

Christ the King, North Rocks

Term 1, Week 5

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2015

WEEK 5

Fri 27th Feb

- Sport Program—Sport uniform for all
- Band 7.45am (returning students)
- * Diocesan Swimming Carnival Blacktown Pool
- * Group band lessons begin during the day
- Lunch orders
- Ice blocks after lunch \$1—Yr2 Helpers

WEEK 6

Mon 2nd Mar

- * SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
- * Lunch orders
- Cool Kids Music Club 3pm—4.30pm

Tue 3rd Mar

* ABSENTEE PHOTO DAY

- Sushi orders due today (for tomorrow)
- * Uniform Shop open 8.30am 11.00am 1.30pm—3.30pm
- * PE —Yr 6, 5/11, Kindergarten

Wed 4th Mar

- * Choir 8am Yrs 2-6
- * PE ---4/9, 2/5, Yr 1, 3/7
- * Sport assembly 11.15am to distribute 2015 Swimming Carnival Age Champion Medals
- Chess 3.00pm—4.00pm

Thurs 5th Mar

- * PE ---3/8, 4/10, 2/6, 5/12
- Yr5 Reconciliation 10am
- * Dance Club 3.15—4.15pm

Fri 6th Mar

- Sport Program—Sport uniform for all
- Band 7.45am (returning students)
- Yr5 attending Parish Mass
- * Group band lessons begin during the day
- * Lunch orders
- * Ice blocks after lunch \$1— Yr 3 helpers

Dear Parents,

A word of thanks to the many parents who attended our grade evening on Thursday night. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to learn about your child's schooling. My thanks to the teachers for organising these evenings and giving so generously of their time.

We have now completed all the initial observations and assessments throughout the school to support our "Putting Faces on the Data" approach initiated by the CEO Parramatta. During these sessions with your children the teachers develop a deeper understanding of the individual needs of every child in our school. This data is used to inform the teachers when developing the learning experiences for all the children in our school. This information is not used to compare children or schools but rather to know where your child is at in their learning at this time. As a means of getting to know your children in more depth. teachers could make appointments to speak with you. Should you feel that there is a need to speak to teachers about your child's needs please make an appointment to speak with them by contacting the school office or by writing a note to the teacher. I am extremely proud of the dedication and professionalism of the teachers here at CTK. They have spent many hours in developing a deep understanding of the students in their care.

Have a great week,

Annelise Stockey, Principal

SUSHI LUNCH TRIAL

Many thanks to all the families that trialled the Sushi lunches, the response was overwhelming. Our appreciation and thanks to Shalu Cerrone, Aileen Beaini, Rita Koic, Caroline Elchaar and Karen Condon who volunteered their time to assist with the collection, packing and distribution of these lunches.

Our two week trial has now come to an end and the school is in discussion regarding the workability of this lunch order system.

We will update you in the coming weeks with more information regarding Sushi lunches.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: NEXT MONDAY 2nd March

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.
- <u>DON'T</u> 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.
- <u>CORRECT PAYMENT ONLY—NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN</u>
 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 <u>any</u> 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.
- <u>School Photo</u> envelopes have been sent home AND ARE ONLY TO BE RETURNED ON PHOTO DAY.
- <u>Family Photo envelopes</u> (siblings only at school) are now available 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.
- Year 3 will have their individual photos on Monday 2nd March and their Grade photo on Tuesday 3rd March.

Happy Birthday this week to:



February

27th Roddick Jang 28th Annalise Richardson

March

1st Felix Chan

Mark Moussa

2nd Joel Abdallah

3rd Isaac Chedid

Jonathan Wehbe

Jackson Wahbe

4th Olivia Ryan

6th Grace Kane

MARK IN YOUR DIARY

Catholic Schools
 Week

Week 7: 8th-14th March

- * CTK OPEN DAY
 Thur 12th March
 1pm—3pm
- * CTK CROSS COUNTRY
 Monday 16th March
- * Yr 6 Canberra Mon 23-Wed 25 March
- * HOLY WEEK
 30th March—2nd April
- * HOLY WEEK LITURGY
 Tuesday 31st March
- * LAST DAY TERM 1 Thursday 2nd April
- GOOD FRIDAY
 Friday 3rd April
- * DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS Saturday 4th April
- * HAPPY EASTER Sunday 5th April



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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated this year across NSW and the ACT from 8th March to 15 March.

The theme for 2015 is 'Educating for Today and Tomorrow'.

This year, more than 614 Catholic schools will take part in the celebrations, involving about 261,000 students. This is an ideal opportunity to showcase the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day, and to celebrate the many achievements of our students.

We are immensely proud of our Catholic heritage, and are committed to offering children in our schools the opportunity to follow Jesus as members of the Catholic community.

Our school will display during Catholic Schools Week the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place, as well as the many other exciting opportunities that Christ the King provides for its students.

Open Day: Thursday 12th March 1.00—3.00pm

The Community of Christ the King invites parents, friends, neighbours and their families to join us for a liturgy, afternoon tea and a visit to our learning areas.

1.00pm Whole School Liturgy

1.30pm Students return to Classrooms / Parents and visitors

enjoy an afternoon tea on the Basketball court and check

out the CTK Art Gallery

1.45pm Parents and Visitors are welcome to the open classroom

experience. Visitors are invited on a tour of CTK

2.45pm Thank you for joining us.

This is a fantastic opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of our school community. We would also like to celebrate with members of our parish and the wider Catholic community. I encourage you to participate in this spirit of celebration. *Please note: that this will be an opportunity to see learning in action and this time is not to be used as a teacher / parent meeting.*

SPORT NEWS

Christ the King Swimming Carnival Update

Thank you to all students, parents and teaching staff for your cooperation and hard work in enabling last year's Christ the King Swimming Carnival to be a huge success.

Congratulations to the following students who are the 2015 Swimming Age Champions:

12 Year Boys – Nicholas Kelly
12 Year Girls – Alisa Dybal
11 Year Boys – Hunter Hosking
11 Year Girls – Thea Prasetya
Junior Boys – Noah Kite
Junior Girls – Teana Hodgers

Parents of the 2015 Swimming Age Champions are welcome to attend a short assembly after recess on Wednesday 4th March where the students will be receiving their 2015 Swimming Age Champion Medals.

Hills Zone Swimming Carnival Results

On Monday 23rd February, twenty-eight students represented Christ the King at the Hills Zone Swimming Carnival held at Hawkesbury Oasis Pool. All students are to be commended on the way they represented the Christ the King community. They consistently demonstrated our school values throughout the day by their enthusiastic participation and active support of all the team members.

Thank you to our parent helpers who assisted on the day. Your support was invaluable and we really appreciate your generosity in enabling the Hills Zone Swimming Carnival to run successfully and smoothly.

While all students are to be congratulated for demonstrating their best effort, there are two notable achievements:

Noah Kite (Year 4) - Junior Boys Age Champion Teana Hodgers (Year 5) - Junior Girls Age Champion Runner-Up.

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing the Hills Zone at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival to be held at Blacktown Swimming Pool tomorrow, Friday 27th February.

Dane Grosvenor
Teana Hodgers
Holly Stone
Noah Kite
Hunter Hosking
Marcus Georges
Sam White

Junior Boys 4 x 50m Relay (Dane Grosvenor, Eamonn Henderson, John-Carlo Beaini and Noah Kite) Senior Boys 4 x 50m Relay (Marcus Georges, Nicholas Kelly, James Wahbe and Hunter Hosking)

The CTK community wishes these students all the best for this next level of competition.

Patrick Vidot Sport Co-ordinator

P & F NEWS

Ice Block Friday

ICEBLOCK day will be this Friday 27th with some of our Year 6 Leaders and our <u>Year 2 parents</u> running the sales for this week. Could we please have 8 x Year 2 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 cancel the ice blocks for that week.

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. NO MONEY, NO ICEBLOCK. SORRY

Advance Notice. Year 3 parents will be running Ice Block Friday the following week, 6th March.

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.

SOMETHING NEW ******** 5 CENTS FOR CARITAS

Last year we "Loomed for Lent" and donated \$1500 to Caritas – Project Compassion during the Lenten period. This year each class will be collecting 5c pieces till the end of term. A sealed jar will be placed in each classroom and children are encouraged to bring in all those annoying 5c coins that parents and grandparents seem to find in their wallet creases, their jeans pockets, under lounge cushions and in washing machines and put them into the class jar and watch them grow. At the end of the Lenten period, the school will donate all the 5 cent pieces to Caritas on behalf of Christ the King. So parents, empty out all your purses daily and send in all the 5 cent coins with your kids. Let's see which class collects the most by the end of the term.

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Easter Hat Parade and BBQ (BBQ organised by Year 6 as Fundraiser)

School Disco (Organisers Belinda Abdallah and Shalu Cerrone)

Mother's Day Luncheon (Organisers Caroline Elchaar and Aileen Beaini)

THURSDAY 2 APRIL

FRIDAY 19 JUNE

FRIDAY 8 MAY

Thank You

Thank you to all the parents that attended the first P&F meeting on Tuesday evening. It was nice to see some new faces. A thank you also to the parents that have signed up as Class Parent Representatives. I look forward to working and communicating with you during the year.

Cadbury Fundraiser

Please help with our school fundraising efforts. Families are NOT obliged to take a box at all. It is only if you wish to and request so.

Another order form will be going home next week should you wish to order a box. We thank the 60 odd families that have already taken a box to sell. We are well on our way to a great fundraiser.

Kind Regards, Connie Este, P&F President.

Welcome to Year 4











Year 4 Lenten Promises

After attending Ash Wednesday Mass, we discussed the importance and significance of a Lenten promise. We created a Lenten cross and wrote on them the ways that we can use the three practices of lent to prepare for Easter. Lent, as we know is an important time for us to remember the Sacrifice Jesus made for us by dying on the cross. In year 4 we are making simple sacrifices as an example of our love and thanks to Jesus for his sacrifice by donating to Caritas Australia.



CTK SCHOOL DRIVE-THROUGH INCIDENT

During student drop off this morning (under the COLA), a CTK teacher witnessed two children from separate family's exiting their parents' car on the drivers side and running through the middle of the COLA area to get to the entry gate. This happened at 8.35am.

Luckily on this occasion no-one was hurt but either child could have been seriously injured.

PLEASE ENSURE CHILDREN ARE EXITING CARS ON THE PASSENGER SIDE AND ARE WALKING BEHIND THE CONES TO GET TO THE GATE. PLEASE ALSO TAKE CARE WHEN DRIVING WITHIN AND AROUND THE SCHOOL GROUNDS. THE SPEED LIMIT WITHIN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS IS 5KM/HOUR.

Labels! Labels! Labels!

Our lost property basket located outside the staffroom is already overflowing with unlabelled items. Please label your child's clothes, in particular jumpers / cardigans, so that they can be returned. Labelled items are sometimes missing for short periods also. Why not make a random check to see if the jumper your child is wearing is actually theirs or does it have someone else's name on it and has been picked up by mistake? Thank you for your support.

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

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

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

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 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 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
- Authorised carers

- Potential adoptive parents
- 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

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, What's On Contact: Tel: (02)4736 0135 Email: 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 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.

Mount St Benedict College OPEN DAY Sunday 8 March 10am - 2pm

Prospective Parent Information Evening for Year 7, 2016 Tuesday 10 March 7pm **Please note**: Families with a daughter in Year 5 should apply now for Year 7, 2016. Registration for Waiting List forms should be lodged by the end of Year 4. 449C Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills Phone: 9980 0444 www.msb.nsw.edu.au

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. 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 24th February. Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: Eileen or Rita Ph. 99330205 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au. See Flyer on Parish Notice Board.

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.

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
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.

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

email: thehills@wesleymission.org.au Many program for children, parents and families which include:

Family Support Work for families with children 0-17 Communit

Multicultural Women's Support Group Children's Expressive Therapies the Hills

Positive Parenting Program—Triple P Music Playschool

Baby Skills Playgroup
Play in The Secret Garden

Community Development—Rouse Hill Families Connect

Financial Counselling Services

Counselling

123 Magic & Emotion Coaching

Early Ed

Big REaD Day Out Event Paint the Hills REaD Swap Box

Information pamplets 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 to book a place.

