

Christ the King Catholic School

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Term 2 Week 7 – 3 June 2010

COMING EVENTS:

Fri 4 May Friday Winter sports is cancelled
Fri 4 June Junior school swimming
Mon 7 Jun Queen's Birthday; School closed
Wed 9 June Centrals cross country
Wed 9 June NSW Science
Fri 11 June Friday Winter sport starts (Y5-8)
Mon 14 June Primary schools' gymnastics competition
Wed 16 June Board of Trustees meeting
Tues 22 June Music Festival - choir
Tues 22 June NSW Writing
Wes 23 June NSW Spelling
Sun 27 June Middle School Mass
Mon 28 June Marae visit; Middle School
Fri 2 July Last day Term 2
Mon 19 July 1st day Term 3
Fri 30 July New parent morning tea 10.30am
Fri 24 Sept Last day Term 3
Sun 31 Oct CTK School Fair

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Parents/Guardians, Friends of the School,

The Junior School have been fully immersed in their Inquiry Unit on the Sea this term and it has been most enlightening to go into rooms and see the children working at different stages of the inquiry process, and view and listen to the learning that is happening. Inquiry Learning, sometimes dubbed the "let me investigate approach," forms a large portion of our Social Sciences and Health based learning. The stages the children follow are:

- Immersion
- Questioning
- Gathering
- Processing Information
- Creating
- Sharing
- Evaluation
- So what now

It is wonderful to see the children directing their own learning and accessing their own answers by interacting with the subject matter. I'm sure your junior school aged child loves to share their learning with you.

The school talent quest is on this week during lunch hour and attracts large crowds. The line up of talent and the wide range of skills is amazing, but even more amazing is the children's support for the participants. Each performer is given an enthusiastic and appreciative reception and they seem to be loving the chance to show their skills in front of their peers.

Hopefully the rain will abate long enough for the grounds to dry out before next Friday for the week's inter-school sport to go ahead. The children are really chomping at the bit.

Thanks for the wonderful numbers at the Junior Mass last Sunday the church was packed.

Enjoy the long weekend.

Mike Bonisch
Principal

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS: Molly Graham, Flynn Everest, Hannah Ferris, Matthew Mercer, Gabriella Burns, Joshua Persico



WINTER SPORTS: Winter sport is cancelled for tomorrow, as the Council grounds are still closed. Hopefully it will now start next Friday.

GYMNASTICS: Please be at school by 8.15am tomorrow, Friday, for the QEII gym trip. No gymnastics after school on Friday.

SOCKS! SOCKS! SOCKS! Sports socks are still available from the school office for \$7.

TOWEL ROSTER: Philippa Nicklin, Bronwyn McNulty

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS:

Fair: The Parent Council are in the planning stages of organising this year's school fair. We are finding it hard to contact parents these days, with people leading such busy lives. Therefore we are hoping to use email. If you are not happy for the school office to pass your email address on to the Parent Council, would you please phone the school office to let them know. Thank you.

Entertainment Books: LAST CHANCE!! Tomorrow is the last day to buy an Entertainment Book. We only have a few left, so its first in first served, with the money.

Room 5 Raffle: Guess the number of jellybeans in the jar .50c a guess. Available on Monday after school outside hall to raise funds for the class, so they can offset costs for the fair.

FOUND: A pair of orange stud earrings, a single pearl earring

CAN TABS: A group of parents would like to help raise \$140 for a MedicAlert bracelet for a member of our

school community by collecting can tabs. These can be left in containers in each classroom. Any queries contact Vanessa O'Rourke 3592105.

ART SUPPLY REQUEST: Milk bottle tops please

NORTHWEST MUSIC FESTIVAL: Christ the King School choir members have been issued with a notice this week regarding tickets for this festival. They are \$8 per ticket, and need to be purchased from the school office by Wednesday 9 June.

PARISH NEWS:

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Update NEXT SUNDAY 13th JUNE is First Reconciliation at 2.00pm. For details regarding arrival times please refer to the First Reconciliation update email/letter sent out last week. If you haven't received this or require further information please contact Geraldine 351 5800.

Further Important Dates to Note:

22nd June Parent Meeting Three – either 1.15-2.45pm or 7.30-9.00pm.

27th July Parent Meeting Four – either 1.15-2.45pm or 7.30-9.00pm.

18th August First Holy Communion Practice 3.15-5pm.

22nd August First Holy Communion 11am.

Catholics Returning Home Programme Due to demand an extra programme for the Catholics Returning Home is being offered in June. Catholics Returning Home is a four-week programme for non-practising Catholics interested in renewing their life in the Church. It will run on Mondays 14th, 21st, 28th June and Monday 5th July at Christ the King Parish, Burnside.

Please feel very welcome to attend or you may know of someone you could support with this programme. Visit www.catholicshomenow.co.nz or phone Janet 359 4305 or Mary 3578400.

Preparing Your Child For Puberty and Beyond: A practical approach based on the work of Dr Gerard O'Shea. Thursday 10 June 7.30pm. John Paul II Centre For Life 88 Idris Road. Registration \$5. Enquiries: Maria 351-3225 or maria@fli.org.nz.



Room 1 welcomed Benjamin Ruske this week. We hope you enjoy your time here at Christ the King School, Benjamin.

The following is an excellent sample of the opinion genre of writing that Years 7 and 8 have been focusing on:

Amelia's Opinion

Are kids of the next generation going to have 2D friends that they cannot talk to and just suck them into the world of media and fantasy? By the way things are looking right now this is going to happen and we are going to turn into

virtual robots that follow the world of T.V. So I believe that children should not watch an excessive amount of T.V.

My first point I am going to explain is about the vile and unacceptable behaviour that happens when watching violence on T.V. at a young age. Whether it is an advertisement, a preview, cartoon, documentary or T.V. show violence can always occur. What people think are cute little fantasy programmes are actually shows that teach young children bad skills. These shows can give kids nightmares and encourages them to follow in their footsteps, which is unthinkable. Some younger kids watch T.V. shows like Dora and Clifford the Big Red Dog. These shows make little children believe that dogs and all animals can talk and grow up to be the size of a house. How immature. So when they eventually have a pet, their fragile hearts will be broken when their cute little miniature animals don't talk or grow that huge. Would you want to crush an innocent child's heart? My second point is about violence on T.V. for older, what we think are more mature viewers. As kids start to get older, they start watching more and more T.V. and play more electronic games. Up to four hours a day, with an additional two hours on the computer. Also when children get older, they start to think that they can watch a wider variety of shows and movies, and to make them look "cool," they watch shows with inappropriate language, sexual scenes and use of drug and alcohol, which on T.V. they make look cool fantastic, fun and exciting. Imagine your child watching that! And what is worse, it influences them to do it themselves. Young kids should be having fun, not being in gangs and in danger. Do we want this to happen? Teen pregnancies are happening and it is getting horrendously worse. This behaviour must STOP!!!

My next point is my biggest and fattest point. **OBESITY.** As kids quietly sit in front of radiation in a box, they start to feel quite peckish, and normally go for an option of potato chips, which are full of salt, high in fat and don't fill you up. So instead of having a few innocent crisps, you mindlessly snack away, and before you know it, you have eaten the whole bag. How disgusting. Potato chips also dry out your mouth, and clear water isn't that appealing, so sugary, bubbly, fizzy coloured drink, also known as soda, is the drink to go for. Soda is full of air and doesn't fill you up ; it just rots and makes holes in your teeth. And will sitting on the couch make that extra fat go away. No, and eating unhealthy food doesn't help either, because you won't be burning it off and it will just come back and bite you in the bum. More children are getting obese and it's up to parents to stop them. It must stop!

I have explained all my points and it all comes down to one thing. CHILDREN SHOULD NOT WATCH AN EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF T.V.!!!

By Amelia DeMarco