



# Christ the King, North Rocks

Term 1, Week 3

13th February, 2014

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## WEEK 3

Fri 14 **SCHOOL CENSUS DAY**

- \* **BAND** 7.45am
- \* **SPORT PROGRAM** all students sport uniform
- \* **LUNCH ORDERS**
- \* **Opening School Mass**  
**Friday 14th February 9.15am**
- \* **ICE BLOCK DAY** (after lunch) \$1-00  
Kindergarten parents to assist today

## WEEK 4

Mon 17

- \* **LUNCH ORDERS**
- \* **Junior GLEE** 3-4pm

Tue 18

- \* **UNIFORM SHOP** 8.30am—11.30am  
1.30pm—3.30pm
- \* **Senior GLEE** 7.50-8.50am
- \* **GRADE SPORT** Yr. 1, Yr. 5, Yr. 6
- \* **GRADE INFORMATION NIGHT**  
(Parents only)  
6.00pm Kinder, Yr.1, Yr. 4, Yr. 5  
7.00pm Yr.2, Yr.3, Yr.6

Wed 19

- \* **CHOIR** 8am
- \* **GRADE SPORT** Kindergarten, Yr. 2, Yr. 6
- \* **CHESS** 3-4PM

Thur 20

- \* **GRADE SPORT** Yr. 4, Yr. 3
- \* **DANCECLUB** 3.15—4.15pm

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the Kindergarten families and new families for attending our welcome BBQ last Friday. It was fantastic talking to you all and seeing the excitement on the children's faces as they could show off the school and their friends to their parents. Thank you to my leadership team and our student leaders for making themselves available to meet our new families and many thanks to the P and F as well as the many other parents who made the event such a success.

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*I look forward to seeing you at our **Opening School Mass** tomorrow, Friday 14th February at 9.15am.*

*A warm welcome is extended to all parents and carers to join us for this special celebration. At this time we will be able to welcome Father Ian McGinnity, Our School Community and commission our Student Leaders as well as to give thanks for all the members of our community and their continued commitment to this school. We pray that Christ be our light and ask for his blessing over us during the year ahead.*

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## SCHOOL CENSUS DAY FRIDAY 14th February, 2014

**TOMORROW, Friday 14th February is School Census Day.** All children should attend school on that day and absence should only be if it is absolutely necessary.

If your child is absent on Friday 14th February, a note explaining the child's absence must be presented to the school teacher on the child's return on Monday 17th February.

This is of course a requirement that applies to everyday of the school year, however, Census data is directly related to Government funding for our schools and the requirements outlined above are set by the Department of Education.

*Thank you for your co-operation*

Have a safe and blessed week,

*Annelise Stockey, Principal*



## Please keep in your prayers

Prayers are requested following the sudden passing in Christmas week of Margaret

Moussa, maternal aunty of Nathan Yr 6.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Nowell, Joe and the extended Moussa Family.

Grant her eternal rest O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her for ever.

## UNIFORM SHOP 2014 TUESDAYS 8.30AM—11.00AM

1.30PM—3.30PM

*The Uniform Shop is open on TUESDAYS ONLY each week with morning and afternoon opening hours for your convenience.*

Parents are most welcome to place an order through the office. FULL PAYMENT must accompany all orders.

The Uniform Shop can accept cash or cheque (made payable to Christ the King). Eftpos facilities are able to be accessed through the School office for Uniform orders.

**The Uniform Shop Price List is now available on the Christ the King School web site**

Go to [ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au](http://ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au) and click on the 'Parents' tab then click on Handbook, School Office and then Uniform Shop / Clothing Pool. On this page you will find the price list to download.

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM 2014

**Positive Behaviours Leaders** Michaela Hourican  
Angelina Wehbe

**Liturgy Leaders** Ringo Kondok  
Sarah Warden

**Social Justice Leaders** Sophie Williams  
Eric Dwyer

### **Student Representative Council**

<b>Year 6</b>	Gabriella Bovino	Daniel Spurr
<b>Year 5</b>	Alexander Bozanic	Laura Saab
<b>Year 4</b>	Jonathan Wehbe	Kyarah Bouchahine
<b>Year 3</b>	Marcus Younis	Isabelle Boumelhem
<b>Year 2</b>	Bronwyn Kitson	Liam Bissett
<b>Year 1</b>	Henry Abood	Tianna Bertolissio
<b>Kindergarten</b>	Jack Trofa	Sienna Wehbe

**Environment Leaders** Ayden Gebran  
Mikayla Azar

**Library Leaders** Amy Giri  
Victoria Nikolaidis

<b>Colour House Leaders</b>	<b>Yr 6</b>	<b>Yr 5</b>
<b>RED</b>	Tamsyn Brown	Mark-Anthony Merhi
<b>GREEN</b>	Callum Blaik	Luke Milic
<b>BLUE</b>	Alyssa Lubrano	Isaac Chedid
<b>YELLOW</b>	Jaycob Anjoul	Anthony Younis

## Happy Birthday this week to:



### February

9th	Mrs Joelynn Roberts Zane Gebran Noah Gebran Annika Mathie
11th	Marcus Georges Cameron Este Adrian Puglisi Jack Virgona
12th	Marcus Koic Christian Sassine
14th	Raymond Diab Alexander Younis
15th	Laura Diab
16th	Miss Kaitlin Schmid Mrs Melissa Szoloch
17th	Angelina Watihenu
18th	Raymond Daher
19th	Matilda Polley
20th	Liam Abdallah Max Trestain

## FAMILY VISOR LABELS

**Family Visor labels have been sent home to new CTK families.**

If existing families require a new label please contact the school office.

## Coming home this week

- \* Term 1 School Calendar
- \* P&F Chocolate  
Fundraiser information
- \* International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) information.  
Years 3-6 only



**The School Office is open from 8:30am—3:30pm**



## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

Brochures have been sent home. **Please note:** purchases are purely optional. Please ensure all order forms are correctly completed as Scholastic Australia will not accept any incorrectly completed orders. Orders need to be sent to the office by **TOMORROW, FRIDAY 14th February**. **NB:** Even if you order via the automated service, you still need to send in your order form. *Our thanks to Mrs. Lubrano who has once again taken on this voluntary role.*

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## **MARK IN YOUR DIARY**

* <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>Wednesday 5th March</b>
* <b>Catholic Schools Week</b>	<b>Week 7, 10th-14th March</b>
* <b>Open Day</b>	<b>Thursday 13th March 9.15am—11.30am</b>

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## **SYDNEY ACADEMY OF CHESS**

Chess coaching for students at Christ the King Primary School is held on **Wednesdays** from **3:00pm – 4:00pm** in the **library**. Term 1 lessons have commenced.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email [enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](mailto:enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au) for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

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## **International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Years 3 – 6** **University of N.S.W Initiative**

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) provide an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. Student participation is voluntary. More information and Registration forms will be sent home this week.

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## **SPORT NEWS**

### **Diocesan Sport Information:**

A friendly reminder for parents to access the following web address for information regarding sporting events organised by the Diocesan:

[www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au/](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au/)

The Diocesan committee have been working hard to provide all Diocesan event information for parents via this website.

### **Zone Swimming Carnival:**

Permission notes will be distributed to the students who are participating in the Zone Swimming Carnival by the end of this week. We ask that all permission notes be returned to the school office by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

*Samantha Werner, Sports Co-ordinator*

## P & F NEWS

### Lunch Bags

Lunch Bag All Rounders and Lunch wallets are available to purchase for your lunch orders. These are environmentally friendly, hygienic, have a zip pocket for money and are personalised with child's name and class. Order forms are available from the office.

The Insulated All Rounder is \$13 and the Lunch Wallets are \$11.

New Laminated tags are \$1 for students with existing bags.

All orders can be made by contacting me on 0400 308 570 or [clbeste@bigpond.net.au](mailto:clbeste@bigpond.net.au)



### Ice Block Fridays

14th February - Kindergarten helpers

21st February - Yr 1 helpers

Ice Block Friday's have begun. **Please ensure your child has \$1 and if you do not wish your child to buy an ice block** please contact the office so that they are aware. Could we have some volunteer's from Kindergarten at 1.15pm in the Hall kitchen to help sell ice blocks this week. Helpers from Year 1 are required next Friday 21st February.



## Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser – CTK

Our FUN'Raising efforts have been extremely successful in previous years due to the generous support of our family and friends. This year again, we will be having a Cadbury Chocolate drive and we thank Rita Koic, Marcus' mum from Year 3 who will co-ordinate this for us.

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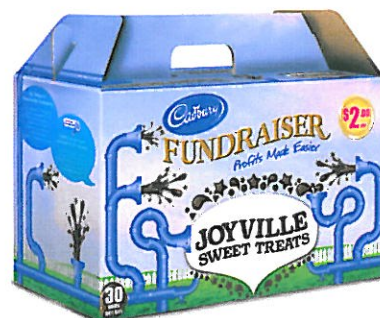
Boxes will be handed out as requested by each family. **Order forms are coming home today.** Please fill in and return to the school office if you would like to participate. Boxes will be delivered to your child's class.

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Good luck and happy selling.

Connie Este, P&F Chairperson





## PARISH NEWS



### Parish Mass times

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm					
Sunday Masses	8.00am, 10.00am and 6.00pm					
Weekday Masses	<i>Monday</i>	no masses	<i>Tuesday</i>	7.30pm	<i>Wednesday</i>	9.00am
	<i>Thursday</i>	9.00am	<i>Friday</i>	9.15am	<i>Saturday</i>	9.00am
Reconciliation	Saturday morning Rosary at 8.30am with Reconciliation at 9.30am and then at 4.30pm					

### CHILD PROTECTION—CEO PARRAMATTA MODULE & THE NEW WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK



The Working with Children Check is a **three step process** which includes Completion of the CEO Online Child Protection Module and Completion of the 'new working with children check' through the NSW Commission for Children website. Applicants will then need to present the completed documentation at their local Roads & Maritime Service (RMS) Office (formally RTA) for screening which completes the check.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Partial Completion of the above steps will not be accepted. Completion of only the CEO Module will not allow you to assist in the classroom

1. It is a Diocesan requirement that any parent volunteering at Christ the King School complete the Child Protection training module.

This training is to be completed online at :

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au>

CTK will receive email notification when you complete the CEO module.

2. When module has been completed go to: [www.kids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au) and follow the links to complete the 'new working with children check'. A Working With Children Check is a prerequisite for anyone in child-related work. It involves a national criminal history check and review of findings of workplace misconduct.

Only paid workers in child-related work are required to pay the \$80 fee for a five year clearance. This equates to \$16 per year, the lowest in Australia (together with Victoria).


*The Working With Children Check remains free for:*

- Volunteers and students
- Potential adoptive parents
- Authorised carers
- Adults who reside in the home of:
  - an authorised carer
  - a family day care service provider
- a home-based education and care service provider.

3. Once the RMS check has been completed you will receive an email which will state that you have clearance to work with children. **You will need** to present a copy of the RMS email to the school office to complete your Working with Children Check. **Only then** will you be cleared to work with the children in the school.

## CHRIST THE KING, NORTH ROCKS School Calendar Term 1, 2014

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/ Sun
3	<b>February 10</b>  Lunch Orders	<b>February 11</b>  Uniform Shop 8.30am – 11.30am 1.30pm – 3.30pm	<b>February 12</b>  8am Choir  3-4pm Chess begins	<b>February 13</b>  Dance Club 3.15-4.15pm	<b>February 14</b>  7.45am BAND Lunch Orders Sport In Schools Aust [SISA]: K-6 sport uniform <b>OPENING SCHOOL MASS 9.15AM</b> SCHOOL CENSUS DAY ♥ St Valentine's Day ♥	<b>Feb 15</b>  <b>Feb 16</b>
4	<b>February 17</b>  Lunch Orders  JUNIOR GLEE 3-4PM	<b>February 18</b>  SENIOR GLEE 7.50-8.50AM  Uniform Shop 8.30am – 11.30am 1.30pm – 3.30pm Grade Information night 6.00pm Kinder, Yr1, Yr4, Yr5 7.15pm Yr2, Yr3, Yr6	<b>February 19</b>  8am Choir  3-4pm Chess	<b>February 20</b>  Yr 3 attending Reconciliation 10.00am Dance Club 3.15-4.15pm	<b>February 21</b>  7.45am BAND Lunch Orders SISA: K-6 sport uniform Yr 4 attending Parish Mass 9.15am	<b>Feb 22</b>  <b>Feb 23</b>
5	<b>February 24</b>  Lunch Orders Parra Hockey trials [tbc] JUNIOR GLEE 3-4PM	<b>February 25</b>  SENIOR GLEE 7.50-8.50AM  Uniform Shop 8.30am – 11.30am 1.30pm – 3.30pm Nepean & Hills Zone Swimming	<b>February 26</b>  8am Choir Parra AFL trials [tbc] 3-4pm Chess	<b>February 27</b>  Yr 4 attending Reconciliation 10.00am Dance Club 3.15-4.15pm	<b>February 28</b>  7.45am BAND Lunch Orders SISA: K-6 sport uniform Yr 5 attending Parish Mass 9.15am Diocesan Swimming	<b>Mar 1</b>  <b>Mar 2</b>
6	<b>March 3</b>  Lunch Orders Parra Rugby 11yr trials YR 4 CSIRO Incursion JUNIOR GLEE 3-4PM	<b>March 4</b>  SENIOR GLEE 7.50-8.50AM  Uniform Shop 8.30am – 11.30am 1.30pm – 3.30pm Parra Soccer trials P & F general mtg. 7.30pm	<b>March 5</b>  8am Choir Parra Rugby Open trials <b>ASH WEDNESDAY 9.00am Primary Mass 2pm Infants Liturgy</b> 3-4pm Chess	<b>March 6</b>  Parra Netball trials Yr 5 attending Reconciliation 10.00am Dance Club 3.15-4.15pm	<b>March 7</b>  7.45am BAND Lunch Orders Yr 6 attending Parish Mass 9.15am SISA: K-6 sport uniform CTK CROSS COUNTRY	<b>Mar 8</b>  <b>Mar 9</b>
<b>CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>						
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8	<b>March 17</b> Lunch Orders  <b>St Patrick's Day</b> JUNIOR GLEE 3-4PM	<b>March 18</b> SENIOR GLEE 7.50-8.50AM Uniform Shop 8.30am – 11.30am 1.30pm – 3.30pm	<b>March 19</b> 8am Choir Yr 3 excursion Australian Walkabout Wildlife Park 3-4pm Chess	<b>March 20</b> Yr 6 attending Reconciliation 10.00am Yrs 5 & 6 Cyber-Bullying Incursion Dance Club 3.15-4.15pm	<b>March 21</b> 7.45am BAND Lunch Orders SISA: K-6 sport uniform	<b>Mar 22</b>  <b>Mar 23</b>
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10	<b>March 31</b> Year 5 Incursion Journey to Antarctica JUNIOR GLEE 3-4PM	<b>April 1</b> SENIOR GLEE 7.50-8.50AM Uniform Shop 8.30am – 11.30am 1.30pm – 3.30pm Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala day Rooty Hill	<b>April 2</b> YR 6 CANBERRA 8am Choir Last Chess lesson for term 1. 3-4pm	<b>April 3</b> YR 6 CANBERRA Dance Club 3.15-4.15pm	<b>April 4</b> YR 6 CANBERRA 7.45am BAND Lunch Orders Infants Liturgy SISA: K-6 sport uniform Rugby Union Gala day trials	<b>April 5</b>  <b>April 6</b>
	<b>April 7</b> Lunch Orders Parra Touch trials JUNIOR GLEE 3-4PM	<b>April 8</b> SENIOR GLEE 7.50-8.50AM Uniform Shop 8.30am – 11.30am 1.30pm – 3.30pm	<b>April 9</b> 8am Choir	<b>April 10</b> HOLY WEEK LITURGY Stations of the Cross Dance Club 3.15-4.15pm	<b>April 11</b> 7.45am BAND Lunch Orders EASTER HAT PARADE SISA: K-6 sport uniform Last Day Term 1	<b>April 12</b>  <b>April 13</b> <i>Happy            Birthday            Fr. Ian</i>

Holy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April, Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April, Anzac Day 25<sup>th</sup> April  
 Students return to school on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April to begin Term 2, 2014





## **2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)**

Dear Parent

The University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the ***International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)***.

ICAS has taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and is now in more than 20 countries.

### **ICAS:**

- are university backed and internationally recognised assessments.
- are skills based assessments.
- are written by subject specialists and are available in the key learning areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.
- reports the performance of your child through a 25-60 minute supervised in-school test. The length of each test depends on the subject and year level being tested. More information about each subject can be found at <http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/subjects>
- provides a continuous, independent and comprehensive record of a child's academic strengths and weaknesses and tracks their progress by subject.
- uses other participating students' results as a reference point for comparing your child's performance.
- provides excellent preparation for in-school and national tests.
- contains questions designed specifically to explore the abilities of children at all levels.
- results are available to parents in a hard copy report and online.
- reports indicate which questions were answered correctly and are highly suitable for inclusion in an academic portfolio for future tertiary entrance or when applying for a job.
- are administered at school, so teachers can also access this valuable information about your child.
- rewards the top student in each subject in each year level with a UNSW gold medal.
- recognises all students with certificates of High Distinction, Distinction, Credit and Participation. For more information about awards and recognition go to [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/awards](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/awards)

To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form overleaf and return the whole page, with your entry fees, to school by: **FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014.**

For more information about ICAS go to [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au), contact Customer Service on (02) 8344 1010 or send an email to [info@eaa.unsw.edu.au](mailto:info@eaa.unsw.edu.au)

Your child can also prepare for ICAS using Practice Online. Practice Online tests are available for English, Mathematics and Science. Find out more about Practice Online at [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online)

Yours sincerely

**Dr Sofia Kesidou**  
Group Executive  
Educational Assessment Australia

*Annelise Stockey*  
Principal  
*Christ the King North Rocks*



Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_



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Childs Name ..... Class .....

- ☐ Variety Box x 1 = \$50.00 .....
- ☐ Joyville Sweet Treats x 1 = \$60.00 .....



**Oakhill College Enrolments 2015**

Applications for enrolment into **Year 7 2015** will close on **Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2014** and enrolment for girls into **Year 11 2015** will close on **Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2014**. Parents who wish to apply for enrolment of their sons in Year 7 and/or daughters in Year 11 at Oakhill College in **2015**, and who have not yet submitted a form, are requested to contact the Registrar before the closing dates. Contact: Mrs Maryanne Maree (Registrar) 9899 2288 or [registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au](mailto:registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au)

**NSW GOVERNMENT / WESTERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT RESEARCH ABOUT CONFIDENT KIDS** We are looking for families with children aged 4-8 years who are confident, worry-free and easy going. Eligible children and their parents will participate in a clinical psychology assessment that includes a phone interview, an appointment with the child and their mothers, and a package of questionnaires. Families will receive a voucher in appreciation of their time and effort. This study has been approved by the Western Sydney Local Health District Human Research Ethics Committee and Macquarie University Ethics. To find out if your family is eligible, please contact Maria Milic (CTK parent) on 9845 6577 (Tues/Thurs) or email [maria.milic@students.mq.edu.au](mailto:maria.milic@students.mq.edu.au)

**OLMC Parramatta Open Day - Sunday March 2**

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites you to its 2014 Open Day on Sunday March 2, 2014. Discover the College's rich tradition and cutting edge education, enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' and join in the celebrations as we mark 125 years of Mercy Excellence at OLMC in 2014

Sunday, March 2 10am – 2.00pm. Principal's welcome at 10.00am and 12.00 noon.

Reservations can be made by visiting [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

**BENEDICTINE MONASTERY ARCADIA 49TH COUNTRY FAIR, 9TH MARCH 2014 FROM 10AM** 121 Arcadia Rd Arcadia. Plants, White Elephant, Jumping Castle, Sweets, Drinks, Face Painting, BBQ, Farm Produce, Merry-go-round, Chocolate Wheel and lots more.... Tours of the Monastery, Major raffle prizes, country setting, family day. Information pamphlet available from the office. [www.benedictine.org.au/go/countryfair](http://www.benedictine.org.au/go/countryfair)

**Girls Soccer Available at Beecroft Football Club.** Girls of all ages (u/6 – u/12) are wanted for Girls Only Teams to play in Sunday morning non-competitive program for coming winter season. April – August with no school holiday commitment. More details from Jeff Saul on 0418 662 912 or [jsaul@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jsaul@bigpond.net.au)

**Go4Fun** is a FREE program that is run through the local Health Service. The program has been specifically designed for children aged 7-13 years who are above a healthy weight. A parent or carer must attend each session with their child. The program runs for 10 weeks after school. Info flyer from the office.

**A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! **Weekend date: 21 – 23 March at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or [wsharpe@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wsharpe@bigpond.net.au)**

**Tennis Coaching** Enrolments for after school tennis coaching are now being taken. Various tennis coaching programs are available including- group, private and MLC Hotshots, catering for beginners to advanced standards. \*FREE introductory lesson to new enrolments from Christ the King School in 2014. Enrolments and enquiries to Scott Gregson Tennis Advantage on 0414554612 (North Rocks Royal Institute Courts)

**DUNDAS CENTRAL NETBALL CLUB** Dundas Central Netball Club is looking for 10 or 11 years olds who want to play Netball at Meadowbank or Brush Park with the Eastwood Ryde Netball Association. Contact Club Registrar Melissa Arane 0410 647 064 or Information flyer from the office.

**WESLEY FAMILY CENTRE** Groups this term are: - 123 Magic & Emotion Coaching (Parenting program); - Rock & Water for grades 4-6; - Music Playschool; - Mums Parenting & Timeout Group – Yoga; - Play in the Secret Garden Rouse Hill Town Centre; - Storytime at Gloria Jeans Rouse Hill; LAUNCH of the Rouse Hill Streetsmart mobile van for youth 13 Feb 2014. Information flyer available from the office.



**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO ARE WIDOWED** CCCSS Solo Parent Ministry is commencing two Bereavement Support Programs within the next few weeks. **Seasons for Growth** is a five week Program that commences on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb at Glenbrook, between 10.30 and 12.30. If we do not have a required number for this Program we will postpone it for a couple of weeks. The other Program is an 8 Session **Bereavement Support Program** that runs every fortnight at Blacktown between 10.00 and 12.00 and commences on 4<sup>th</sup> March (This was postponed due to lack of numbers on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb). Both of these Programs provide education and personal support within a small group setting, assisting those who grieve the death of their spouse to better understand the process of grief and to be supported in moving forward gently but assuredly in the midst of deep pain and loss. For further details and registration for both of these Programs contact Eileen or Rita on 9933 0205 or [soloparentministry@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentministry@ccss.org.au)

**SMART LOVING WORKSHOP SUNDAY 23RD MARCH HOLY FAMILY LUDDENHAM** Overcoming relationship gridlock. Info pamphlet from the office.

**UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY PENRITH OBSERVATORY FAMILY ASTRONOMY NIGHT Saturday, 22 February (8pm – 10pm) ROBOT ASTRONOMY .....ON THE ICE** Come along and find out about the advantages and disadvantages of robot observatories, about what new opportunities they bring, and how they restrict us. The talk will also include information on the PLATO series of robot observatories, built by Australia and currently working on the Ice. The night will also include a 3D astronomy movie that will run for 15-20 minutes, a tour of the dome area and stargazing through various computerised telescopes. Our program will run regardless of the weather. **Cost:** \$15 adult, \$10 child/concession and \$40 family. **Bookings are essential:** Book and pay online: [www.uws.edu.au/observatory](http://www.uws.edu.au/observatory), What's On **Enquiries:** Phone (02)4736 0135 or email [r.mccourt@uws.edu.au](mailto:r.mccourt@uws.edu.au)

**The Pyjama Foundation will be holding its 2<sup>nd</sup> Long Road event on March 23, 2014** in twelve regions across Queensland, Sydney & Melbourne. The event is a series of 10 – 12 km walks to raise vital funds for children in foster care and we would love to request your support. The Sydney Long Road walk will be held in Baulkham Hills, and in order to make this event a fundraising success we are seeking as many people to participate as possible.

The Pyjama Foundation is a learning based charity that supports children in foster care who are often left behind academically by their peers. By supporting this event your school can also receive recognition for supporting literacy, as our mentoring program is centred around developing literacy and numeracy for children in foster care. We are expecting approximately 200 participants to take part in the walk. The event is promoted to our database, online via our website and social media, external websites and throughout the media. Your school support would be recognised throughout the event as well.

The Pyjama Foundation is a charity founded in 2004 to support Australia's 39,000 children in care and their foster families. The charity was founded by 2009 Queensland Australian of the Year, Bronwyn Sheehan, who was alarmed at the statistics around children in care. These include:

92% of children in care are below the average reading level at seven years of age

75% of children in care don't finish school

35% of children in care enter the juvenile justice system at some point

The Pyjama Foundation recruits, screens, trains and supports community volunteers, known as Pyjama Angels. Volunteers are matched with a child in care and visit them each week to deliver The Pyjama Foundation Love of Learning Program®. This learning-based mentoring program has produced many positive results for the children, including improving their literacy and numeracy skills, increasing their self-confidence, and widening their networks and experiences within the community.

**CatholicCare Social Services (CCSS)** quietly runs a diverse range of social services ( listed below) between Castle Hill and Penrith.

- Solo Parent Ministry: – which includes counselling, home visits, group work programs; - Family Relationship Counselling: for children, couples, individuals and families; (including counselling for grief and gambling) - Keeping Kids in Mind Program: – a case management service for families experiencing post separation parenting conflict or complex needs. - Rollercoasters – A program designed for children aged 6—12 to support them through the 'rollercoaster of emotions' after divorce, separation, change or loss. - Financial Literacy education - Talks for children and parents on the subject of bullying. Informations pamphlet available from the school office.

**CATHOLIC CARE SERVICES** **Rollercoasters** program for children aged between 6–11yrs of age whose families are experiencing change through **separation and divorce begins on Mon 24 Feb 2014 at The All Saints of Africa Centre 63 Allawah St Blacktown.** We meet **after school from 4pm till 5.15pm for six Mondays, ending on March 31<sup>st</sup>.** Using information, activities and games we **explore areas such as:** \* **CHANGES** that have resulted from the parent's separation \* **FEELINGS** and the grief children experience around the parent's separation \* **ANGER** and ways children can express it constructively \* **PROBLEMS** and situations children can and cannot change. The program allows children to **explore, understand, and talk about** his or her **experience, feelings and concerns** in a **safe environment** with **other children** with similar experiences. There is a nominal charge of \$10 per child per session. Reduced fees can be negotiated. Info pamphlet available from the office





**Join North Rocks Girl Guides. *Having fun today, leading the world tomorrow...***

Guiding helps girls to develop self-confidence, leadership and teamwork skills in a fun and exciting way. Enjoy a variety of activities with new friends from crafts and games to camping and canoeing. Mondays: Junior Guides (Aged 6-10) Guides (Aged 10-14)

Website: [www.joinguides.com.au/](http://www.joinguides.com.au/)

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For more details contact Jeanette

0450 733 168

**WRITE FOR FUN.NET Writing Competition is NOW OPEN!** Calling all Australian School Students... from Kindergarten to Grade 12 Write a story or poem today for your chance to win \$1,000 (\$500 for you and \$500 for your school)! **AND** an iPod Touch 16GB + an Xbox 360 OR an Xbox One OR a Playstation 4!!! All it takes is an AWESOME story, or poem. Easy! Entry is FREE! Entries close Sunday March 30, 2014.

Stuck for an idea... keep reading ... **IDEAS.....you could write a story or poem about:**

- \* **Someone you really like** (friend, teacher, family member or even your favourite pet)
- \* **Something you really enjoy doing** (a party, an excursion, a holiday, an adventure, a school carnival, homework... oh wait... forget that last one)
- \* **Something interesting that happened to you or someone you know** (winning a competition, finding a treasure, learning something new)
- \* **A place, or person completely made up, in your very own world where ANYTHING is possible!!**

There is **NO THEME** so you can write about whatever your heart desires! *Stories no more than 500 words, Poems no longer than 16 lines. Entries must be in by Sunday 30th March 2014.* ENTER [online](#), via [email](#), via post (P.O Box 2734 Nerang DC Qld 4211) or via fax (07 5574 3644). ***This is your year to shine! We can't wait to read your story or poem :-)***

**Parramatta City Titans**

**Registration:** When: Tuesday 11th March 2014 Where: Ollie Webb Reserve (Home Ground) Address: Cnr Pitt & Glebe St Parramatta

Time: 5.30pm-7pm Phone: 0424 754 886 Contact: Joe (club Secretary)

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