



## Important Dates

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**Sports Day**  
Friday 17 March

**AGM**  
Wednesday 22 March

**Swimming Week Yr  
2,3,4,5**  
Monday 27 March

**Assembly Yr 2 -  
9am**  
Tuesday 28 March

**Swimming Carnival**  
Thursday 30 March

**Mass**  
Friday 31 March

**Phonics Parent  
Information Night  
R-2**  
Wednesday 5 April

**Good Friday Public  
Holiday**  
Friday 7 April

**Easter Monday  
Public Holiday**  
Monday 10 April

**Assembly Yr 4**  
Tuesday 11 April

**Crazy Hair Day**  
Friday 14 April

**Pupil Free Day**  
Monday 1 May

**Year 5/6 Camp 3rd  
May - 5th May**  
Wednesday 3 May

**Pupil Free Day**  
Monday 24 July

**CTK School Photos**  
Thursday 31 August

**Pupil Free Day**  
Monday 16 October

**Pupil Free Day**  
Thursday 14 December

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## From the Principal

Hello Friends,

I trust that you enjoyed a great long weekend and managed to enjoy some down time and catch up with family and friends. This term has gone by so quickly and it's incredible to think that 33 school days have come and gone.

I take this opportunity to thank our school community for the well wishes and congratulatory messages and emails regarding my substantive appointment last week as Principal of our school. I am excited by the opportunity and look forward to working with all members of the school community over the coming years.

### **Annual General Meeting**

Our school's Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 March. Our classrooms will be open from 6.30pm to provide the opportunity for parents and caregivers to see the pedagogy behind the learning that takes place in the classroom. Teachers will be in their rooms to explain the 'how' of teaching in their learning space. Following this, our AGM will begin at 7pm in the school hall. A creche will be available from 6.30pm – 8pm.

If you need to access the creche, can you please register your interest at [info@christking.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@christking.catholic.edu.au)

### **Sports Day**

This great day occurs this Friday at Sacred Heart College, Somerton Park - Main Oval. The sporting action kicks off at 9am with the Health Huddle and team chants occurring **before** this.

There will be a coffee van, Toasty Toasties for sale and doughnuts available at the bakery sale, Cash and EFTPOS can be used on the day. See you there

### **NAPLAN**

The NAPLAN testing regime will begin for our Year 3 & Year 5 students this week and next. We know that they will give the Reading, Writing, Spelling, Comprehension and Numeracy tests their very best effort.

### **Parents and Friends Events**

There are some upcoming P&F events to be on the lookout for. Our School's Easter Raffle will be launched over the coming days, so be on the lookout for your tickets. Our Crazy Hair Fundraiser occurs on the final day of Term 1 – 14 April.

### **Swimming Week 27 March – 31 March**

Our Year 2 – Year 5 students will take part in the Swimming Week. Please make yourself familiar with times and permission notes.

*Whatever we are waiting for - peace of mind, contentment, grace, the inner awareness of simple abundance - it will surely come to us, but only when we are ready to receive it with an open and grateful heart.*

### ***Sarah Ban Breathnach***

Thanks and Blessings

Matt Perry

## **APRIM News**

## Dear God

Today as we begin our Sports Day

May we be good sports and respect others whether we win or lose.

May we stay fit, be healthy and have fun.

And may our supporters be a good example for us all.

## Amen



At Sports Day on Friday, we will call for a blessing on our wonderful event. We invite you to join with us.

### Project Compassion

The work of Project Compassion is a major pillar of the season of Lent. At school we will highlight others who need our support to build dignity and basic needs such as food or water security.



**Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

### Third Week of Lent

(Week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March)

We are now in the third week of Lent with the Project Compassion story of Priscilla, who lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and two of their grandchildren. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe.

During times of intense drought and food shortages, Priscilla had to commute to the town centre and wait in long queues to collect food.

With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising in conservation farming. Priscilla also used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought.

While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the techniques, tools and resources she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

Watch a short film about Priscilla's story [here](#).

Please support Project Compassion:  
[www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion)



Photo: Richard Wainwright/Caritas Australia

Teresa Pascoe

Assistant Principal

(APRIM Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission)

## Curriculum Corner

'Practice Makes Permanent'

PPLs – Personalised Plan for Learning

Currently class teachers are putting together a personalised plan for learning for some students across the school. These plans support students in the school who may have a disability or require some extra learning support. Once these are complete teachers will make a time with parents to discuss them and outline what support, adjustments or interventions have been put in place. These meetings will take place in week 10 and 11 and teachers will contact parents directly to organise a time.

### **NAPLAN 2023**



Our year 3 and 5 students have begun the NAPLAN testing this week, beginning with the Writing test. The assessments will occur across week 7 and 8 with our final catch up test being next Thursday 23rd March. The tests are completed earlier this year compared to previous tests in the hope that teachers will receive results by the middle of the year. This will enable them to set learning goals and focuses for the second semester.

Along with the earlier test dates, the test results will be reported in a new format –

### **NEW PROFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR NAPLAN**

More meaningful reporting to parents and carers

From this year, parents and carers will get earlier, simpler and clearer information about their child's NAPLAN achievement based on new, more rigorous national standards. Education ministers have agreed to change the way NAPLAN results are reported to parents and carers, now that all students are taking the tests online, and with the move to an earlier NAPLAN in March. New proficiency standards with 4 levels of achievement for each year level will replace the previous 10-band structure that covered all 4 levels tested and the old national minimum standard set in 2008 when tests were on paper. The new proficiency standards include a baseline benchmark to identify students who are likely to need additional support.

### **NAPLAN INDIVIDUAL STUDENT REPORT**

The numerical NAPLAN bands and the national minimum standard will be replaced by the following 4 levels of achievement:

- Exceeding
- Strong
- Developing
- Needs additional support.

The descriptors for each category will make it clear to parents what their child's literacy and numeracy skills are at the time of NAPLAN testing, and support discussions with their school on their child's progress.

For the full media release please visit –

<https://www.acara.edu.au/docs/default-source/media-releases/naplan-proficiency-standards-media-release-2023-02-10.pdf>

### **R-2 Phonics Night - Wednesday 5th April 7pm**

Included in this newsletter is an invitation to all parents in R-2 to attend a Reading night where we introduce our new phonics approach in R-2 this year. We are very excited by this new initiative and hope to share our beliefs, understandings, and the program content with you. We are unable to film the event, but can send you the PowerPoint and information from the night if you are unable to attend.

There will be a creche available on the night in the RBL room if it is required. A notice on Skoolbag will come out soon regarding RSVPs for the evening. The session will go for no longer than an hour.

Emma Heinrich

Leader of Learning and Inclusion



## **Library News**

### **Library Games**

During scheduled lunchtimes the library opens for quiet activities. The marble run, train set and foam blocks get a real workout. If you are involved in a clean out at anytime and would like to donate partner games- Guess Who, Uno, Connect Four etc. to an appreciative group



of students ,we would love your donations. Just drop them off in the APRIM Office anytime during the year.

### Class Libraries

Our library is always looking for clean preloved picture books and novels. Books donated will have a donation plaque placed in the front in recognition. Currently we are looking for books to stock class libraires, we are especially looking for series and books by the same author. We are also on the lookout for mysteries- Secret Seven, Hardy Boys etc. that have been rereleased with modern covers.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

The countdown to our 2023 Challenge has begun. Record sheets will be coming home soon.

Teresa Pascoe  
Assistant Principal



## Reception - Ms Pynor's

**What is happening in Reception?**

**Living or Non living??**

**Living things move - Cameron**

**Living things can grow - Georgia**

**Living things eat food - Charlie**

**In Science, we have been learning about living things. We went outside and identified things in our school yard that are living and non living and discussed our findings with the class.**

The collage features several photographs of children in school uniforms and hats. Three boys are sitting on a wooden bench, one is reading a book. Two girls are holding up their completed record sheets. Two boys are standing at a table with a large open book. Two girls are also holding up their record sheets. There are also cartoon illustrations of a boy with a magnifying glass, a boy with a binoculars, and a red bird on a branch.

# Phonics Parent Info Night

Hi families, we have some exciting changes happening in our literacy space and we are lucky enough to be the first school in Australia to be piloting Wiley Blevins 'From Phonics to Reading' program across our R-2 classes.

Wiley has studied and explored phonics for over thirty years with his main goal being to support teachers to deliver the most effective phonics instruction to maximise student learning.

CESA (Catholic Education Office) is utilising Wiley's skills as a critical friend to support all schools on their 'Science of Reading' journey this year. He is providing ongoing professional development statewide and he will be visiting Christ the King to demonstrate phonics lessons across the R-2 classes in May.

We invite you to attend an information night on Wednesday the 5th of April at 7pm in the school hall. During this session, you will hear more about the program and the way it will be implemented at CTK.

We look forward to sharing our new direction and learning with you. An RSVP form will come out via Skoolbag closer to the date.

Bec Pynor, Hannah Winter, Sophie Sacoutis, Doe McCarthy, Emma Heinrich & Tracey Grice (Literacy coach)



## Sporting News - Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Felix Nelson** who has been selected for the School Sports SA 12&U Boys Cricket Team, in July traveling to Darwin for the School Sports Australian Cricket Championships. Felix will proudly represent Christ the King School and we wish him the very best in the national competition.



**Matilda Bevan** participated in the 2023 school sports competition for diving on Friday 3 March. Matilda competed in both individual and synchronised events. Congratulations to Matilda in doing the school so proud and winning the 10 year old girls category. Matilda has

put herself in a great position and awaits news in April to hear if she has been selected for Nationals to compete in Sydney later this year.



## CTK is ALLERGY AWARE

### Allergy Aware School



As an allergy aware school we endeavour to:

Educate staff, students and families at Christ the King School about how certain products can cause an allergic reaction for some people.  
Build awareness about how students and families can ensure a safe environment at school for students with allergies.

In the interest of our students welfare we are seeking your support and cooperation with the following:

- **Do not send/bring in any nuts or nut products to school – please check labels.**
- **Remind your child NOT to share any food with any other students.**
- **Consult with your child’s classroom teacher regarding appropriate birthday treats.**
- **When sending food for class parties it is desirable that the ingredients are labelled. Please do not send anything that may contain nuts for sharing.**

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact your child’s class teacher or the school office.

For more information about allergies go to [www.chess.sa.edu.au](http://www.chess.sa.edu.au)

Thank you for your assistance with this.

## CTK Uniform Shop

**Please note our Uniform Shop will be closed on**

**Friday 24th of March**

**Tuesday 28th of March**

**Friday 31st of March**

**With the exclusion of the above days opening hours are**

Tuesday afternoons 2.30pm - 3.30pm and Friday mornings 8.30am - 9.30am during school term or order at <http://www.belgraviaapparelschools.com/collections/christ-the-king-school>

## CTK Calendar





**CTK School Calendar can now be accessed through the SkoolBag App.**

[Click to download instructions on how to install Skoolbag](#)

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[Term 1 Liturgical Calendar click to download](#)

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To assist families the following payments can be made on Qkr!

School Fees

Lunch Orders (available on Wednesday's)

After School Sport

[Click for further details](#)

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**FREE with the ORSR Sports Voucher**

**CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL AUSKICK CENTRE**

May 9th - June 27th  
 Tuesday afternoons (3:20-4:20pm)  
 @ 126 Dunrobin Rd, Warradale

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