

Christ the King, North Rocks

Term 1, Week 9

27th March, 2014

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WEEK 9

Fri 28

- * BAND 7.45am
- * SPORT PROGRAM all students sport uniform
- * LUNCH ORDERS
- * KINDER-YR 3 LITURGY 2.15PM CHURCH
- * ICE BLOCK DAY \$1-00 Year 6 to assist today
- * LOOMING FOR LENT 3.15-5.00PM

Sat 29

- * EARTH HOUR— lights out at 8.30pm for 1hr.

WEEK 10

Mon 31

- * LUNCH ORDERS
- * Yr 5 Incursion—Journey to Antarctica
- * Fete Meeting 2pm in the Staffroom
- * Junior GLEE 3-4pm

April

Tue 1

- * UNIFORM SHOP 8.30am—11.30am
1.30pm—3.30pm
- * Senior GLEE 7.45-8.45am
- * GRADE SPORT Yr1, Yr5, Yr6
- * Year 1 Mum's dinner

Wed 2

- * YEAR 6 CANBERRA
- * CHOIR 8am
- * GRADE SPORT Kindergarten, Yr. 2, Yr. 6
- * LAST CHESS FOR TERM 1. 3-4PM
- * First Eucharist Information mtg 7.30pm

Thur 3

- * YEAR 6 CANBERRA
- * DANCECLUB 3.15-4.15pm
- * Year 6 Mum's dinner

Fri 4

- * YEAR 6 CANBERRA
- * BAND 7.45am
- * SPORT PROGRAM all students sport uniform
- * LUNCH ORDERS
- * YEAR 1 POWERHOUSE DISCOVERY CENTRE
- * ICE BLOCK DAY \$1-00 Kinder to assist today

Dear Parents

FETE MEETING - A NEW APPROACH

The Christ the King Annual Fete is a great tradition at CTK bringing together parents, children, teachers and the wider community in an evening of fun, food, fundraising and friendship.

However, this year we would like to approach the fete in a different way with some fresh ideas for a successful parish/school community event.

Therefore a Fete meeting for all interested persons is to be held next Monday 31st March at 2pm in the Staffroom. At this meeting some new ideas including - holding the fete on a Saturday afternoon, innovative ways to involve the wider community and improved sponsorship and advertising ideas are among some of the items that we would like to discuss.

I welcome all to this meeting as your input is highly valued, bringing us together in a forum for creative discussion enhancing our already successful school community based functions.

I hope you can join us.

Annelise Stockey, Principal

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### Quality Catholic Schools Surveys

*Thank you to the many families who have already completed the online survey or have returned their hardcopy survey to the school office.*

These surveys are due for completion either online or by lodgement to the Office by 9.30am tomorrow (28th March, 2014).

Please make every effort to complete and return your surveys.

Working together as a school community helps to provide our children with the best schooling system possible.

Christ the King Crested Folders All new students have received a welcome certificate and a CTK Crested folder to store their certificates, awards, reports, memorabilia etc. For existing students, if their folders become full, additional folders can be purchased from the office for \$5-00 each.

## ENROLMENTS FOR 2015 Kindergarten—Year 6

Kindergarten enrolment packages for 2015 are now available.

Enrolment forms for children in Years 1-6 are also available.

Please take note of this enrolment period if you have a child starting school in 2015.

New family meetings will begin in Term 2.

Sibling meetings will be held in Term 3.

Please pass on this information to friends, neighbours, relatives etc. if appropriate.

## 2014 Dates

TERM DATES FOR 2014 are :

LAST DAY OF TERM 1: Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> April

*Good Friday, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April }*

*Easter Sunday, Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> April } Public Holidays*

*Easter Monday, Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> April }*

Term 2 Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April

### STAFF DEVELOPMENT / PUPIL FREE DAY

Students resume Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April to Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3 Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> July to Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4 Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October to Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December

## ADVANCED NOTICE : STAFF DEVELOPMENT / PUPIL FREE DAY

MONDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL (Term 2, Wk 1)  
will be a Staff Development / Pupil Free day.

This professional learning day will focus on Spiritual Formation.

Students will begin Term 2 on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April

## Quick look at Term 2, Week 1

### Mon 28<sup>th</sup> April

- \* STAFF DEVELOPMENT / PUPIL FREE DAY

### Tue 29<sup>th</sup>

- \* UNIFORM SHOP 8.30am—11.30am 1.30pm—3.30pm
- \* Junior & Senior GLEE (combined lesson for this week only) 7.45-8.45am
- \* GRADE SPORT Yr1, Yr5, Yr6

### Wed 30<sup>th</sup>

- \* GRADE SPORT Kindergarten, Yr. 2, Yr. 6
- \* CHESS begins for Term 2. 3-4PM

### Thur 1<sup>st</sup> May

- \* DANCECLUB begins for Term 2 3.15-4.15pm

### Fri 4

- \* BAND 7.45am
- \* SPORT PROGRAM—ATHLETICS all students sport uniform
- \* LUNCH ORDERS

## *Happy Birthday this week to:*

### March

- 27<sup>th</sup> Rena Seo
- 28<sup>th</sup> John-Carlo Beaini  
Mikayla Alphonse
- 30<sup>th</sup> Monique Brown  
Harry Papworth
- 31<sup>st</sup> Will Carroll  
Zara Chedid

### April

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nicholas Popowski
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Abigail Kafkis

## MARK IN YOUR DIARY

- \* DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April
- \* Yr 2 Mum's dinner  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> April
- \* Yr 4 Mum's dinner  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> April
- \* Yr 5 Mum's dinner  
Thur 10<sup>th</sup> April
- \* Easter Hat Parade  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April
- \* STAFF  
DEVELOPMENT /  
PUPIL FREE DAY  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April
- \* Mother's Day Luncheon  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May.  
More details coming soon.



Congratulations to Louis Rivera,  
(Kindergarten) and his family on  
the birth of his new baby brother  
Miguel on 11<sup>th</sup> March.



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



### GET INVOLVED IN EARTH HOUR 2014

In 2014, Earth Hour will focus attention on one of the world's most iconic places: Australia's Great Barrier Reef. On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March, a documentary detailing how climate change is affecting the Great Barrier Reef will air, followed by the turning out of lights at 8:30pm to make a statement the whole world will see. To find out more, visit [earthhour.org.au](http://earthhour.org.au)

*Earth hour is an initiative to stop global warming*

*Anyone can participate!*

*Renewable energy is cheaper and better for the environment*

*Turn off your lights this Saturday to make a difference*

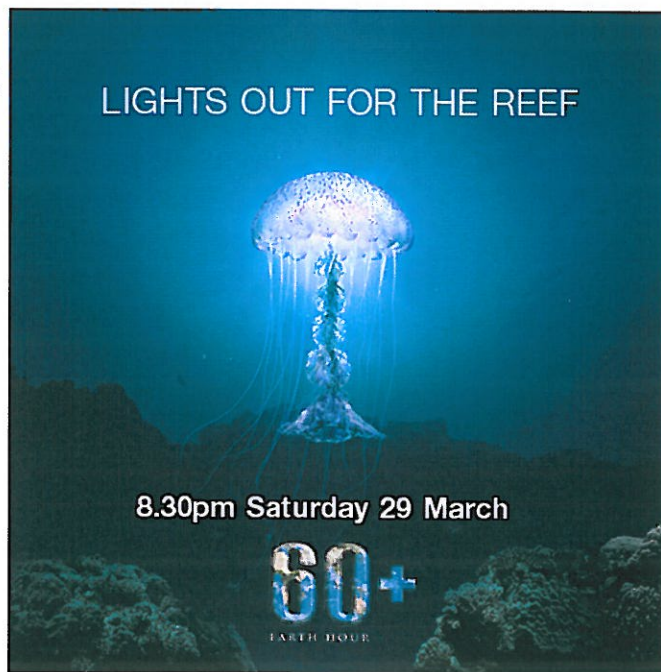
*Here in Sydney, Earth Hour started in 2007*

*Have fun, light some candles*

*Over 152 countries participate from all around the world*

*Using cleaner energy will create less pollution*

*Remember to switch off!*



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### Sport News

#### CTK Sport Representatives



Good luck to all students from Christ the King who will be representing the Parramatta Swimming Team at the NSWCPs Swimming trials on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March. We wish all students the best of luck.

#### RUGBY 7'S GALA DAY

Unfortunately this day was postponed due to wet weather. New details will be sent home as they come to hand.

*Samantha Werner, Sports Coordinator*

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### EASTER HAT PARADE & PICNIC DAY

### FRIDAY 11TH APRIL—LAST DAY OF TERM 1.

Our Easter Hat Parade and Picnic Day will be held on Friday 11th April (last day of Term 1).

We are looking forward to seeing the children parade in the class groups showing off their hand made creations to their peers, teachers and their parents.

The most creative Easter hat in each Grade will win a prize.

Following the Parade there will be a Year 6 fundraiser Barbeque. The funds raised from this bbq go towards the End of Year events for the Year 6 graduating students.

Look out for the information note coming home next week regarding this fun day.

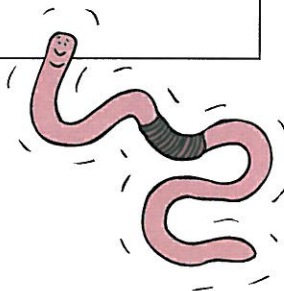




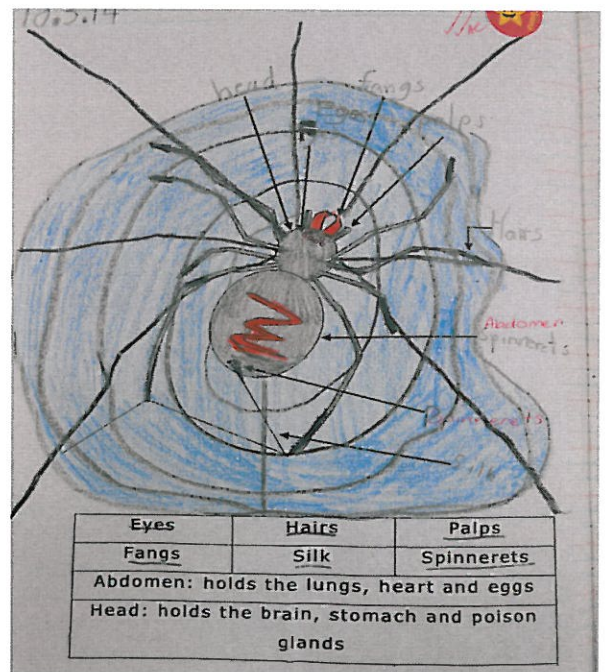
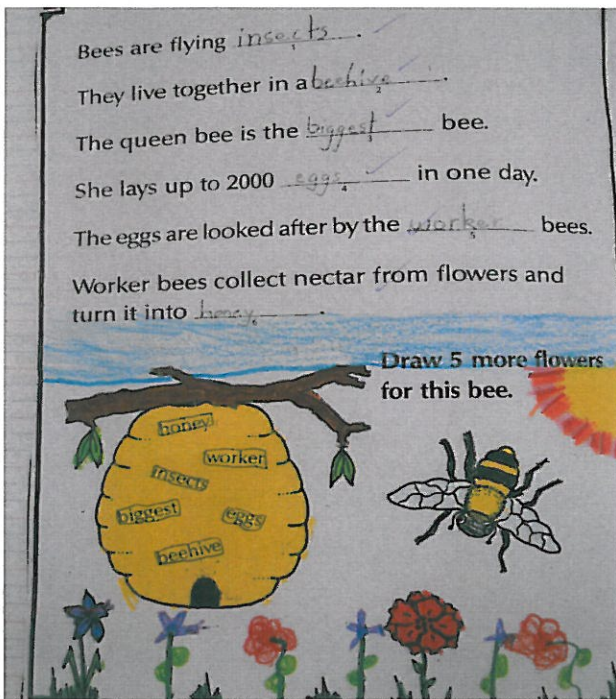
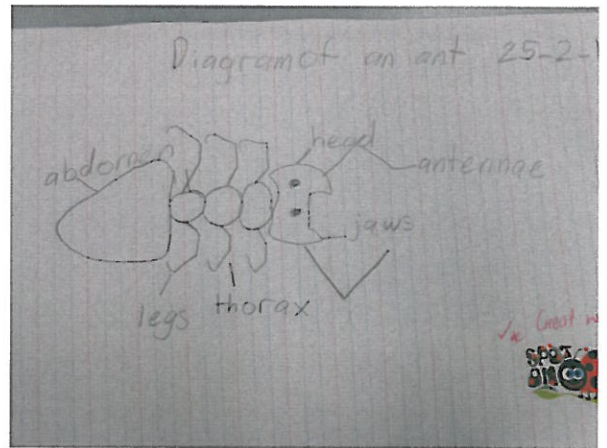
# Year 2s Schoolyard Safari!



This term Year 2 has been collecting and investigating insects!







We've learnt about what they eat, where they live, and the different types of insects and spiders we can find in our environment.



## The Ant Trail





**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.

**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.

## Grade Events

### Year 1

**Mum's Dinner**      **Tuesday 1st April.** Basil & Lime North Rocks at 7.15pm.  
Please RSVP by this Friday to Rosa Puglisi 0419 871 879 / Lil Papworth 0412 332 715

### Year 6

**Mum's Night Out**      **Thursday 3rd April** at Bella Vista Hotel at 7.30pm.  
RSVP by 1st April to Naj Bechara on 0409 223 026 or Simone Williams on 0421 107 014.

### Yr2 & Yr 4 Joint Event

**Mum's Dinner,**      **Wednesday 9th April** at Baulkham Hills Sports Club at 7pm  
**Joint grade holiday picnic on Wednesday 23rd April.**

### Year 5

**Mum's Dinner**      **Thursday 10th April (Please note change of date)**  
The Palate Hotel Rydalmere 7.30pm. Please RSVP via text to Pina 0437 303 481

## PARISH NEWS



## SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR CHILDREN

### FIRST EUCHARIST (for this year only)

We will celebrate **First Eucharist** for those who have already made their First Reconciliation, which will include children in grade three (**for this year only**) on **the weekend of the 21st and 22nd of June**, appropriately on the Feast of Corpus Christi within Parish Masses.

Children who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation are now eligible to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion). If you have a child who qualifies to receive this Sacrament please attend an **information meeting for parents/guardians (only) on Wednesday, 2 April at 7:30 PM** in Christ the King Church where the programme will be explained and any questions answered as well as enrolment forms distributed. This is a significant step in your child's journey of faith.

It is important that parents attend this meeting.

All enquiries to the CTK Parish Office: 9871 8710.

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Parish Mass times

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday Masses 8.00am, 10.00am and 6.00pm

Weekday Masses	Monday	no masses	Tuesday	7.30pm	Wednesday	9.00am
	Thursday	9.00am	Friday	9.15am	Saturday	9.00am

Reconciliation Saturday morning Rosary at 8.30am with Reconciliation at 9.30am and then at 4.30pm.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED Audio-Visual Operators and PowerPoint users

We are seeking volunteers to operate the computer system during Sunday Masses as well as occasionally embedding music files in PowerPoint. The role works on a rostered basis, as with any other ministry. You just need to have an ability to work Microsoft Windows 8, PowerPoint 2013, and other commonly used software. The ministry is particularly suitable for high school students and young adults who are IT competent. For more information or to volunteer, please email Darren So at soejd@hotmail.com.

NEWS FROM THE P&F

P & F Committee 2014

We held our annual elections and the following people have been elected to the CTK P & F for 2014.

P & F Chairperson	:	Connie Este	Vice Chairperson	:	Alison Baxter
Secretary	:	Alison Murphy & Lil Papworth	Treasurer	:	Catherine Louise
Parent Representative Council	:	Jeff Saul & Alyce Bertolissio			

We thank everyone listed for accepting their positions and look forward to an exciting year ahead. Many thanks also to those who have already signed up to join committees.

At our first P & F meeting (date to be confirmed) we will welcome the new members and extend an invitation to everyone who wishes to join us.

Lunch Bags

Term 2 draws near so please order your lunch bags for lunch orders as they are encouraged especially for the hot pie and sausage roll orders. Paper bags break with the heat and oil. They 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.

All orders can be made by texting me on 0400 308 570 or clbeste@bigpond.net.au

Ice Block Fridays tomorrow—Yr 6 helpers

next Friday - Kinder helpers

Year 6 will be running ICE BLOCK FRIDAY this week. Please ensure your child has \$1. ***If you do not wish your child to buy an ice block please contact your child's teacher so that they are aware.*** Could we have some volunteer's from YEAR 6 in the hall at 1.15pm to help sell ice blocks this week please. Next Friday (4th April) parents from Kindergarten will be needed to assist with ice block day.

Thank you again to all the parents that volunteer on a weekly basis for Ice Blocks. This will finish at the end of Term 1 also.

General

"Looming for Lent" will be happening this Friday from 3.15 in the hall. Thank you for the overwhelming response and money received. Children will be offered an afternoon tea consisting of an apple, a juice or chocolate milk, a finger bun or cheese & bacon roll and a fruit roll up. The students that are attending the event will be asked to assemble on the basketball court near the steps at the end of day bell where teachers will take them up to the hall. For those of you who have ordered kits, they will be up at the hall labelled with student's names.

All proceeds will be donated to Caritas/Project Compassion on behalf of CTK for this Lent period.

If some parents are able to help set up and make up the afternoon tea bags, I will be in the hall kitchen from 1.30pm. We will also need some parent volunteers to help supervise on the evening. Please text me ASAP if you can help on 0400 308 570.

Thank you again to the volunteers who have offered to co-ordinate the school's planned events this year. If you are able to help with any of the outstanding events, please contact me as soon as convenient.

Easter Sausage Sizzle – Year 6 Students and Parents (to be Co-Ordinated by Simone Williams)

Mother's Day Stall – Wednesday 7 May (to be Co-Ordinated by Catherine Louise)

Mother's Day Lunch – Friday 9 May (to be Co-Ordinated by Shalu Cerrone and Belinda Abdallah)

Walkathon – 19 September (please note date change)

Father's Day Stall – Wednesday 3 September (including organising the purchase and wrapping of gifts)

Father's Day Breakfast – Friday 5 September (to be Co-Ordinated by Tanya Wehbe)

Parents Trivia Night – date to be advised. Co-Ordinated by Jeff Saul

Fete – Work in Progress.

Students DISCO – Term 3 (to be Co-Ordinated by Julie Hekeik)

Kind Regards, Connie Este, P&F Chairperson

Celebrating Gifts and Talents

Over the weekend of 21- 23 March 2014, Little Athletics NSW held the State Track and Field Championships at Sydney Olympic Park. Monique Brown, Nathan Hall and Daniel Bertolissio participated. Congratulations to all, as it was very competitive. The top 24 competitors from across 8 Regions come to compete for the State titles.

Special mention to our medalists:

Congratulations to Monique Brown (Yr 3) for coming 3rd in the NSW State under 9 girls Shot Put with a personal best throw of 7.00 metres on the weekend and

Congratulations to Daniel Bertolissio—3 Gold medals - 1st in U10 Boys 70m Sprint; 1st in U10 Boys 100m Sprint & 1st in U10 Boys 200m Sprint.

LIBRARY NEWS

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2014

Please remember to write down the PRC ID, author and title onto your Personal Reading Record each time you read a book from the Challenge list. You can find the PRC ID on the first page of your book. Please see Mrs. Cook if you are having any trouble.

KID'S VISUAL ARTS WORKSHOP

with picture book author-illustrator Kylie Dunstan

Join us for a free workshop for kids aged 9-13 years.

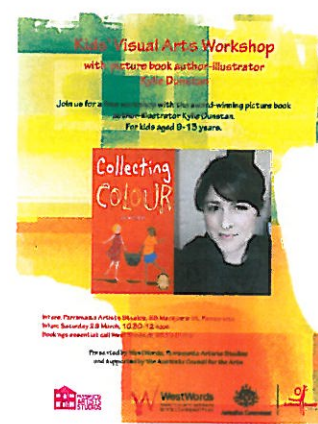
Where: Parramatta Artists Studios

68 Macquarie Street Parramatta

When: Saturday 29th March. 10.30am—12 noon

Bookings essential: Call WestWords on 9839 6079

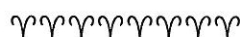
Sarah Cook, Teacher / Librarian



Band News



Please note, **Beginner Band** morning rehearsals will commence in Week 11 (Friday April 11).



Are you interested in a little extra one-to-one band tuition during the Easter Holidays?

Would you like a lesson from a specialist music teacher on your instrument?

Do you have an old guitar or keyboard laying around you'd like to dust off for a good cause?

TSA and DMC staff are combining to donate a day of their time, raising money for charity these Easter holidays and invite students, staff, parents, family and friends to sign up for a good cause.

Help DMC & Teaching Services Australia support Mr Lavis and Car 56 on the 2014 Newcastle Variety Bash with our School Holiday Music Tuition Day raising money for
Variety, The Children's Charity

Date: April 22

Time: Book a 30min time slot between 9am-4pm

Venue: Dural Music Centre (Unit 31/286 New Line Rd, Dural)

Cost: \$35 (make a **tax-deductible donation** of \$35 or more for your 'free lesson')

Bookings: 9651 7333 or at Dural Music Centre (**bookings essential!**)

All proceeds from the day will be passed on in full to Variety, The Children's Charity.



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

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To download the curriculum, register a gathering or find out more, visit earthhour.org.au/schools or email schools@earthhour.org.au.



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF YOUTH PERFORMING ARTS

Youth Choir—celebrates over 30 years of vocal training and performance for boys and girls from the age of 7. Fabulous singing and so much more. Youth Dance Theatre—teaches fun, contemporary dance moves to boys and girls aged 7 and up. Enjoy our high energy innovative dance programme. Great performances including two major performances each year and community events. For more information please contact www.niypaa.com.au

DISCOVER WHAT A MERCY EDUCATION CAN DO FOR YOUR DAUGHTER –

Year 7, 2016 Enrolment Information Evening

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites prospective families to the Year 7, 2016 Enrolment Information Evening at 4.45pm on April 1. Tour the College, collect an Enrolment pack, attend an information session, meet the Principal and College staff and enjoy a BBQ with the OLMC P&F. For enquiries, please contact the Registrar on 8838 1222 or email registrar@olmc.nsw.edu.au. Limited places available for Year 7 2015.

MARIST BROTHERS EASTWOOD OPEN DAY

Sunday 6th April from 12.00noon—3.00pm

Come along and have an enjoyable and informative afternoon. Enrolments are now being finalized for Year 7 2015 and applications for 2016 and 2017 are being taken. Please contact the College for an enrolment form on 9858 1644.

WHIZZ KIDS WORKSHOPS Is your child gifted, talented, intelligent, curious, creative and filled with promise? We Can Help You!! An invitation to participate in a series of innovative workshops at UTS. Limited spaces are available for your child to take part in our fun and inspiring enrichment programs. More more information please visit our website www.inspirationeducation.com.au

POST SCHOOL OPTIONS EXPO FOR STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY Wednesday 30th April 12pm-7pm Cost is Free The Concourse, Pavilion Rm—409 Victoria Ave Chatswood. For more information Rebecca.deep@2realise.org.au

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend a marriage enrichment experience for married couples. 13-15 June at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville NSW Bookings: 02 4283 3435 or 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)

BEDWETTING A DVD based program, Bedwetting Cured, has been developed by Dr Mark Condon, and Physiotherapist, Margaret O'Donovan. It outlines a successful program for parents to implement at home with their children. For more information and a free Bedwetting Fact Sheet please visit the website: www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au or phone 1300 135 796.

North Rocks Uniting Church Preschool—Vacancies for 2014

North Rocks Community Church Preschool has enrolment vacancies available for 3-5 year old children. The Preschool operates from 8.30am – 3.30pm and caters for up to 24 children daily. Fees are \$41.50 per day. For enquiries please contact the Preschool on 9630 4283.

North Rocks Uniting Church Preschool is proud to have recently received an assessment rating of Exceeding the National Quality Standards. We provide high quality care for your preschool aged child in a warm and friendly environment.

The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register



The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register is hosted by the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children and is supported by Vision Australia and Guide Dogs. It is the first national register of children in Australia with vision impairment. The Register has been collecting data since 2009, and this data is providing important information about the types of eye disease and vision disorders children have and the support they need. The data is also used by service providers and researchers. Data is stored securely and no child can be identified in any way when the data is released.



vifamilynetwork.org.au

Families are invited to register their child (aged 0-18 years) if they have vision impairment in both eyes which has been diagnosed by an eye specialist or ophthalmologist. Registration can be completed by contacting Register staff on (02) 9872 0303, or by visiting the VI Family Network website at: www.vifamilynetwork.org.au. The website also provides information on eyes and vision; family support; education and related issues; braille and low vision aids; technology supporting vision impairment; newsletters from Australian low vision agencies and support groups, useful websites; and news and events that might interest families across Australia.

Sue Silveira Research Fellow, Renwick Centre, Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children

sue.silveira@ridbc.org.au

(02) 9872 0248

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

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.

NORTH ROCKS SOCCER CLUB is looking for a couple more girls to fill positions in its under 12 girls team. Games are played Sunday mornings. Come and Join the fun. Contact Jane Willis Urgently on 0424 578 240 or www.nrsfc.com.au

SENSES SPECTACULAR! Join young members of the Fizzics Discovery Science Club and our friends from Fizzics Education offer an afternoon of fun and educational hands-on science experiments! The Powerhouse Discovery Centre 172 Showground Rd Castle Hill NSW 2154 **Wednesday 9th April** 4-6pm Free admission. For more information hppt://castlehill.powerhousemuseum.com/visit-us/getting-here/.

STREET WISE SEMINAR Wednesday **16th April 2014** 6pm Rebellion Room, Castle Grand Community Centre. Cost \$12 per group of upto 4. RSVP: www.streetwise2014.eventbrite.com.au. Julieanna Bridges, Surviving Driving explains What is the issue with young drivers? NSW Police look at local black spots and local pubs. Claudia and Robert McEwan, family of One Punch victim Michael McEwan speak - How it changed their lives and the WAKE UP Foundation.

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED If you have been separated or divorced and would benefit from regular shared discussion evenings with others who are in a similar situation to you, come along to STEPPING BEYOND on the **last Tuesday of each month** at CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, at 7.30pm! You are very likely to be supported and helped through the sharing of experiences on matters such as *"How well are you stepping beyond? What do you want to step beyond? What are you currently stepping beyond? What is stopping you from stepping beyond? What have you learned as you keep stepping beyond?"* Venue: CCSS centre 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205

Winston Hills Hawks Rugby League Come play Rugby League on Sundays within the Catholic Convents Competition. Come play in a safe, fun and friendly club. Our home ground is John Curtin Reserve where we train. Come be a Hawk where you can make new friends And exercise within our school community. Contact Donna Wakefield for details 0412 544 552.

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY SCHOOL OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS, UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY. SCHOOL HOLIDAY KIDS PROGRAMS

KIDS FUN DAYS

Wednesday 16 April (10 am – 12 noon) - Rockets Make and launch your own paper rockets and watch water rockets being launched

Wednesday 23 April (10 am – 12 noon) – Star Stuff A short multimedia presentation followed by hands-on science activities

KIDS ASTRONOMY NIGHTS

Saturday 19 April (7pm – 9 pm) – Mars Rovers Come along and find out, why we are sending rovers to Mars

Saturday 26 April (7pm – 9pm) – The Lives of Stars Where do stars come from and where do they go?

In addition to the multimedia presentation all programs will include a 3D astronomy movie and either safe viewing of the sun (day program) or viewing of the night sky through the University's telescopes. Our programs 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, What's On

Enquiries: Phone (02)4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au

PARRAMATTA LIBRARY LITERACY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS On the 14 & 15 April Parramatta Library will be conducting Literacy workshops for parents on how to help their child/children to succeed at school. These workshop will be presented by Olivia Holland, Literacy expert & Educator from the Australia Literacy Academy. These workshops are Free BUT bookings are essential. For further information contact the library 9806 5159 or

http://www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/play/whats_on/events_calendar/events_store/library_programs/literacy_seminars_for_parents_help_your_child_succeed_at_school_at_parramatta_library Parramatta City Library, Civic Place Parramatta.

Bereavement Support Program – Session 3 CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry is holding its third fortnightly Bereavement Support Group Session on Tuesday 01st April, for those whose spouse or long term partner has died. The topic for this Session is *“Dealing with Intense Emotions”*. Venue: 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, from 10.00am – 12.00pm. This is an opportunity to gain some information about various aspects of the grieving process and to support each other during this most difficult and painful time. You are still able to attend this session if you haven't attended previous sessions. Details and Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205

BUBBLEDOME SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PROGRAM Various programs suiting different age levels. Information pamphlet available from the school office.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS GYMNASTICS CLINICS SYDNEY ACADEMY OF GYMNASTICS. SEVEN HILLS / WINSTON HILLS For school aged boys and girls. Safe & structured environment, qualified coaches, Olympic standard equipment. Information from the office.