-school program to continue to develop students’ skills in this area. The NRL and CTK are aiming to create an ongoing partnership with this program.

The in-school clinics aim to introduce students to Rugby League through the concept of Backyard League, which is a non-competitive form of the game (modified—no tackling).

Students in Year 1, Year 3 and Year 6 will participate in 3 sessions with the Parramatta Eels Development program. Kindergarten, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 will participate in an one-off intro clinic. In 2014, the students who did not participate in the 3 sessions will have the opportunity to do so then. Therefore, as your child moves through their schooling, they will have alternate years of involvement with the full program.

Sessions will take place during the children’s PDHPE lessons with Mrs. Kelly-Hosking. Year 6 will participate in the 3 sessions on alternate Monday afternoons. This should not disrupt their uniform timetable.

We look forward to seeing the children of CTK involved in the in-school program during the remainder of 2013.

Anthony Matthews, Sport Coordinator