



# Christ the King, North Rocks

Term 1, Week 10

31st March, 2016

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## 2016 Term 1, Week 10

### Friday 1st April

- \* **First Eucharist registration forms due to Parish Office**
- \* **PE Change due to Cross Country 4/10, 3/8, Kindergarten**
- \* Performance Band 7.45am
- \* **LUNCH ORDERS**
- \* Band groups during the day
- \* Ice Blocks at lunchtime \$1-00 each.  
Year 6 parents assisting today. Please arrive at 1.20pm

### WEEK 11

### Monday 4th April

- \* **SCHOOL SPORT PROGRAM**  
All students in sport uniform
- \* **SKIPPING DEMONSTRATION- All welcome. See timetable inside**
- \* **LUNCH ORDERS**
- \* Cool Kids Music Club 3.00-4.30pm

### Tuesday 5th April

- \* **Maths Club 8am**
- \* **Uniform Shop 8.30am—11.30am**  
**1.30pm —3.30pm**
- \* **PE Year 1, 2/5, 3/7, 4/9**
- \* **KingsMen evening**  
6.30pm Baulkham Hills Sport Club

### Wednesday 6th April

- \* **8am Choir**
- \* **LUNCH ORDERS**
- \* **PE Kindergarten, 2/6, Year 6**
- \* **Chess 3-4pm**

### Thursday 7th April

- \* **YEAR 6 VISITING CANBERRA**
- \* **PE 3/8, 4/10, Year 5**
- \* **Dance Club 3.15-4.15pm**

### Friday 8th April

- \* **YEAR 6 VISITING CANBERRA**
- \* Performance Band 7.45am
- \* **LUNCH ORDERS**
- \* Band groups during the day
- \* Ice Blocks at lunchtime \$1-00 each.  
**Assistance from any available Kindy parents would be most appreciated. Please arrive at 1.20pm**

Dear Parents,

St John's Gospel this Sunday is one of several accounts where Jesus, following his Resurrection reveals himself to the apostles. The focus in this scripture is on Thomas who was not present when Jesus first appeared to the Apostles. His faith had waned declaring that he would not believe Christ had risen unless he saw for himself the wounds Jesus had suffered following his crucifixion and death. Thomas was setting his own 'conditions' for him to be able to believe in the Easter Resurrection of Our Lord. He was demanding proof of such events of recent times. Thomas was finally rewarded with the proof he required when Jesus appeared again to the apostles and he was present. As we listen to this Sunday's Gospel may our faith be strengthened by the events we have celebrated in the past week as we continue to Journey with Christ in our every day life. May we be not like 'doubting Thomas' but strong and confident in the love of our Lord as we celebrate the season of Easter over the coming weeks.

Thank you to our Year 4 students who reenacted the Stations of the Cross for our school community on Holy Thursday. This moving and prayerful experience enabled us all to journey with Christ during the final hours of his life and to recall the sacrifice he made for us all through his passion and eventual death on the cross. Thank you to Mrs. Searson, Mrs. Manion and Mrs. Roberts, who under the guidance of Miss Vella prepared the children for this most special liturgical celebration. Thank you to the parents and friends who joined us on the day.

On Tuesday we celebrated our post Resurrection liturgy and Easter Hat parade.

Thank you to the parents who attended our liturgy of the word and parade. Your efforts in assisting the children prepare their hats was greatly appreciated by all those who had the chance to see them.

Thank you to all members of the community who contributed to Project Compassion throughout Lent. In total our school community raised some \$1200 for Caritas Australia. A special commendation to Year 6 who over the last 6 weeks raised \$230 with our Gold Coin day on St Patrick's Day collecting just over \$400.

Thank you to everyone for their generosity in thinking of the under privileged and needy abroad throughout this Lenten period.

Certain families in our CTK community were selected at random several weeks ago to complete the 2016 Quality Catholic Schools survey. If you have completed the survey either electronically or by completing the hard copy- thank you. Your feedback is crucial for the future planning of the school in many facets of our operation. If you have not completed the survey, please do so on line or return the completed hard copies to the school office by tomorrow, Friday 1st April.

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the annual school Cross Country run yesterday. It was a beautiful day for running with many students producing PBs on the day and giving their all. Congratulations to the children who have qualified for the Diocesan Cross Country early next term, to be held at Eastern Creek. Thank you to the many parents who volunteered their time yesterday as course officials and time keepers. Your time and efforts assisted greatly in the carnival running smoothly. Finally thank you to all the CTK staff who supported Miss Boules in coordinating the event both on the day and in the weeks leading up to the run. Thank you Miss Boules for your time, enthusiasm and organizational skills.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the 2016 CTK Parent Handbook which can be accessed via our school website. I reviewed the hand book over Christmas with several amendments made across several areas. I urge all families to take the time over the upcoming holidays to read through the handbook and make yourselves aware of certain protocols and expectations that contribute to the successful administration of the school. Starting next term, I will be highlighting various aspects of the handbook in each week's newsletter for you to read and be informed about.

On page 25 of the handbook there is a reference to the student's sports shoes being predominantly white. I made a reference to this at the Parent / Teacher Information nights earlier on in the term. Thank you to the parents who have made the effort to abide by this request. It would be greatly appreciated if this request be adhered to in the future. Thank You.

Tony Hughes, Principal



## Quality Catholic Schools Surveys due TOMORROW, Friday 1st April

Thank you to the many families who have already completed the online survey or have returned their hardcopy survey to the school office.

These surveys are due for completion either online or by lodgement to the Office by 9.30am TOMORROW, Friday 1st April.

Please make every effort to complete and return your surveys.

Working together as a school community helps to provide our children with the best schooling system possible.

## Ice Block Friday

Ice blocks will continue tomorrow, Friday 1st April. Assistance from any available Year 6 parents would be most appreciated. Please meet in the Hall kitchen at 1.20pm on the day.

Ice Blocks are \$1 each. Please inform the office if you do NOT wish your child to purchase an ice block or please ensure that your child has their money on the day to avoid any tears.

The final ice block day will be held on Friday 8th April with assistance required from any available Kindergarten parents. Please meet in the Hall kitchen at 1.20pm on the day.



## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS—THIS WEEKEND 3RD APRIL 2016

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS. Don't forget to turn your clock BACK when you go to bed next Saturday night 2nd April.

## INVITATION TO PARENTS : SKIPPING PROGRAM DEMONSTRATION

This term all students on a Monday have been participating in high impact workout skipping program run by Dancefever Multisport.

Our students would now like to demonstrate to their parents their skipping skills and energetic jumps with the ropes.

All parents are welcome to observe and join in their child's skipping lesson at school on the oval NEXT Monday 4 April.

Skipping Schedule :

Time	Grade
8:45am-9:25am	Year 4
9:25am-10:05am	Year 5
10:05am-10:45am	Kindy
RECESS	
11:15am-11:55am	Year 3
11:55am-12:35pm	Year 6
12:35pm-1:15pm	Year 2
LUNCH	
2:00pm-2:40pm	Year 1



## Happy Birthday for the month of April to



Kinder Nicholas K  
Abigail V

Year 1 Mariana W  
Stephanie P  
Dominic B

Year 2 Sarah F

Year 3 Nicholas P  
Kiara P  
Ella W  
Sienna K  
Ignatius L  
Mitchell R

Year 4 Isabelle Z

Year 5 Abigail K  
Owen M  
Patrick Z  
Isabella H

Year 6 Shadi M  
Kaelen F  
Madison G  
Thomas S

## MARK IN YOUR DIARY

### Monday 25th April

- Anzac Day Public Holiday

### Tuesday 26th April

- Students resume Term 2
- Anzac Day Liturgy  
more information in next week's newsletter.

### Friday 20th May

- Staff Development / Pupil Free Day

### Monday 18th July

- Staff Development / Pupil Free Day

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





## YR 6 VISITING OUR NATIONS CAPITAL

Best wishes to our Year 6 students who next Thursday and Friday will be in Canberra as part of their learning experiences for their unit on Government, 'Australian Democracy'. Many thanks to Mr Matthews, Miss Brady and Mrs Hermens who will be generously giving up their time, away from their families, to be with the children on this exciting and memorable excursion. Mr Hughes will also be accompanying the students on this excursion.

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## QUICK LOOK AT TERM 2, WEEK 1

- Monday 25th April** - ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Tuesday 26th April**
- Uniform Shop 8.30-11.30am 1.30-3.30pm
  - Anzac Day Liturgy—more information next week
  - PE : Yr 1, 2/5, 3/7, 4/9
- Wednesday 27th April**
- Lunch orders
  - PE : Kindy, 2/6, Year 6
  - Chess begins 3-4pm
  - First Eucharist 1st session in the Hall : time tbc.
- Thursday 28th April** - PE : 3/8, 4/10, Yr 5
- Friday 24th April**
- Band (all students) 7.45am
  - Lunch orders
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## COMMUNITY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Ding family who were initiated into the Catholic Church over the Easter weekend. James Ding and Fei Chen were fully initiated into the church at the Easter Vigil mass on Saturday evening at St Monica's Nth Parramatta. Alex Ding [Yr 2] was baptised on Easter Sunday also at St Monica's. Congratulations and Gods blessings to them all!



## CTK WINTER UNIFORM - TERM 2 CHANGEOVER

There will be a grace / change-over period for the first 2 weeks of Term 2 depending on the weather. During this time, children may wear either their summer or winter school uniform.

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## OFFICE TRANSACTIONS

Please note that the office **WILL NOT** be able to accept any **CASH** transactions after 3:30pm on **WEDNESDAY 6th April**.

BPay, Eftpos and Credit facilities will still be available up until 3:00pm on Friday, 8th April.



# *What's happening in Kindergarten?*

Kindergarten and their teachers have had a wonderful ten weeks settling into school at Christ the King. We feel so happy and proud to be a part of this wonderful community.



We have been doing lots of great work including; learning how to read, write some words and number work. We also enjoy learning about Jesus.

We have created a display in our windows for our families and friends to see what we are doing.



Come down and check it out when you can.

## PARISH NEWS



### THE KINGMEN CLUB

The next event for "The KingsMen" is scheduled for NEXT TUESDAY 5th APRIL 6:30pm @ Baulkham Hills Sports Club.

We will be gathering for dinner from 6.30pm then welcome our guest speakers Anthony Matthews and Sarah Cook who will be talking to the KingsMen about "Kids and Social Media."

Tell your Dad, friend or anyone you feel would like to be involved

Check out our Facebook for updates <https://www.facebook.com/groups/kingsmen2015/>

The Past is History  
The Future a Mystery  
& Today Is a Gift

Peter Elchaar JP  
KingsMen  
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### PARISH MASS TIMES

**Saturday Vigil** 6.00pm

**Sunday Masses** 8.00am, 10.00am

#### **Weekday Masses**

<b>Monday</b>	no masses	<b>Tuesday</b>	7.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.00am	<b>Thursday</b>	9.00am
<b>Friday</b>	9.15am		

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

### TRY ALPHA! IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?

WELCOME NIGHT ON MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY, 7PM

Alpha is coming to Christ the King Parish.

Mondays 2 May 2016 – 27 June 2016, 7pm in the school library.

For more information about Alpha, visit <http://australia.alpha.org/>

For expressions of interest or to join, contact

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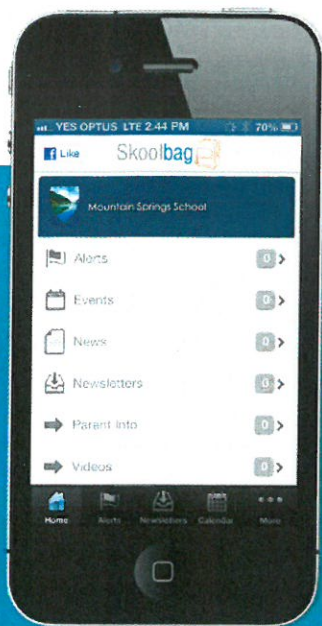
### HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED THE Skoolbag App YET???



Skoolbag is the ultimate school to parent communication tool. This School Mobile App provides schools with an easy way to tell parents and carers important information as soon as it happens example: school news, event reminders, cancellations 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.



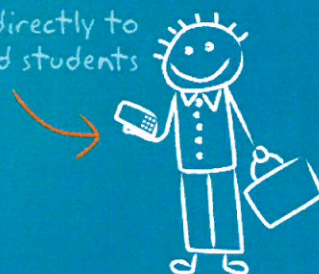


Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



## How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

### iPhone & 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. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
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.



### 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.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook! 

Find out more at [www.skoolbag.com.au](http://www.skoolbag.com.au)

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*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](http://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.



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. Both the CEO Module and the NSW Working With Children Check must be completed to finalise your clearance.**

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](http://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 with a WWCC Number which states 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

## PENRITH OBSERVATORY WHAT'S ON IN APRIL?

**ASTRONOMY NIGHTS The Lives of Stars** Where do stars come from and where do they go?

**Saturday 2 April (8.00 pm – 10.00 pm) and Saturday 16 April (7.00 pm – 9.00 pm)**

**COST OF ASTRONOMY NIGHTS:** \$18 for adults, \$12 for children/concessions or \$50 for a family

**KIDS' SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS COST OF WORKSHOPS:** \$15 per person

**Thursday 14 April (10.00 am – 12 noon) – All Kinds of Aliens**

**Thursday 21 April (1.00 pm – 3.00 pm) – Rockets** Make and launch your own paper rockets and watch water rockets and a solid fuel rocket being launched

In addition to multimedia presentations all programs will include a 3D astronomy movie and either safe viewing of the sun (day program) or viewing of the night sky through the University's telescopes. Our programs run regardless of the weather. To book and pay for tickets visit the "What's On" page at [westernsydney.edu.au/observatory](http://westernsydney.edu.au/observatory)

**Think Club Australia 13th–14th April 9.00am-3.30pm Sydney Boys High School Moore Park Sydney**

**Yr. 1&2** Riotous Robotics, Early Engineers, Creature Keepers, Creative Coding and Slimy Science

**Yr. 3&4** Biological Bonanza, Fascinating Forensics, Extreme Environments Perceptive Puzzlers

**Yr. 4&6** Bright Sparks and Zany Zookeepers

**Yr. 5&6** Playful Programming, Marvellous Movie Making and Magical Mindcraft and many more!!!!

For more information [www.thinkclubaustralia.com](http://www.thinkclubaustralia.com) Ph: 0408 282 010. Registration is online



Located on the grounds of Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta, The Academy offers the following

- Weekly individual instrumental and vocal lessons
- 1-day holiday Vocal and Drumming workshops (April and September)
- 2-day holiday workshops for String instruments and Woodwind and Brass Instruments (July)
- 3-Day holiday Orchestra Workshop in partnership with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra Fellows (July).

**Lessons and workshops cater for boys and girls from Years 3 – 12 (ages 8 – 18) from beginners through to advanced students.**

To book please go to: [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au/the-academy](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au/the-academy)

For more information, contact The Academy on

[music@olmc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:music@olmc.nsw.edu.au)

Information pamphlets available from the school office.

## Calendar 2016

The Big Sing: 1-Day Vocal Workshop	April 21, 2016
The Big Bash: 1-Day Percussion Workshop	April 22, 2016
2-Day Concert Band Workshop	July 11-12, 2016
2-Day Strings Workshop	July 11-12, 2016
3-Day Holiday Workshop (in partnership with Riverside and Sydney Symphony Orchestra)	July 13-15, 2016
Academy Singers and Orchestra Rehearsals	Weekly Rehearsals from July 26, 2016
Term 3 Academy Singers and Orchestra Concert	September 24, 2016
The Big Sing: 1-Day Vocal Workshop	September 26, 2016
The Big Bash: 1-Day Percussion Workshop	September 27, 2016

Dance Lessons scheduled to commence in 2016. Visit [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au/TheAcademy](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au/TheAcademy) for more info.





## CATHOLIC CARE SOCIAL SERVICES

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM: INFORMATION SESSION

CCSS Solo Parent Services is commencing a Bereavement Support Program for men or women who have suffered the death of their spouse or partner. It will be held on Tuesday fortnights commencing on 05<sup>th</sup> April, with an Information session and Overview of the Program. The Program will run fortnightly until Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm. Venue: CCSS 38 Prince St, Blacktown. Cost: \$5.00 per session.

For further information / Registration Essential: Call Rita on 8822 2222 or Email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

### STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

CCSS Solo Parent Services "Stepping Beyond" Support Group, is held on the last Tuesday of each month for those going through a separation or divorce. **Next Gathering:** 29<sup>th</sup> March **Venue:** CCSS centre, 38 Prince St, Blacktown. **Time:** 7.30 – 9.30. **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)



**The Hills Community Aid Family Fun Day and Open Day** is on **Tuesday 19 April** from 10am - 1pm at Balcombe Heights Estate, 92 Seven Hills Road Baulkham Hills. Lots of FREE fun for everyone including :

Jumping Castle      Drumming with Drum Beats      Police and Fire Engine

Arts and Crafts for children      GIANTS Big Kick

Sydney Metropolitan Wildlife Service Animal display

Open Class Room from our Learning in the Hills Students with displays of :

Painting      Cake Decorating      Dress Making      Quilting

Knitting      Crochet      Devonshire teas from the Learning in the Hills Volunteers

Sausage Sizzle by Rotary Cub Norwest Sunrise

Are you interested in playing Rugby? North Rocks Rugby Union club are urgently seeking boys who will be turning 11 or 12 in 2016.

The team trains at Kingsdene Oval on Wednesday nights (Felton Road in Carlingford) and plays in Sydney wide home and away competition on Sundays. The competition runs from April till September.

All new players will receive free shorts and socks. Jersey is supplied by the club and returned at the end of the season. We can even help with second hand boots!

Please contact Neil Joseph on 0418113160 if you are interested or email [njoetus@optusnet.com.au](mailto:njoetus@optusnet.com.au).

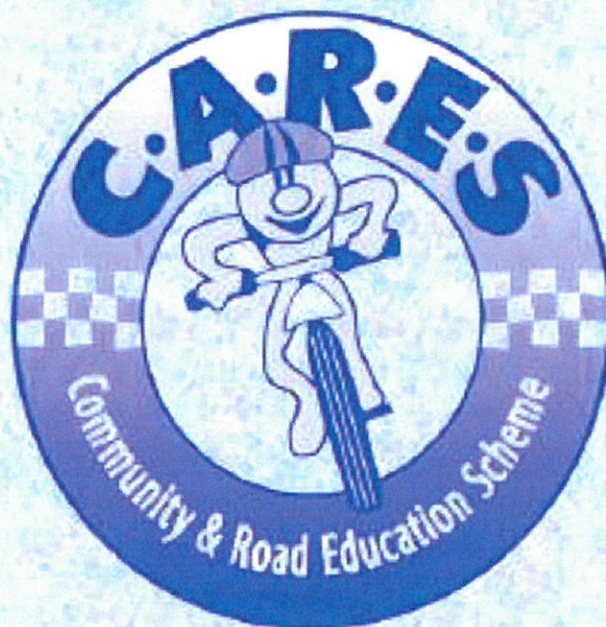
Our club website can be found at: <https://www.northrocksjuniorrugby.com/>



A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience for married couples – 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. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! **Weekend date: 24-26 June at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW**

Bookings online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or Bill and Ardell Sharpe on 02 4283 3435 or [wsharpe@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wsharpe@bigpond.net.au)





**AUTO PLACE X PETER BROCK DR, PROSPECT**

**TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016**

**10AM – 2PM**

Come along during the school holidays and ride in  
a safe environment with real traffic lights.

Bring your own bike and helmet

FREE Face Painting

Parking is on site and free

Bring a picnic

Sausage sizzle and drinks

Adult Supervision required

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# Today's learners: tomorrow's leaders

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ENROLLING NOW



Sibling discounts available. School based fees may apply. The Byallawa co-contribution scheme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and the Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund have been established for families in need of financial assistance.

No child will be refused enrolment because of a family's inability to afford school fees.



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