

## CTK Newsletter No. 01 - 2 February 2012

From the principal....

### Value: Respect

*Just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me (Matt 25:40)*

Feast of Saint Joseph  
19 March

*Wherever we are, we are called to create community*

Welcome everyone to the beginning of the 2012 school year! It was lovely to see all the returning children and their families and we look forward to working closely with you again this year. An especially warm welcome to the new children who started at Christ the King this week. We are fortunate to have all our staff returning this year and we also welcome **Ms Vicky Goodier**, who will be teaching in Room 4 and doing classroom release, to our teaching staff. We ask for God's blessings on all of our school community as we start the school year.

The Christ the King Catholic School **charism** shapes the culture of the school and binds all members of the community together. Our charism is a spiritual gift drawn from the traditions and teachings of our founding order, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, and from our name, *Christ the King*. This term the focus will be on working together to build the Kingdom of God through practising the value of **respect**. In classrooms and playground we will all be showing respect for ourselves, for each other and for property, and we hope that this discussion carries on during out-of-school hours as well.

One of the ways we show respect for ourselves is by taking ownership of our learning. This year the teachers will be involved in professional development focused on creating learning-focused relationships with their students. As always we work in partnership with our families and whānau and we will be encouraging the children to talk to you regularly about what they are learning in school. We know that learning does not only happen during school hours and we look forward to finding out more about what happens out of school from your 'Getting to know your child' forms sent home this week.

God Bless  
Jane Hahn

### Staff for 2012

Mrs Jane Hahn	Principal		
Mrs Maureen Sullings	Deputy Principal	Teacher Years 2/3	Room 5
Mrs Wanda Nair	Assistant Principal	Teacher Years 7/8	Room 8
Mrs Jackie Linn	Director of Religious Studies	Teacher Year 1	Room 1
Ms Tina McKenna	Reading Recovery	Teacher Years 1/2	Room 4
Ms Vicky Goodier		Teacher Years 1/2	Room 4
Mrs Tina Cochrane		Teacher Years 4/5	Room 6
Mrs Anne Driver		Teacher Year 5/6	Room 7
Mrs Connie Dourado		Special Programmes	
Mrs Beulah Dickson		School Secretary	
Mrs Susan D'Silva		Office Assistant	
Mr Vince Tupuola		School Caretaker	
Mrs Maria D'Souza		Teacher Aide	
Mr Sammy Negash		Teacher Aide	

As you can see, most of our classes have two year levels in the one room. This organisation is known to be effective for all children and all children will be working at their appropriate level.

#### School Mass this Friday at

**10.00 a.m.** Please join us as we begin our school term by asking God's blessing on the work the children, parents, teachers and all staff will do this year. We thank Father Peter, Monsignor

#### We are sun smart!

School sunhats are compulsory for all children as part of our summer uniform. These are available from the school office. From next week children



#### Breakfast Club

First day for Breakfast Club is **Thursday 9 February**. Come along and enjoy a yummy breakfast that will help you concentrate on your learning during the day.

Parents and families, we would love you to help with Breakfast Club if you have some time on Tuesday or Thursday mornings.

### Important Dates for Term 1

3 February	School Mass
5 February	Auckland Diocese Family Fun Day
6 February	WAITANGI DAY
7 Feb-2 Mar	Swimming programme
8 Feb-14 Mar	Badminton sessions
9 & 10 February	Arataki visits
15 February	Parent Information Evening
20 February	PTFA Annual General Meeting
21 February	Burning of palms
22 February	Ash Wednesday
28 February	Board of Trustees meeting
2 Mar	Swimming Carnival
4 March	PTFA School Picnic and Fun Day
6 March	Hearing and Vision in school
19 March	Feast of St Joseph
1 April	Palm Sunday
1 April	End of daylight saving
4 April	Easter Pageant
5 April	Term 1 ends
6 April	Good Friday
8 April	Easter Sunday
23 April	Term 2 begins

*Please note that some dates change so always look at the latest list*

### Vacancy

We may have a casual vacancy for a teacher aide to work in a classroom. The hours have not been finalised yet but if you are interested please contact Mrs Hahn by Wednesday 8 February.

### Walking School Buses

#### Every Monday and Tuesday mornings from the Hendon Ave lights

A Walking School Bus will be leaving the corner of Hendon Ave and Richardson Rd every Monday and Tuesday morning at **8.15 a.m.**

#### Every Friday morning from the corner of Richardson and John Davis Roads

From Friday 3 February a Walking School Bus will be leaving the corner of Richardson and John Davis Roads every Friday morning at **8.00 a.m.**

If you live nearby or can drop your children off so that they can enjoy the company of friends as they walk to school, we would love to see you joining a walking school bus.

### Happy Birthday

Congratulations to the following children who celebrate their birthdays around now, or who celebrated them during the holidays:

*Estelle Fernandez (4/1), Piwai Kahonde (7/1), Shiv Malkani (9/1), Joshua John (13/1), Antonio Tu (15/1), Meron Berhane (16/1), Asher Oiklemen Abraham & George Tausii (20/1), Elise Laserna (21/1), Ashley Tabora (24/1), Kelissa Claremont (25/1), Galo Matai (30/1), Craig D'Silva (31/1), Kimberly Paynor (2/2)*

### Family Fun Day

Sunday 5 February

1.00pm – 4.00pm

St Francis Friary, 50 Hillsborough Rd, Mt Roskill

Join Bishop Pat Dunn for an afternoon of family fun, games and food, entertainment (including Old McDonald's Farm), blessing of children – both born and yet to be born. Free admission. Everyone welcome!

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMME

We will begin the term by setting the scene for the year ahead. In the first two weeks, we will be recalling how our school was once staffed by the Sisters of Saint Joseph and that, even though they are not still in our schools, their spirit lives on as we remember these words from their founder, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop:

*Wherever we are, we are called to create community*

We will try to unpack and show what this looks like for us at Christ the King school in 2012.

Prayer will be another important area we will cover at this time as teachers and children together learn what is deemed appropriate prayer at their respective levels.

By then, it is time to look at Lent as a preparation for Easter and here again, the programme is designed to suit the age level of the children.

Before we know it, Ash Wednesday will be along on February 22 and Father Tipene will have come into school the day before to prepare the ashes with the children.

*With these important matters attended to, we will then be ready to continue to develop the Strands in the regular R.E. Programme.*

Mrs Jackie Linn

Director of Religious Studies (DRS)



A big WELCOME to CTK to all our new people:

**1<sup>st</sup> row:** Meron Berhane (Rm 1), Fuatino Luamanuvae (Rm 1), Raine Faigao (Rm 1), Brooke Seumanutafa-Milligan (Rm 1), Leyton Ierome-Iosefo (Rm 1)

**2<sup>nd</sup> row:** Tsion Hagos (Rm 6), Isikuki Aumua (Rm 6), Lupe Tupou (Rm 4), Melianna Aute-Talo (Rm 5), Losaline Ahokava (Rm 5), Miss Vicky Goodier (Teacher), Eurich Fullero (Rm 4), Jacob Aute-Talo (Rm 4)

**Back row:** Junior Tupou (Rm 6), Eden Kalolo P. Natoalofa (Rm 6), Anastasia P. Natoalofa Kalolo (Rm 8), Valerie Faalavaau (Rm 7), Anayah Williams (Rm 6)

We welcome you and your whānau to our