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Christ the King

School Newsletter

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Dear Christ the King Families,

What an incredible year it has been! As we wrap up another successful academic year at Christ the King Primary School, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to every student, staff member, and family for making 2025 so memorable. It's been a year marked by significant achievements, wonderful community moments, and, most importantly, the continued growth and development of our fantastic students.

Please read on to the following page for our "Year in Review," where we highlight some of our most cherished memories and milestones.

This term, we bid farewell to several dedicated members of the Christ the King family. We are immensely grateful for their years of service and wish them the very best in their next chapters.

After 20 years of dedicated service to Christ the King, we wish Colleen all the very best as she prepares for her Long Service Leave and subsequent retirement. Colleen and her husband, Neil, have made truly significant and lasting contributions to our school community across two decades—from general upkeep and maintenance to influential leadership on the School Board, and the general support that has helped our community flourish. She has even been known to hem a kilt or two! Colleen, thank you for your commitment; your presence in the office will be sorely missed.

We also extend a warm farewell to Karyn Duffus as she moves into retirement. Karyn has worked part-time as our Bursar, working wonderfully alongside Colleen for the last couple of years. We deeply appreciate you stepping up and providing crucial support during this time. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement, Karyn!

We wish Nadia Cronk and Cat Mancini well on their next adventures! Your enthusiasm and contributions to our Prep Learning Community have been significant, ensuring the success of our Cohort Teacher model with our newest students. Your positivity, warmth, and passion for junior learning have been invaluable, and you will be missed by staff, students, and families alike.

Finally, we wish three of our well-loved Learning Support Officers, Patrick, Emma and Mackenzie, all the best as they focus on the next steps in their careers. We also farewell Helen, our play therapist who is working next year a little closer to home. Their dedication to our students, support of learning and the wonderful fun they brought them are qualities that will be sincerely missed across the school.

To all the families of Christ the King, thank you! Your continued contributions to our school community this year—from volunteering at events to supporting learning at home—are what make our school such a special place.

On a personal note, I would also like to thank you all for your support as I transition to my maternity leave. I am confident that Luke Sheehan will do a brilliant job leading the school in my absence. He will be contactable in the New Year via principal@ctknewcomb.catholic.edu.au. I look forward to returning to the school in Term 4 next year.

As we move closer to the final, I wish every one of you a safe and restful Summer's break. May you enjoy this time to recharge and spend quality moments with your loved ones. We also wish you all a holy and peaceful Christmas.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year!

Kind regards,
Louise

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Merry Christmas 2025















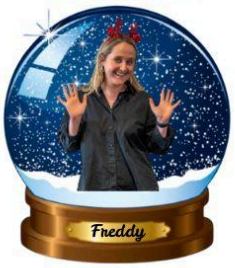






















































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🖤💛❤️ 2025 FIRST NATIONS ❤️💛🖤

Another 'BIG' thank you must be extended to all the families who have continued to support our ongoing commitment to embedding First Nations cultures and perspectives throughout our school and wider community.

Our year began with our Inaugural F.I.R.E Carrier Commissioning Ceremony. This was a significant event for our school that officially recognised and empowered our newest F.I.R.E Carrier Leaders, highlighting their commitment to teaching others about reconciliation.

Another foundational achievement later in the year was the creation of our school's first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). This crucial document officially formalises our dedication to reconciliation, providing a clear pathway and framework for future initiatives and learning.

We also saw a wonderful new level of engagement as each learning community celebrated a liturgy to coincide with a special event on the Indigenous calendar. This initiative was a powerful way to embed cultural awareness and First Nations spirituality directly into our Catholic faith.

I'm sure many would agree, a stand-out event this year was again our 'Grandparents Hour' in honour of NAIDOC Week. Reflecting the 2025 Theme, 'The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy,' it was inspiring to see our students' grandparents and special elders sharing their hopes and dreams for them.

Finally, our 'Great Book Swap'! Owing to the enormous generosity of the school community, not only did every student again have the opportunity to take a book home, but as a community, we raised an incredible $350—surpassing 2023's total! This money will directly help fund Literacy resources for children in the Tiwi Islands.

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CHRIST THE KING A YEAR IN REVIEW

Celebrating a Year of Growth, Faith, and Achievement

NAPLAN INSIGHT #1

85% of our Year 3 and 5 students achieved a result of ***Exceeding*** or ***Strong*** in Reading.

NAPLAN INSIGHT #2

86% of our Year 3 and 5 students achieved a result of ***Exceeding*** or ***Strong*** in Writing.

NAPLAN INSIGHT #3

71% of our Year 3 and 5 students achieved a result of ***Exceeding*** or ***Strong*** in Mathematics.

Instructional Excellence

Whole-School Explicit Teaching Routines

Teachers embedded consistent high-impact strategies across all year levels, strengthening clarity and lifting student engagement and classroom talk quality.

Problem-Based Learning Success

Across the school PBL units built curiosity, collaboration and critical thinking, with students applying real-world problem solving across Humanities, Science and Technologies.

Tiered Literacy & Numeracy Supports Making a Difference

Students receiving MiniLit, MacLit, Math interventions or in-class supports demonstrated measurable progress in foundational skills.



RESOURCESMART SCHOOLS PROGRESSION

Our ResourceSmart program saw great success, earning us a second star for our Waste Unit through initiatives like the reestablishment of the compost system and restructure of our student-led "Green Team."

STUDENT SAFETY

92% of our students feel safe and supported in the school environment.

*"SEL Wellbeing Data Survey 2024"



HAPPY LEARNERS, THRIVING COMMUNITY

92% of our students enjoy coming to school each day!

*"SEL Wellbeing Data Survey 2024"



LEARNING WALKS

70% of our students took part in Learning Walks over the course of the year.



PROGRAM SUPPORT GROUP

145 Program Support Group (PSG) Meetings held this year, fostering learning progression.



FIRST NATIONS PERSPECTIVES

Classrooms integrated the 8-Ways of Learning into lesson content.

Our F.I.R.E Carrier Leaders attended our first Commissioning Ceremony at Iona College.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Kickin' For Viqueque raised over $1,500 to support our partner parish, Mary Immaculate in Viqueque, East Timor!





Our school production of ***"It's a Jungle Out There!"*** was a huge success. 750 people attended the live performance, and 700 people viewed the online video.

Our ***Mother's Day Liturgy*** was a heartfelt success, while our ***Father's Day Gathering*** encouraged open conversations with mates to promote and support wellbeing.



ESTABLISHMENT OF BAPTISMAL PROGRAM

In collaboration with St Mary's Parish, we welcomed eight members of our school into our Catholic community.



PARTNERSHIP WITH ST MARY'S PARISH

We strengthened our connection with the parish as all learning communities attended a Thursday Mass twice during this year.



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2026 Sacramental Dates

St Mary of the Angels Catholic Parish, Geelong

Family Enrolment Masses 	6:00pm (St Mary's Setting Up) Saturday 21st February, 2026 7:30am (St Robert's), 9:30am (CTK), 11:00am (St Margaret's) Sunday 22nd February, 2026 6:00pm (St Mary's) Saturday 28th February, 2026 7:30am (St Robert's), 9:30am (CTK), 11:00am (St Margaret's) Sunday 1st March, 2026	
Sacrament of Confirmation 	5:00pm Wednesday 25th March, 2026	St Mary's School
	7:00pm Wednesday 25th March, 2026	St Margaret's School / Parish
	5:00pm Thursday 26th March, 2026	St Robert's School
	7:00pm Thursday 26th March, 2026	Christ the King School
Sacrament of First Eucharist 	2:30pm Sunday 9th August, 2026	St Mary's School
	2:30pm Sunday 16th August, 2026	Christ the King School
	2:30pm Sunday 23rd August, 2026	St Robert's School
	2:30pm Sunday 30th August, 2026	St Margaret's School / Parish
Sacrament of Penance 	11:30 am Tuesday 24th November, 2026	Christ the King School
	12.05 pm Wednesday 25th November, 2026	St Robert's School
	12:15 pm Thursday 26th November, 2026	St Margaret's School
	12:00 pm Friday 27th November, 2026	St Mary's School

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CHRIST THE KING - 2026 KEY DATES

TERM ONE
28 JANUARY - 2 APRIL

28 JANUARY	STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL
5 FEBRUARY	BEGINNING OF YEAR PICNIC AND LITURGY
5 MARCH	COMMUNITY CONVERSATION
9 MARCH	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
11 - 20 MARCH	NAPLAN TESTING PERIOD
23 - 25 MARCH	SLC CAMP
26 MARCH	SLC RECOVERY DAY
2 APRIL	EASTER BONNET PARADE AND RAFFLE

TERM TWO
20 APRIL - 26 JUNE

22 APRIL	ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
28 APRIL	SCHOOL PHOTOS
4 MAY	MOTHER'S DAY LITURGY
7 MAY	MOTHER'S DAY STALL
28 MAY	COMMUNITY CONVERSATION
4 JUNE	KICKING FOR VIQUEQUE
8 JUNE	KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
24 JUNE	REPORTS AND PORTFOLIOS RELEASED

TERM THREE
13 JULY - 18 SEPTEMBER

13 JULY	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
30 JULY	ITALIAN CELEBRATION DAY
10 AUGUST	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
20 AUGUST	COMMUNITY CONVERSATION
25 AUGUST	BOOK WEEK PARADE
3 SEPTEMBER	FATHER'S DAY STALL
4 SEPTEMBER	FATHER'S DAY MORNING TEA
10 SEPTEMBER	ART SHOW
18 SEPTEMBER	FOOTY COLOURS DAY

TERM FOUR
5 OCTOBER - 15 DECEMBER

5 OCTOBER	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
2 NOVEMBER	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
3 NOVEMBER	MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY
19 NOVEMBER	CHRIST THE KING FEAST DAY CELEBRATION
23 NOVEMBER	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
9 DECEMBER	REPORTS AND PORTFOLIOS RELEASED
15 DECEMBER	YEAR SIX GRADUATION AND FINAL DAY FOR STUDENTS









PLEASE NOTE: DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

TERM FOUR CALANDER

WEEK:	DATE:	SCHOOL EVENTS:
11	Monday 15th Dec	Year 6 Celebration Day Monday, 15th December End of Year Liturgy (9.15am) Graduation Liturgy (1.30pm) & Final Day for Students Wednesday, 17th December

TERM ONE 2026 CALENDAR

WEEK:	DATE:	SCHOOL EVENTS:
1	**Week 1** **27 Jan - 30 Jan**	**All Students Return** Wednesday 28 Jan
2	**Week 2** **02 Feb - 06 Feb**	Prep Testing Wednesday 4th Feb Beginning of Year Liturgy & Picnic Thursday 5th Feb
3	**Week 3** **09 Feb - 13 Feb**	Parent/Teacher Interviews 3:30pm - 5:30pm Monday 9th Feb Prep Testing Wednesday 11th Feb Recognition Awards Friday 13th Feb
4	**Week 4** **16 Feb - 20 Feb**	Parent/Teacher Interviews 3:30pm - 5:30pm Monday 16th Feb Prep Testing Wednesday 18th Feb Ash Wednesday Mass (Year 3- 6 Mass) Wednesday 18th Feb Sacramental Enrolment Mass (St. Mary's Basilica) Sunday 22nd Feb - 9.30am
5	**Week 5** **23 Feb - 27 Feb**	Prep Testing Wednesday 25th Feb Sacramental Enrolment Mass (St. Mary's Basilica) Sunday 1st Mar - 9.30am
6	**Week 6** **02 Mar - 06 Mar**	PSG Meetings Monday 2nd - Thursday 6th Mar Community Conversation Thursday 5th Mar Recognition Awards Friday 6th Mar

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7	**Week 7** **09 Mar - 13 Mar**	Labour Day (Public Holiday) Monday 9th Mar NAPLAN Wednesday 11th - Friday 13th March
8	**Week 8** **16 Mar - 20 Mar**	Catholic Education Week Theme: St Patrick- Walking in the Footsteps of St Patrick NAPLAN Monday, 16th - Friday, 20th March St Patrick's Day Monday 17th March
9	**Week 9** **23 Mar - 27 Mar**	SLC Camp Monday 23rd March - Wednesday 25th March SLC Camp Recovery Day Thursday, 26th March Sacrament of Confirmation Thursday, 26th March - 7pm Halogen Leaders Conference Friday, 27th March Recognition Awards Friday, 27th March 2:30pm
10	**Week 10** **31 Mar - 02 Apr**	Holy Week Liturgy Wednesday 1st April 9:15am Easter Bonnet Parade Thursday 2nd Apr End of Term Thursday 2nd April