



Christ the King Catholic School, Owairaka

# Weekly Newsletter

13th March 2017

## Year 5 – 8 EOTC Experience Term 2, Week 1

Our Year 5-8 learners will be attending Chosen Valley Christian Camp in Ramarama from the **3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> May**.

A reminder that camp fees are to be paid in full by the end of this term. If you are concerned about meeting the deadline for camp fee payment, please arrange a meeting with Tracey.

Medical/ Dietary and Emergency Contact information has been requested and forms should be returned to classroom teachers asap.

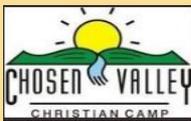
Camp equipment lists have also been distributed and a copy is posted on the school's Facebook page.

Students who are not attending camp will be required to attend school during camp week.

For more information about Chosen Valley Christian camp, please visit:

<http://>

[www.chosenvalleycamp.org.nz/](http://www.chosenvalleycamp.org.nz/)



## SWIMMING and WATER SAFETY PROGRAMMES

Our Year 4-8 learners commence their series of lessons tomorrow at New Windsor School.

Students are required to have dry fogs and towels each days they are swimming.

**Rooms 2, 3 and 5 will be swimming on the following dates:**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

## Special Catholic Character

### Feast of St Joseph Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March

We will observe the special feast day of St Joseph, husband of Mary the mother of Jesus, by attending **Mass with the Parish community on Friday at 10am.**

Friday is the actual feast day of St Patrick and so we encourage students to wear **GREEN themed muffi.**

We have chosen this date for our annual collection for the CARITAS too. Children should bring a **gold coin** or any small change to donate.

We will sell **ice-blocks for \$1** at lunch-time too to support CARITAS.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.caritas.org.nz>



*The Caritas Challenge 2017 focuses on our neighbours in the Pacific and the challenges they face as a result of climate change. All funds raised during the Caritas Challenge in 2017 will go towards supporting the people of Kiribati.*

## SCHOOL/WHANAU CONFERENCES

**TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 from 2.15-7.30pm**

These conferences provide a valuable opportunity for open, honest discussion with the view to strengthen the learning partnership to support your child at school. You will be able to meet with your child's teacher to discuss how your child is settling to the new school year.

### Important information:

- School closes early on this day and students should be collected at 2pm.
- Each meeting is 7-10 minutes long. Please allow at least a 7 minute gap between each child's booking to allow for moving between classrooms.
- Please bring your children with you. They have an important part to play in the learning discussion.
- Timing - Please be considerate of other parents and arrive on time.

### How to Make Your Own Booking:

To book in your time(s), you can view all available time slots and make your own booking(s) online.

The website link is: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>

Type in the code: **zg7y4**



**Book School Interviews Online**

# Parents and Teachers as Partners in Education

## Attendance & Punctuality

### Importance of being at school on time EVERY day

Several teachers have commented about the increasing number of children who are regularly arriving late to school. Our morning routine includes scheduled time for daily prayer, school notices and roll call.

It is really important that ALL children are in class and ready for learning by 8.50am. Our first bell rings at 8.45am.

Punctuality **and** good attendance are life-long skills needed for school and the work-place.

If you are running late you are required to sign your child into school through the school office. This way, our attendance records can be quickly adjusted as we need to know who is on site at all times to comply with Health and Safety legislation.

## AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

The school day concludes at 2.55pm.  
All children **MUST** be collected by 3.15pm.

To ensure safety after school hours the school has no option but to use SKIDS care for children of parents running late. Please endeavour to be on time to collect your child and to avoid your child being placed into SKIDS at an additional expense (SKIDS will invoice you directly for this service).



Please try the **3T** approach at home:

**Tune In** by paying attention to what your child is communicating to you .

**Talk More** with your child using descriptive words to build vocabulary.

**Take Turns** by encouraging your child to respond to your words and actions.

## talking matters

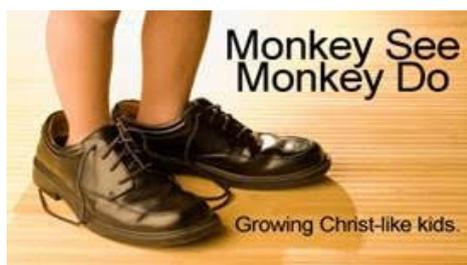
**Kōrerotia mai!**

Professor John Hattie was asked the question, **"What's the most important thing parents can do to make their kids super learners?"**

Hattie answered, **"Talk to them. Language. Language is the biggest thing."**

*We would like all our learners at CTK to be confident and articulate communicators. Talking and reading with your child makes a huge difference to developing vocabulary and oral language. Students who speak clearly and confidently achieve better at school. Please take time to read, talk and play with your child.*

## OUR WAY AT CTK



This term's value focus is **RESPECT**. At CTK we are learning more about what RESPECT 'looks like', 'feels like' and 'sounds like'. As a diverse community, it is important to ensure that EVERY member of our school belongs. We want everyone at our school to be polite, friendly and welcoming. We are proud of the way we welcome new students and their families to our school. We are proud of the way we work together to show our school's special spirit.

Children at CTK are reminded to use gentle hands and kind words. Children at our school know that:

1. We keep our hands and feet to ourselves.
2. If we do not have anything nice to say we don't say it at all.
3. We are all unique but we are equal.

How are you supporting OUR WAY AT CTK at home and through your interactions with others?

We know children learn best when there are consistent and fair expectations. We know the importance of positive role-modelling. It's like the old phrase "monkey see, monkey do" – children will copy the behaviours and language they see.

Our daily challenge is to be our very best self at all times and in all situations, no matter how frustrated or annoyed we may become.

**Values Focus:  
Respect**

## Useful Resources for Busy Parents

We urge you to take a look at these great websites that provide an excellent variety of resources for parents.

Both are easy to navigate and can be downloaded for free.

[http://](http://www.kiwifamilies.co.nz/)

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