



Christ the King, North Rocks

Term 4, Week 6

12th November, 2015

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Term 4 Week 6

Fri 13th November

- * **Band 7.45am**
- * **Lunch Orders**
- * **Kindy Calmsley City Farm Excursion**
- * **8.45am Band instrument demonstration concert**
- * All Students in Sport Uniform
- * Ice blocks at lunchtime. **\$1:** please ensure your child has their ice block money Yr. 4 helpers to meet at 1.20pm

Week 7

Mon 16th November

- * **Lunch Orders**
- * **Cool Kids Music Club**
3.00-4.30pm

Tue 17th November

- * **Yr 6 Chinese Gardens**
- * **Uniform Shop**
8.30am—11.00am
1.30pm—3.30pm
- * **Maths Club 8am (Final)**
- * **Grade Sport Kindy, Yr. 3, 5/11**

Wed 18th November

- * **Choir 8am**
- * **Grade Sport 1/3, 2/5, 4/9, Yr. 6**
- * **Chess 3-4pm**
- * **PDSSSC Sports Awards**
Evening

Thur 19th November

- * **Grade Sport 5/12, 4/10, 2/6, 1/4**
- * **Dance Club 3.15-4.15pm**
- * **Yr4 Parent Dinner Cedars at North Rocks**

Fri 20th November

- * **Band 7.45am**
- * **Lunch Orders**
- * **Feast of Christ the King Mass 9am—All welcome**
- * All Students in Sport Uniform
- * Ice blocks at lunchtime. **\$1:** please ensure your child has their ice block money Yr. 5 helpers to meet at 1.20pm

Sun 22nd November

- * **Yr 3 at Sunday Mass**
presentation of Penance certificates
- * **Feast of Christ the King**

Dear Parents

As the Church's liturgical year draws to a close so does the Gospel focus on the writings of St Mark. In his Gospel this Sunday, Jesus is questioned by the disciples regarding the end of time, the end of the world – the end of man's occupation of the earth. Jesus says very little in reply to their inquiries, redirecting the disciples to focus on how they have lived their lives. As the liturgical year draws to a close let us pause and take stock of our own lives. We may ask ourselves, are we living a life highlighted by the Gospel values exhibited in our relationships with others or are we too self-centred and focused on worldly possessions? Let us reflect on this question as we come into the season of advent in the next few weeks, reflecting on our lives, repenting for our wrong doings and opening our hearts to the love of God our Father.

This evening our year three children from both our school and wider parish community will receive the gift of healing through the sacrament of Reconciliation. For the very first time our young boys and girls in a formal way will seek Gods forgiveness for the times they have failed to do the right thing. As a community let us pray for them as they continue to receive God's unconditional love and forgiveness and as they continue their journey with Christ our Lord. Thanks to the Parish Sacramental team [of which Miss Vella is a valued member] for the many hours they have given in preparing both the children and the parents for this most important sacrament of healing. The team is to be congratulated and thanked for their efforts over the last few months.

It has been brought to my attention that people are parking under the COLA of a morning when dropping students off at the COSHC. After 8:15am of a morning there is to be NO parking under the COLA as it is obstructing the drive through as parents drop off their children. As supervision does not commence until 8:15am no children should be dropped off before this time unless they are going to COSHC. Parents picking up children in Burradoo Close of an afternoon are asked to ensure they are supervising their children in the cul-de-sac as several children have been reported to be playing on the road and surrounding footpaths whilst parents are in deep conversation. The safety of our children is paramount and the responsibility of us all. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Our Kindergarten students and their teachers are off on excursion to Calmsley Farm tomorrow. We wish them a safe and an enjoyable day whilst consolidating their learning and experiencing farm life first hand. Tomorrow also sees our senior band touring on the road to several schools throughout the Sydney metropolitan area. They will begin the day under the COLA performing our annual demonstration concert for children in years 2-5. We trust Mr Lavis and his musicians will have a great day.

Finally parents are reminded that siblings of students of the children who attend the Thursday afternoon after school Dance Fever session are not to be left to their own devices whilst the session is being conducted. These non participating siblings are not supervised and are the responsibility of their parents and NOT the Dance Fever staff. Your co-operation in this matter will be appreciated

Have a great week

Tony Hughes, Principal



REMEMBRANCE DAY

11 NOVEMBER 2015

Remembrance Day

Yesterday the children were led through a reflective ceremony for Remembrance Day. This is an important time when we remember and show respect for those who have lost their lives in war.

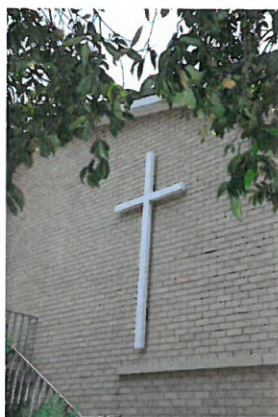
Feast of Christ the King

Next Friday marks the celebration of Christ the King. This is a medieval feast, which uses the image of "king" to describe the role of Jesus. The kingdom of which Jesus preached was the kingdom of his Father in heaven, one of forgiving love. The kingdom of Jesus is mentioned in the words of the Our Father - forgive us as we forgive.

To celebrate our School's Feast Day there will be a **Whole School Mass** next Friday, 20th November at 9.15am. Parents are most welcome to join us.

Our Parish will be celebrating on Sunday 22nd November.

We invite you to join us at the 10am Mass and join in the celebrations following.



PARISH NEWS



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		

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

In Flanders fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae (1872–1918)

For the fallen

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres.
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds
uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables at home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known
As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,
As the stars that are starry in the time of our
darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.

Laurence Binyon (1869–1943)

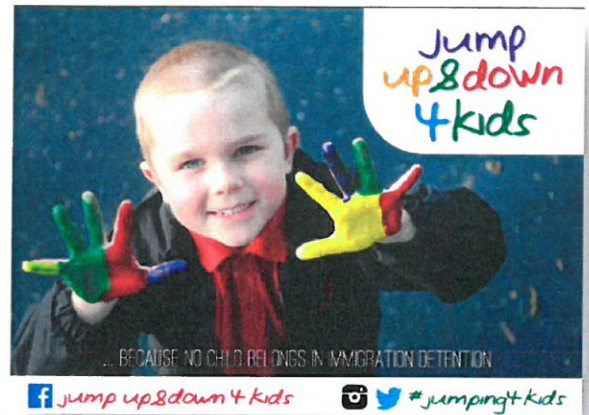


Jump Up & Down 4 Kids

12:00 pm

Friday November 13, 2015

"Jump Up & Down 4 Kids" because no child belongs in immigration detention.



Dear Christ the King Families,

A few Sunday's past we heard in the Gospel of Mark the story of Bartimaeus, an outcast, a beggar on the outskirts of Jericho. A man calling out for help... for pity.

Then Bartimaeus heard a question that he may never have heard before:

'What do you want me to do for you?'

Currently there are over 200 children in detention on Nauru calling for our help and pity.

The Human Rights Commission's Forgotten Children report into children in detention provides evidence that is both shocking and shameful.

The reporting has been consistent. Children are being harmed and the trauma they are experiencing may be carried well into their adult life.

As people of Christ's love and compassion, surely we should step in and not let this happen to any child in pain?

Christ the King Primary will be joining other schools from across the Parramatta Diocese to support the children who are currently in detention across Australia by "Jumping Up & Down 4 Kids". We will be "Jumping Up & Down 4 Kids" by jumping to Jacinta Gulisano's song "Jump" (www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=uqj69vnhzkE) at 12:00 pm on Friday November 13, 2015.

Christ the King Primary will be jumping to name that as a Catholic community we will not standby and let immigration detention happen to children. Parents who have given permission to the school earlier this year (on the Annual School Consent Form to be photographed) will participate and be photographed "Jumping Up & Down 4 Kids" in their classrooms. If you do not want your child to be photographed, please email Mr Tony Hughes on ahughes@parra.catholic.edu.au to inform him of your wishes.

We encourage you to help get the message out that we are calling for the release of all children from immigration detention. It is time that we all jumped up and down to end indefinite mandatory immigration detention for children.

To get involved, post a photo of yourself jumping on the campaign's Facebook page: Jumping Up & Down 4 Kids, or Tweet [@Jumping4Kids](https://twitter.com/Jumping4Kids).

'Let us not be blind to their misery!'

Kind regards,
Monica Vella
Religious Education Coordinator

MARK IN YOUR DIARY

- Choir of Angels performance Monday 30th November
- Yr. 5 Camp Wed 2nd Dec— Fri 4th Dec
- Surf Education Yrs. 5&6 Monday 7th December
- Yr. 6 Graduation Wednesday 9th December
- Yr. 6 Motiv8 Fun day Thursday 10th December
- Christmas Concert Friday 11th December
- Changeover / Meet the Teacher day Monday 14th December
- Swimming Carnival Tuesday 15th December
- End of Year Mass / Awards / Farewell Wednesday 16th December

Library News

A huge thank you to all the students and parents who participated in the Book Fair this Term. Most of the books have been distributed (with three titles arriving by the end of this week) and I'm sure all our students are enjoying reading their books. Much needed books will be purchased for the library with the commission made. Thanks once again to those families who also donated a book or two to the library.

PLEASE NOTE: Unfortunately the Phil Kettle books still have not arrived. I am trying to contact Mr Kettle about the situation.

write4fun Competition Entry is NOW OPEN in the 2015 Schools Writing Competition! Students all over Australia are invited to enter their poems OR short stories, and battle it out for the great cash prizes on offer.

There is no theme!! Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and get their creative juices flowing to write on ANY TOPIC and in ANY STYLE. Students from ALL GRADES are welcome to enter - Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Write a short story 500 words or less OR a poem 16 lines or less. Entry is FREE and all entries must be in by the closing date of Friday 20th November 2015. Go to <http://www.write4fun.net> for more details.

Chess News Congratulations to all the students who competed in the 2015 CTK Chess Championships. Everyone played well and showed excellent sportsmanship and competitiveness. Congratulations to the following students.

Trophies:

1st Place Katherine P 6/6 **2nd Place** Luke Z 4.5/6 **3rd Place** Robert C 4/6

Medals:

4th Place (equal 3rd) – Abhishai H 4/6 **5th Place** (equal 3rd) – Patrick E 4/6

Girl's Award Lauren L 3.5/6

Boy's Award Equal Best 7 year old or younger – Louis R 2.5/6
Equal Best 7 year old or younger – Jordan W 2.5

Library Borrowing This week is the last week to borrow books from the Holy Faith Library. All books will need to be returned next week (Week 7) in preparation for a stock take. Please have a good look around at home for any resources (library books and home readers) that have a CTK barcode on them and return to the library.

How to keep reading - remember that ebooks are available from the library portal found on the CTK webpage and books are also available from your child's Reading Eggs subscription. The council local libraries also allow for up to 10 loans at a time. A love of reading is the best head start you can give your children.

Sarah Cook, Teacher / Librarian

Happy Birthday for November:



Kinder Luca P
Zachary T
Roland P

Year 1 Sienna W
Jonathan L
Ella M
James L

Year 2 Hamish M
Tianna B
Caitlin B
Gabriella K

Year 3 Lucy S
Olivia B
Dane S

Year 4 Abby W

Year 5 Jayden C
Marissa Y
Kayla A
Mia B
Lachlan G

Year 6 Phillip M
Jarod W
Alisa D
Angelo R
Jakob R
Kjain D
Abhishai H

GRADE EVENTS

Yr. 4 Parents Night

Mark this date in your diary: **Thur 19th Nov**
Cedars At The Rocks

Contact your Class
Parent Representatives
for more information.

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



Band News

Performance Band Tour is going ahead TOMORROW and we are very pleased to confirm we will be visiting Sacred Heart Primary, Westmead and Father John Therry Primary in Balmain/Rozelle. If your child is in Performance Band and has not yet returned their permission note please email Mr Lavis urgently (steve@teachingservices.com.au). Good luck Performance Band!!

Are you interested in joining CTK band in 2016? Your child will have the opportunity to attend a short instrument demonstration concert at 8:45am tomorrow, Friday November 13 (before we leave on 'tour') showcasing the various instruments available to learn in 2016. An information sheet will be sent home or you can contact TSA on 9651 7333 (www.teachingservices.com.au) for further information.

Band Members of the week (week 4&5):

Concert Band – (maddie to provide)

Performance Band – (maddie to provide)

Important Dates:

*Friday December 11 (week 10) - Last Band Rehearsal for 2015

BAND INSTRUMENT DEMONSTRATION CONCERT TOMORROW, FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 8.45AM

Is your child interested in joining the band next year? Would you like more information on the School Band program? The School Band is now taking enrolments for 2016 and participation is open to all students who are currently in year 2-5. No prior experience is required.

Students from Years 2-5 will attend a band demonstration concert tomorrow at 9am with Teaching Services Australia (TSA) staff demonstrating the variety of instruments available for tuition next year. They will also receive a green Instrumental Band Program Introduction form. Students who return this green Expression of Interest will be given the opportunity to test a variety of instruments to help them find the one most suited to them. They will then be given a comprehensive Enrolment Pack with the results of this instrument test.

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer. TSA is committed to providing a quality concert band program, with full band rehearsals, great value tuition and rent-to-buy instrument hire.

This green Expression of Interest form is due back to the school office within 5 days. You can download this note at www.teachingservices.com.au or for more information email info@teachingservices.com.au

*Steve Lavis
Music Director*

SPORT NEWS

League Tag Gala Day

Well done to all of the CTK students who participated in the League Tag Gala held on Tuesday at Doyle Ground, Buller St, Parramatta. All students exhibited fantastic Oz Tag skills, sportsmanship and school pride. It is great to see our students applying our PBL's not just within our school but also in the wider community.

Congratulations to the following teams:

- Stage 3 Girls Team who were undefeated and awarded Premiers
- Stage 3 Boys Team A who made it to the Grand Final
- Stage 3 Boys Team B who made it to the Semi-Finals
- Stage 2 Boys Team A who were undefeated and awarded Runner-Up Premiers due to a count back on the number of total tries scored on the day.
- Stage 2 Boys Team B and the Stage 2 Girls Team who played consistently well throughout the group stages

Could we please have all the CTK playing shirts/ singlets from Tuesday's League Tag Gala Day to be returned by this Friday. 13th November to Mr Cairns or Mr Vidot.

Patrick Vidot, Sport Coordinator

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Do you realise that the Uniform Shop is only open for 4 more days before the end of the year?

We are waiting on a delivery of short sleeved boys shirts but all other items are available for purchase before the end of the year. Boys shirts are expected in mid-December. Orders can be taken and shirts will be sent home as soon as they arrive.

NEWS FROM THE P&F

Walkathon

Thank you to all those that have returned their pledges, sponsorship and/or a family donation for this years Walkathon. Could all outstanding monies be handed in by TOMORROW, Friday 13th please.

Ice Block Friday

Disappointingly, no parents from Year 3 were available to sell ice blocks last week and I had no option to cancel for that week. Luckily for the children that had already started lining up in the heat, the Year 6 team came to the rescue and helped off load ice blocks to the masses. As we have no access to a daily canteen, Ice Block Friday's are one of the only ways the children get a treat at school on a weekly basis. However, it is very difficult to satisfy 390 children without parent volunteer's.

This week will be Year 4 parents turn to sell. We will need around 6-8 parents who can volunteer 30 minutes of their time at 1.20pm sharp to meet in the Hall Kitchen this Friday. Please contact your Class Parent Rep if you are available to help.

As a heads up, Year 5 Parents will be responsible for Friday 20th November selling. Please ensure that your child has their ice block money every Friday.

Warm Regards
Connie Este, P&F President

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 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 Service NSW Office (formally RMS/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.

The Working With Children Check is FREE. 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 NSW Office of the Children's Guardian 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 this 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOL OPAL CARD

The Minister for Transport and Infrastructure and the Minister for Education has announced the launch of the new School Opal card. The School Opal card has officially launched its new online application for relevant parents and students travelling in the Opal public transport region. The application can be found at transportnsw.info/school-students

Just like current paper travel passes, the School Opal card gives eligible students free travel to and from school on school days. However, the School Opal card makes travel simpler, because now students don't need multiple application forms and passes if they use different transport operators within the Opal network.

Students with school travel passes this year will not need to apply for a School Opal card unless they are changing schools, campus, their home address or moving from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7.

Those students who do not need to apply will have a School Opal card sent to your school for the beginning of the first term in 2016.

Information to CTK students already holding a bus pass has been sent home.

The Opal Team, NSW Government Transport for NSW



CELEBRATING GIFTS & TALENTS

Congratulations to Year 5 students Anthony E (trumpet), Alex H (Alto Sax), Ethan S (flute) and Jared S (flute) who joined the music ministry over the last fortnight playing at Sunday 10am mass. Well done!

If anyone is interested in joining in to play the flute and clarinet at Mass, the contact is Therese Davies via awtjdavies@yahoo.com.au.

All general questions and information regarding playing other instruments at Mass, please contact Darren So who is the music director for the parish via soejd@hotmail.com

Congratulations to the following students who competed at the Regional Gymnastics Championships on Sunday 8th November 2015.

It was a tough competition with Olivia S, Tianna B & Zara C competing in the level 3 competition for the first time. Lucy K & Cameron K will be competing at the State Championships this weekend, we wish them the best of luck. The girls all competed with great enthusiasm and zest. They should be very proud of their outstanding efforts.

Junior Individual Results Olivia S - 1st on Vault, 8th on Bars, 7th on Beam, 10th on Floor & 8th Overall.
Tianna B - 8th on Bars, 8th on Beam & 10th Overall
Zara C - 3rd on Vault, 7th on Bars, 6th on Beam, 6th on Floor & 6th Overall

Junior Team Results 6th on Bars & 6th on Beam

Intermediate Individual Results Cameron K - 8th on Vault, 6th on Bars & 8th on Beam

Senior Individual Results Lucy K - 1st on Vault, 7th on Bars, 5th on Beam & 7th Overall

Senior / Intermediate Team Results 2nd on Vault, 3rd on Bars, 5th on Beam, 5th on Floor & 5th Overall



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Skoolbag is the ultimate school to parent communication tool. This School Mobile App provides schools with an easy way to tell parents and carers everything they need to know about school news, newsletters, events calendar, cancellations, school notices, school information, school timetables and much more. No more lost papers in school bags!

To install it, just search for our school name "Christ the King Primary North Rocks" in either the Apple App Store, Google Play Store or on Windows.



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

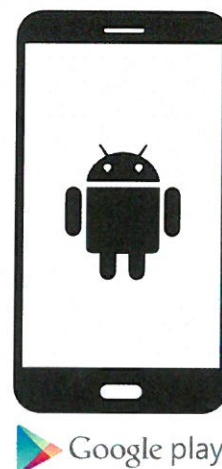
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

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5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
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Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.





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2016 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials

Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2016 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2015 and Term One in 2016.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2016 be invited to attend.**

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

*AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), & Touch(B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au. This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2016 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by your child's school**. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **Please complete all fields and especially "Representative Experience".**

Your child's school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.

Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

Online registrations for Basketball, Cricket, Softball & Tennis have now closed.
Registrations for all other sport 2016 trials are now open.

Please contact your school sports coordinator for any further information.

Margaret Thornton
Teaching Educator – Primary Sport
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta



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2016 Team Sport Trials

Parramatta Diocese 2016 Information For Parents of **current Year 4**

and Year 5 students – Registration window open only for Basketball, Cricket, Softball & Tennis

All correspondence to:

PDCPSSC

Aengus Kavanagh Education & Equity Centre

PO Box 215, Rooty Hill 2766

Tel (02) 9677 4314

Mobile 0408 278 918

mthornton@parra.catholic.edu.au

www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au

Facebook: Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese

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Sport	Age Group	Trial Date	Registration closing date
AFL	Open boys & girls	Term One 2016	Friday 5th February 2016
Basketball	Open boys & girls	17 th November 2015	Friday 30th October 2015
Cricket	Open boys & girls	6 th November 2015	Friday 30th October 2015
Diving	10/11yrs girls & boys & 12/13yrs girls & boys	Term One 2016	Registration via CSSS in 2016
Football (Soccer)	Open boys & girls	Term One 2016	Friday 5th February 2016
Golf	Open boys & girls	Term Three 2016	Registration via CSSS in 2016
Hockey	Open boys & girls	Term One 2016	Friday 5th February 2016
Netball	Open girls	Term One 2016	Friday 5th February 2016
Rugby League	Open boys & 11yrs boys - NB. No State team selected for 11 yrs	Term One 2016	Friday 5th February 2016
Rugby Union	Open boys	Term One 2016	Friday 5th February 2016
Softball	Open boys & girls	18 th November 2015	Friday 30th October 2015
Tennis	Open boys & girls	16 th November 2015	Friday 30th October 2015
Touch	Open boys & girls	Term One 2016	Friday 5th February 2016

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au ~ Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the **SPORT** you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form". **Each sport has a different registration criteria.**

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2016 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport and when completed, click SUBMIT.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by your child's school**. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **Please complete all fields and especially "Representative Experience".**

Your child's school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.

Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

\$5.00 trialling fee is payable on the day for after school trials & \$8.00 trialling fee is payable on the day for half day and full day trials.

– This is to be paid upon registration at the trials once your child has been approved to attend the Parramatta Diocesan Trials.

Please note that the full day trials will be for boys cricket, boys soccer, boys rugby league & boys rugby union.

Due to the popularity of boys cricket, boys soccer and girls netball a maximum of 2 children only are eligible to trial from each school. Selection of the 2 boys and girls will be made jointly by the school sport coordinator and principal.

Half day trial for tennis and netball... all other trials will be held after school beginning at 4pm.

MACKILLOP TRIAL

It should be noted that the main purpose of the Mackillop trial is to select a team to compete at the NSW PSSA Championships. The Inter-Diocesan MacKillop Trial is not a competition although a round robin format is often used to facilitate the selection procedure.

NSW PSSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Children who are successful at being selected in the Mackillop team will compete at the N.S.W. P.S.S.A. Championships. These championships involve three or four days of competition at various locations in NSW. Children selected in these teams may also be required to attend training sessions. At the NSW PSSA Championships a State team will be selected to participate at the School Sport Australia Inter State Exchange for some sports.

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

To be considered for selection in the NSW PSSA state team for participation at all School Sport Australia 12 Years & Under championships: Students must be turning between the ages of 10 and 12 in the year of competition i.e. Students turning the ages of 8, 9 and 13 in the year of competition are not eligible for NSW PSSA State selection.

Please note the following information:

- Parents are responsible for all transport and supervision arrangements and **must remain to supervise their child at the trial at all times.**
- Children need to generally be of representative standard.
- Attendance at training days, where applicable is compulsory.
- The selector's decisions are final.
- **Parents will need to make their own travel arrangements for children representing Parramatta at Inter-Diocesan MacKillop trials. This may mean travel to Sydney, Wollongong, Canberra, Wagga or Forbes.**
- Please be aware that the teacher conducting the trial and accompanying the team to the venue is a "Team Manager" ~ not a coach.

If you would like your child to participate in one of the Parramatta Diocesan trials **please complete the Team Online Registration Form** that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au ~ Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the **SPORT** you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form".

NOMINATIONS close Friday 30th October 2015 for the sports of Basketball, Cricket, Softball & Tennis
and entries close Friday 5th February 2016 for all other sports.

Kind Regards,

Margaret Thornton

Teaching Educator Primary Sport ~ CEO Parramatta

WEBSITE: www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au

BASKETBALL 2016 - PARRAMATTA Primary Sport TEAM Registration Form (PDCPSSC)

Thank you for your response. You will receive notification from your school closer to the date of the trial if your child meets or does not meet the criteria for trials.

This is the message that appears once the registration has been submitted correctly.

Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the **SPORT** you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form".

CTK COMMUNITY NEWS

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Let your love blossom this spring with a weekend together. A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Give the greatest gift, that of your time alone - invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! **20-22 November** **Venue for Weekends:** Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. **To apply contact:** Ardell & Bill Sharpe Tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au www.wwme.org.au www.facebook.com/WWMEasternUnit

OLMC Parramatta Mercy Scholarships Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta is now accepting applications for Mercy Scholarships for Academic Excellence and Music Excellence. Girls entering Years 7, 9 or 11 in 2017 are invited to apply. Visit the College website www.olmc.nsw.edu.au for more information.

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ASTRONOMY NIGHT—Saturday 14th November 8.00pm—10.00pm

New Worlds: Planets outside our Solar System—We have now been observing planets around other stars (exoplanets) for a couple of decades, watching them dim and shift their parent stars. From these tiny signals, we're able to measure, deduce and even guess a lot about these planets. Dr Nick Tothill will explain how we learn about these new worlds and take a brief tour through the Exoplanet Zoo. The evening will also include 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory's telescopes.

Cost: Astronomy nights \$18 adult, \$12 child/concession and \$50
Bookings are essential: Book and pay online westernsydney.edu.au/observatory, What's On
Contact: Tel: (02) 4736 0135 Email: r.msscout@westernsydney.edu.au

MOUNT SCHOENSTATT SPIRITUALITY CENTRE 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa NSW 2745 Phone: 02 4773 8338
www.schoenstatt.org.au **Reflection Day for Women - Saturday 28th November, 2015 9.30am to 3.30pm.** Looking for some quiet time to prepare for Advent and the Year of Mercy? Then this day is FOR YOU! Cost is \$25 and includes morning and afternoon tea, BYO Lunch. At: Family Hall, Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Bookings: info@schoenstatt.org.au or 4773 8338.

Christmas Carols at the Shrine – Saturday 19th December, 2015 7pm to 8.30pm: The Schoenstatt Sisters would like to invite you to join them for an evening of carol singing at the Shrine. Please bring a blanket or chairs and some snacks if you wish. Children are encouraged to come dressed as angels and shepherds. At: Outside Mount Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa

Accommodation Specials – January 2016 Only – Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre

Personal Retreat: why not recharge with some quiet time this January – Two persons stay in the fully catered Joseph Kantenich House with private ensuite, for a minimum of two nights – Special Price is \$70 per person/night. Includes twin share accommodation, linen and all meals, including morning & afternoon tea.

Family/Group Retreat: Bring all the kids plus your family and friends to our "Home of Light" Self-catered group accommodation facility. Sleeping 33 persons in 11 rooms, mostly bunk style accommodation (6 rooms with 2 bunks in each room) but also includes 4 private twin share rooms. A kitchen, large dining room and lounge area make this a complete bush getaway, tucked into the valley at Mount Schoenstatt with Kangaroos visiting daily. Special applies to weekday bookings (Mon-Thurs only) stay during January: Minimum of 4 night stay at \$200 per night.



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