

Christ the King Catholic School

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Newsletter 2010

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COMING EVENTS:

Mon 15 Feb – Parent Council AGM 7.30pm
Wed 17 Feb – School swimming sports 12.45-3pm
Wed 17 Feb – Ash Wednesday
Tues 23 Feb – School Duathlon
Fri 26 Feb – CTK and Merrin School Triathlon
Sun 28 Feb – Junior School Mass 9.00am
Mon 8 Mar – Zone swimming sports at QEII
Mon-Wed 15-17 Mar – Parent Teacher Interviews
Wed 17 Mar – Centrals Triathlon
Sun 21 Mar – Middle School Mass 9.00am
Wed 24 Mar – Rice Day shared meal
Tues 30 Mar – School Photos
Thurs 1 April – Holy Thursday – Last day of Term 1
Mon 19 April – 1st Day Term 2
20-23 April Wellington Camp Room 9
26-29 April Wellington Camp Room 10
27-30 April Wellington Camp Room 8
Fri 2 July – Last day Term 2
Mon 19 July – 1st day Term 3
Fri 24 Sept – Last day Term 3

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Parents/Guardians, Friends of the School,

Thanks you for the wonderful turnout at the Meet the Teacher evening last night and the National Standards meeting that preceded the discussion with your child's teacher.

Liasing with parents is an integral part of your child's education, so that home and school are on the same path. Communication between home and school should be ongoing and occur as needs arise. There is a huge push with new New Zealand Curriculum, through the Key Competencies, to make children more responsible for themselves by promoting self-management skills.

Teachers promote this competency throughout the school day, but there are times when parents and teachers need to discuss certain facets of their child's education, so don't wait for interviews. When you feel there is an important need, make an appointment to discuss it with your child's teacher.

Last night was also a wonderful opportunity to be able to discuss the introduction of National Standards with you. To have over 100 parents at the meeting enables us to enlighten our school community on some of the facts surrounding this headline grabbing, often controversial education topic. The main points covered in this meeting were:

- The government's thinking behind introducing National Standards.
- How National Standards will be measured or assessed by teachers using "rich sources of information," twice a year.

- "Rich sources of Information," include PATs, National Exemplars, Running Records, NUMPA snapshots, Assessment Resource Banks, 6yr Nets, anecdotal findings, teacher judgement and numerous other assessment tools.
- When all of this information is collated teachers will report your child's progress to you in terms such as well above, just above, at, just below and well below the National Standard.
- The report will also provide next learning steps, along with measures you can proceed with at home to improve student achievement, and any interventions the school may deem helpful over and above normal classroom instruction.
- Our portfolio assessment and teacher interview system incorporates much of the above already.

This is a very brief synopsis of the meeting and we will keep you informed as we bring about changes in the reporting system.

The year has begun on a very positive note, the children are really stepping up and taking responsibility for their learning. It has been wonderful seeing so many of you in and around the school, and the whole staff are looking forward to working with you as we provide the best education possible for our students.

Mike Bonisch
Principal

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS: Flynn Everest, Bailey Everest, Hannah Ferris, Alannah McGuinness, Gemma Doocey



READING ROCKS!: Adrian Kirk will be visiting Christ the King School on Friday 19 February to present his highly entertaining and interactive show "Reading Rocks!"

TOUCH DRAW: For Tuesday 16 February:
CTK Red vs Pocket Rockets Field 13a 5.30pm
CTK Blue vs Elmwood Rats Field 13b 5.30pm
CTK Black vs Nunweek 1 Wizards Field 14a 5.30pm
Year 3-4:
CTK Saints vs Elmwood Eels Field 1a 5.30pm
CTK All Saints vs FOS Lightning Field 1b 5.30pm
Year 5-6:
CTK Yankees vs CTK All Blacks Field 9 6.05pm
CTK Warriors vs FOS Meteors Field 10 6.05pm
CTK All Stars vs FOS Asteroids Field 16 6.05pm
Yr 7-8
CTK Phalanx vs Venom Red Field 4 6.40pm
CTK Villa Kings - Bye

P.E. UNIFORM: In order to keep the standard of our PE uniform high, could we please have your assistance in purchasing the correct blue shorts. Some students have opted for cycle shorts and various other models, and we

would like to see all students in the correct uniform. Many thanks for your assistance with this.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE: Copies of the school magazine are available from the office for \$12 per copy.

GUITAR, UKELELE, BASE GUITAR Lessons available at Christ the King School. Please return the form below to the school office.

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CHILD'S NAME: _____ RM NO. _____

Parent's signature _____

Please circle: Guitar Ukele Base Guitar

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GROCERY BAGS: We would be grateful for any spare grocery bags you may have please. Just bring them in to the school office. Thank you.

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS:

AGM We would like to invite all parents to our AGM on Monday 15 February at 7.30pm.

NEW PARENTS' MORNING TEA: You are all invited to the New Parents Morning Tea on Friday 19th February at 10.15am in the School Hall. Preschoolers welcome.

OSCAR NEWS:

CTK OSCAR is now taking new enrolments for families that require its services. We operate out of the Tennis Pavilion daily from 2.50pm to 5.45pm and we are Child, Youth and Family approved, therefore childcare subsidies are available to qualifying families. Should you require any further information please contact Janelle on 027 285 0003 / Geraldine on 351 5800 or feel free to pop in and view the programme in operation anytime during operating hours.

PARISH NEWS:

Catholics Returning Home is a four week programme for non-practising Catholics interested in renewing their life in the Church. Mondays 1, 8, 15 and 22 March at 7.30pm Christ the King Church. Please feel very welcome to attend, or you may know of someone you could support with this programme.

St Valentine's Day Liturgy Sunday 14th February The Cathedral, Barbadoes St 2pm. Celebrating and reflecting on the gift of love for one another in marriage. All welcome. Light refreshments to follow.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women Saturday 13 February 1.30pm Christ the King Church 2010: Activ8 the Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:16-26) Topic: Love Speakers: Roger and Rita Paterson. All women welcome. Enquiries: Janet 359-4305 www.dove.org.nz.

Advance Notice of First Communion Programme 2010 An enquiry meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd March 1.15pm-2.45pm or 7.30pm-9pm in the Parish Centre. This meeting is for the parents of Year 4s (or older children who have not made their First Reconciliation or First Communion) A letter is going

home today to all Year 4 parents at Christ the King School. For enquiries phone Geraldine McCormick 351-5800.

Tuesday Pre-school Music Group starts again on Tuesday 16th February 10am-11.3am Christ the King Parish Centre. A time of music, dancing and having fun together. All welcome. Gold coin donation. Enquiries: Luisa 358-8511 or Yvonne 359-0246.

TOWEL ROSTER: Jillian Farrell & Helen Chambers

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Marist Hockey Club Trials for 11Aside and Super 8 (Boys and Girls primary teams) will be held at Nunweek Park from Sunday 28th of February, 10.00am to 12.00pm. Registration day Nunweek Park Sunday 7th March from 3- 5.00pm. Please check our website www.maristhockey.co.nz or contact Angela Baker, phone 3545975 or email steveangelab@xtra.co.nz for further information.

Bottle Lake Forest Orienteering Day Sunday 21 February. See www.summertimes.org.nz.

A Good Childhood – The Science and the Spirit of Good Parenting in the 21st Century Monday evenings from 22 February St Margaret's College Chapel, 12 Winchester St, Merivale. Cost for the six sessions \$60. Registrations close 19 February. Email admin@theologyhouse.ac.nz phone 355-9145 or fax 355-6140.

Children's Day Sunday 7th March 11am-4pm Groynes Park on Johns Rd. Come along to this free community event. For more information contact 941-8999 or visit www.childrensday.org.nz

Learn to Swim Limited spaces available - Sockburn Park Swim Club. Sunday evenings Jellie Park swimming pool. Phone Catherine 351-1912 or Julie 358-7310.

Kids Bike Jams A fun, participation based national mountain bike series for kids aged 5-13 years 21 March. Enter online at www.kidsbikejams.co.nz

Christchurch Rugby Football Club 250 Westminster St. 17th February 3.30pm-6.30pm, 21st February 2.30pm-5.00pm Wednesday 24th February 3.30pm-6.30pm. All new players to provide copy of birth certificate or passport.

Riccarton Rugby League invites all 5-13 year olds to our Junior Registration days at Crosbie Park on Sunday 28th February and Sunday 7th March 2010, 11am-2pm

Sydenham Rugby League Registrations: Waltham Pool, Wed. 17th February 7- 8.30pm, free swim and sausage sizzle. Bradford Park, Milton St, 21st & 28th February 11am - 12.30pm, free sausage sizzle for the children. Reasonable subs. Uniform provided. If unable to attend phone Debra Powell 980 4640 or 379 6954 with details.

International Taekwon-Do Riccarton Phone Helen Caley on 021 131 7809 or visit www.southisland.iftnz.org.nz/beginners.

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