



CHRIST THE KING



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools

A FAITH COMMUNITY EMBRACING OUR DIVERSITY
AS WE LIVE AND LEARN TOGETHER IN HOPE

2025 TERM2 WEEK 3
TRACIE KUNIGISKIS - PRINCIPAL

New Pope

"Peace be with all of you!" - the first words of Pope Leo XIV.
A significant moment for our faith community.
With open hearts we welcome our new Pope Leo XIV.
May God bless him in his leadership of the Catholic Church.

Monday Morning Assembly

During Term 1 we trialed weekly assemblies at 8.50am on a Monday morning. Our aim is to minimise movement around the school and maximize learning time.

We begin the week with the National Anthem, announcements, upcoming events and congratulate our students of the week.

We will continue with these short assemblies on a Monday morning, weather permitting. We will move our school gatherings and assemblies to the hall in the case of wet or cold weather.

All families are welcome to join us at 8.50am on Monday mornings.

New Staff

We welcomed 2 new staff members to the CTK community this term. Sophia Sun has joined our Year 5/6 community and is teaching Year 5/6B. We have also welcomed Patience Weston to our staff. Patience is a Speech pathologist and is working with teachers to support us in planning and teaching language development. Patience will be working with a team of Australian Catholic University students who are training as Speech Pathologists. We are very fortunate to have such a great team learning and working alongside us.

Mothers day at CTK

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend our Mothers day celebration. We wish all the great women in our families a very special and happy day for this Sunday. We pray especially for all the mothers we have lost and continue to miss everyday.

Project Compassion

Thank you for your support for the Project Compassion fundraising. We raised \$231.25 for communities in need. Well done to the MacKillop Club who were responsible for supporting this fundraising.

Uniform Update

CTK Students have done a great job wearing their school uniforms with respect and school pride. As the weather cools down we would like to remind families that students are welcome to wear a coat over the school uniform to keep students warm when they are playing outdoors. Thank you for supporting our uniform policy.

Our old style uniforms that were not sold have been generously donated to the Rotary Club. Thank you to the Delmo family for their charitable works in supporting communities who will benefit from these donations in the Northern Territory.



CHRIST THE KING COMMUNITY ACKNOWLEDGES THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS
AND ELDERS OF THE LANDS ON WHICH WE LIVE AND LEARN.
WE EXTEND OUR RESPECT TO ELDERS PAST, PRESENT AND EMERGING.
WE RESPECT ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE'S CONTINUING
CONNECTION TO THE LAND, AIR, WATERS, CULTURE AND ALL LIVING THINGS.



CTK Upcoming Events

Term 2 2025



MAY

Sunday 4 May Our Lady's Feast day Mass

Wednesday 7 May Photo catch up day for staff & students

Friday 9 May Mothers day at CTK 8.15am - 9.30am

Friday 16 May Walk, Ride a bike or scooter to School Day

Yr 6 Confirmation events:

- Wednesday 21 May

6pm Yr 6 Confirmation Family Faith Night,

Our Lady's Parish Hall, Maidstone

JUNE

- Sunday 1 June

9:30am Presentation of candidates of Confirmation

CTK Church, Braybrook

- Thursday 5 June

Year 6 Confirmation - Our Lady's Church, Maidstone 5.45pm

JULY

Thursday 3 July Semester 1 student reports distributed to families

Friday 4 July Last Day of Term 2 Students finish school at 1.30pm

CLASS MASSES

On Thursdays we attend Mass at CTK Church on Churchill Avenue.

Mass begins at 10am. All families are welcome.

Class mass dates for Term 2:

- 8 May Prep/1A & 5/6A
- 15 May 3/4B & 3/4C
- 22 May 1/2D & 3/4A
- 29 May 1/2C & 5/6C
- 5 June Prep/1B & 5/6B
- 12 June Prep/1A & 5/6A
- 19 June 3/4B & 3/4C
- 26 June 1/2D & 3/4A
- 3 July 1/2C & 5/6C



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Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Paul – Greece and Turkey

I have just returned from a very special journey. For 16 days, I travelled with 27 school principals from the West, following the footsteps of **St. Paul** through **Greece and Turkey**. We visited many ancient cities where Paul preached the Gospel and helped build the early Church.



Where Paul Walked and Preached



Our journey started in **Athens**, the capital of Greece. We stood near the **Parthenon** and climbed **Mars Hill (Areopagus)**. This is the place where Paul spoke to the philosophers about the "unknown god" (Acts 17). From the hill, we looked over the city and thought about Paul's courage and faith.

We then sailed through the beautiful **Greek islands**. We stopped in **Mykonos**, **Santorini**, and **Patmos**. On **Patmos**, we visited the **Cave of the Apocalypse**, where **St. John** received the **Book of Revelation**. Even though Paul did not go there, it reminded us of the other apostles and the early days of the Church.



The House of Mary in Ephesus

As we celebrate **Mothers Day** this week I would like to share with you one of the most powerful moments of our pilgrimage. **St. Paul** spent more than two years in **Ephesus, Turkey**, teaching and preaching (Acts 19). But it was our visit to the **House of the Virgin Mary** that touched many hearts.



According to tradition, **Mary, the mother of Jesus**, came to **Ephesus** with **St. John the Apostle**. After **Jesus** died on the cross, He asked **John** to take care of His mother. In a small stone house on a quiet hill, many people believe **Mary lived her final years**. We visited this peaceful place, prayed in the small chapel, and asked **Mary** to pray for our families, schools, and communities. Outside, we tied ribbons with our prayers on the **Wishing Wall**, a local tradition.

This visit helped me deepen my understanding of the two strong foundations of our faith: **Paul's bold mission in the city** and **Mary's gentle, prayerful presence on the hill**. The Church grew not just through powerful preaching, but also through love, faith, and quiet strength.

I look forward to sharing more stories and photos with the **CTK Community** from this life-changing journey.



WALK, RIDE OR SCOOTER TO SCHOOL DAY!



FRIDAY 16 MAY

Walking, Riding a Bike
or Riding a Scooter

Helps us to:

- Keep healthy
- Learn & practice road rules
- Reduce traffic

If you're biking or riding a scooter
you **MUST** wear a helmet!!





Learning Focus for PBL

SHOWING THE
SCHOOL VALUES
OF RESPECT,
SAFETY AND
RESPONSIBILITY



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING - PBL

PBL - Positive Behaviour for Learning - is a whole school approach to creating a positive, safe and supportive environment, where all students can learn and develop.

Our behaviours are always guided by our values of Safety, Respect and Responsibility

Hành vi tích cực trong học tập - PBL

PBL - Hành vi tích cực trong học tập - là một phương pháp tiếp cận toàn trường nhằm tạo ra một môi trường tích cực, an toàn và hỗ trợ, nơi tất cả học sinh có thể học tập và phát triển. Hành vi của chúng ta luôn được hướng dẫn bởi các giá trị:

An Toàn, Tôn Trọng và Trách Nhiệm