



Christ the King Catholic School

Thursday 3rd September 2015

Value Focus: **JUSTICE**

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa, Talofa Lava, Malo e Lelei, Ni Sa Bula
Vinaka, Kia Orana, Kumusta, ḥላም (sälam), Namaste and Greetings

Special Catholic Character - We are working to build God's Kingdom through acts of love and service.

At Christ the King Catholic School we encourage all children to use **gentle hands** and **kind words**. We are extremely proud of the positive relationships our students enjoy with one another and the way they share and care.

It has however come to our recent attention that some children are teasing others causing unnecessary hurt and upset. We have zero tolerance to bullying and we take aggressive, physical behaviour very seriously. If your child reports anything that is making them feel uncomfortable at school, please do let me know immediately. Safety and well-being are of high importance to all of us at Christ the King Catholic School. This prompts a timely reminder that our complaints procedure guidelines are on the school website.

Prayer Garden - Our Mary prayer garden is near completion. This quiet, reflection space will be officially blessed in the next few weeks and will be dedicated to Deacon Jana Nair and Mrs Wanda Nair for their many years of love and service to our school. Deacon Jana was the Chairperson of the school's BOT for many years and we have not formally thanked him for his outstanding contribution to our school community as yet. Having the prayer garden in Jana's honour seems most apt and we will look forward to seeing our children make use of this special space for reflection and prayer.

Is it Right? Is it Just?

Term 3's charism value focus is **JUSTICE**. Classes are engaging in rich learning activities framed around these questions: Is it Right? Is it Just? Our littlest learners are thinking about taking turns and being fair in school, at home and at play; Years 3 and 4 children are exploring animal rights; Years 5 and 6 learners are studying the rights of children (Child labour issues and concerns) and the rights of those living with disabilities and our intermediate girls are investigating ethical issues from a Catholic world view.

Thanks everyone who attended last week's school/whanau conferences. We are extremely pleased with the 93% attendance rate.

BOT Talk

CONSULTATION SURVEY

Please do take time to complete the BOT survey on-line:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9GS26QL>

You have until 12noon on Monday 7th September to complete this. If you would like a hard copy of the survey to complete, please collect one from the school office.

FACE-2-FACE CONSULATION FORUM (for parents)

SUPERVISED MOVIE EVENING (for kids)

WEDNESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER - 6-8pm

Please ensure you have diarised this date. Your attendance is important.

Children will have a special, supervised movie evening in Rooms 2 and 3 to allow 'adult talk' in the hall. Light refreshments will be served and we will endeavour to have translators to enable rich conversation in first languages.

Sports news...

Winter Field Day

Well-done all those children who represented the school with **PRIDE** at the recent Winter Field Day event. Congratulations to the Year 5/6 netball team for being awarded third prize in their competition.

TKNA Netball Prizegiving - Saturday 5th September from 10-10.45am. All players are asked to assemble at 9.30am. Well-done to all the girls who turned out every Saturday morning to represent our school. Thanks to all the coaches, managers and parents who supported our teams each week.

Property News

The Dioceses Property Group has approved the playground concept plans presented by **PARK SOLUTIONS**. Later this month work to install a new Junior Playground will commence. The playground will be positioned on the grassed area behind the changing sheds.

Planning for 2016

If you, or someone you know, has a child due to start school in 2016, please pop into the office for an enrolment pack. We will have limited spaces in other year levels too, but to avoid disappointment, please enrol early.

We would greatly appreciate information from any families who may be leaving the Mt Roskill area and may no longer require places at our school for their children in 2016.