



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC SCHOOL

3rd April 2017

Good morning Parents and Caregivers,

I am so proud to lead our school because of our AMAZING kids, staff and parents. Every child is special to ALL OF US, so collectively we can make CTK an even better place for learning.

It is unusual for me to send out information like this, however, there are some issues that are impacting on the school's day-to-day management that we appreciate your help with.

STUDENT SAFETY and WELLNESS

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

1. EARLY TO SCHOOL - How early is too early?

We are aware that many of you need to drop your child at school early before heading to work, however, we have noticed children arriving at school before 7.30am. **This is not okay.**

The school's BOT has acknowledged the need to have supervision on the school grounds before school to ensure student safety. This is at a financial cost to the school. Money that could be spent on library books, classroom materials and in-class learning support is now being spent to pay for before-school supervision. **This supervision is from 7.30am. Please do not drop your child at school any earlier than this time.**

If there is a genuine need for early morning Before School Care, the school would happily discuss this with SKIDS. If SKIDS were to run Before School Care, you would sign your child in and you would be billed for this care service. Please contact Tracey if you believe this option needs to be explored; principal@ctk.school.nz or 09 626 7123 ext 720.

2. END OF DAY PICK-UP

Thanks for your great response to previous messages about this. It is great to see children being picked up on-time and knowing the end of day arrangements. On-going communication with your child about the end of day pick up plan is important. It is also important to advise the school if you are running late, or if your plans change.

3. CHILDREN TURNING 5

Please remember to enrol your preschool child for school if they are turning 5 this year. It is very difficult to predict our roll numbers if we don't know who is joining us through the year. We need to plan in advance to keep our junior class sizes small and ensure your child has a positive start to school.

4. FOOD FOR SCHOOL

Sadly, we are noticing some children coming to school with very little to eat and some children coming to school with nothing. This reflects the real-life struggle out there. Unfortunately this can also reflect house-holds that are not prioritising spending. Food and clothing for our children are more important than mobile phone and internet costs; brand name shoes; cigarettes; church donations; overseas trips; family fundraisers etc.

Lunch boxes should be filled with enough food to sustain your child for a day of learning. **Children need a variety of nutritious food options to keep them feeling full all day.** KidsCan have donated some food items, so that the school can 'top up' children's lunchboxes from time to time. It is not intended to

provide a full lunch for children who come every day with nothing to eat. As parents, it is our job to feed our kids. Please ensure you take responsibility to fill your child's lunchbox each day and please encourage your child to clean out their lunch box and bag after school to prepare for the next day.

5. TYPHOID OUTBREAK

If you were tuning into the news this weekend, you may have heard about an outbreak of **Typhoid** in the Mt Roskill area. If your child becomes unwell with high fever, stomach cramps and vomiting, you should go to the doctor immediately.

Washing hands is one of the simplest things we can do to prevent the spread of germs. Please encourage this at home, especially when preparing food, before eating and after using the toilet.

6. Year 1-3 SWIMMING PROGRAMME

Your child needs to have **swimming togs and dry towels each day** from tomorrow until the end of term (Tues 4th April – Thursday 13th). Younger children need your help to be organised for each day. Please ensure your child is well prepared for their swimming lessons.

- **Room 1** will board the bus at **10.10am** each day to go to New Windsor School Pool (lesson time: 10.30am)
- **Room 6** will board the bus at **10.40am** each day to go to New Windsor School Pool (lesson time: 11.00am)
- **Room 4** will board the bus at **11.10am** each day to go to New Windsor School pool (lesson time: 11.30am)

7. YEAR 5-8 SCHOOL CAMP

Fees are now due and should be **paid before the end of next week** (Thursday 13th April). Please take time over the holidays to ensure you have everything needed for camp. Please do not buy new things as they will be getting dirty during their activities. Borrow, or use hand-me-down items where possible. If you do need to discuss anything about camp, please arrange to see Tracey.

8. UNIFORM STANDARDS

Many children are coming to school in dirty or non-uniform clothing. Please ensure that your child is clean and tidy every day, and that they are wearing ONLY our school uniform items. If your child is wearing trackpants, they must be PLAIN black. Not leggings or jeans, and not patterned material. Pride in your uniform shows pride in your school. Please contact your teacher or the school office if you are having trouble meeting these uniform standards.

We are nearing the end of Term 1 and heading into HOLY WEEK, EASTER and the SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. Please do note that school will be closed from Good Friday 14th April – Sunday 30th April with school opening at 8.50am on Monday 1st May for the start of Term 2.

Take care,



Tracey Kopua
Principal