



Christ the King, North Rocks

Term 4, Week 8

26th November, 2015

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Term 4 Week 8

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**

Week 9

Mon 30th November

- * **Lunch Orders**
- * **Choir of Angels 2.00-3.00pm**
- * Cool Kids Music Club
3.00-4.30pm

Tue 1st December

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

Wed 2nd December

- * **Year 5 CAMP**
- * **Choir 8am**
- * **Grade Sport** 1/3, 2/5, 4/9, Yr. 6
- * **Chess 3-4pm**

Thur 3rd December

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

Fri 4th December

- * **Year 5 CAMP**
- * **Band 7.45am**
- * **Lunch Orders**
- * All Students in Sport Uniform
- * Ice blocks at lunchtime. **\$1:**
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block money **Kinder helpers to
meet at 1.20pm**

Dear Parents

This Sunday we celebrate the beginning of the new liturgical year and the commencement of the Advent season. Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." *Jesus is coming –make way for our saviour!* This is the message as the First Sunday of the new liturgical year approaches. Advent is a season of preparation for our Lords arrival. Advent is generally regarded as a joyous season, but is also intended to be a period of reflection, preparation and repentance. In preparation for Christ's birth at Christmas, we need to reflect internally within our own hearts, if we are ready to welcome Christ back into our world. If Jesus returned today, how would He find your house? Most importantly, how would He find you? Would He find you truly prepared for His arrival? If we want to keep Christ in Christmas, the best way to do it is to make sure Christ is in our heart as we prepare for the festivities ahead.

Last week we celebrated the feast of Christ the King. On Friday morning, the school community celebrated mass with Fr Eugene. We thank Fr Eugene for giving us of his time to celebrate the Eucharist on our school's special day of the year. On Sunday the festivities continued as our wider Parish community celebrated the feast day with mass and brunch. Congratulations to our Yr 3 children who received their First Reconciliation certificates. Thank you to our year 3 students and teachers who assisted with the celebration of our mass. All, in the true sense of "parish community", had a great morning. Thank you to the members of the parish pastoral council, who co-ordinated the mornings festivities.

After weeks of crunching the numbers and finalising invoices and expenses we have a final net figure for the 2015 Spring Fair. The final profit for this year's Spring Fair is \$47,225. Congratulations and thank you to all members of our school and parish communities who worked tirelessly over the last year to raise these most valuable funds. These funds have been allocated to both Parish and school projects and initiatives. These projects include the refurbishment of the Hall roof and the purchase of further technology and resources for the student's learning.

Next Monday our school choir will perform Christmas carols at the Epping Club. Their performance will commence on the front steps of the club at 1pm. Parents and friends are welcome to attend the performance in support of Mrs Collignon and the students. Next week also sees our Year 5 children off to camp. The students and the teachers are off to Telford and Skinners Centre Port Hacking next Wednesday for three days. We wish them a most enjoyable three days on camp.

Have a great week

Tony Hughes, Principal

Starting School in 2016

For the first two days of school, Wednesday 27th January and Thursday 28th January, the children from Year 1 to Year 6 2016 will be asked to book to attend an individual mathematical assessment interview at the school.

Instructions on how to book are below. This week students will also receive a hard copy information sheet with full instructions on how to book your child into their assessment timeslot.

BOOKINGS FOR THESE SESSIONS HAVE NOW OPENED AND WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER.

All students from Year 1 to Year 6 will begin full school days Friday 29th January 2016. NO LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY.

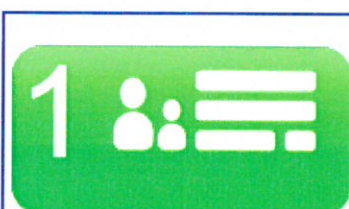
Kindergarten 2016 children will begin full school days on Monday 1st February. The children will start and finish at normal time, 8.45am to 3.00pm, when they will be dismissed with the rest of the school. From this day, the children will need 'fruit break', 'little lunch', a 'big school' each day.



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Years 1-6,
Enter the
Event



Enter your details

First enter your name, your student's name(s), and your email address.

2016
School

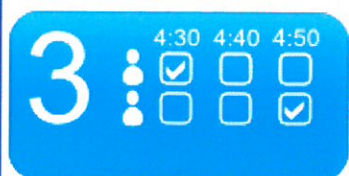


Choose teachers

Please note: **YOU ARE CHOOSING THE GRADE YOUR CHILD WILL BE IN NEXT YEAR**

THEN: CHOOSE TEACHER A or

TEACHER B



Choose times

Simply click on the date and timeslot that suits you to book your child's session.



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Book School Interviews Online

When you click ***finish***, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically—**check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

Bookings close Friday 11th December at 3.00pm. Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking.

UNIFORM SHOP 2015

**TUESDAYS 8.30AM—11.00AM
1.30PM—3.30PM**

ADVANCED NOTICE: The final day for Uniform Shop trading will be **TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER**

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.

FRESH CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE—1ST CARLINGFORD SCOUT GROUP 5TH—6TH DECEMBER

Nothing beats the smell of a freshly harvested, natural tree for Christmas. 1st Carlingford Scouts will be selling 3 different sizes of tree on **Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th December** 8:00am – 4:00pm from outside their scout hall in Boundary Rd, Carlingford (near Carlingford Library and Carlingford Railway Station), and from the Don Moore Community Centre on North Rocks Rd.

Stands for the trees are also available.

Tree prices range from \$55 - \$65.

Sorry no delivery service is available.

For more information please phone Mark on 0413 035 101.



Christmas Trees

The 1st Carlingford Scouts Christmas Tree Fundraising Drive is on again!

GREAT TREES, GREAT PRICES and you're supporting a great organisation.

Available at: **DON MOORE COMMUNITY CENTRE**, Cnr North Rocks Road & Farnell St or **1ST CARLINGFORD SCOUT HALL**, Boundary Road Carlingford (behind the library)

SATURDAY December 5 and SUNDAY December 6 8am-4pm

We look forward to seeing you!



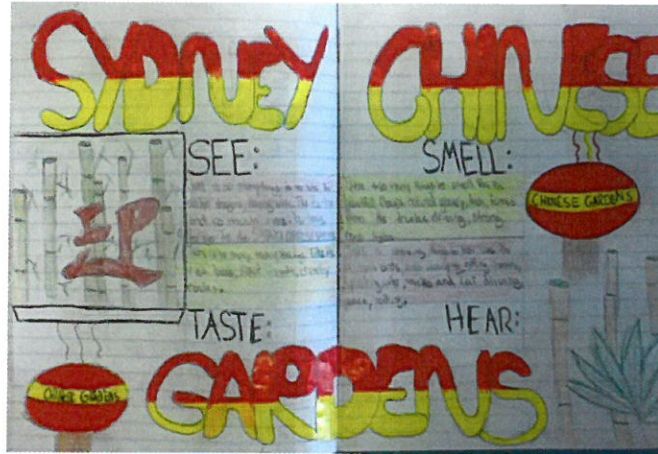
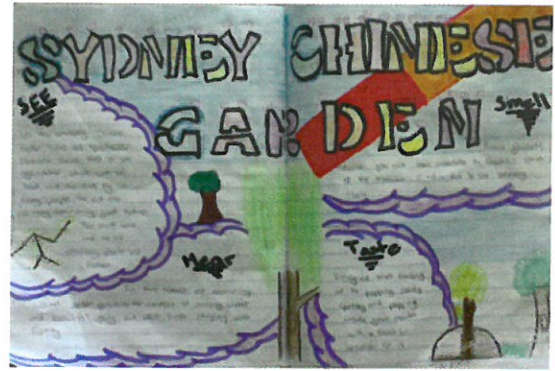
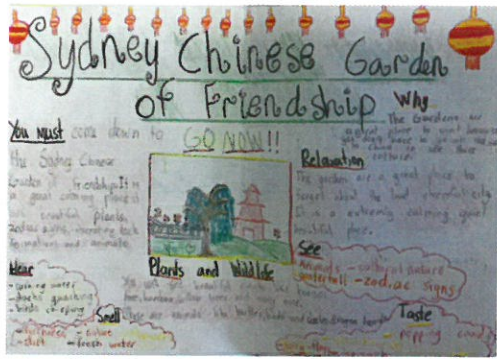
Uncovering Asia – Year 6 Unit of Inquiry

This term, Year 6 has been actively engaged in their Unit of Inquiry for HSIE – Uncovering Asia. Throughout their studies, students focused on geographical concepts such as mapping, broadening their cultural understanding of South-East Asian countries, representing their country of choice at a 'tourism expo', creating Chinese Terracotta Warriors and participating in an excursion to the Chinese Garden of Friendship at Darling Harbour.

The Chinese Garden of Friendship is a miniaturised and idealised version of the wider environment. Appreciation for the beauty and perfection of nature underlies much of Chinese culture, which directly linked with our Religious Education units studied this year.

During the course of the excursion, students examined in detail the design and technologies employed in creating the garden as well as the stories and symbols used in the design of the garden, and their significance within Chinese culture.





IS YOUR CHILD GOING INTO YEAR 3? DO THEY HAVE A CURRENT BUS PASS?

A reminder to parents that new Opal Card applications for 2016 must be submitted to the school for approval by Mr Hughes before NEXT TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER. Students that hold a current bus pass and are progressing from Year 2 to Year 3 MUST APPLY FOR A SCHOOL OPAL CARD.

1. Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students
2. **Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement**
3. The school will then forward the approved application to Transport NSW for processing.

CHANGE TO SCHOOL SPECIAL BUS NUMBERS FOR 2016

ADVANCED NOTICE: School Special bus numbers will change in 2016.

From Term 1, 2016 most School Special bus services will be renumbered. These changes will not affect any bus routes.

753 will now be Bus # 737

757 will now be Bus # 736

Detailed information regarding these changes is available on the Sydney buses website: www.sydneybuses.info

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.***

MARK IN YOUR DIARY

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|--|--------------------------|
| • Yr. 5 Camp | Wed 2nd Dec— Fri 4th Dec |
| • Surf Education Yrs. 5&6 | Monday 7th December |
| • UNIFORM SHOP LAST DAY | Tuesday 8th 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 |

**Happy Birthday
for the remainder
of October and
November:**



*Kinder Zachary T
Charlie Z
Emilia P
Nicole S
Luke S
James F
Caleb C*

*Year 1 James L
Kessyena O
Matthew L
Sebastian B
Raymond C*

*Year 2 Hamish M
Matthew Z
Jeremy D
Gianni S
Milla E
Jordan W
Angelina A*

*Year 3 Olivia B
Talia M
Jocinta C
Luca G
Alana S
Natalie Z*

*Year 4 Christopher E
Ella M
Jadyn V
William K*

*Year 5 Kayla A
Mikaela B
Isabella Y
Adam F
Mark W*

*Year 6 Philip M
Jakob R
Abhishai H
Lachlan R*

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



LIBRARY NEWS

KEEP READING OVER THE HOLIDAYS

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) has an eBook subscription through Wheelers. This means that you can borrow and download ebooks on any mobile device (using the ePlatform app) or any laptop or computer from school or home.

PLEASE NOTE - The books in this library have been selected by a team of educators for students ranging from K - 12 which means that your children can access ebooks that have been chosen for secondary students. This is not unlike visiting a public library and like many opportunities for learning and entertainment, students are taught and expected to use the resources responsibly. This is a good opportunity to get involved in the reading that your children are doing by asking what they are reading and getting them to show you how it works.

Instructions for accessing these books are on the next page.



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.

HELLO

**Click
on 'Find your
Library'**

Dog On It: A Chet and Bernie mystery
Quinn, Spencer

Famous People, Great Events: An
Castor, Harriet

Chenxi and the Foreigner
Ripplin, Sally



Click on the 'Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta' to reach your library!

Catholic Education Services
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Find Library

Too
EASY!

Too
EASY!

**HAPPY
READING!**

HURRAY!!

ebooks from our library anywhere, any time, on

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Wow!

P.S. You are allowed to borrow 3 books at a time for a few weeks!

Sign In: Catholic Easy

You are about be directed to the Catholic Education provider - please sign and authorise eplatform.

Login via 880

Keep me logged in on this computer

**Hurray! Click
'Borrow Now' to
borrow the book!**

Can't wait! Quest for an eBook in 10 Easy Steps!

HELLO

classm8
classroom in the cloud

www.classm8.parra.catholic.edu.au

Go to
Classmate, then
click 'student
login'!

cre8

Check out the
e-LIBRARY!!

Application and Network Access Portal

Log On

User name:

Password:

Language:

Log On

Woah! Wait! Don't forget
to 'Log On' using your Google
username and password!

Student Portal

Hello smaniar-STAFF

Library

E-Resources

classm8

Change password (coming soon)

For further information about the
Diocese of Parramatta click [here](#).

Click on
'Library'!

LEARNING EXCHANGE

Search/Home eResources My Account Refine Your Search Student eBooks Staff eBooks

Quick Search

Catalogue

words or phrase Search

Now, onto 'Student
eBooks' almost there!

Library Shelf Sign In

Welcome to the
Catholic
of Parramatta
ebook

Click on 'Sign In'! Only
some more clicks to reach
your mission!

Added Recently

Books from our library anywhere, any time, on any device

Yay! You made it! You
can now choose any
book you want to read!

Sign In: Catholic Education

Account Sign In

Sign In via SSO

You are about to be logged in to the Catholic Education provider - please sign in and authorise eplatform.

Keep me logged in on this computer

Alternatively, if you have been issued with a stand-alone AUTHENTICATION

Click on
'Login via SSO'!
Almost there!

Alex Rider Book 1: Stormbreaker

When his guardian finds his world turned upside down in a grueling SAS-style mission, Alex Rider must use his skills to save the world.

EPUB Download

Published by Alex Rider Series

Language English

Filesize 4.05 MB

Loan (check-out) for 3 weeks

Borrow Now

Hurray! Click
'Borrow Now' to
borrow the book!

Read Now

Alex Rider loans

or view options

Click 'Read Now'
to start reading
straight away!

Note: Remember to check with your parents and teachers if you think a book is right for you!

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HAPPY
READING!



FEAST DAY THANK YOU

What a great day we experienced last Sunday at our Feast Day celebrations!

Thank you to the volunteers across all ministries for their contribution to our Catholic parish across 2015. Thanks to the school for their continued engagement with the parish and for engaging the Year 3 families for the CTK Feast Day Mass and to the supporting teachers for their time and dedication. To all the helpers last Sunday: musicians and choir, readers and ministers, caterers and BBQ chefs, children's activities and entertainment, and members of the community, thank you so much for your time and efforts in making the 2015 Feast Day a memorable one. We trust that you all had a great day today. Thanks for being part of a truly wonderful, caring, spiritual and loving community and parish. Happy Feast Day, Christ The King!

PARISH DIRECTORY

Last weekend we launched our 2016/17 Parish Directory. If you did not receive one, please pick one up from the Church foyer. Bookmark gifts were also created as an end of year thank you gift to all parishioners. Please help yourself, if you missed out.

DOES THE PARISH OFFICE HAVE YOUR CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS?

If you would like to receive communication and announcements from the CTK Parish Office, such as the weekly Bulletin, then please complete a Parish Census Form (available in the Church foyer) or directly contact Nadine via email at ctk.nrocks@bigpond.com



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.

"KINGSMEN"

KingsMen wants you to be part of this school and parish community.

Dads at our school or parish do you spend time chatting outside of kids activities or pick up times.

We want to form a Fathers group to have fathers of our parish pursue friendships, fun and interact with like minded dads of our school/ parish community.

Come along for a chat and meet & greet at Baulkham Hills Sports Club on TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER @ 7pm.

No pressure just an informal get together.

Please come and join the start of Fathers Christ The King Group.

Peter Elchaar JP
PPC Chairman

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED THE Skoolbag App YET???



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.

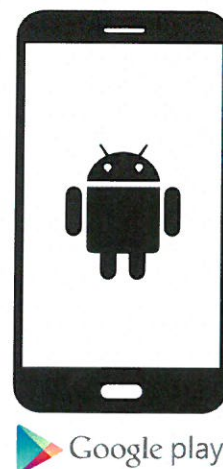


For Android users:

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

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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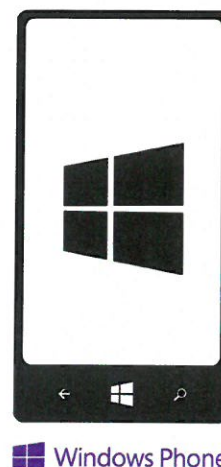
Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.



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"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.



2016 Diocesan School Fees

Dear families

As you may be aware, there is still uncertainty around long term government funding for Catholic schools. Indications are that federal government funding for education post 2017 will be linked to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which historically has been much lower than the education inflation rate. Funding growth linked to CPI will not meet increases in the real costs of schooling.

To maintain our current service levels we will need to increase diocesan tuition fees by 5%. This increase will mean we can continue to fund important initiatives to improve student learning, including:

- literacy and numeracy programs such as Focus160, Reading Recovery, EMU, EM4 and professional learning for teachers and leaders to support the implementation of these programs
- increasing support for students with disabilities, behavioural and emotional needs
- improving our learning spaces, technology and infrastructure
- building new schools and expanding existing schools to cater for new places

Scholarships and fee arrangements

We are committed to ensuring that **no child will be refused enrolment due to a family's financial situation**. There are a range of scholarship and support programs to assist families including:

- The Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund
- Fee arrangements and discounts
- The Byallawa co-contribution scheme for Indigenous families

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fees - 2016

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fee can be paid upfront at the start of the year or as three equal payments in Terms 1, 2 and 3. Flexible payment plans are also available around weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments. The fee is only charged for the first three children currently enrolled in the diocese. There is no additional Diocesan Tuition Fee for the fourth child attending a systemic school in the diocese or other participating Catholic schools.

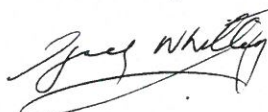
Annual Diocesan Building Levy - 2016

The Diocesan Building Levy enables us to continue to maintain all schools to a high standard, and ensure we can expand or build new schools in high growth areas. To ensure this continues we will need to increase the building levy by \$33 per family per year. The levy for 2016 will be \$735 per family, payable in three equal instalments of \$245 in Terms 1, 2 and 3.

We continue to make every effort to contain educational costs and we do not take the decision to raise fees lightly. **If a school fee increase will be difficult for your family to manage, please contact your school principal.** We will provide every assistance to families in financial need.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic education.

Yours sincerely



Gregory B Whitby
Executive Director of Schools

The 2016 Annual Tuition Fees are as follows:

Annual Fees		1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Tuition Fee Primary	Kindergarten	\$1,098	\$825	\$549
	Years 1 - 6	\$1,419	\$1,065	\$711
Tuition Fee Secondary	Years 7 - 8	\$1,968	\$1,476	\$984
	Years 9 -10	\$2,184	\$1,638	\$1,092
	Years 11 - 12	\$2,790	\$2,094	\$1,395

SPORT NEWS

Basketball

Congratulations to Monique Brown (Year 4) who has been selected to represent the Parramatta Diocese Basketball Girls Team in 2016. The CTK community is proud of your achievement and we wish you all the best next year.

Rugby League, League Tag and Rugby Sevens

During this week CTK was fortunate to have the Parramatta Eels and NSW Rugby Union present certificates, medals and gift packs to a number of our students due to their outstanding playing ability in Rugby League, League Tag and Rugby Sevens.

In particular, congratulations to Nicholas Kelly (Year 6) who represented the Parramatta Diocese in League earlier this year and the Stage 3 Girls League Tag Team who were awarded Premiers at the NRL League Tag Gala Day held earlier in the term.

Congratulations to our Stage 2 Futuretah Rugby side who were Eastwood Metro Champions and our Stage 3 Futuretah Rugby side who were Western Sydney Conference Champions and represented our school and Western Sydney at the NSW State Futuretah Championships held earlier this year.



Patrick Vidot, Sport Coordinator

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 5 parents for last weeks ice block day. It was great to see so many mum's on such a hot day delivering iceblocks into the classrooms.

This week will be Year 6 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.

As we are heading into week 9, this week will be the FINAL ICE BLOCK FRIDAY for the year. Thank you to all the parent volunteers that have helped in Term 1 and Term 4. Ice blocks will return again in the new year for Term 1.

Warm Regards

Connie Este, P&F President



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.

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

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.

MULTICULTURAL CHINESE SCHOOL

Mandarin and Cantonese chinese classes, Various locations. Ambassadors Multicultural Chinese School. Visit www.ammchineseschool.org Principal. Kitty Fong 0405 311 771. Info pamphlet from the Office.

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

ST JOHN OF GOD INSTITUTE OF COUNSELLING

The St John of God Institute of Counselling, established in 1969, offers a course designed to develop skills in personal growth, communication, parenting and general counselling principles. Participants can learn new skills in dealing with daily personal challenges and the issues that arise within families, the school environment, pastoral care and in the workplace. It is conducted on Tuesday evenings within the school term between 7.30pm – 9.45pm at Holy Cross College, Victoria Road, Ryde commencing on **Tuesday 2 February 2016**. Enrolments are accepted up to the end of March. The cost for the course is \$450.00 for the year with an early bird offer of \$400.00 if paid in full by the end of February 2016. For enquires please contact:

Michael Hill - 9869 3774 or 0410 774 432 (7.00 to 9.00 p.m. Mon to Fri);

Carol Harding - 0408 705 848 (anytime);

Janelle Carlile - 0431 598 004 (5.30 to 8.30pm Mon to Fri); or

Email: counselling1969@gmail.com



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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.


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.




STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

CCSS Solo Parent Services' Monthly Support Group, “Stepping Beyond” will be held on Tuesday 24th November for those who are separated or divorced. This will be the last meeting for 2105 and it will be held at our new CCSS premises at 38 Prince St, Blacktown. Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: Eileen or Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



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WE ARE MOVING

CatholicCare Social Services, Diocese of Parramatta are moving our offices from 2a Villiers Street, North Parramatta and 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown.

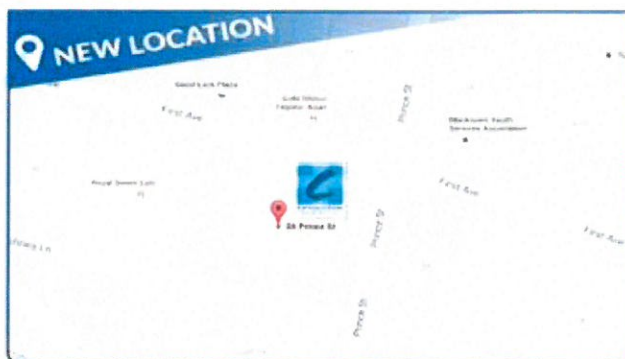
As of **Monday 23 November 2015**
our new address will be

38 Prince Street Blacktown
(corner of First Avenue)

Our Allawah Street Blacktown offices will provide limited services on Thursday, 19 November and will be closed Friday, 20 November before re-opening at our new address. Our Parramatta office will offer limited services on Friday, 20 November. As of 23 November confirmed counselling appointments only will be conducted at 2A Villiers Street, North Parramatta. All other services will move to Blacktown.

Please confirm the address of your next appointment when you call to book
(02) 8822 2222.

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Source: Google Maps

MultiLit Literacy Centres at Macquarie Park and Bella Vista



- ▶ One-to-one literacy intervention programs for struggling readers
- ▶ Term and intensive holiday programs available for primary and secondary students
- ▶ School readiness programs for Kindergarten 2016 (available during January school holidays)

MultiLit, a research initiative of Macquarie University, offers proven programs to improve reading accuracy, fluency, comprehension and spelling, designed specifically for students who are reading at a level significantly below their peers. MultiLit opened a new Literacy Centre in June 2015 to provide services to students in Sydney's Hills District and Northwest Corridor. Our Literacy Centre at Macquarie Park has been operating for almost 20 years.

Who is it for?

MultiLit Literacy Centre programs have been specifically designed for school students whose literacy skills are at a level considerably lower than their peers, and are at risk of being left behind.

Programs available

The MultiLit Literacy Centres offer a range of individualised programs including:

- ▶ PreLit – for preschool through to Kindergarten,
- ▶ MiniLit – for Year 1 and some pre/post Year 1,
- ▶ Reading Tutor Program – for Year 2 through to adults,
- ▶ Spell-It – for Year 4 upwards, and
- ▶ Comprehension – for students who have adequate reading accuracy skills but require help with understanding what they are reading.

A MultiLit literacy assessment is required prior to enrolment with the Literacy Centre, to determine which program would be most beneficial for the student.

For more information or to book a place:

MultiLit Literacy Centres
Macquarie Park and Bella Vista (or online)
T: 1300 55 99 19
E: literacycentre@multilit.com
W: www.multilit.com/literacycentres

