

# Christ the King, North Rocks

Term 4, Week 9

3rd December, 2015

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### Term 4 Week 9

### Fri 4th December

- \* Year 5 returning from CAMP (due back for normal dismissal)
- \* **Band** 7.45am
- \* Lunch Orders
- \* All Students in Sport Uniform
- \* NO ICE BLOCKS

## Week 10

Semester 2 reports home this week

### Mon 7th December

- \* Lunch Orders
- \* SURF ED Years 5 & 6
- \* Cool Kids Music Club 3.00-4.30pm

### Tue 8th December

\* Uniform Shop LAST DAY

8.30am—11.00am 1.30pm—3.30pm

\* Grade Sport Kindy, Yr. 3, 5/11

### **Wed 9th December**

- \* Choir 8am
- \* Grade Sport 1/3, 2/5, 4/9, Yr. 6
- \* LAST Chess 3-4pm
- \* YEAR 6 GRADUATION & SUPPER 7pm

### Thurs 10th December

- \* MOTIV8 YR6 FUN DAY
- \* Grade Sport 5/12, 4/10, 2/6, 1/4
- \* Dance Club 3.15-4.15pm

### Fri 11th December

- \* LAST Band 7.45am
- \* Lunch Orders
- \* All Students in Sport Uniform

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

6.00pm for a 6.30pm start



#### Sun 13th December

\* CTK PARISH END OF YEAR CELEBRATION MASS & COMMUNITY BBQ 10am Mass followed by lunch & activities Dear Parents,

This week as I reflected upon my Advent reflection, I came across a most interesting interpretation by Fr Michael Fullen MSC, of what the Advent season is all about for us as individual people of God.

"During the season of Advent we are encouraged to undertake a journey ourselves- a journey home. If we find that we have strayed away from our faith community too busy to share our faith and too busy to see the special presence of Jesus that comes in the sacrament of communion, we are invited to listen to the longing in our heart and return home. If we find that we are exiled from our own heart, that meeting our obligations and trying to please everyone and cope with the daily demands on our time and energy, we have neglected spending time in prayer, that we will remember what it was like to be at home in our own soul and will resolve to honour ourselves and allow God the time and space to love us."

Our Year 5 cohort and their teachers are currently on camp down in Port Hacking. Thank you to Miss Sarah Brady, Mr Anthony Matthews and Mrs Bernadette Walsh for giving of their time away from their families to accompany the children. Their time and enthusiasm for their students is much appreciated. From all reports and the photographs we have received they are having a great time swimming, challenging the ropes courses and water sliding just to name a few of the great activities. I am "skool-bagging" camp updates and photographs throughout the day. If you don't already have skool bag, follow the instructions in the following pages and install this great alert app and keep informed of how our Year 5 and their teachers are enjoying their time away together.

Congratulations to our Choir and Mrs Collignon who performed at the Epping Club on Monday afternoon. From all reports the children performed various Christmas carols reflecting the real spirit of the season. Thank-you to Mrs Collignon who co-ordinated the visit and performance and the parents who provided the transport.

Next week your child will receive their Semester 2 reports. Thank you to the teachers for preparing these over the last few weeks. Please take the time to sit down with your children and discuss their report prior to the conclusion of the school year. It is important to highlight and celebrate your child's successes as well as identify the challenges for next year. If you have any questions or are seeking any clarification regarding your child's report, please contact your child's teachers before the end of next week. Congratulations to all our CTK students for your efforts with your studies throughout the year. Your parents and teachers are very proud of your efforts.

School will conclude on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. It is important that all children attend the remaining week and half as there are many activities and celebrations scheduled as we bring the school year to a close. I encourage all parents to attend where possible the events scheduled over the next two weeks to join in celebrating our community and our student's achievements throughout 2015.

Have a great week!

Tony Hughes, Principal

# **Starting School in 2016**

### YEARS 1-6 STUDENTS IN 2016

School for Year 1 to Year 6 will officially begin on Friday 29th January 2016. NO LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY.

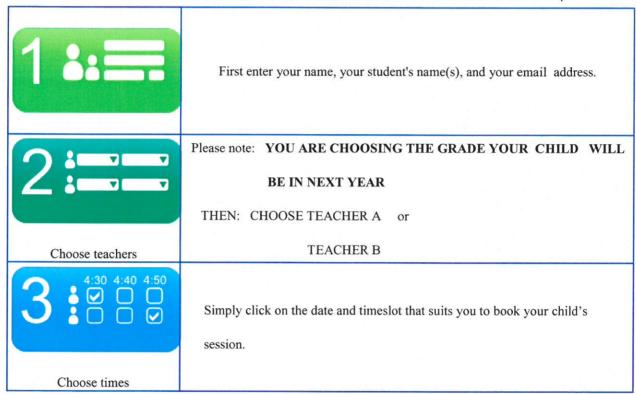
Wednesday 27th January and Thursday 28th January ARE NOT FULL SCHOOL DAYS HOWEVER, your child is only to come to school to attend their booked Mathematics assessment time.

Instructions on how to book are below.

BOOKINGS FOR THESE SESSIONS WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER.



Years 1-6, 2016 Enter the School Event code: T379F, click Go and follow the 3 steps



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.

### **KINDERGARTEN 2016**

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 whey will be dismissed with the rest of the school. From this day, the children will need 'fruit break', 'little lunch', a drink and 'big lunch' for school each day.

Wednesday 27th January, Thursday 28th January and Friday 29th January ARE NOT FULL SCHOOL DAYS. Your child is only to come to school to attend their booked Mathematics assessment time.

<u>Please note</u>: Mathematics assessment times are fully booked for Kindergarten 2016. If you were unable to make a booking on the available dates, your child will be assessed during school hours after Monday 1st February 2016.

### **UNIFORM SHOP 2015**

## TUESDAYS 8.30AM-11.00AM 1.30PM-3.30PM

### PLEASE NOTE: The final day for Uniform Shop trading is NEXT TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER

Boys short-sleeved shirts have now arrived and are available for purchase before the end of term.

Parents are most welcome to place an order through the office. FULL PAYMENT must accompany all

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.

# Year 6 Graduation Mass

next Wednesday, 9th December at 7:00pm

Year 6 students are to wear their full summer uniform and are asked to arrive no later than 6.45pm and go directly to the Library. Parents and friends are asked to go directly to the Church where seating has been arranged.

# Graduation Supper helpers

Thank you to the Year 5 parents who have already offered to assist at the Year 6 Graduation Supper. For any parents assisting at the Supper please arrive at 7.30pm. For any further enquiries please contact Shalu Cerrone 0416 277 829 or Lynne Samany 0402 572 111.

### **MARK IN YOUR DIARY**

Changeover / Meet the Teacher day

Monday 14th December

Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 15th December

End of Year Mass / Awards / Farewell Wednesday 16th December

### **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.

### LIBRARY NEWS

HAVE YOU CHECKED AT HOME? A reminder that all Reading books are to be returned to school this week. Please check all cupboards, drawers and under the bed for any hidden school readers. This will enable the Library to account for all the unreturned Class reading books.

#### Please note that Maths Club has finished for 2015. Tuesdays Maths Club

Thank you to everyone who participated this year. We look forward to Maths Club returning in 2016. Mr Patrick Cairns Maths Club Coordinator

### **GRADE EVENTS**

YEAR 5 PARENT DINNER NEXT TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER Baulkham Hills Sports Club 7pm RSVP by tomorrow, Friday 4th December to Lynne 0402 572 111 or Shalu 0416 277 829.

YEAR 1 PARENT DINNER **NEXT THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER** The Olive Restaurant Harris Park 7.30pm. RSVP to Angelique Doueihi-Obiebi. Invitation has been sent home



### CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL

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November 27, 2015

Dear CTK Families.

We are all looking forward to CTK Christmas celebration 'Peace on Earth Christmas Concert' with Michel Mangan. Below are some details of the special night planned.

# CTK Christmas Concert - Peace on Earth Christmas Concert with Michel Mangan

When:

Friday December 11, 2015

Time:

6:00 pm (All students arrive promptly and meet their classroom

teachers in their classroom)

6:30 pm Christmas Concert begins

Approximately 8:00 pm Christmas Concert concludes

Venue:

CTK School Oval

What to bring:

Picnic blanket and a small torch

### Wet Weather Plan:

Incase of wet weather, the Christmas Concert will be held in the Christ the King Catholic Church at the same time. All students will be required to attend the night time concert regardless of the weather. An email will be sent in the afternoon to confirm the concerts venue.

Please read carefully your child's costume requirements for our Peace on Earth Christmas Concert with Michel Mangan.

Thank you for your support in creating a wonderful CTK Christmas Concert.

Kind regards,

Monica Vella



### Kindergarten Christmas Concert Costumes

Girls All girls are to wear blue denim shorts, a white T-shirt, hair in high pigtails

with red ribbon bows, a red tinsel belt, white socks and sport shoes. White

joggers are preferred if possible.

Boys All boys are to wear blue denim shorts, a white T-shirt, a green tinsel belt,

white socks and sport shoes. White joggers are preferred if possible.

### **Year 1 Christmas Concert Costumes**

Please read carefully your child's costume outline.

Girls Students who are reindeers are to wear a white T-shirt and blue denim

bottoms (jeans, skirts OR shorts), reindeer antlers, white socks and sport

shoes. White joggers are preferred if possible.

Boys Students who are reindeers are to wear a white T-shirt and blue denim

bottoms (jeans OR shorts), reindeer antlers, white socks and sport shoes.

White joggers are preferred if possible.

Santa Students who are Santa are to wear a red T-shirt and black pants, a

Santa hat, black socks and black school shoes.

Rudolph Students who are Rudolph are to wear a white T-shirt and blue denim

bottoms (jeans, skirts OR shorts), reindeer antlers, red nose (will be

painted on by the school using face paint), white socks and sport shoes.

White joggers are preferred if possible.

### Year 2 Christmas Concert Costumes

Girls All girls are to wear a pretty dress, with silver, gold or tan sandals and hair

in high pigtails with ribbons tied in a bow.

Boys All boys are to wear grey school shorts with a button up shirt or a polo

shirt, white school socks, black school shoes and hair spiked up.

### Year 3 Christmas Concert Costumes

All students are to wear a plain white T-shirt, dark blue or black shorts, a Santa Hat and white socks and sport shoes, white joggers are preferred if possible.

### **Year 4 Christmas Concert Costumes**

All students are to wear a plain white T-shirt, blue denim shorts, white socks and sport shoes. White joggers are preferred if possible.

### **Year 5 Christmas Concert Costumes**

Girls Girls are wearing silver skirts (provided by the school), a plain black T-Shirt

OR black leotard, black bike shorts, black socks, black school shoes and

wearing their hair in a high ponytail with silver tinsel.

Boys are to wear blue denim shorts, a red OR green T-shit, sunglasses,

white socks, joggers and wear their hair spiked.

### Year 6 Christmas Concert Costumes

Girls Girls are in a Spanish skirt (provided by the school), black T-shirt OR black

leotard, black shoes without socks and a red flower around their neck

(provided by the school).

Boys are to wear black pants OR shorts, a red T-shirt, Black school shoes

and black socks, a moustache (it can be drawn on or stuck on n a Spanish style) and either a sombrero hat OR a black Zorro mask.





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December 3, 2015

Dear CTK Families,

This year Christ the King will again be supporting the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal. We can all help St Vincent de Paul spread Christmas cheer this year by donating items for families who need our help this Christmas.

Below are suggested items that each grade is asked to donate to help create some wonderful hampers. All donated items are to be sent to your child's classroom by *Thursday December 10, 2015.* Please ensure that all food items are within the expiry date.

Grade	Items to Donate to the St Vincent de Paul Hampers		
Kinder & Year 3	CHRISTMAS FOODS		
	<ul> <li>Tinned Ham – 450gm (Please no SPAM)</li> <li>Christmas Cake – (To serve at least 6 people)</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Chocolates</li><li>Chips</li><li>Nuts</li><li>Soft Drink</li><li>Cordial</li><li>Savoury Crackers</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Christmas Pudding (To serve at least 6 people)</li> <li>Shortbread</li> <li>Fruit Mince Pies</li> </ul>
Year 1, Year 6 & Year 5	STAPLES		
	<ul> <li>Canned Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Pasta</li><li>Pasta Sauce</li><li>Rice</li><li>Jam</li><li>Honey</li></ul>	<ul><li>Baked Beans</li><li>Spaghetti</li><li>Tea</li><li>Coffee</li><li>Sugar</li></ul>
Year 2 & Year 4	HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS		
	<ul><li>Washing Powder</li><li>Fabric Softener</li></ul>		shing up Liquid am Cleanser

St Vincent de Paul is also collecting cash donations this Christmas to support families in need across Australia. If you would like to also support the 'Vinnies Christmas Appeal', please send your donations to your child's classroom.

Thank you for your generosity and support of this worthy cause.

Kind regards,

Monica Vella Religious Education Coordinator

### END OF YEAR MASS WEDNESDAY, 16th December

### ALL STUDENTS IN FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM

We will celebrate Mass to say thank-you for a year full of Faith, Fun and Learning on **WEDNESDAY**, **16th December at 9:00am**. At the conclusion of Mass the Student Leadership Team for 2016 will be announced. This will then be followed by our Annual Awards Ceremony. There are four special awards for each class that are selected by the class teacher.

<u>Catholic Living Award</u> - to recognize the child who the teacher believes continually demonstrates and lives out our catholic values.

<u>Academic Award</u> - to recognize the child who the teacher believes has on average achieved exceptional results across the area of Numeracy.

<u>Academic Award</u> - to recognize the child who the teacher believes has on average achieved exceptional results across the area of Literacy.

<u>Consistent Effort Award</u> - to recognize the child who the teacher believes consistently tried his/her best all year.

Each year we also present a number of other community based awards focusing on citizenship e.g. Lions Club Award—3 award recipients (one from each stage) and Rotary Club Award & Hills Shire Council School Citizen Award from Yr 6 who have always demonstrated great citizenship by being helpful, kind and of service to others. The selection process for these awards involves teachers nominating students they feel best suit the criteria and then voting on these children.

The morning will be followed by a community picnic on the oval.

PLEASE NOTE: the children will not be allowed to leave before

1.00pm.



# PICNIC DAY—LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Wednesday, 16th December

PLEASE NOTE: the children will not be allowed to

leave before 1.00pm.

Parents are welcome to join the children for a picnic lunch together on the oval following the End of Year Mass, Annual Awards Ceremony and School farewell to the Year 6 students.

B.Y.O picnic blanket, food etc. and come and spend some time playing with your child at school.

The children will return to their classrooms at 1pm where they can then be signed out by their parent. All dismissals / sign-outs from school, will be via the classroom and their class teachers after 1pm. SIGNING OUT ON THIS DAY WILL NOT BE VIA THE OFFICE.

Please note: Children will not be signed out to another family without written permission from their parent.

### **CELEBRATING GIFTS & TALENTS**

Congratulations to Isabella Y (Year 2) who competed in the Level 1-3, 2015 Acrobatic Gymnastics NSW State championships on the 28-29th of November. Isabella achieved outstanding results receiving a Gold medal for overall performance. Well done!

# Happy Birthday in December to:



Kinder	$Charlie\ Z$
	$Emilia\ P$
	$Nicole\ S$
	$Luke\ S$
	$James\ F$
	$Caleb\ C$

Year 1 Kessyena O Matthew L Sebastian B Raymond C

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

Year 3 Tahlia M Luca G Alana S Natalie Z

Year 4 Christopher E Emma M Jadyn V William K

Year 5 Mikaela B Isabella Y Adam F Mark W

Year 6 Lachlan R

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





### **Parish News**

### CTK CELEBRATION / END OF YEAR BBQ

Christ The King School and Parish 2015 on reflection was a very productive and challenging year. To celebrate our year we are hosting an end of year School and Parish BBQ. So come along and celebrate with the students, our teachers & families who are part of CTK in various ways. Join our parish community in celebrating a great year with all the positive outcomes achieved this year.

This is our last BBQ for the year and we will provide a sausage sizzle, REAL barista coffee, and fun times for the kids. So come and join our great community and farewell 2015 with a celebration leading to Christmas and the holiday season. SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER @ 10am for mass followed by all the fun and catch up with our community end of year BBQ YOU CAN'T MISS THIS LAST ONE FOR 2015! Peter Elchaar



### PARISH DIRECTORY

PPC Chairman

We have 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. If you missed out, please help yourself.

### 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 Nadine directly via email at ctk.nrocks@bigpond.com

Christmas Eve Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 6pm Children's/ Family Mass 9pm Youth Mass 12 Midnight Mass Catholic Parish of Christ the King, North Rocks

Christmas Day Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 8am Mass 10am Mass

2015

**CHRISTMAS** 

Reconciliation

Sat 19th Dec 10.30—11.00am 4.30—5.30pm

MASS TIMES

9871 8710

10 Statham Ave North Rocks http://www.northrockscatholic.org.au/

# Choir of Angels - Congratulations

Well done to our Choir of Angels that performed so beautifully on Monday at The Epping Club. They sounded fantastic and certainly helped spread the Christmas Spirit to the many present. Many thanks to Mrs. Collignon for her expertise in leading the children. Our appreciation also to the many parents who kindly transported the children to and from the venue.



### **SPORT NEWS**

### Parramatta Diocese Sport Awards

2015 has been an amazing year for CTK sporting achievements where we have had a number of students representing our school, zone, diocese and state across a whole range of sports. It is fantastic to see CTK students enjoy sport, promote a healthy and active lifestyle, excel in a number of sporting domains and demonstrate remarkable sportsmanship.

Congratulations to the following students who have been nominated by the Parramatta Diocese to attend the Parramatta Diocese Sport Awards held at Saint Andrew's Primary School, Marayong on Thursday 10th December. The ceremony will commence at 5pm and conclude at 6.30pm.

Daniel Bertolissio MacKillop Rugby Union Team

MacKillop Athletics Team

NSWPSSA State Athletics Team

Hunter Hosking MacKillop Rugby Union Team

MacKillop Athletics Team

Joshua Georges MacKillop Football Team

MacKillop Athletics Team

Anthony Younis MacKillop Football Team

MacKillop Athletics Team

The whole CTK community is proud of your accomplishments this year and best of luck for the awards night.

Patrick Vidot, Sport Coordinator

### **OFFICE TRANSACTIONS**

Please note that the office  $\underline{\text{WILL NOT}}$  be able to accept any  $\underline{\text{CASH}}$  transactions after 3:30pm NEXT WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER.

BPay, Eftpos and Credit facilities will still be available for any outstanding school fee payments up until 3:00pm on Wednesday, 16th December.

### **NSW STATE TRANSIT NEWS**

### **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

# **TERM DATES FOR 2016**

### Term 1 Wednesday, 27th January—Thursday 28th January

Yrs 1-6 Mathematics assessments will be undertaken at this time. Students are required to attend for their 30minute assessment time only.

Years 1-6 begin full school days Friday 29th January

### Wednesday 27th January-Friday 29th January

<u>Kindergarten Mathematics assessments will be undertaken at this time</u>. Students are required to attend for their 1 hour assessment time only.

# Kindergarten begin full school days Monday 1st February

Good Friday, Friday, 25th March }

Easter Sunday, Sunday, 27th March } Public Holidays

Easter Monday, Monday, 28th March }

### LAST DAY OF TERM 1: Friday, 8th April

Term 2 Tuesday, 26th April to Friday, 1st July

Term 3 Monday, 18th July to Friday, 23rd September Term 4 Monday, 10th October to Tuesday, 20th December

### **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).
- 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.



### For Windows 81 Phone and Windows 81 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 81 and 10 devices.



**Windows Phone** 



## **CTK COMMUNITY NEWS**

### 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. More info, please phone Mark 0413 035 101.

### PENRITH OBSERVATORY

### **ASTRONOMY NIGHT**

Saturday 12 December - 8.00 pm - 10.00 pm

**SPACE JUNK** - Our planet isn't the only place we are leaving trash. Orbital debris, the collection of old or unused man-made objects in orbit about the Earth is a real problem to satellites, the ISS and rockets when they launch. The evening will also include a 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.mccourt@westernsydney.edu.au

westernsydney.edu.au/observatory www.twitter.com/uwsobservatory www.facebook.com/UWSObservatory

### **OAKHILL COLLEGE ENROLMENTS 2017**

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

<u>OLMC Parramatta Mercy Scholarships</u> 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.



\$5 FROM EVERY PAIR OF SHOES PURCHASED IS DONATED BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL

Simply let us know your school next time you're in store!





### Accommodation Specials - January 2016 Only - Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre

<u>Personal Retreat:</u> why not recharge with some quite time this January – Two persons stay in the fully catered Joseph Kentenich 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.

<u>Family/Group Retreat:</u> 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. Specials apply to weekday bookings (Mon-Thurs only) during January: Minimum 4 night stay at \$200 per night.

### **AQUATICS DOWN UNDER**

SWIM SCHOOL
NORTH ROCKS SHOPPING CENTRE
QUALITY LESSONS, CONVENIENT LOCATION, COMFORTABLE
ENVIRONMENT
NOW TAKING BOOKINGS FOR
JANUARY 2016 HOLIDAY INTENSIVE LESSONS
AND ENQUIRIES FOR TERM 1 2016 LESSONS
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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

REGISTER FOR GIRLS SOCCER FOR 2016 "Beecroft Football (soccer) Club offers soccer for Girls from 6 years up.

- Ø Mixed Mini teams including girls 6 8 years play Saturday mornings
- Ø "Girls Only" teams for 6-12 year olds play on Sundays morning. (Girls & women's teams also available for 13s & older)
- Ø Coaching provided by certified, professional coaches

For more information about Beecroft Wombats, including on-line registrations, go to www.beecroftfc.com.au or contact Jeff Saul on 0418 662 912 for further details".

### 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);

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

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