



Christ the King, North Rocks

Term 1, Week 4

19th February, 2015

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2015

WEEK 4

Thurs 19th Feb

*** GRADE INFORMATION NIGHT**

6pm Kinder, Yrs 3, 5, 6

7pm Yrs 1, 2, 4

Fri 20th Feb

*** Sport Program—Sport uniform for all**

*** Band 7.45am** (returning students)

*** Group band lessons** begin during the day

*** Lunch orders**

*** Ice blocks after lunch \$1—Yr 1 helpers**

WEEK 5

Mon 23rd Feb

*** Lunch orders**

*** Hills Zone Swimming Carnival**

*** Cool Kids Music Club 3pm—4.30pm**

Tue 24th Feb

*** Sushi orders due today** (for tomorrow)

*** Uniform Shop open 8.30am — 11.00am**
1.30pm—3.30pm

*** PE—Yr 6, 5/11, Kindergarten**

*** P & F MEETING 7.30PM in the Library**

Wed 25th Feb

*** Choir 8am Yrs 2-6**

*** Sushi lunch day**

*** PE—4/9, 2/5, Yr 1, 3/7**

*** Chess 3.00pm—4.00pm**

Thurs 26th Feb

*** PE—3/8, 4/10, 2/6, 5/12**

*** Dance Club 3.15—4.15pm**

Fri 27th Feb

*** Sport Program—Sport uniform for all**

*** Band 7.45am** (returning students)

*** Group band lessons** begin during the day

*** Lunch orders**

*** Ice blocks after lunch \$1—Yr 2 helpers**

Dear Parents,

Grade Evenings TONIGHT

Parents are urged to attend to meet their child's new teacher for 2015, have the opportunity to discuss various programs and be informed of the unique aspects of your child's particular grade and stage of development and learning. We hope you are able to join us with some meetings beginning at 6.00pm and others at 7.00pm as appropriate for your child.

Thursday 19th Feb

6.00pm Kindergarten, Yrs 3, 5, 6

7.00pm Years 1, 2, 4

Class Parent Representatives

At the grade information evening tonight, teachers will be asking for volunteers to take on the role of "Class Parent Representative". This voluntary role attracts no accolades or favors, but truly assists the class/grade community and the teacher. Aspects of the role together with the adjoining class include:

- ⇒ *Welcoming new families with a card.*
- ⇒ *Liaising with the class teacher to assist with volunteers etc. if needed.*
- ⇒ *Co-ordinating a team of parents from the grade to serve on their grades cake day.*
- ⇒ *Perhaps organizing a cuppa outside the church after their grade mass.*
- ⇒ *Celebrating with a card, baby arrivals etc.*

The role can certainly be shared and we welcome your participation. *Please note: for ease of communication, a maximum 2-3 parents per grade to fulfil this role.*

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## P&F Meeting

Our first P&F Meeting is scheduled for **NEXT TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY AT 7.30PM** in the School Library. We look forward to seeing a big turn out where we will do a wrap up of last year and share with you some thoughts on this years possible activities and fundraising. We hope you can join us.

*Have a great week,  
Annelise Stockey, Principal*

## **SCHOOL PHOTOS : MONDAY 2nd March (Week 6)**

***Please take the time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelope and remember these helpful points:***

- Family photo sessions (siblings only at school) begin at 8am in the Hall for those families available.
- EVERY CHILD MUST HAVE THEIR OWN ENVELOPE ON PHOTO DAY even if they are not ordering a photo package.
- **DON'T** seal envelopes inside each other for more than one child. You can pay for all children in one envelope (please indicate this on the envelopes) however each child must have their own envelope on photo day.
- **CORRECT PAYMENT ONLY—NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN** Cash, cheques and money orders only on the day. *Please note: the school office does not hold cash and therefore will not be able to supply any change.*
- Credit card payments can be made online (please follow instructions on envelope) or by calling MSP Office staff prior to photo day. **Your child will still need to take their envelope with them on the day.**
- Parents are asked to ensure that children wear their full school summer uniform i.e. no jewellery, maroon hair ribbons, neat hair, no nail polish, no make-up, practise smiling.
- **School Photo envelopes will be sent home next Wednesday AND ARE ONLY TO BE RETURNED ON PHOTO DAY.**
- **Family Photo envelopes** (siblings only at school) will be available from next Wednesday from the office and only upon request.
- *For the convenience of families we are having early morning family photo sessions between 8am-8.45am in the Hall. Family photos will continue during the recess and lunch periods. We ask that you let your children know if they are having a family photo to avoid confusion on the day.*
- Please ensure your child has their OWN photo envelope with full correct payment (and Family Photo envelope if applicable) **ON THE DAY.**

***Happy Birthday this week to :***



February

|      |                     |
|------|---------------------|
| 20th | Sophie Dench        |
|      | Max Trestain        |
|      | Liam Abdallah       |
| 21st | Max Murray          |
| 22nd | Lillian Price       |
| 23rd | Liam Bissett        |
| 24th | Laura Saab          |
| 25th | Antonia Yammouni    |
| 27th | Roddick Jang        |
| 28th | Annalise Richardson |

### **Coming home soon**

- School Photo envelopes
- Premier's Reading Challenge information
- Responsible User Policy for Learning Technology

### **MARK IN YOUR DIARY**

- \* **School Photo Day**  
Monday 2nd March
- \* **Catholic Schools Week**  
Week 7: 8th-14th March
- \* **Yr 6 Canberra**  
Mon 23-Wed 25 March



The School Office is open  
from 8.30am—3.30pm.



## **STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM 2015**

**Student Representative Council**  
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Marcus Georges  
Lucinda Price

**Environment Team**  
**Environment Team**

Angelique Elchaar  
Michael Blazevic

**Library Team**  
**Library Team**

Austin Roia  
Angelo Roppolo

**Social Justice Team**  
**Social Justice Team**

Samuel White  
Alex Nielsen

**Positive Behaviours Team**  
**Positive Behaviours Team**

Alexander Bozanic  
Jenna Gillespie

**Liturgy Team**  
**Liturgy Team**

Sarah Loulach  
Ewan Murphy

### **Colour Houses**

|               | <b>Yr 6</b>                 | <b>Yr 5</b>        |
|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>RED</b>    | Mark-Anthony Merhi          | John-Carlo Beaini  |
| <b>GREEN</b>  | Luke Milic                  | Mark Wahbe         |
| <b>BLUE</b>   | Georgia Hekeik              | Daniel Bertolissio |
| <b>YELLOW</b> | James Wahbe, Anthony Younis | Skye Grosvenor     |

### **Student Representative Council**

|                     |                    |                  |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <b>Year 6</b>       | Marcus Georges     | Lucinda Price    |
| <b>Year 5</b>       | Blake West         | Juliette Hughes  |
| <b>Year 4</b>       | Makayla Mathie     | Luca Sacca       |
| <b>Year 3</b>       | Noa Papadimitriou  | George Fitsakis  |
| <b>Year 2</b>       | Jordan Wehbe       | Emma Maroun      |
| <b>Year 1</b>       | Anthony Moutzouris | Eden Hosking     |
| <b>Kindergarten</b> | Kaia Thomas        | Zachary Tadrosse |

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## **CELEBRATING GIFTS & TALENTS**

**Congratulations to** Thomas Samany who competed in the Central Coast Weetbix Challenge last Sunday.

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## **NEWSLETTER NEWS**

The School newsletter is delivered via email on Thursday afternoons. Please ensure the school has your most current email address.

These newsletters are also available for viewing on the School website.

Visit <http://www.ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au> go to the 'News & Events' tab and then click on Newsletters.

## SUSHI LUNCH TRIAL

Sushi lunch order day will continue next Wednesday 25th February. For catering purposes, orders must be received by 12pm on Tuesday. **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Please ensure your child's order is written on a paper lunch bag with money enclosed. Lunch order bags and plastic bags **MUST NOT BE USED.**

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## LIBRARY NEWS

### Premier's Reading Challenge

This week your children will receive their PRC Personal Reading Logs. Please write in the title, author and PRC ID each time your child reads a book or has a book read to them. The challenge closes mid August.

### Chess News

Once again this year CTK will be entering a team in the Primary Schools Chess Teams Challenge 2015. This competition is run on Friday afternoon after school throughout Term 2 and consists of home and away games, students must be able to play chess to participate in this competition. This competition requires parents to transport the team to the away games and to supervise the home games, (you only need to do this two or three times as a roster is made up). Please note that parents must have completed the protective behaviours form before supervising other children (a link to the form can be found on our web page). More information and a permission note is available from the office, please contact me if you have any questions.

*Mrs Sarah Cook, Teacher / Librarian*

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## PARISH NEWS

### Christ the King Care Group

We are very pleased to welcome Fadia Kaddis as the School Contact for the Care Group. Fadia replaces Marianne Dwyer as Marianne's children are no longer at the school. Marianne has given many years of service to the Care Group and remains on the roster. Our sincere thanks to both Marianne and Fadia.

When you bring home a new baby the last thing you need to do is think about what to prepare for dinner. That's when the Care Group comes in. Please contact either Fadia or myself so that we can bring you home cooked meals for your family. Confidentiality is assured at all times. Also, if illness strikes or you need to care for someone who is sick in the family and we can take the pressure off by helping with meals, please don't hesitate to contact one of us. The Care Group would love to help out.

**Maureen Alexander**

Care Group Co-Ordinator 96831752

**Fadia Kaddis**

School Contact 0412922215

### Parish Mass times

**Saturday Vigil** 6.00pm

**Sunday Masses** 8.00am, 10.00am and 6.00pm

### **Weekday Masses**

|                  |           |                 |        |
|------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | no masses | <b>Tuesday</b>  | 7.30pm |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 9.00am    | <b>Thursday</b> | 9.00am |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 9.15am    | <b>Saturday</b> | 9.00am |

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



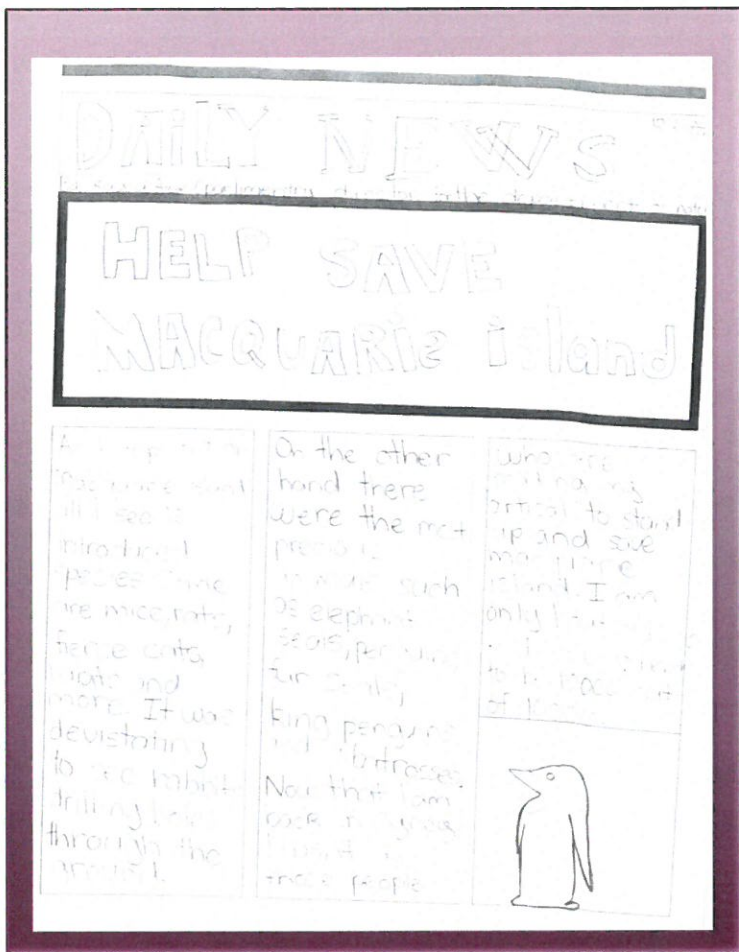


# Persuasion Using Print

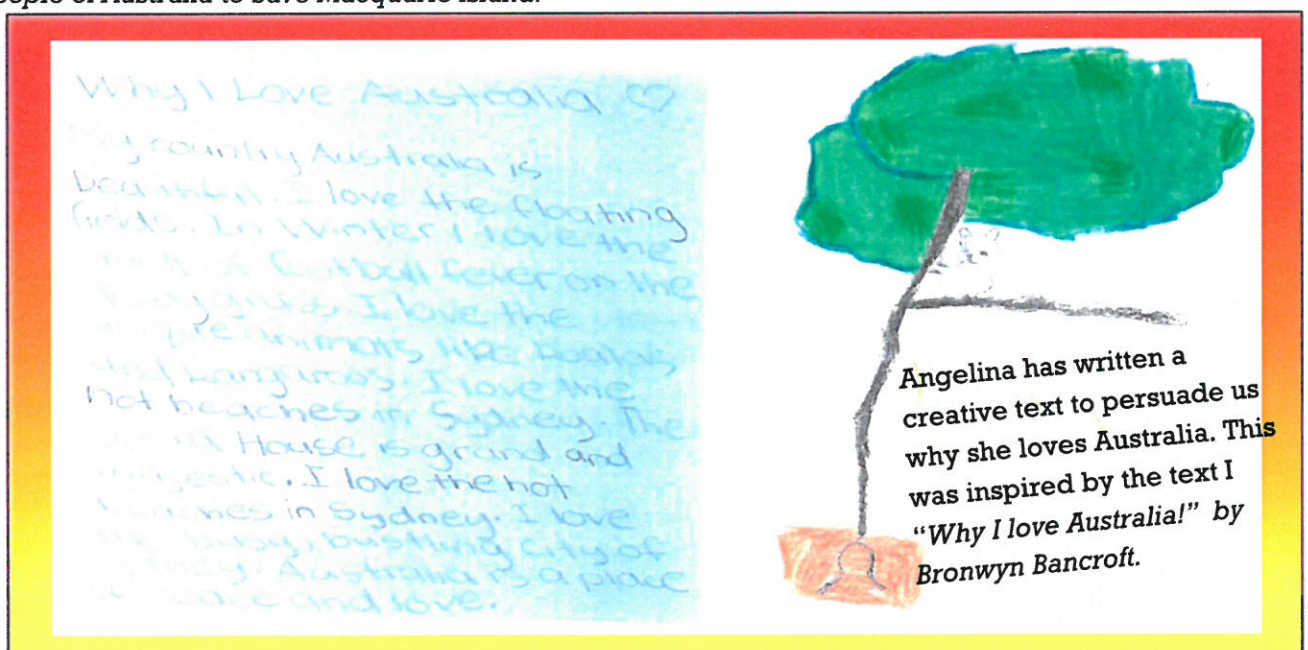
Year 5 have been learning to communicate through various modes to persuade!

The students have been working hard to improve their writing!

They have thought in ways that are imaginative, creative and critical.



Above is a creative and informative text written by Kayla. Kayla has imagined she is a reporter from the past. Her goal was to persuade the people of Australia to Save Macquarie Island.



Angelina has written a creative text to persuade us why she loves Australia. This was inspired by the text I "Why I love Australia!" by Bronwyn Bancroft.



# DEVASTATION ON MACQUARIE ISLAND!



Penguins by Thea

Macquarie Island is a home to many animals and deserves to be saved! Macquarie Island is a home for a lot of nesting birds, seals and penguins. We need to keep Macquarie Island

like it was in 1810 for our future generations. We have to help Macquarie Island, the high rising population of rabbits is eating

the native vegetation and causing land slides. The rabbits were introduced by the sealers along with rats, mice and cats. Since the sealers came the pests have multiplied and that has resulted in the Macquarie Island Parakeet and other bird eggs have been eaten by rats and other rodents! Once feral

Thea has written a newspaper article called "Devastation on Macquarie Island" based on our inquiry unit.

# DEVASTATION ON MACQUARIE ISLAND

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| shot the rabbit population and exploded to a staggering amount. Land slides have occurred more often and has buried a colony of penguins. Macquarie Island must be saved because it is a spectacular breeding ground for penguins, seals and seabirds such as the grey | head albatross and the wandering albatross, if Macquarie Island goes the grey head and the wandering albatross may never be seen on the southern hemisphere. We must take action to protect the lush green hills, crystal blue water and the majestic and wondrous seals, | penguins and seabirds. We have to put a stop to all the pests on Macquarie Island and help it return to its former glory. |
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# The Macquarie Weekly

Help! Help! Macquarie Island needs help!



If you want to see majestic flying, graceful, grizzled penguins, then we must save Macquarie Island from the huge, terrifying populations of rabbits, rats and other animals.

I strongly believe that we must save Macquarie Island from the exploding population of rabbits. The rabbits are grazing on the grass on the hills so that

it rains the water... The hills... are eating the amazing island... must save the rats are eating... which has... are also eating eggs of birds and other animals.

I strongly believe that we must save all of the... are eating the amazing island... must save the rats are eating... which has... are also eating eggs of birds and other animals.

Adam has written a persuasive text in the form of a newspaper article. His article is based on his own research about Macquarie Island and how it can be saved by the people of Australia.

Georgia has written a newspaper article called "Help Save Macquarie Island!!!". This was based on the book "One Small Island" by Alison Lester and Coral Tulloch.

## THE DAILY NEWS

### HELP SAVE MACQUARIE ISLAND!!!

By Lisa with Sam...

As I reported... on the shore... of the... island... watched the... small... through the... noticed the... elephant... morning and... getting at the... under the... Macquarie Island all of these...

THE NEXT DAY...

19th February 2015

This year Christ The King will be registering all of our students for the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). This is a wonderful opportunity for you to encourage your child's reading and for your child to experience a variety of quality literature throughout the year. Students will have a reading log in the back of their homework book or in their diary to keep a personal ongoing record of books read (ID number, title and author). We ask that parents sign each entry once a book is finished, books read in class will be acknowledged by the class teacher. Although the Holy Faith Library has many of the books on the PRC lists, please visit your local libraries for extra books. Following is a summary of the PRC rules; visit the website for more information <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

- The Challenge runs from **2nd March to 21st August 2015**. Ongoing reading is encouraged.
- Students must complete a set amount of reading to meet the Challenge, see table below:

| Challenge | Number of books needed to complete the Challenge | Minimum number of PRC books for your Challenge | Maximum number of personal choice books | PRC booklist selection |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|
| K-2       | 30                                               | 25                                             | 5                                       | K-2, 3-4               |
| 3-4       | 20                                               | 15                                             | 5                                       | 3-4, 5-6               |
| 5-6       | 20                                               | 15                                             | 5                                       | 5-6, 7-9               |

- Independent K-2 readers should attempt the 3-4 Challenge.
- To experience a book your child can listen to the book, participate in a shared reading of the book or read part or all of the book independently.

#### Privacy Information

It is a condition of entry that all students entering and successfully completing the Premier's Reading Challenge will receive an official PRC certificate and their names may appear on the PRC Gold and Platinum Honour Roll. Schools registering students must ensure that a parent/caregiver understands that all students entering the Premier's Reading Challenge will receive a PRC certificate and appear in the PRC Gold and Platinum Honour Roll. The certificate shows the student's name and school. Only the students' name will appear in the Gold and Platinum Honour Roll with no other identifying factors. Participating schools appear as a separate list and homeschools are not listed individually.

**PASSWORDS will be issued at the beginning of Term 3. Until this time please use the Personal Reading Log at the back of your children's homework book or in their diary to record the title, author and PRC ID number of each book read. The PRC ID number can be found either on the title page of the book or from the PRC web site under book list.**

**It is parent's responsibility to ensure that each child's reading log is entered onto the official PRC website by the closing date of 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2015. Please watch for updates in the newsletter.**

- Students, whose online entries are received by the **closing date of 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2015** will have their certificates sent to school in Term 4.
- Students who complete the Challenge for four years receive a gold certificate., for seven year receive a platinum certificate.

Thank you. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Mrs. Sarah Cook (Teacher Librarian)



## NEWS FROM THE P&F

### Ice Block Friday

ICEBLOCK day will be this Friday 20th with some of our Year 6 Leaders running the sales for this week together with the help of some **Year 1 parents**. Could we please have 8 x Year 1 Parent helpers from 1.20pm for 40 minutes to help at the school with ice blocks. If you are able to help, please text Connie on 0400 308 570. Could the helpers meet me in the hall kitchen at 1.20pm on Friday. As it is very difficult to sell to the whole school without the volunteer mother's, if there are no helpers, we will have to cancel the ice blocks for that day.

Ice Blocks are \$1 each. Please inform the office if you do NOT wish your child to purchase an ice block or please ensure that your child has their money on the day to avoid any tears. Starting from this week NO MONEY, NO ICEBLOCK. SORRY

**Advance Notice.** Year 2 parents will be running Ice Block Friday the following week, 27th February.

### Lunch Bags

Please note there are NO INSULATED Bags left until Winter. I only have lunch wallets available. Please forward correct money to the Office. Forms are available through the Office or you can contact me directly.

### P&F Meeting

Our first P&F Meeting is scheduled for **TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY AT 7.30PM** in the School Library. We look forward to seeing a big turn out where we will do a wrap up of last year and share with you some thoughts on this years possible activities and fundraising.

### Cadbury Fundraiser

Please see form that went out earlier in the week. Families are NOT obliged to take a box at all. It is only if you wish to and request so. This year there will be 2 different kinds of boxes.

**Variety Box** (consisting of 50 units of 30grm bars of Boost, Crunchie, Toblerone, Cherry Ripe and Time Out

**Sweet Treat Box** (consisting of 30 units of 50grm bars of Dairy Milk, Caramello, and Marvellous Creations

The Variety Box sells at \$1 per bar and therefore sell price is \$50 for the box.

The Sweet Treats box sells at \$2 per bar and therefore sell price is \$60 for the box.

If you wish to have a box sent home, please fill in the slip below and return with your child to Mrs Grosvenor via the School Office. No further boxes will be delivered until all monies have been received for previous purchases.

School Disco

Thank you to Belinda Abdallah and Shalu Cerrone who will be organising the School Disco this year. More information will come next term but mark Friday 19th June in your diary for "Disco Night".

Warm Regards, Connie Este - P&F President

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### CADBURY CHOCOLATES

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name & Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

I would like 1 x VARIETY BOX OR SWEET TREATS BOX (PLEASE CROSS OUT ONE)

## UNIFORM SHOP 2015

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.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kidsguardian.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.



# **CTK COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Parramatta Library is hosting a TEA & TRIVIA afternoon.** Bring your family and friends for a Reading Inspired Trivia and indulgent HIGH Tea this **Sunday 22nd Feb @ 2pm at Parramatta Library**. A great way to spend an afternoon with your family! Great prizes to be won! Cost : \$3.00. Bookings online [www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/library](http://www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/library)

**PENRITH OBSERVATORY—FAMILY ASTRONOMY NIGHTS** **February 28th 8PM-10PM** These night will include a multimedia presentation with question time, a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and 0.6m telescope and an opportunity to view celestial objects through the university's telescopes. Our programs will run regardless of the weather. **Cost:** \$18 adult, \$12 child/concession and \$50 family **Bookings are essential:** Book and pay online: [www.uws.edu.au/observatory](http://www.uws.edu.au/observatory), What's On **Contact:** Tel: (02)4736 0135 **Email:** [penrithobservatory@uws.edu.au](mailto:penrithobservatory@uws.edu.au)

**OLMC Parramatta Open Day** Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to its 2015 Open Day on Sunday, **March 1 from 10am to 2.00pm**. Principal's Welcome at 10am and 12pm. Discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for life. To reserve your place or obtain further information visit [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) or phone 9683 3300.

**ST PATRICK'S MARIST COLLEGE DUNDAS OPEN DAY** St Patrick's Marist College Dundas invites you to its 2015 Open Day on **Monday 2nd March from 4pm—6pm**. All Welcome. 151 Kirby Street, Dundas.

**BENEDICTINE MONASTERY ARCADIA—50TH COUNTRY FAIR** **8TH MARCH 2015** **Mass 10am Fair begins 10.30am** 121 Arcadia Road, Arcadia. Plants, sweets, BBQ, Chocolate Wheel, Raffles, Tours of the Monastery and lots more. Info pamphlet available from the Office.

## **Parramatta Child Safe Workshop 19 March 2015**

The Office of the Children's Guardian is running a free workshop to assist participants with implementing best practice principles for Child Safe Organisations in their workplace. **Register Now** The session is being held at the **Parramatta City Library, Civic Place, PARRAMATTA on 19 March at 10am to 4.30pm**. What you will learn: \*Creating a child safe culture \*Codes of conduct \*Situational prevention and effective risk management \* Effective recruitment and selection tips \* Obligations under the Working With Children Check \*Complaints management techniques. Participants will receive a workbook with helpful information and templates. Participants who remain for the entire duration of the workshop will also receive a certificate of attendance. Like to know more? **Register Now** for the information sessions or visit our website <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au> to view other available sessions.

**Tennis Coaching Programs 2015** Various tennis coaching programs [held at North Rocks Royal Institute Courts] 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. Enrolments and enquiries to Scott Gregson Tennis Advantage on 0414 554 612.

**STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED** CCSS Solo Parent Services Monthly Support Group, "Stepping Beyond" will be held again on the last Tuesday of the month for those who are separated or divorced. Venue: CCSS centre 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. Date: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: Eileen or Rita Ph. 99330205 or [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au). See Flyer on Parish Notice Board.

# **CTK COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Get ready to celebrate a classic Mother's Day** The annual Women in Super Mother's Day Classic is Australia's biggest breast cancer research fundraising event. Every Mother's Day for the past 17 years, Australians have walked or run to fund research and honour those who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. At the 2014 Mother's Day Classic more than 135,000 participants in 97 locations around the nation raised \$4.5 million, bringing the overall total raised to \$24.3 million.

To find an event near you and to register yourself or a community or corporate team, please visit [www.mothersdayclassic.com.au](http://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au) This year's event is being held on **Sunday 10 May 2015**, and is open to all ages and fitness levels so there is something for everyone whether you want to participate or simply come along and support. More than a quarter of a million Australians have participated in past Mother's Day Classic events, and you can too by registering at [www.mothersdayclassic.com.au](http://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au).

**WESLEY FAMILY CENTRE, THE HILLS** Unit 437-14 Lexington Drive Bella Vista 8805 7288.

**email: [thehills@wesleymission.org.au](mailto:thehills@wesleymission.org.au)** Many program for children, parents and families which include:

|                                                     |                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Family Support Work for families with children 0-17 | Community Development—Rouse Hill Families Connect |
| Multicultural Women's Support Group                 | Financial Counselling Services                    |
| Children's Expressive Therapies the Hills           | Counselling                                       |
| Positive Parenting Program—Triple P                 | 123 Magic & Emotion Coaching                      |
| Music Playschool                                    | Early Ed                                          |
| Baby Skills Playgroup                               | Big REaD Day Out Event                            |
| Play in The Secret Garden                           | Paint the Hills REaD Swap Box                     |

Information pamphlets for all of these programs available from the school office.

**Parents Again is a social support group for Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and other care givers who provide permanent care to Grandchildren, nieces or nephews.**

Our group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month at Cafés, clubs and Hills Community Aid and is a great way to meet people in similar circumstances who can understand and share your experiences in a friendly, relaxed and non-judgmental environment.

**On the 3 March we will be meeting at Hills Community Aid Rouse Hill, Civic Lane Rouse Hill (next door to Westpac), our guest speaker is Senior Constable Robert Patterson from Castle Hill Police to inform us of internet and social media security for youth.**

If you would like further information or to attend please ring Hills Community Aid Rouse Hill on 96296038 or email [micib@hca.org.au](mailto:micib@hca.org.au) to book a place.

**LEARNING IN THE HILLS** **HILLS COMMUNITY LEISURE LEARNING TERM 1, 2015. Tutored & Social Groups** The Leisure learning program provides a range of tutor-led and social groups and classes for residents in north western and western Sydney. Program runs for eight weeks each term and enables residents to choose from a range of leisure and lifestyle, hobbies, arts and crafts groups and classes at very low cost.

Groups include:

Walking, Tai Chi, Yoga, Dressmaking, Patchwork & Quilting, Soft Furnishing & Upholstery, Painting, Cake Decorating, Arts & Crafts, Social Games, Crystal Jewellery and lots more. Information pamphlet from the school office.