

Friday 3rd February 2017
Newsletter



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 2017 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 be encouraging respect for self; others; God; learning and the environment. Our curriculum focus for Term 1 is **COMMUNITY**.

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

After many years of service, Anne Driver has resigned from full-time teaching to pursue other opportunities. The Board of Trustees is grateful for her loyal service to the school community and wishes her the best for the future, as she will be missed by the school.

Staff 2017

Mrs Tracey Kopua	Principal		
Ms Vicky Goodier	AP	Teacher Years 6/7/8	Room 5
Mr Billy Hadnett	DRS/ TiC School Sport	Teacher Year 5/6	Room 2
Ms Maria Ratumaibuca		Teacher Year 1/2	Room 1
Mrs Margaret Whyburd		Teacher Year 0/1	Room 6
Mrs Maureen Sullings	Past DP (relief teacher)	Teacher Year 2/3	Room 4
Ms Lucy Hannah		Teacher Year 4/5	Room 3
Mr George Tyrell		teacher release	
Mrs Anna Salmon	Reading Recovery		
Mrs Beulah Dickson	School Secretary		
Mrs Catherine Jones	Administration		
Mrs Eileen Witt	Learner support/ Resource management		
Miss Rachael Tupouniua	Learning Assistant		
Mrs JeslinVaratharajan	Learning Assistant		
Miss Christina Victor	Learning Assistant		
Mr Vince Tupuola	School Cleaner/ Groundsman		

School Fees

Invoices for attendance fees will be sent out shortly. The compulsory attendance dues are sent to the Catholic Diocese to fund buildings and facilities in our Catholic schools. If you would like to discuss fee payments you are most welcome to speak to Mrs Kopua, Principal or Mrs Dickson, the school secretary.

Key Dates

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 2	9 Feb	10 Feb	11 Feb	12 Feb	13 Feb
		House Captain voting BOT meeting at 7pm			
Week 3	16 Feb	17 Feb	18 Feb	19 Feb	20 Feb
	PTFA AGM from 6.30pm	Dedication Mass	Ash Wednesday	RR 9.15-11.45am	Botanical Gardens Trip – Yr 5-8
Week 4	23 Feb	24 Feb	25 Feb	26 Feb	27 Feb
	Botanical Gardens Trip - Yr 1-4				
Week 5	2 Mar	3 Mar	4 Mar	5 Mar	6 Mar
	Assessment week – please ensure all children attend school each day				

School Stationery

We expect all students to have their stationery items by **Wednesday 8th 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.

HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOL 2017

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 2017.

NO HAT – NO PLAY

Please ensure your child brings a hat to school each day. It is preferable for students to wear a school hat, however, 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

Student health and safety is always a priority. At the end of the school day, students are required to sit under the shaded area outside the library. 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 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.

The week ahead

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 2	6 Feb	7 Feb	8 Feb	9 Feb	10 Feb
	Waitangi Day holiday – school is closed	Yr 8 girls/ Yr 6 boys leadership programme from 9.15-10.15am House Captain voting	Year 7/8 tech programme commences at WIS	Certificate assembly from 8.50am	

Other important dates for diaries:

- Friday 24th February Opening Mass and special farewell to Fr Peter and Mrs Driver at 10am
- Tuesday 28th February BOT meeting in the staffroom from 7pm
- Thursday 16th February Yr 5-8 camp meeting at 7pm
- Weeks 4 and 5 Assessment weeks at school – please ensure full attendance
- Tuesday 21st March School/whanau goal setting meetings from 2.15-7pm (School closes at 2pm on this day)
- Weeks 7 and 8 Year 4-8 swimming programme at New Windsor School
- Weeks 10 and 11 Year 1-3 swimming programme at New Windsor School