



Christ the King Catholic School, Owairaka

Weekly Newsletter

27th February 2017

Chromebooks for Year 4 – 8 students

Thanks to those families who have already sorted out their contracts for Chromebook payment. If you have not completed the necessary paperwork it is important that you do this as a matter of urgency.

Please note:

The absolute **LAST** day to purchase a Chromebook in full for \$500 (without interest charges being applied) is this Tuesday 28th February.

Emergency Contact Information

There is still too much unreliable contact information of the school's data base.

It is parental responsibility to ensure the school is kept up-to-date with changes to address and phone contact information. In case of emergency the school should be able to make immediate contact

Special Catholic Character

LENT

The Lenten season reflects when Jesus fasted and suffered in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights, before he started his ministry. According to the Bible, he was tempted by Satan during this time, but each time he managed to refuse his temptations. Christians all over the world follow Jesus' example during lent by **praying, fasting** and **giving alms** in a bid to grow closer to God as Easter approaches.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is officially the start of Lent but its exact date changes each year depending upon when Easter falls. To mark the day, clergy all over the world burn palms from the



previous year's Palm Sunday services to create ash. This is then rubbed across people's foreheads in the shape of the cross as they are reminded to **"Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel"**. The ceremony is meant to show followers that their lives are short and they must live them to the fullest. This sees Lent begin and it continues until Holy Thursday before Easter weekend.

You are most welcome to join the School and Parish communities for a special Ash Wednesday liturgy at 9am in the Parish Church.

Mandarin Language Learning

This year CTK is working alongside the University Of Auckland and the Confucius Institute to provide our students the awesome opportunity to learn more about the Asian Partnership; Chinese Culture and Mandarin Language.

Each Tuesday we are joined by Feng Jaiyi a Mandarin Language Learning Assistant. Jaiyi will spend time in each classroom sharing her knowledge, skills and experiences with us.

Parents and Teachers as Partners in Education

On time every day...

Whilst most of our learners are arriving at school on time EVERY day, there are still too many children who are consistently late for school. Being on time and

being at school every day is a critical factor of successful schooling.

End of day pick-up - All children are to be collected from school by 3.15pm each day unless you have ar-

ranged SKIDS care. Your child should be aware of the pick-up plan every day – this reduces anxiety, confusion and stress.

Any children still on site at 3.30pm will be taken to SKIDS and you will be billed for this service.



**PLEASE BE ON TIME
EVERY DAY**
(for school at 8.50am
and after school
by 3.15pm)

OUR WAY AT CTK

At school we are learning more about respect for self; respect for others and respect for the environment.

At CTK we...

1. Use gentle hands and kind words (we keep our hands and feet to ourselves and if we have nothing nice to say we don't say it at all)

2. Respect the learning of others in our classrooms

3. Ensure we place all litter in the bins provided

How are you modelling and encouraging RESPECT at home? Manners are not extinct, so expecting your child to say 'please' and

**VALUE FOCUS :
RESPECT**

'thank you' is a really easy place to begin. Being peaceful role-models when dealing with conflict and discipline at home also shows your child a better way to handle those difficult situations.

School/Whanau Goal Setting Meetings

On **Tuesday 21st March** the school will close at the earlier time of **1.45pm** for our School/whanau Goal setting meetings from 2.15 – 7.30pm.

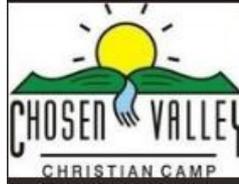
Website: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code> **Event Code Login:** zg7y4



Book School Interviews Online

Year 5 – 8 School Camp

Chosen Valley Christian
Camp, Ramarama



Thanks to those who attended the recent camp meeting and to those who have returned the expression of interest form. We are really excited about our school camp scheduled for 3-5 May.

This week your child will bring home a form to be completed that will identify health needs; dietary requirements and emergency contact details. Equipment lists will also be distributed to assist in your preparations.

Camp fees can be paid at the school office. If you have any further queries about camp, please arrange a meeting with Tracey, the School Principal.

Remember to sign up to the Tiqbiz App:

Our App is a quick and easy way to receive school notices, let the school know about sick days, sign permission slips for trips and check the school calendar.

Download the App on your tablet, iphone or android device and sign in to our school



Here are some awesome websites with great tips for parents:

<https://www.mykidstime.com/food-and-recipes/100-healthy-lunch-box-ideas-your-kids-will-love/>

<http://www.fuelled4life.org.nz>

<http://www.kidspot.co.nz>

Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds

All children need good nutrition, plenty of exercise and at least 8-10 hours of sleep each night.

Please ensure you provide a balanced, nutritious lunch and healthy snacks to see your child through their school day. Some of our children are bringing too many treat foods to school – these are often sugar-laden and expensive food options.

Please also remember water is the only drink to be brought to school.

PTFA: temporarily suspended

Due to a very disappointing turn out at last Monday's PTFA 'meet and greet' and AGM, the decision has been made to temporarily suspend the PTFA.

Instead, you will be asked to volunteer your 'helping hands' for school social events and on other occasions that have typically been lead by the PTFA in the

School Bucket Hats

Are back in stock

\$10 at the office.

