

Christ the King School
Chairperson School Board Report 2024
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I am delighted to present the Annual Board Report for Christ the King for the 2024 academic year. It has been another year filled with exciting growth, development and continuing academic achievements. We have continued to provide a warm, caring & nurturing environment for the children of the school. The annual report highlights the key milestones and achievements as we continue to ensure the future is bright for all members of our community.

School Board

The Board is made up of staff members, parents & the local Parish Priest. The Board meets twice a term with items reviewed & discussed with the best interests of the school & children at the forefront.

Topics discussed include:

- School funding.
- Fee structures.
- Implementation & roll out of the new active based school uniform.
- Building and delivery of the new playground.
- Capital works.
- Reviewing reports and documents from school leaders, teachers, WHS and the P&F.

Financial Stewardship

It gives me great pleasure to again report that Christ the King continues to maintain impeccable financial stewardship, ensuring the responsible allocation of available finances to support the needs of students, staff and the broader school community. We ended 2024 with a surplus of \$13,001.

Niamh has continued her glorious job in ensuring the financial success of the school. We continue in the same vein from 2023, where the school continues to have no outstanding debt, and we continue to be in a healthy financial state.

I would like to thank Elise Tavella and Kate Andriske for joining the finance committee as chair and member respectively. This parent collaboration is vital for the good running of the school.

Facilities Maintenance & Improvements

- The wonderful new playground was opened to much excitement, and it is lovely to see it being used so much.
- The new basketball/netball posts have been installed and are a much-welcomed addition.
- The JAM room windows, and window frames have been replaced and meet the education specifications.
- The uniform shop has been transformed into the learning hub, which will be the home of the Leader of Learning.
- The café floor has been replaced.
- Staff workroom upgrade.

Overview of P&F events and activities

The Parent & Friends committee plays a crucial role in strengthening the connection between the school and the broader community. They are incredibly committed to supporting the schools' activities and enhancing the overall experience for both students and staff.

They continue their great works around creating a positive and engaging environment for all at the school. They continue to organize various initiatives with the goal of not only fundraising, but by bringing the community together to strive to build an enjoyable event each time.

I wish to thank all parents, guardians and family members who have given up their time in making the school community at Christ the King such a wonderful and inclusive environment.

I would like to especially thank Krista Stewart & Kate Cook for their dedication and unwavering commitment for everything that the P&F has been able to achieve in 2024.

We said farewell to Rachel Hewitt this year as her youngest daughter graduated. Rachel has been a constant within the P&F for numerous years, working diligently to provide the amazing school discos & fantastic wine drives. She also has gone above and beyond over her time, volunteering throughout her many years at the school.

We are fortunate that Courtney Park is going to take over the running of the school disco, and she was able to see Rachel run her last event so I am very confident that the disco will remain as fabulous as always and the kids will continue to have a wonderful time at this special event.

Krista & Kate have kindly taken over the running of the wine drive event.

Some highlights include:

- Mother's Day luncheon.
- Quiz night.
- Special food days.
- School disco.
- Father's Day stall & sausage sizzle.
- Sports day doughnuts & bake stall.
- Wine drives.
- Christmas party for the children.
- Christmas carol concert sausage sizzle.

Learning & Academics

To create a dynamic and enriching educational environment, the school continues its focus on providing high-quality, inclusive and innovative educational experiences that support all students in reaching their full potential. We were fortunate to be able to continue working with the Anne Bayetto & Tracey Grice.

Personalized learning can tailor instructions to meet the individual needs and requirements, along with each student's interests and abilities to ensure that each student receives the support that they need.

Social Emotional Learning which is integrated throughout the school allows students to build essential skills, such as resilience, empathy & self-regulation. These are critical for academic success and personal growth.

Collaborative learning through projects throughout the year encourages our students to work together on projects and further develop teamwork skills.

Some highlights include:

- What's the Buzz – social skills program.
- Life cycle of different animals, with an incursion with caterpillars, butterflies & chrysalis brought along.
- Animals Anonymous attended and brought in animals including a quokka, saltwater crocodile, frilled neck lizard, squirrel glider & a carpet python.
- Exploring Biomes and food chains.
- Exploring different levels of Government.
- Investigating various strategies for keeping safe and taking care of mental health.
- Book week.

We were able to continue to give our students a plethora of educational experiences that go well beyond the walls of the school classroom. From history and the natural world to the wonderful sporting and arts activities available. We are in a very fortunate position that our children got to experience some wonderful events.

With the sporting activities we continue to have some wonderful carnivals that the years 3-6 get to participate in. I know that a lot of children are excited when they get to the year 3 level so they can experience these wonderful events.

Excursions

- Wetlands at Urrbrae.
- Year 6 trip to Canberra.
- Uleybury School Museum.
- South Australian Museum & Adelaide Oval.
- Feast Day Mass at St. Joseph's Church.
- Marine Discovery Centre.

Sporting Activities

- Lacrosse carnival.
- Netball carnival.
- Touch football.
- Cross country carnival.
- Athletics carnival.
- Swimming lessons.

Uniform Roll-out

After many meetings, discussions, community consultation surveys, dissecting the feedback, prototype after prototype, I am incredibly pleased and also relieved to say that the transition to a solely active based uniform has been implemented. It was fantastic to see several students embracing & wearing the new uniform towards the end of 2024.

I would like to thank Krista Stewart, Bec Smith & Jess Harris for their hard work and dedication in bringing the new uniform to fruition. There was a lot of hours and discussions that went into getting this project complete.

2025 will see a transition year where the older version of the formal uniform and the sports uniform allowed to be worn along with the new active based style. This will allow parents and children time to change over to the new uniform, while also allowing them to get as much use as possible from their current uniforms.

Spiritual Growth & Development

At Christ the King, we understand that spiritual growth and development are central pillars of a Catholic school where faith and academic learning go hand in hand. At the core of this development is the commitment to nurture the whole child – mind, body & spirit – all rooted in the Catholic values and teachings. This encourages students to develop a strong relationship with God, cultivate their moral values and live out their faith in everyday actions.

Regular prayer and worship are integral to the school's daily life. Masses and prayer services are part of the school calendar which provides students with the opportunities to grow in their faith and to experience communal worship.

Teachers and staff take on the role of spiritual role models for the students, guiding them in their faith journey. Regular opportunities for reflection and spiritual guidance, along with age-appropriate discussions help the students deepen their relationship with God.

The students continue to participate in celebrations throughout the liturgical year. The different seasons are marked with special activities, prayers and events which invite all students to reflect on the life of Jesus Christ and help deepen their relationship with God.

The school environment has been intentionally designed and implemented to reflect the Catholic values with displays of scripture, religious artworks and symbols of faith clearly visible throughout the school. I am always taken aback by the display in the front reception of the school, which gives a clear and constant reminder of the presence of God, and the importance of faith in daily life.

Student Enrolment

Matt continued to conduct principal tours throughout the year. It has been such a success that Meri has now taken on the role of dedicated enrolments officer.

We continue to be growing our numbers and began 2024 with 179 students and closed the year with 181 students. This is an amazing increase from 2023 where we had 139 students. At the end of 2023, we had 156 children enrolled!

Conclusion

It has been fantastic to see the whole CTK community growing and thriving together to keep building the wonderful school environment.

Our school may have a small footprint, but it continues to celebrate diversity and embraces all the unique backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives of our students and families. We continue to foster a culture of respect, empathy and understanding among all members of our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank:

- Father Michael Kyumu, Matt Perry, Anne-Maree Hall, Krista Stewart, Jane Kelb, Bec Smith, Orla Matthews, Elise Tavella & Kate Andriske.
- Matt Perry as the principal with the amount of time that he dedicates to grow the school and community.
- Teresa Pascoe for her wonderful job as the APRIM, Digitech/Library (Resource Based Learning). We are grateful for the hours that she spends educating our children about the always evolving online world.
- Emma Heinrich as the leader of learning and inclusion. Emma continues to do magnificent work along with Matt & Teresa as part of the leadership team.

- Niamh McKeough for her passionate dedication and hard work in planning & executing the balancing of the budgets and finances.
- Bryant Crowley for all the work that he does with the after-school sporting events.
- Di (& Gloria at the end of the year) as the first point of contact at the front desk for their warmth and welcoming nature.
- To the teachers, administrators, ESO's and support staff for the dedication that they show daily in educating our children.
- The P&F, for their contribution to nurturing and cultivating the sense of community here.
- To all the excellent students of CTK. The joy, smiles and amazement that they all have that makes CTK such a great school to be involved in.

I am very much looking forward to what 2025 brings us as a community, and the next steps that we will take together on our journey at CTK.

Warm regards

Jonathan Carr
Chairperson Christ the King School Board 2024