

Thursday 4th February 2016 Newsletter Update



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

Tena Koutou, Malo e lelei, Namaste, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Greetings, Bula Vinaka, Kumusta, Salam

From the principal...

Welcome everyone to the beginning of the 2016 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, staff and families who have joined our Christ the King Catholic school family this week.

The school value focus for Term 1 is **RESPECT** and this seems a very appropriate way to begin the year. We will continue to build community in our school through the respect we show God, ourselves, each other and the beautiful environment we work in. Our curriculum focus for Term 1 is **IDENTITY** and we will be exploring: our culture and heritage; our Catholic Christian faith; our school's Josephite charism and we will be learning lots more about ourselves as learners.

Attached to this newsletter is a letter of introduction written by your child's class teacher. I do encourage you to keep in close contact with your child's teacher throughout the year.

Please do follow the school on Facebook for regular updates and information about school events:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Christ-the-King-Catholic-School-Owairaka/578720132174619?ref=hl>

I look forward to another exciting year of working in close partnership with you to ensure the very best educational opportunities and outcomes for **ALL** our tamariki.

God Bless

Tracey Kopua

Staffing News

The Board of Trustees of Christ the King Catholic School wish to advise our school community that due to personal family reasons, Tina Cochrane has tendered her resignation effective as of Wednesday 27th January 2016.

We are sad to see Tina leave our school family, and acknowledge with sincere thanks her many years of dedicated service to our school during her time here. We wish Tina and her family all the best for the future.

Staff 2016

Mrs Tracey Kopua	Principal		
Mr George Tyrell	Deputy Principal	Teacher Year 5/6	Room 8
Ms Vicky Goodier	Assistant Principal	Teacher Years 7/8	Room 5
Mr Billy Hadnett	DRS/ TiC School Sport	Teacher Year 5/6	Room 6
Ms Maria Ratumaibuca		Teacher Year 1/2	Room 1
Ms Tina McKenna		Teacher Year 0/1	Room 2
Mrs Anne Driver		Teacher Year 2/3	Room 4
Ms Lucy Hannah		Teacher Year 4	Room 7
Mrs Emma Chan		teacher release	
Ms Janet Ashe		teacher release	
Mrs Bernadette Stoddard	Reading Recovery		
Mrs Beulah Dickson	School Secretary		
Mrs Catherine Jones	Administration		
Mrs Eileen Witt	Reading tutor/ Learner support		
Miss Rachael Tupouniua	Learning Assistant		
Mrs Maria D'Souza	Learning Assistant		
Mrs Jeslin Varatharajan	Learning Assistant		
Mr Vince Tupuola	School Cleaner/ Groundsman		
Miss Lisa Griffin	Social Worker in School		

School Stationery

We expect all students to have their stationery items by **Wednesday 10th February**. It is very difficult for teachers to run effective classroom programmes when students are not equipped with the materials necessary for learning. Please pop into school to chat with Tracey if you are experiencing any difficulties meeting this timeframe. We appreciate the start of the school year can be a very expensive time for families.

DIGITAL CLASSES

All students in Year 4-8 will access their learning using 1:1 digital devices. Parents of students in Year 4 will have received information about the AKO HIKO cluster and the purchasing of chromebooks. We hope there is a plan to suit all family budgets. Again if there are any financial difficulties relating to this, we urge you to pop into school to chat with Tracey.

UNIFORM

The school has had to order more short sleeved shirts in Sizes 8, 10 and 12 – we will let you know when the new stock arrives. Thanks for your patience. All uniform items should be named/labelled.

HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOL 2016

Thank you for providing nutritious food options for child's morning tea snacks and lunches. It is wonderful to see our children showing greater awareness of healthier food choices. Please remember that **WATER** is the only drink to be brought to school. Please also be mindful of the sugar content in many snack foods. This year, we would appreciate you limiting the number of 'snack food' items being packed into lunch boxes. Please help your child choose alternatives to the usual chippies and cookies. We will continue to focus on working towards being a 'healthier community' in 2016.

NO HAT – NO PLAY

Please ensure your child brings a hat to school each day. The school caps are no longer available so any hat will do as long as it offers some sun protection. We are blessed to have a school built in such a gorgeous location, but unfortunately an elevated site with panoramic city views brings little shade.

AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP

In an attempt to be more vigilant around student health and safety, students will now sit under the shaded area outside the library each afternoon. Please walk into the school grounds to collect your child/children. Please also remember to park in the Parish car-park.

Did you Know?

- We are very fortunate to be a **SWiS** school. **SWiS** stands for 'Social Workers in Schools'. Each Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon, Lisa Griffin, our social worker is with us and is able to assist with filling out forms, social welfare procedures, guidance and citizen's advice. Please seek further information from the school office if interested in accessing this service.
- We have an after-school care programme at **CTK**. **SKIDS** care is available each day from 3-6pm and they run exciting holiday programmes. You may be entitled to an **OSCAR** subsidy if you are working and may need this service.
- Breakfast Club will re-commence next Tuesday. Students can come to the hall for breakfast on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8am.

Keys dates

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 2	8 Feb	9 Feb	10 Feb	11 Feb	12 Feb
	Waitangi Day holiday – school is closed	House Captain voting BOT meeting at 7pm	Ash Wednesday/ Opening Mass Year 4 chromebook notices due		

Other important dates for diaries:

PTFA AGM	Monday 15th February in the staffroom from 7pm
Weeks 4 and 5	Assessment weeks at school – please ensure full attendance
Week 5	Meet the teacher/ goal setting evening (date and time TBC)
Weeks 7 and 8	Year 1-4 swimming programme at New Windsor School
Weeks 9 and 10	Year 5-8 swimming programme at New Windsor School