



Our Josephite Catholic School

Special Character: **Leading OUR WAY at CTK**

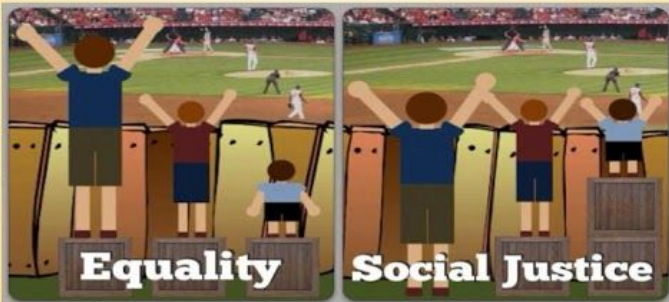
This term's value focus is **JUSTICE**. Our children are being encouraged to ask "Is it right? Is it fair?".

We are living in a troubled world where there is so much hatred and despair. As Christians we are called to seek the truth and to stand up for what is right and just. Our children are an amazing example of HOPE for the future. They are the leaders of tomorrow who will influence social decision making and pave the way for others to follow.

Please support your child to have a strong sense of justice by talking about social and global issues at home. Be living witnesses of what is right and fair by being a positive role-models.

Helping at home to raise awareness of justice issues...

You are encouraged to watch the news together in the evenings so your child is aware of the world in which they live. Talk as a family about poverty, abuse and inequality. Ask if it is right that so many people in NZ are homeless? Ask if it is right that so many children in the world are deprived of life's essentials?



Keep in your prayers...

We are praying for children in our school who will receive the **blessed sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation** at Christ the King Parish on Sunday 29th October:

- Room 2** - Joseph, Vincent, Tristan, Ronnie, Allan and Michael
- Room 3** - Rafael, Naia, Reupena and Astyn
- Room 4** - Rhianne
- Room 5** - Karla and Lauren



Welcome!

A very warm welcome to the families of **Emily, Joanna and Naomi** who have recently joined our school community. We hope you settle quickly to new routines and enjoy being part of our CTK family.

PAPERLESS COMMUNICATION

THIS WILL BE THE FINAL NEWSLETTER TO BE PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED EN MASSE TO OUR 'ELDEST IN FAMILY' CHILDREN.

ALL WRITTEN COMMUNICATION WILL BE SENT VIA **E-MAIL** AND POSTED ONTO THE SCHOOL **WEBSITE** AND SCHOOL **FACEBOOK** PAGE.

IF YOU REQUIRE A PAPER COPY OF THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER YOU WILL NEED TO REQUEST THIS THROUGH THE SCHOOL OFFICE.



Ethiopian New Year መልካም አዲስ አመት

Extending **HAPPY NEW YEAR greetings to our Ethiopian Community**. Enkutatash (Ethiopic: እንቁጣጣሽ) is the first day of the New Year in Ethiopia.



It occurs on Meskerem 1 on the Ethiopian calendar, which means September 11.

Enrolments 2018

Do you know of any children who are likely to attend CTK next year? Is your family moving out of the school area and no longer require places for children at the school? It is important to keep the school informed.

Please make contact if you wish to enrol children for next year or to advise the school of any plans you may have for 2018 that affect enrolments.



Celebrating Maori Language Week

This week is Maori Language week. Kia Ora means **hello** as well as **thank you**.

Proud New Zealanders will know the English and Maori versions of the national anthem. Here are the Maori words and the direct translation:

- E Ihowa Atua**, (Oh Lord, God)
- O ngā iwi mātou rā**, (Of nations and of us too)
- Āta whakarongona**; (Listen to us)
- Me aroha noa**; (Cherish us)
- Kia hua ko te pai**; (Let goodness flourish)
- Kia tau tō atawhai**; (May your blessings flow)
- Manaakitia mai** (Defend)
- Aotearoa**



IT IS IMPORTANT TO VOTE

New Zealand's next General Election will be held on Saturday 23 September 2017. It is important that you are enrolled to vote and you actually make your vote count. Many people have fought and died for the very right to vote. NZ was the first country in the world to allow women to vote.



Advance Voting is now available in several locations. You can enrol and vote at the same time at any advance voting place, but you cannot enrol on election day itself. For more information visit:

<http://www.elections.org.nz/events/2017-general-election/information-voters-who-when-and-where>



Respect; Love & Service; Justice; Peace & Joy

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who attended our recent school/whanau conferences. We are extremely pleased with the 94% attendance rate.

It is wonderful to share the great progress and achievement of our children. **Thank you for supporting the school in your child's learning.**

MUFTI DAY

Friday 15th September

Friday is our last day for the Christmas charity canned food collection.

We are having a mufti day to thank you all for your wonderful support - any last minute cans will be gratefully accepted until the end of this week.



Sporting Success

Basketball:

Last Wednesday, we participated in the inaugural Year 5/6 **Western Zone Basketball tournament** at Rutherford College. Our A Team was undefeated and was awarded 1st place in this competition. The B Team came 9th out of 14 teams. We are especially proud of the children who represented our school with **CTK PRIDE!**



Netball:

On Saturday our netball girls received the **2nd Place runner-up** award in the Intermediate Section 2 division. Congratulations **Losaline** who was presented the team award for fair play and sportsmanship. Special thanks to **Moana Tauia, Grace Tauia and Ailine Ahokava** for their awesome support in managing and coaching our team this season.



SEEKING QUALITY SECOND-HAND UNIFORM ITEMS



We are seeking donations of quality second-hand uniform items especially items in the smaller and larger sizes.

Please do drop off washed items to the school office.

LOANED UNIFORMS

The school office is often asked to lend a change of clothes to kids who have had an 'accident' or become wet/muddy. If your child comes home with loaned uniform, please wash and dry it and return to the school office ASAP.

Key Dates:

Ethiopian New Year - Monday 11th September

BOT Meeting - Tuesday 12th September

Cans for Christmas Mufti Day - Friday 15th September

Central Zone Volleyball Yrs 7&8 - Thursday 21st September

The LAST Day of Term 3 is Friday 29th September

The FIRST day of Term 4 is Monday 16th October