CHRIST THE KING
NORTH ROCKS
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Christ the King, North Rocks

Term 4, Week 7 **19th November, 2015**

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Term 4 Week 7

Fri 20th November

* **Band** 7.45am
* **Lunch Orders**
* **Feast of Christ the King Mass 9.15am—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

* **Feast of Christ the King Mass 10.00am**

Year 3 participating. All welcome. Followed by brunch and activities

Week 8

Mon 23rd November

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

Tue 24th November

* **Uniform Shop** 8.30am—11.00am 1.30pm—3.30pm
* **Grade Sport** Kindy, Yr. 3, 5/11

Wed 25th November

* Choir 8am
* **Stage 2&3 Futuretah 7's rugby presentation 11.15am**
* **Grade Sport** 1/3, 2/5, 4/9, Yr. 6
* **Chess** 3-4pm

Thur 26th November

* **Grade Sport** 5/12, 4/10, 2/6, 1/4
* **Dance Club** 3.15-4.15pm

Fri 27th November

* **Band** 7.45am
* **Lunch Orders**
* All Students in Sport Uniform
* Ice blocks at lunchtime. **$1:** please ensure your child has their ice block money **Yr. 6 helpers to meet at 1.20pm**

Dear Parents

This Sunday our school and parish communities celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This feast heralds the conclusion of the Church's liturgical year. This weeks Gospel from St John recalls the trial of Jesus whereby Pilate questions Jesus, his status as a king and the kingdom and the people whom our Lord led. The Heavenly Kingdom of Our Lord is described through out scripture as a Kingdom that is both eternal and universal, a kingdom that is based on truth and life. It is a kingdom of holiness and grace, built on a platform of justice, love and peace; very different to the riches and possessions of the Kingdom of Rome that ruled in Jesus' time. As we gather this weekend as a community of love secure in the Kingdom of God let us pray for the peace and love of God to come upon us all.

As the term draws to a close we will be farewelling several staff at the end of the year. Mr Patrick Vidot [St Aloysius North Sydney], Miss Helen Nafranowicz [Trinity Grammar School Strathfield] and Miss Amanda Cassar [Our Lady Queen of Peace Greystanes] will all be moving on to new teaching positions in the new year. Best wishes also to Mrs Irene Flunt who will be taking leave in 2016. Two of our teacher aides will also be leaving at the end of the term. Mrs Joanne Barrett has taken up a position at Rouse Hill Anglican College and Mrs Diane Gallagher is retiring after many years of service. We thank all these wonderful colleagues and educators for their commitment and dedication over their years at Christ the King. Over the next few weeks as a community we will have opportunities to acknowledge their years of service and farewell them before they move onto the next chapter of their lives. As we farewell staff we also welcome two new teachers to our community. Mrs Erin Wynne and Mrs Marie-Louise Tcherkezian will be joining our staff in 2016 and will both be teaching Kindergarten. We welcome both ladies to Christ the King and trust they will enjoy their time with us in the future.

Last week I was most pleasantly informed that our year three students over the last several weeks have been pooling their pocket money collecting funds for the Missions. In the last month our year three students have collected in the vicinity of sixty dollars. This most generous effort was initiated by the students themselves in response to the work they have been doing in regards to the role of Missionaries across Australia and the developing world. Their compassion and generosity is to be congratulated and encouraged. Well done year three!

This week the heat of the upcoming Summer has arrived with several days of extreme heat. During these days of extreme heat we call hot weather lunchtimes whereby the students will remain in their air conditioned rooms to escape the hottest part of the day. I would encourage all parents to speak with their children in keeping hydrated during these hot days and providing plenty of water in their drink bottles for the day. I will also be insisting on all students wearing their hats to and from school each day to protect them from the sun. The children are dismissed at the hottest part of the day and will be required to wear their hats home. Your support of our sun smart strategies will be greatly appreciated.

Have a great week

Tony Hughes, Principal

How Christ the King Got its Name

Original Title

When Fr. Burton was at the seminary he heard the story of Fr. Miguel Pro. His story resonated with Father so when he was asked to start a new parish at North Rocks, he had the opportunity to suggest a new name and patronage.

The suggestion of Christ the King for North Rocks was accepted by Cardinal Gilroy in 1970.

Why Christ the King?

In 1929 there was fierce persecution in Mexico. A Jesuit priest Fr. Miguel Pro secretly travelled around Mexico as a sewing machine mechanic. This gave him an opportunity to bring the sacraments to the catholic people. Fr. Pro was eventually captured and executed by firing squad.
Just before he was killed, Fr. Pro called out....."Viva Christo Re" which translates to "Christ the King lives" or "Long live Christ the King".
Fr. Miguel is now Saint Miguel Pro.

Our banner shows the Greek letters of CHR for Christ,

this is surmounted by a crown to signify the King.

Christ the King is our leader and protector.

CHRIST THE KING
NORTH ROCKS

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.

CTK celebrates the Feast of Christ the King

Tomorrow 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**

TOMORROW, Friday 20th November at 9.15am.

Parents are most welcome to join us.

Our Parish will be celebrating Sunday 22nd November.
We invite you to join us at the 10am Mass and join in the celebrations following.

Let's celebrate the Feast of Christ the King as one community!

Take part in giving thanks for how the CTK family has grown this year as we recognise all the wonderful volunteers who have helped shape our parish.

Everyone is invited for Mass, food and activities! So come and join us on this special day, Sunday 22nd November 2015 at 10am.

We welcome plates of savoury and sweet finger foods that can be shared with everyone!

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*

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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

ADVANCE NOTICE : END OF YEAR PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS

As shown on our Term 4 School Calendar there will be two Staff Development Days on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December 2015. These professional learning days will focus on 2016 School goals.

This means that school will finish for all children on Wednesday, 16th December.

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4. Click the "Install" button.
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6. Click "Open" when installed.
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.

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.

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6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

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Windows Phone

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SPORT NEWS

CTK 2015 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

URGENT!! PARENT HELPERS NEEDED!!

Our Swimming Carnival is fast approaching and we appreciate all of the parent volunteers who have kindly offered their time to assist with the smooth running of this important CTK event.

We are desperately in need of parent helpers to assist with the running of the Swimming Carnival, in particular for Kindergarten and Year 1. Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you are able to assist on the day.

CRICKET

Good luck to Lucas Sassen and Luca Sacca who will be competing in the Parramatta Diocese Cricket Trials next Monday 23rd November.

2015 GALA DAYS CTK UNIFORMS

Could we please have any outstanding CTK socks and/or CTK playing shirts from previous gala days be returned ASAP.

Patrick Vidot, Sport Coordinator

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Do you realise that the Uniform Shop is only open for 3 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 URGENTLY AND ASAP so that we can close off the accounts for this fundraiser.**

Ice Block Friday

Thank you to Year 4 parents for last weeks ice block day. It was great to see so many mum's on such a hot day.

This week will be Year 5 parents turn to sell. We will need around 6-8 parents who can volunteer 30 minutes of their time at 1.25pm sharp to meet in the Hall Kitchen this Friday. Please contact your Class Parent Rep if you are available to help.

Please ensure that your child has their ice block money every Friday. As it will be close to 40 degrees this week, children will be able to purchase 2 iceblocks to keep cool if that is OK with their parents.

As a heads up, Year 6 Parents will be responsible for Friday 27th November selling.

Warm Regards
Connie Este, P&F President

Band News

Performance Band Tour Congratulations to our fantastic Performance Band members who visited two other TSA band schools to assist with their instrument demo concerts last Friday. Photos and a short article elsewhere in this newsletter but overall a successful day where the students represented their school with pride and excellence.

2016 Band Enrolment if your child has returned their green "expression of interest" note to school by the end of this week they will be given the opportunity to try out a number of instruments to play in the band in 2016. This 'blow-testing' process may take a few weeks so your child may not have a try until later in the term but once they do they will bring home an enrolment pack with further details. Alternatively visit www.teachingservices.com.au for more information.

Band Members of the week (week 6):
Unfortunately given the incredibly busy day we had last Friday no awards were allocated. We do feel all band members deserve a huge pat on the back though for their efforts both on tour and in lessons at school.

Important Dates:

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

PERFORMANCE BAND TOUR:

The day started at 7:45am, with last minute rehearsals and final practices before the long day. The demonstration concert at CTK was a hit, everyone enjoyed it, and the crowd went wild! But, we couldn't take a break to savour the moment, as it was straight onto the bus, on our way the Sacred Heart, Westmead for our first performance outside of school.

We were all eager to perform well, and despite some hiccups and squeaks from the saxophones, we performed to the best of our ability. After a short recess break, it was time to pack everything back onto the bus, and we were on our way to our next stop, Fr John Therry in Balmain.

We were greeted with overcast skies and a chance of rain looming, so it was go, go, go to get ready for our performance. A long, large and old church hall was the venue for our third and final performance, (it was certainly a change from the CTK library)! Another perfect performance was the highlight of the day, everyone breathed a sigh of relief that they hadn't made mistakes during the performance.

But yet again, there was no time to relax, rain had started to pour, meaning that we had to take all the equipment back to the bus, without it getting wet! However, a superstar effort from everyone meant that we were ready to go back to school within 5 minutes! Although we didn't get back to school until quarter past 4, it was still an awesome day full of performing, instrument-playing and fun. It was definitely a day to remember!
Alex Nielsen

This year's band tour was a fun and exciting adventure of riding on a bus to encourage two other schools (Sacred Heart Westmead and Ft John Therry) from years 2 - 5 to join the amazing journey of learning how to play an instrument, playing some of the greatest songs from all genres and mastering your music notes. The CTK performance band showed up at these two schools and played some awesome songs, and showed off their instrumental skills to the students watching, and Mr. Lavis explained the instruments to really inspire the students watching. From the looks on some of the faces at the schools, I could tell the performance band and Mr. Lavis have completed their mission. At the end of the day, the band tour was truly amazing and a wonderful experience. If your in the band, and you get to the performance band by term 4, make sure you come along and participate in this very enjoying event!
Austin Roia

Steve Lavis, Music Director

Library News

Thank you to all parents and students once again for a fabulous and successful book fair. All Book Fair books have now been delivered apart from those students I have spoken to.

Apple Store Online Portal and In Store Purchasing
Christ the King Primary Family Funded Information

Apple provides a number of ways to help families buy the devices you want your students to use in the classroom and at home. These include your local Apple Store at Castle Towers and a custom online store http://byod.parra.catholic.edu.au. which has been built specifically for our school. Please note that CTK is not a BYOD school. The purchase of Apple products from the website or store is for students to work on at home.

Product Purchase and Pricing To purchase the Apple solution we've selected for your student's use visit your local Apple Store in Castle Towers, or call 133-622 to purchase through our contact centre, to get advice or discuss the products that you might be considering.

Apple offers special iPad and Mac pricing for students attending our school. This special pricing is available for purchases made at Apple Stores or via the Apple contact centre. If you are purchasing in-store or through the contact centre, just let the Specialist know our school's name and that it is part of the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta.

Finance options are also available for purchases if you are purchasing at an Apple Store.

Learning and support

The Apple Store is a great place to learn about, try and buy Apple products for education. Apple Specialists are on hand to help you and your student get to know your new Apple device, and with Personal Setup they can help get new devices up and running before you leave the store.

You and your students can join one of the daily in-store workshops to learn a new skill, and your student can get learning and creating at one of the Apple Camp or Field Trip events. Visit www.apple.com/au/retail/castletowers to go directly to the Castle Towers Apple Store and view the schedule or www.apple.com/au/retail to find your closest store if you are outside of this area.

Apple can also provide support with everything related to your new Apple purchase — from using iPad to troubleshooting iTunes. You can get support by phone, email or online chat or set up a repair or Genius Bar reservation at getsupport.apple.com

Your guide to the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge

We all know the importance of reading for literacy development and the impact a prolonged break, like the Christmas holidays, can have on this advancement, particularly for vulnerable readers.

These summer holidays, I will once again be launching my Summer Reading Challenge and encouraging all students to read, read, read!

Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, piece of poetry, book, e-book or graphic novel. This year we have made the challenge easier to enter by removing the minimum number of books to read and provided students with more chances of winning a prize.

How to enter: It's simple! Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it.

The more material a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of four iPad minis. Enter by visiting http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/summer-reading-challenge

Entries open on 2 November 2015 and close at 5pm on 5 February 2016. Terms and Conditions can be found on the website.

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 <u>three step process</u> 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
- 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 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.

CTK COMMUNITY NEWS

OAKHILL COLLEGE ENROLMENTS 2017

Applications for enrolment into Year 7, 2017 will close on Friday 19th February, 2016. Parents who wish to apply for enrolment of their son at Oakhill College in Year 7 2017, and who have not yet submitted an Expression of Interest for Enrolment form or Application form, are requested to contact the Registrar before Friday 19th February, 2016 on 9899 2288 or registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au

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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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 quite 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

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For online registration please visit www.coolkidsmusic.com.au

Please call or email our friendly staff on **0457668742 or enquiries@coolkidsmusic.com.au** to find out what instruments are available at your school and what day and time our lessons are held.

Or visit **www.coolkidsmusic.com.au**

Alternatively, return the slip below to your school office.

*Availability/Conditions apply. Information subject to change with or without notice.

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We are interested in participating in Cool Kids Music @ our school and would like further information.

Child's Name: _____ School: _____

Year: _____ Mobile: _____ Parent Signed: _____

Email: _____ Instrument: _____

Possible instruments available: Keyboard, Guitar, Drums, Singing and Ukulele.