

From the principal....

*Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit your people.
We await your coming. Come, O Lord.*

Sometimes the busyness of these weeks before Christmas can distract us from experiencing the true power of Advent. Christmas is a sacred time for families and the Advent season prepares us for the full realisation of the birth of Jesus Christ. As we light the candles in Advent, let us remember how we all join in this celebration as children of God. At school, the children are participating in many of the Christmas season's rich traditions, with Advent calendars, carols, Christmas decorations, Christmas stories and liturgies all in evidence. As I am writing this, Lawson has been in to my office to share his writing 'The Story of the First Christmas'!

At this time of year we ask God's blessing on those children who are graduating from our school. These boys and girls will go on to excel in many areas at their respective intermediate and secondary schools and we look forward to hearing about their achievements. We know that their time at CTK will have given them a strong foundation in their Catholic faith, will have encouraged them to be life-long learners with a strong base in literacy and numeracy, and will have helped them to develop respect for others and for the diverse cultures that make up our country.

On behalf of all the staff of our school, I would like to wish you a happy, safe and blessed Christmas season.
Jane Hahn

★ People of the Week ★



Our stars of the week would have to be our 2011 graduates! These young people have shown themselves to be everything we want for our children at CTK. In so many ways they have demonstrated their commitment to the Catholic Special Character of our school, and they have also been important role models in their dedication to their learning. They have developed in their leadership in the last year at CTK and we are confident that they will continue to use the gifts that God has given them in their new schools. Congratulations, **Marika, Paris, Elizma, Alur, Daniella, Clare, Stacey, Nicky, Nathan, Emanuel, Ashley, Amanuel and Raphael!**

Room 8 Assembly

All invited to attend Room 8's final assembly to farewell the Year 8 girls. Starts at 2.00 pm.

It's great to see all the **CTK sunhats** being worn during break times now. Please make sure that your child has one every day so that they can fully enjoy this great weather.

Important Dates 2011

- 9 Dec PTFA Family Fun Night
- 14 Dec School Awards Evening
- 15 Dec Mufti Day
- 15 Dec Term 4 ends

Important Dates 2012

- 31 Jan Term 1 begins
- 5 Apr Term 1 ends
- 23 Apr Term 2 begins
- 29 Jun Term 2 ends
- 16 Jul Term 3 begins
- 28 Sep Term 3 ends
- 15 Oct Term 4 begins
- 14 Dec Term 4 ends



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

School Mass and Awards Evening Wednesday 14 December

Please join us for Mass at **9.00 a.m. next Wednesday** as we join with the parish community for the last time in 2011 to celebrate the Eucharist.

At **6.45 p.m.** the School Awards Evening will take place in the Church. This is a special event that celebrates the achievement of the students of the school and brings together the children and their families to thank God for the blessings of this year.

We expect all families to attend this evening.

No sausage sizzle this Friday

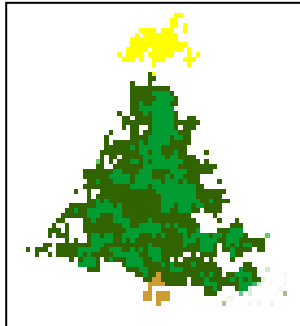
PTFA FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Tomorrow, Friday 9 December

This is the final social event of the year and is always a great night! Food will be available from 6.00 pm. Children's performances will be happening throughout the evening. Please come and join us!

End of Term 4

School will finish at **2.00 pm on Thursday, 15 December**. School will re-open on **Tuesday, 31 January** at the usual time of **8.50 am**.



WELCOME

...**Isopo Tuitama-Tiatia** who is joining his two sisters at CTK. We know you will enjoy your learning in Room 1, Isopo, and are glad that you are with us at CTK!



Parish Social 3 December

Congratulations to the parish on their very successful event they held in the school grounds last Saturday. Below is a picture taken of one of our Filipino dance groups preparing to perform on the evening. It was great to see our lovely school grounds being used for such a good cause!



Math-a-thon

We were overwhelmed by your generosity in supporting the children's Math-a-thon at the end of last term. We were able to raise approximately \$2,000 for extra resources to help our children with their learning through the Math-a-thon. Thank you!

School Fees

A Big Thank You to all families who have settled their school fees. A reminder to those families who have yet to pay that payment was due last week. School account details are as follows: Chris the King Catholic School, ASB Bank, Mt Roskill South, Account Number: 12-3043-0302897-50. Thank you for your co-operation.

There will be a final CTK Update coming to your home next week on the last day of school.