

Christ the King, North Rocks

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Term 4, Week 10

11th December, 2014

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WEEK 10

Thur 11th

YEAR 6 Graduation Ceremony & Supper 7-9pm

Fri 12th

- * 7.45 Band
- * Lunch Orders
- Year 6 MOTIV8 Day
- Ice blocks after lunch \$1-00—
 Kindy helpers please

Sat 13th

Year 6 Graduation Dinner

WEEK 11

Mon 15th

- * ALL STUDENTS IN FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM
- * LAST DAY FOR Lunch Orders
- * Changeover / Meet the Teacher day
- Jelly & Ice Cream day \$2-00. Helpers from all grades needed.

Tue 16th

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

PARRAMATTA POOL

Uniform Shop

8.30-11.00am

1.30-3.30pm

Wed 17th

* ALL STUDENTS IN FULL SCHOOL

END OF YEAR MASS 9AM followed by Year 6 Farewell & Family Picnic

* LAST DAY OF TERM

Thur 18th

* STAFF DEVELOPMENT / PUPIL FREE DAY

Fri 19th

* STAFF DEVELOPMENT / PUPIL FREE DAY

Dear Parents

Year 6 Graduation Mass

TONIGHT, Thursday 11th December at 7:00pm

Year 6 students are to wear their <u>full summer uniform</u> and are asked to arrive no later than 6.45pm. Parents, friends and Students are asked to go directly to the Church where seating has been arranged.

Graduation Supper helpers

Thank you to the Year 5 parents who have already offered to assist at the Year 6 Graduation Supper.

For any parents assisting at the Supper please arrive at 7.00pm. For any further enquiries please contact Kylie Wahbe by SMS on 0410 211 161.

I wish to take the opportunity to thank the teachers for their dedication and commitment to Catholic Education over the past year. Together the teachers facilitate learning so that the children work towards reaching academic and human excellence in a faith filled community. Their generosity in terms of time, themselves and sharing of skills is often outside the normal hours of the day, but it is in their giving so much that they receive.

Our sincere thanks to our clerical ladies and support teachers. Their smiles greet so many and their support for the children, parents and staff is uncompromising. To Trevor, our grounds and maintenance man, thank you for keeping our school looking good and functioning as a learning environment.

We welcome back Mrs Diane Gallagher from her leave.

We have been blessed to have Father McGinnity guiding our parish community in their spiritual journey and relationship with Christ. We thank him for his leadership, love and care.

To you our parents, the primary educators of your children, I give thanks for your support and partnership in providing so much for the children. No matter your contribution over the year, big or small, it has been appreciated and all the children have benefited.

To the P&F Leadership Team led by Mrs. Connie Este which includes all the Heads of committees and their volunteers within our school community, we are truly grateful. You have led by example and lived out our school theme 'Victory through Faith'.

We wish all those venturing on from CTK the best that life has to offer and welcome new families to our community for next year.

Have great week,

Annelise Stockey, Principal

SPORT NEWS

2015 SWIMMING CARNIVAL The Annual CTK Swimming Carnival for the 2015 year will be held at Parramatta Pool, O'Connell Street Parramatta NEXT Tuesday, 16th December, 2014 (Week 11) starting at 9:30am until approximately 2.00pm.

All grades will be attending the Swimming Carnival this year as it is a normal school day and a compulsory school activity.

Please note: all students participating in 100m Freestyle need to be at school by 7:45am for an 8.00am departure to the swimming pool.

Samantha Werner Sport Coordinator

2014 TEACHERS

| Kindergarten | Miss Monica Vella Miss Laura Bonaccorso | Mrs Jessica Dunbar |
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| Year 1 | Mr Patrick Cairns | Miss Rebecca Keen |
| Year 2 | Miss Amanda Cassar Mrs Bev Hermens (T1-T3) | Mrs. Marie Manion Mrs Joelynne Roberts (T4) |
| Year 3 | Mrs. Kaylene Searson | Miss Samantha Werner |
| Year 4 | Mrs Irene Flunt | Miss Venice Boules |
| | Mrs Melissa Szoloch | |
| Year 5 | Mrs Bernadette Walsh Miss Sarah Brady | Mr Anthony Matthews |
| Year 6 | Miss Helen Nafranowicz | Mr. Patrick Vidot |

TERM DATES FOR 2015

Term 1 Tuesday, 27th January (Staff)

Wednesday, 28th January (Yr 1-6 students)

Wednesday 28th, Thursday 29th Friday, 30th January

Kindergarten assessments will be undertaken at this time.

Monday, 2nd February (Kindergarten)

LAST DAY OF TERM 1: Thursday, 2nd April

Good Friday, 3rd April }
Easter Sunday, 5th April } Public Holidays
Easter Monday, 6th April }

Term 2 Monday, 20th April to Friday, 26th June

Term 3 Monday, 13th July to Friday, 18th September

Term 4 Tuesday, 6th October to Friday, 18th December

OFFICE TRANSACTIONS

Please note that the office <u>WILL NOT</u> be able to accept any <u>CASH</u> transactions after 3:30pm next TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER.

BPay, Eftpos and Credit facilities will still be available for Uniform Shop purchases, Sport fees and any outstanding school fee payments up until 3:00pm on Wednesday, 17th December.

Happy Birthday in the holidays to

December

11thNatalie Zakhour Ella Maroun 16th 17th Eric Dwyer 19th Jadyn Vaz Matthew Loulach 20thAdam Foley 21stTahlia Moses Matthew Zeater 24thAngelina Abdallah 26thLachlan Rec 28thAlana Saad 29thChristopher Elliott 30thLuca Gonzalez 31stIsabella Yacoub Gianni Sacca

Happy New Year and Happy Birthday to:

January 2015

2ndMichael Blazevic 3rdDaniel Lee 4th Anthony Loulach 6thTadhg Murphy 9thEthan So Jared So Finn Thomas 10th Katva Elchaar Ashton Bergan 11th Bronwyn Kitson 12thMatthew Kaddis 14th Julius BouAbdallah Sarah El-Sabbagh 15thSamuel White Adrian Beaini 16th Aidan Mulder Brinleigh Grosvenor 17th Alexander Richards 20thLucas Sassen Emily Horne Noa Papadimitriou 21stAvden Gebran 22ndJack Gleeson 23rdPatrick Kaddis

Welcome back and Happy Birthday to:

Lucinda Price

27th Charlotte Baxter Isabella Le 28th Olivia Saliba 29th Elias Saad

25th

END OF YEAR MASS WEDNESDAY, 17th December

ALL STUDENTS IN FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM

We will celebrate Mass to say thank-you for a year full of Faith, Fun and Learning on WEDNESDAY, 17th December at 9:00am. At the conclusion of Mass the Student Leadership Team for 2015 will be announced. This will then be followed by our Annual Awards Ceremony. There are four special awards for each class that are selected by the class teacher.

'Catholic Living' Award - to recognize the child who the teacher believes continually demonstrates and lives out our catholic values.

'Academic' Award - to recognize the child who the teacher believes has on average achieved exceptional results across the area of Numeracy.

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'Consistent Effort' Award - to recognize the child who the teacher believes consistently tried his/her best all year.

Each year we also present a number of other community based awards focusing on citizenship e.g. Lions Club Award—3 award recipients (one from each stage) and Rotary Club Award & Hills Shire Council School Citizen Award from Yr 6 who have always demonstrated great citizenship by being helpful, kind and of service to others. The selection process for these awards involves teachers nominating students they feel best suit the criteria and then voting on these children.

The morning will be followed by a community picnic on the oval.

PLEASE NOTE: the children will not be allowed to leave before 1.00pm.

PICNIC DAY—LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Wednesday, 17th December

PLEASE NOTE: the children will not be allowed to leave before 1.00pm.

Parents are welcome to join the children for a picnic lunch together on the oval following the End of Year Mass, Annual Awards Ceremony and School farewell to the Year 6 students.

B.Y.O picnic blanket, food etc. and come and spend some time playing with your child at school.

The children will return to their classrooms at 1pm where they can then be signed out by their parent. All dismissals / sign-outs from school, will be via the classroom and their class teachers after 1pm. SIGNING OUT ON THIS DAY WILL NOT BE VIA THE OFFICE.

Please note: Children will not be signed out to another family without <u>written permission</u> from their parent.

END OF YEAR PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS

As shown on our Term 4 School Calendar, there will be two Staff Development Days on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th December 2014. These professional learning days will focus on 2015 School goals.

This means that school will finish for all children on Wednesday, 17th December.

UNIFORM SHOP 2014

TUESDAY, 16th December FINAL DAY FOR 2014

8.30AM-10.30AM

1.30PM-3.30PM

UNIFORM SHOP 2015

TUESDAY 27th January 2015

Staff begin

WEDNESDAY 28th January 2015 Yrs 1-6 begin

8.30AM-10.30AM

8.30AM-10.30AM

END OF YEAR NEWS AND REPORT FROM THE P & F

The P&F and its sub committee's have had a wonderful and successful year this year holding many social functions including the Easter Hat Parade, Mother's Day Luncheon, Father's Day Breakfast and Colour by Numbers Disco. We especially thank Shalu Cerrone, Belinda Abdallah, Tanya Wehbe and Julie Hekeik for co-ordinating these events and all their volunteers.

We have had many wonderful fundraising functions including Looming for Lent, Ice Block Days, Walkathon, Sausage Sizzles, Mother's and Father's Day Stall and, together with our Parish a wonderful fun-filled and extremely successful Spring Fair. A special thank you goes out to all the volunteer parents who help at these events for all their hard work and effort. A special mention to our amazing Spring Fair Committee, Rita Milic, Marianne Dwyer and Kylie Wahbe who were the key players in organising this monster event for our students, our Parish and the greater CTK community. Without all the Co-ordinators and all the parent volunteers these events would not have been possible.

To that end, I would like to announce that we have raised in total this year of just over \$65,000. The Spring Fair made a very handsome \$50,000 profit and the P&F were also able to hand over a further \$15,000 to our School made up from our school fundraising events. A mammoth amount.

A special thank you goes out to our Principal, Assistant Principal, our Office and Administration ladies, our "Maintenance Man", Mr Tomei and the CTK teachers. Without your help behind the scenes and support throughout the year, we wouldn't have been able to put on the events, raise this kind of money and do it so smoothly.

I would like to also thank the P&F Vice President, Alison Baxter and the P&F Secretary, Alison Murphy, our Treasurer who as a new Kindergarten mum just 'hit the ground running", Catherine Louise, along with our PRC, Jeff Saul and Alyce Bertolissio for their help and support throughout the year.

A couple of reminders before I sign off for 2014:-

<u>Ice Block Friday</u> Our LAST ICEBLOCK day will be THIS Friday 12th with <u>Kindergarten</u> running the sales for this week. Could we please have 8 parent helpers from **Kindergarten from 1.25pm sharp** for approximately 30 minutes to meet in the hall kitchen this Friday. Ice Blocks are \$1 each. Please inform the office if you do NOT wish your child to purchase an ice block or please <u>ensure that your child has their money on the day to avoid any tears</u>.

<u>Ice Cream and Jelly Day</u> This will be held **NEXT Monday 15th** at lunchtime. Jelly cups with a scoop of ice cream will be \$2. Students can also enjoy either a Frosty Fruit iceblock or a vanilla Choc Wedge for \$2 if they wish instead of the jelly option. Again, please inform the office if you do NOT wish your child to purchase anything or please ensure that your child has their money on Monday to avoid any tears.

Calling for volunteer parents to help on <u>Monday in the Hall from 12.45</u> for the very last time. Please text me on 0400 308 570 if you can help set up and hand out treats next Monday.

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It has been a very rewarding and fun-filled year for me as the P&F President. The best thing by far is the expressions of excitement and joy on the children's faces during the events and also the students that approach me to thank me for doing something or tell me every week how much they love their ice-blocks. We all like to be appreciated as mothers, parents and volunteers and this keeps us going.

Enough said..... I wish you all a wonderful happy, healthy, safe and blessed festive season and look forward to an amazing 2015 ahead.

My heartfelt thanks and warmest regards

Connie Este, P&F President

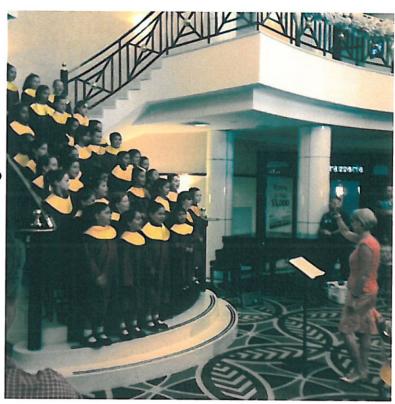
LIBRARY NEWS

HAVE YOU CHECKED AT HOME? A reminder that all Reading books are to be returned to school this week. Please check all cupboards, drawers and under the bed for any hidden school readers. This will enable the Library to account for all the unreturned Class reading books.

Congratulations

Well done to our Choir of Angels that performed so beautifully last Thursday at The Epping Club. They sounded fantastic and certainly helped spread the Christmas Spirit to the many present.

Many thanks to Mrs. Collignon for her expertise in leading the children. Our appreciation also to the many parents who kindly transported the children to and from the venue.



Performance Band Day Trip — Friday November 28



Congratulations to our Performance Band students who went 'on tour' visiting two other primary schools and a shopping centre to showcase their talents. It was a massive day, leaving school at 7:30am for All Hallow's Primary, Five Dock where they joined with senior students from their host school to perform a 45 minute instrument demonstration concert.

Next stop was Bethany Primary in Glenmore Park and another combined performance with senior students from the host school. This time performing to a much larger crowd (in air conditioning too!!)

The band finished the day with another 45 minute set of entertainment outside K-Mart in Westfield, North Rocks.

A big thank you to Mr Walton, Mr Lavis and Mr Curran from TSA who travelled with the band on the day and to the parents, students and staff who supported this wonderful learning opportunity. Congratulations to our Performance Band on a wonderful day showcasing their talents and representing their school.

PARISH NEWS

Parish Mass times

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday Masses 8.00am, 10.00am and 6.00pm

Weekday Masses

Mondayno massesTuesday7.30pmWednesday9.00amThursday9.00amFriday9.15amSaturday9.00am

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

Holy Week Masses and Reconciliation

| Christmas Reconciliation | Christmas Masses |
|--|--|
| Saturday 20 Dec 10.30—11.00 am 4.30—5.30 pm | Christmas Vigil Wednesday 24th December: Family/Children Mass 6.00pm Youth Mass 9.00pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity Thursday 25th December: |

CHRIST THE KING CARE GROUP

Thinking of getting involved in a Parish Ministry? Then perhaps the Care Group is for you.

The Care Group provides practical assistance when required such as illness, bereavement or even in the happy event of a new addition to the family. Usually this is in the form of a home cooked meal. Confidentiality is assured at all times. It is not a commitment that takes up a lot of your time.

Perhaps you know someone we could help, or perhaps you have been considering helping in a practical way and would like to know more about the Care Group. If so please contact:

Maureen Alexander - 9683 1752

Marianne Dwyer - School Co-ordinator (H) 9873 1336 (Mobile. 0418641412)

Parish office - 9871 8710

Maureen Alexander, Care Group Co-ordinator



SCHOOL NOTICE—GLEE CLUB

Glee Club will no longer be available through the School in 2015. An alternative music program will be offered through Cool Kids.





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Request Form

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| Child's Name: | | School: | |
|---------------|---------|----------------|--|
| Class: | Mobile: | Parent Signed: | |

CTK COMMUNITY NEWS

<u>LEARNING CHINESE</u> Yes, You Can!! Mandarin classes from K-10 Cantonese classes from K-10 Mandarin Certificate Courses for teens. Early Bird: A \$10 discount for 2015 enrolments before 1/12/2014. Enquiry at www.ammchineseschool.org Principal: Kitty Fong 0405 311 771 Information pamphlet available from the office.

The St John of God Institute of Counselling, established in 1969, offers a course designed to develop skills in personal growth, communication, parenting and general counselling principles. Participants can learn new skills in dealing with daily personal challenges and the issues that arise within families, the school environment and in the workplace. It is conducted on Tuesday evenings within the school term between 7.30pm – 9.45pm at Holy Cross College, Victoria Road, Ryde commencing on Tuesday 3 February 2015. The cost for the course is \$450.00 for the year with an early bird offer of \$400.00 if paid in full by the end of February 2015. For enquires please contact: Michael Hill - 9869 3774 or 0410 774 432; Carol Harding - 9639 0096 or 0408 705 848; Jannelle Carlile - 0431 598 004; or Email: counselling1969@gmail.com

KIDS CRAFT CLUB

All Welcome Parents Too!!! Children aged 5-12 years are welcome to come to a 3 Day January Holiday Craft Club.

Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th, and Thursday 8th January. Location Don Moore Community Centre (upstairs room behind the Hall) Cnr North Rocks

Road & Farnell Ave North Rocks. Supervised by members of the Church 7 Children for Christ. Cost: \$5 per child per day (\$12 for the 3 days)

Enquiries: Ring Julie Jordan 9651 1916 Information pamphlets available at the School office.

BUBBLE DOME Summer holidays Dec 2014 / Jan 2015 Minecraft Tekkit, Science & Technology, Fizzbox Fun & Education, Amazing Apps, Girlcraft—Minecraft, Architecture, Design & Model Making, Minecraft Movies, Learning to Code, App Development, Minecraft Inventions & Challenges. Book online at www.bubbledome.com Phone: 1800 115562 Office Hours 7.00am-3.30pm

<u>UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY</u> Astronomy Night 2014 December Saturday 20 : 8pm - 10 pm. Cost: \$15 adult, \$10 child/concession and \$40 family.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY KIDS PROGRAMS 2015 School Holiday Hands-on Science Program: ROCKET WORKSHOP—Thursday 22nd January, 10 am - 12 noon. Lots of fun for kids of all ages. Make and launch your own paper rocket and watch water rockets being launched. The program will also include a short presentation, a 3D astronomy movie and SAFE and detailed viewing of the sun through our telescopes (weather permitting). Special cost \$15 per person

School Holiday Family Astronomy Night: COSMIC COLLISIONS Saturday 24th January, 8 pm — 10 pm In space there is usually enough room for everyone to move around but every so often a collision occurs from space rocks hitting to giant galaxies crashing into one another. Cost: \$18 adult, \$12 child/concession and \$50 family.

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.

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





Rotary Club of Glenhaven - Carols By Candlelight

Chromos

At Glenhaven Oval Glenhaven Road, Glenhaven Sunday December 14 - 5pm to 9pm

Featuring carnival rides; local bands & singing/dance groups plus FIREWORKS FINALE

Please support our major sponsors -Castle Hill Camera House and Glehaven Rotary



In 2014, the event will donate a share of all profits to the Glenhaven Rural Fire Brigade and the Hills SES

FREE Grasshopper Soccer Session

Sunday 1st February 2015 @ 10:30-11:30am @ West Pennant Hills P/Sch, Church St WPH & our *Come & Try Sessions anytime at Epping Nth P/S; WPH P/S or Thornleigh P/S

Bookings Essential: Please call Jules # 0434-330886

*Come & Try Sessions for New Members Only!! Flyers available from Christ The King office from 10/12/14

<u>Tennis Coaching and Holiday Programs 2015</u> 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 2015.

Holiday Tennis Program - January 19th-21st. 9.30am to 12pm or 9.30 to 2.30pm. Monday to Wednesday Cost \$80. Enrolments and enquiries to Scott Gregson Tennis Advantage on 0414554612 (North Rocks Royal Institute Courts)

FREE Karate Trial Days

3-6:30pm, Tues 16th, Wed 17th & Thur 18th December 2014
(NEW College @ Nexus Building, B1/4 Columbia Court (Cnr Norwest Blvd), Baulkham Hills)

Free Karate Suit when you sign up during our Trial Period

Please call Nidan Bill # 0434-330886 | Flyers available from Office from 10/12



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