



# Christ the King, North Rocks

Term 1, Week 3

11th February, 2016

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## 2016 Term 1, Week 3

### Fri 12th February

- \* Performance Band 7.45am (2015 students)
- \* **SCHOOL CENSUS DAY**
- \* **SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**
- \* **LUNCH ORDERS**
- \* **Band groups for new & existing students.**
- \* Ice Blocks at lunchtime \$1-00 each

### WEEK 4

### Monday 15th February

- \* **SCHOOL SPORT PROGRAM**  
All students in sport uniform
- \* **LUNCH ORDERS**
- \* **Cool Kids Music Club** 3.00-4.30pm
- \* **Grade Information Night**  
6pm: Kindergarten 7pm: Year 6

### Tuesday 16th February

- \* **Uniform Shop** 8.30am—11.30am  
1.30pm—3.30pm
- \* **PE** Year 1, 2/5, 3/7, 4/9
- \* **Grade Information Night**  
6pm: Year 1 7pm: Year 2

### Wednesday 17th February

- \* **8am Choir**
- \* **LUNCH ORDERS**
- \* **School photo catch up day**
- \* **PE** Kindergarten, 2/6, Year 6
- \* **Chess** 3-4pm
- \* **Grade Information Night**  
6pm: Year 3 7pm: Year 4

### Thursday 18th February

- \* **PE** 3/8, 4/10, Year 5
- \* **Dance Club** 3.15-4.15pm
- \* **Grade Information Night**  
6pm: Year 5

### Friday 19th February

- \* Performance Band 7.45am (2015 students)
- \* **LUNCH ORDERS**
- \* **Band groups for new & existing students.**
- \* Ice Blocks at lunchtime \$1-00 each

### Sunday 21st February

- \* Kindergarten attending Sunday Parish Mass 10.00am

Dear Parents,

Yesterday we celebrated Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the season of Lent. This significant season in our church's liturgical year is a time of reflection, penance and prayer as we prepare for the events of Holy Week and the celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. At both our mass and liturgy yesterday we were reminded that over the next forty days we are invited to be more loving and generous with our time, our talents and material possessions, in pursuit of making a difference in the lives of others. Let us reach out to others and search for that face of Christ in everyone and be that compassionate and understanding person that will make a difference in the lives of those we meet each day. During this first week of Lent let us pray that God will breathe his life into us again, as he did to Jesus, and draw us into the embrace of eternal life.

On Tuesday you would have received a letter and email regarding a meeting that will be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February in the school library to discuss the future structure of the CTK Parents and Friend's Association. This will be an open forum for all interested parents to voice their thoughts and discuss how the Parents and Friends Association can best serve the needs of our community. I encourage all parents to attend the meeting and join in the discussion on the future direction of this most significant parent group.

In recent times I have been asked to explain the selection criteria for the Hills Shire Council School Citizenship Award [Yr 6], the Rotary Club Citizen Award [Stage 3] and the Lions Club Citizenship Award [Yrs K-6] that are presented annually at the end of year school presentation. The selection process is a collaborative process amongst the Christ the King Staff. Students nominated for these awards are children who have consistently displayed effective school leadership among their peers, maturity, responsibility and initiative within the school community as well as being students who display a positive school spirit. They are also students who may be quiet achievers who are pro-active yet humble throughout the school year. As you can imagine making a decision on these three major awards is difficult as there is always a substantial number of candidates to choose from.

Tomorrow is Census day for all schools across the state. This data-gathering day is a significant process that assists in the distribution of state funding for our schools. The data collected forms the basis of Recurrent Per Capita grants provided to the Diocese each year by both the Australian and State Governments. Part of the process involves schools providing a head count of the student population and details of students absent tomorrow regardless of the reason for their absence. Students are expected to be at school tomorrow as is the expectation each day. It is most important that if your child is absent from school tomorrow you must follow this up immediately on Monday next week with a written explanation for their absence.

I look forward to catching up with you all at the Parent / Teacher information evenings next week.

Have a great week

Tony Hughes, Principal

### **SCHOOL CENSUS DAY TOMORROW, FRIDAY 12th February, 2016**

**TOMORROW, Friday 12th February is School Census Day.** All children should attend school on that day and absence should only be if it is absolutely necessary.

If your child is absent on Friday 12th February, a note explaining the child's absence must be presented to the school teacher on the child's return on Monday 15th February.

This is of course a requirement that applies to everyday of the school year, however, Census data is directly related to Government funding for our schools and the requirements outlined above are set by the Department of Education.

*Thank you for your co-operation.*

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### **SCHOOL PHOTO DAY TOMORROW, FRIDAY 12th February 2016**

School photos for all students will take place tomorrow. For any students absent on this day a make-up photo day will be held on Wednesday 17th February. However, this will mean that your child will not be in the Grade photo.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS : TOMORROW, FRIDAY 12th FEBRUARY**

***Please take the time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelope and remember these helpful points:***

- *For the convenience of families we are having early morning family photo sessions between 8am-8.45am in the Hall. Family photos will continue during the recess and lunch periods.* We ask that you let your children know if they are having a family photo to avoid confusion on the day. **If you bring your children for this early session they are under your supervision until morning duty begins at 8.15am.**
- **EVERY CHILD MUST HAVE THEIR OWN ENVELOPE ON PHOTO DAY** even if they are not ordering a photo package.
- **DON'T** seal envelopes inside each other for more than one child. You can pay for all children in one envelope (please indicate this on the envelopes) however each child must have their own envelope on photo day.
- **CORRECT PAYMENT ONLY—NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN** Cash, cheques and money orders only on the day. *Please note: the school office does not hold cash and therefore will not be able to supply any change.*
- Credit card payments can be made online (please follow instructions on envelope) or by calling MSP Office staff prior to photo day. **Your child will still need to take their envelope with them on the day.**
- Parents are asked to ensure that children wear their full school summer uniform i.e. no jewellery, maroon hair ribbons, neat hair, no nail polish, no make-up, practise smiling.
- **Family Photo envelopes** (siblings only at school) are available from the office upon request.
- Please ensure your child has their OWN photo envelope with full correct payment (and Family Photo envelope if applicable) **ON THE DAY.**

## COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The Catholic Education Office Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) has procedures and guidelines in place to achieve high standards of student attendance in collaboration with parents. Parents are required by law to ensure that children aged between 6 and 17 attend school.

Schools are required to monitor and keep a register of student attendance and explained absences.

### Requirements for Exemption from attendance for student absence and travel

- **1-9 days absence:** Parents **must** notify the school principal by mail or email (written) at least 2 weeks before leave date.
- **10-100 days absence:** Parents must complete and submit the Application for Extended Leave form at least 2 weeks prior to commencing leave (Copies of travel documents must accompany this application). If approved the Principal issues a Certificate of Extended Leave. If the principal declines this application (i.e it is not within the best interest of the child to take leave and be absent from school), a letter notifying parents that the application has been declined would be forthcoming.

## LUNCH ORDER BAG NEWS

New supplies of Lunch order bags have arrived and are now available via the Uniform Shop. Orders can be placed at the Office.

- ⇒ Lunch Wallet \$12-00
- ⇒ Insulated All Rounder \$13-00

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB NEWS

*Our appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Wendy Grima (Library) who coordinated the Book Club in 2015.*

*This year Rita Koic and Rosa Puglisi have volunteered to take on the coordination of Book Club.*

*We thank the ladies for volunteering their time to enable the continuation of this popular service.*

## PARISH NEWS

### 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.

## *Happy Birthday to:*

February:

**Kinder** Jennah B  
Joseph B  
Athanasia K  
Summer A

**Year 1** Marcus B

**Year 2** James S  
Annika M

**Year 3** Marcus B  
Zane G  
Noah G  
Adrian P  
Jack V  
Alexander Y

**Year 4** Raymond D  
Liam A  
Max T

**Year 5** Lily B  
Elle D  
Cameron E  
Marcus K

**Year 6** Hannah D  
Angelina W



## Coming home soon

- Term 1 school calendar
- Walking to Local venues permission (Kindergarten + new CTK students)



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



## MARK IN YOUR DIARY

### Wednesday 17th February

- School Photo make-up day (for any students who were absent on photo day)

### Monday 22nd February

- Hills Zone Swimming Carnival

### Tuesday 23rd February

- Parents' & Friends Future Structure Meeting (see more information inside)

### Friday 11th March

- Catholic Schools Week Liturgy and CTK OPEN DAY 9.00—10.45AM

## Grade Evenings NEXT WEEK

Parents are urged to attend to meet their child's new teachers for 2016, have the opportunity to discuss various programs and be informed of the unique aspects of your child's particular grade and stage of development and learning. We hope you are able to join us on the following evenings some beginning at 6.00pm and others at 7.00pm as appropriate for your child.

<u>Monday 15th Feb</u>	6.00pm 7.00pm	Kindergarten Year 6
<u>Tuesday 16th Feb</u>	6.00pm 7.00pm	Year 1 Year 2
<u>Wednesday 17th Feb</u>	6.00pm 7.00pm	Year 3 Year 4
<u>Thursday 18th Feb</u>	6.00pm	Year 5

## Class Parent Representatives

At the grade information evening teachers will be asking for volunteers to take on the role of "Class Parent Representative". This voluntary role attracts no accolades or favors, but truly assists the class/grade community and the teacher. Aspects of the role together with the adjoining class include:

- ⇒ Welcoming new families with a card.
- ⇒ Liaising with the class teacher to assist with volunteers etc. if needed.
- ⇒ Co-ordinating a team of parents from the grade to assist at school events when necessary.
- ⇒ Perhaps organizing a cuppa outside the church after their grade mass.
- ⇒ Celebrating with a card, baby arrivals etc.

The role can certainly be shared and we welcome your participation. ***Please note:*** for ease of communication, a maximum 2-3 parents per grade to fulfil this role.

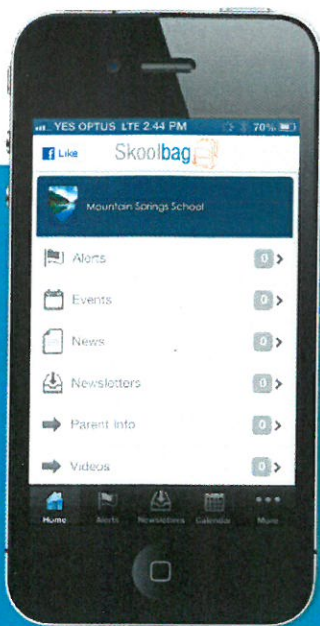
Also at the grade information evening we will be asking for volunteers to take on the role of Mother's Day or Father's Day Coordinator or committee volunteer. If you are interested in assisting in any capacity, please indicate this on the sign on sheet as you enter your child's classroom.



## 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.



# Skoolbag

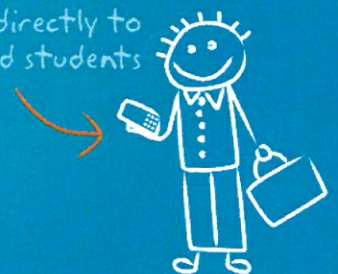


Smartphone school to parent communication

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".
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# 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.

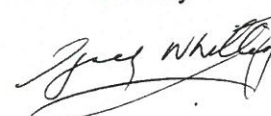
## Annual Diocesan Building Levy - 2016

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

### **Annual Diocesan Temporary Residents Education Fee**

The Diocesan Temporary Residents Education Fee for 2016 is \$1,815 per student, payable in three equal instalments of \$605 in terms one, two and three. The fee applies to new students on the following Visa numbers: 173, 401, 411, 415, 416, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 426, 427, 428, 442, 457, 459, 476, 485, 497, 580, 600, 601, 651, 675, 676, 679, 685, 944, 956, 976 and 977 including where any of these are the preceding visas for families on bridging visas 010 to 090.

### **Christ the King: School Based Fees 2016**

#### **RESOURCE FEE**

We have an annual resource fee per child which assists the school to budget for the materials and resources used for the children's benefit. The 2016 fee is \$200.00 and is reviewed each year. The classroom items covered by this charge include paint, brushes, cardboard, art paper, craft materials, recreational reading books, Mathematics equipment and paper. Computer software and supplies also receive an allocation. Additionally this fee also provides the children with text books, exercise books, music folders and other stationery items that are required for the year.

#### **TECHNOLOGY FEE**

CTK's focus is on developing Technology throughout the school. This process involves the purchase of laptops, maintenance and software etc. There is an annual Technology fee of \$80 per family, This fee appears on your Term 1 account.

#### **P & F Fundraising Levy**

In December, 2015 the Principal wrote to the CTK Parent Community about the need for a different approach to fundraising in our school.

Over the years the Christ the King P & F has worked tirelessly on the social and fundraising aspects of the Association, with equal emphasis on both - Social events to grow our CTK Community and Fundraising to support and enhance the educational opportunities of our children. It was proposed at that time that the P & F Association change its focus from fundraising to social. This would then enable the primary work of the Association to focus on activities that help build our school community. The P & F Association would continue on with this vital work, organising special events, social occasions etc.

With this change of focus there arose the need to address the shortfall in our fundraising. To address this issue a Fundraising Levy of \$120 per family was proposed. The response to this proposal was positive.

We have therefore this year introduced the \$120 Levy (per family) with the payment being split over three Terms – i.e. \$40 per term.

*We thank you for your consideration and support of this proposal, not only in relation to the change in our fundraising process, but the continuing support of the important work done by the Christ the King Parents and Friends Association.*

#### **EXCURSION / INCURSION FEE**

We have an annual excursion / incursion fee of \$55 per child which assists the school to budget for these events. The fee is reviewed each year. This fee covers all excursions and incursions e.g. Life Education, Book Week speakers etc. for the year and appears on your Term 2 account.

#### **CARNIVAL FEE**

We have an annual carnival fee of \$30 per child which assists the school to budget for our Swimming and Athletics carnivals. The fee is reviewed each year. This fee covers all carnivals for the year and appears on your Term 2 account.

#### **Other CTK Fees for 2016**

Other CTK school curriculum activities which incur fees include Athletics, Reading Eggs, Surf Education, Sport in Schools Australia (Term 2) and Dance Multisport (Terms 1,2 & 4) and camps etc. These activities may vary from year to year.

To assist with your family's budgeting a number of the school based fees have been charged in equal instalments over Terms 1, 2 & 3. Fees include:

The Year 5 Camp, Dance Fever Multisport and the P & F Fundraising Levy.

The Year 6 Canberra Excursion is charged in full in Term 1. However, with the reduction in the duration of the excursion (2 days rather than 3 days) and the application of the PACER Rebate, the cost has been reduced by approx. \$100 in comparison to 2015.

Christ the King continues to make every effort to contain education costs and provide effective payment arrangement options.

Should you find you are experiencing financial difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact the Principal, Mr Hughes to discuss your family's financial situation.

## SPORT NEWS

### 2016 ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Hills Zone Swimming carnival will be held on Monday 22nd February at Hawkesbury Pool, Windsor.

Congratulations to the following children who have made it to this Zone Swimming Carnival:

Boys:

- \* Alexander D
- \* Dane G
- \* Daniel B
- \* Hunter
- \* John-Carlo B
- \* Liam B
- \* Lucas H
- \* Marcus Y
- \* Mickey B
- \* Owen M
- \* Tadhg M
- \* Thomas C
- \* Thomas S

Girls:

- \* Alessia G
- \* Eden H
- \* Holly S
- \* Katya E
- \* Lauren L
- \* Marie B
- \* Mia B
- \* Skye G
- \* Teana H
- \* Thea P

We wish you all good luck at Zone and we look forward to hearing about the day.

### PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN SPORT TRIALS

Parramatta Diocesan trials are held for the following sports:

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

We have many students attending Parramatta Diocesan Sporting trials over the next few weeks and we wish them all the very best of luck.

Venice Boules  
Sports Coordinator

**P&F Future Structure Meeting    **TUESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY****

Dear Parents

A meeting will be held in the school library on Tuesday 23rd commencing at 7pm to discuss the future structure of our Parents and Friends Association.

It has come to my attention in recent months since my appointment, that the current model needs to be reviewed and revamped to involve more parents. This parent body needs to focus more on the social aspects of our school community building rather than fundraising.

This is not a meeting to elect new office bearers for the new year, but an opportunity for all members of our school community to attend a forum to voice your views on this matter and to discuss how we can best structure the P&F Association for the benefit of the CTK school community in the future.

I look forward to meeting with you to discuss this important aspect of our school community on the 23rd February.

Regards

Tony Hughes, Principal

**Ice Block Friday**    Our first ICEBLOCK day will held TOMORROW Friday 12th February with the **Year 6 Leadership team** running the sales for this week. Could any available parent helpers meet me in the hall kitchen on at 1.20pm on that 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.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**2016 STORYTELLING COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS in YRS 5 & 6**    Australian Storytelling Guild (NSW) Inc

**FREE ENTRY**    **What to submit.**    A video storytelling performance of a **published** or well crafted **original story** that takes between 2 and 6 minutes to tell. Students are encouraged to tell the story in their own words to capture the essence of the story rather than learn the story word for word. For this competition we are not accepting poetry or rhymed stories. Visit the web site for more information.

<http://www.storytellersnsw.org.au/special-projects.html>    Practice in the library at lunchtime!

**Chess News**    **Primary Schools Chess teams Competition 2016**

The NSW Junior Chess League's Primary Schools Competition is a teams competition for primary schools throughout New South Wales.

Matches are scheduled on a home-and-away basis and are usually played on Fridays after school. The competition starts in second term and the divisional rounds conclude by early in third term, with the finalists progressing after that (into fourth term if they continue to be successful). Students must be able to play chess to enter.

Teams of four can only be entered into this competition with parental involvement. One parent for each team of four must supervise the home game and drive students to opposition schools on a roster basis.

Parents must have a current Working with Children Check.

For more information please see Mrs Cook.

Notes explaining more about the competition are available from the office.

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**Celebrating Gifts and Talents**

**Congratulations to** Jayden Cerrone and Thomas Samany on completing the Central Coast Weetbix Triatholon on Sunday. It is a wonderful event for all children with sporting heroes to meet on the day.



# *Christ the King North Rocks*

2016 Open Day 9.00-10.45am  
Friday, 11th March



Liturgy,  
Morning tea,  
visiting learning areas  
and guided tours by



our Year 6 students for new 2017 families.

## ***The Community of Christ the King North Rocks***

invites parents, friends, neighbours and their families to join us for a Liturgy, morning tea, visiting of our Learning Areas and guided tours for our new 2017 families.

Enrolment packages will be available on the day.

***When: Friday, 11th March***

***Liturgy 9:00am followed by morning tea and a visit to our learning areas***

***Where: 2 Statham Avenue, North Rocks.***

Come along and join us for an  
Introduction to Our School

Enquiries to: [northrocks@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:northrocks@parra.catholic.edu.au)



*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

## OLMC Parramatta Open Day

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to its 2016 Open Day on Sunday, February 28 from 10am – 2.00pm. Principal's welcome at 10.00am and 12.00 noon.  
Discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for life.  
Reservations can be made by visiting [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) or phone 9683 3300 to obtain further information

## 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](mailto:registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au)

**WSI PENRITH OBSERVATORY ASTRONOMY NIGHT Saturday 13 February – 8.00 pm – 10.00 pm** The evening will include a presentation, a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory's telescopes. **Cost:** \$18 adult, \$12 child/concession and \$50 family **Bookings are essential:** Book and pay online: [western-sydney.edu.au/observatory](http://western-sydney.edu.au/observatory), What's On **Contact:** Tel: (02)4736 0135 **Email:** [r.mccourt@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:r.mccourt@westernsydney.edu.au)

**PIANO GIVEAWAY** A member of the CTK Parish has a personal piano that he would like to giveaway to a student in need. The piano is in good condition and is tuned every year. If you are interested or know of a child that would benefit please contact Mr Lum 0481 365 944.

**NORTH ROCKS UNITING CHURCH PRESCHOOL NEWS** Tanya McGie, the well-loved Director at North Rocks Uniting Church Preschool is retiring after 15 years. Let's send her off in style! She would love to see ex children, families and friends. There will be 2 afternoon teas, Monday 1 March, Thursday 3 March from 2.30-4 pm. A celebratory and fun church service, Sunday 13 March. A dinner, Friday 26th February at the Church Hall. For more information about the dinner, or to go on an information list ring the Church office ( Tue- Fri) on 9683 2586 or email [office@northrocks.org.au](mailto:office@northrocks.org.au)

**WESLEY FAMILY CENTRE** Our centre is a strong advocate for families and the community, and actively promotes working together with other services, organisations and educational facilities in order to provide the best support possible for children , young people, families and the community at large. Various programs available. Info pamphlet available from the office.

**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](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) for more information.

**REGISTER FOR GIRLS SOCCER FOR 2016** "Beecroft Football (soccer) Club offers soccer for Girls from 6 years up. **Mixed Mini teams** including girls 6 – 8 years play Saturday mornings **"Girls Only" teams** for 6-12 year olds play on Sundays morning. (Girls & women's teams also available for 13s & older ). Coaching provided by certified, professional coaches. For more information about Beecroft Wombats, including on-line registrations, go to [www.beecroftfc.com.au](http://www.beecroftfc.com.au) or contact Jeff Saul on 0418 662 912 for further details".

**MULTICULTURAL CHINESE SCHOOL** Mandarin and Cantonese chinese classes, Various locations. Ambassadors Multicultural Chinese School. Visit [www.ammchineseschool.org](http://www.ammchineseschool.org) Principal. Kitty Fong 0405 311 771.

**NORTH ROCKS PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB** Classes are held at Don Moore Community Centre, Corner North Rocks Rd & Farnell Ave, Carlingford on Mondays for girls from 9 Years through to Ladies and Wednesdays for girls from 3 Years to 8 Years.  
**All newcomers are very welcome!** For further information please phone Sue 0417 688 914 or Helen 9871 6913  
Email: [info@northrockspysie.com](mailto:info@northrockspysie.com) Website: [www.northrockspysie.com](http://www.northrockspysie.com)

## ST BENEDICT'S MONASTERY ARCADIA 51ST ANNUAL FAIR

121 Arcadia Road, Arcadia 02 9653 1159.

Mass starts 10am, Fair begins at 10.30am Plants, sweets, BBQ, Chocolate Wheel, Raffles, White Elephant, Hot/Cold drinks, Farm Produce, Cakes, Select Market Stalls, Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Merry-go-round, Fancy goods and lots more.  
Tours of the Monastery 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm.

**FREE GIANTS AFL SUPERCLINIC THURSDAY 18TH FEBRUARY—CHARLES MCLAUGHLIN RESERVE** Free sporting challenges, Free BBQ, Meet GWS Giants players. Meet GWS Giants Mascot-G-MAN.

Dear Parents,

As a community volunteer with North Rocks Rugby Club I would like to personally invite all parents and students who are interested in joining a sporting club, which will develop their child's physical and personal skills. Rugby Union is a very inclusive, fun, global sport that is based on values, respect, teamwork and mateship.

Mr Anthony Matthews

**DUNDAS CHINESE SCHOOL** ENROLEMENT FOR 2016. CHINESE CLASSES ARE FROM BEGINNERS TO HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL. COVERING SPEAKING, WRITING AND CHINESE CULTURE CLASSES....CANTONESE (TRADITIONAL FORM), MANDARIN (SIMPLIFIED FORM), MANDARIN FOR NON NATIVE SPEAKERS. LESSONS CONDUCTED IN ENGLISH, TEACHING SIMPLIFIED FORM. ALL PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME. **WHERE:** DUNDAS PUBLIC SCHOOL. 85 KISSING POINT ROAD. DUNDAS N.S.W. **WHEN:** THURSDAY DURING SCHOOL TERM... TIME 3.30-5.30 pm. Enquiry: Please contact.. Phillip Ng phone; 98762900.

**NORTH ROCKS NETBALL CLUB** 8 & 9 year old girls urgently required to fill teams

Cost \$205-00 less \$50 discount for new players = \$155-00 Uniform Cost \$70-00

Train: Weekdays at Don Moore Reserve North Rocks Play: Saturday morning at Baulkham Hills Association – Kellyville. Please contact Margaret 0407 436 642 OR EMAIL wiggy46@optusnet.com.au for more information and Registration Form. **Urgent Response Needed**

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**PLAY AFL IN 2016** with Pennant Hills Demons. If you are aged 5-17 years, there is a team for you! Training and Auskick are on Tuesday or Thursday evening. Games are on Saturdays. Register now! [www.pennodemons.com](http://www.pennodemons.com). **TRY AFL DAY** Sunday 28th February 10am—2pm. Ern Holmes Oval, Britannia Street Pennant Hills. **FAMILY FUN DAY** Sunday 13th March 11.30am—2.30pm

**CATHOLIC CARE SOCIAL SERVICES POST SEPARATION**

**RECOVERY PROGRAM** CCSS Solo Parent Services is offering its Post Separation Recovery Program, on seven consecutive Wednesday evenings commencing Wed 17<sup>th</sup> February. **Venue:** CCSS Centre, 38 Prince St, Blacktown (cnr First Ave). **Time:** 7.30pm – 9.45pm. **Cost:** \$80 for 7 weeks, supper included. This has proven to be an excellent Program that guides and supports those whose marriage or long-term partnership has ended. Registration Essential: Ph: 8822 2222 or email [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)



**NORTH ROCKS RUGBY UNION**

WE CAN HELP TRANSFORM YOUR CHILD

FROM THIS TO THIS TO THIS!

REGISTRATIONS ARE **NOW OPEN** FOR THE **2015 SEASON**

Come and join a great family club and transform your child into a future Wallaby!

For more info contact **DAVID WEHBE** on 0418 278 166 or our website: [northrocksrugby.rugbynet.com.au](http://northrocksrugby.rugbynet.com.au)

Logos: North Rocks Rugby Union, NSW Rugby, Future & Kids, and others.



**Healthy Harold's First Family Fun Day**

**Sunday**  
21st February  
10am-3pm  
10 Hewitt St Colyton  
(Life Education NSW)

**Special guests!!!**  
Interactive sessions in our Vans and classrooms  
Prizes  
Face Painting  
Activities  
Food stalls  
Entertainment

Come and say "Hi" to Healthy Harold

[www.lifeeducation.org.au](http://www.lifeeducation.org.au)

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## *India Club Indian Community Forum*

### **Social Media & Safety**

**An understanding of social media in order to keep yourself and your children safe**

**< Free Event & Open to all >**

*Presented by*

*The New South Wales Police Force, The Hills Local Area Command*

**Overview:** Superintendent Rob CRITCHLOW, Commander

**Speaker ~** Senior Constable Rob Paterson, Youth Liaison Officer

Cybersafety and bullying is the number one non-academic issue in schools today ~

**Online behaviour may affect**

Self-esteem, learning and relationships

The Internet exposes young people to inappropriate images, language,  
as well as criminal behavior

**Some topics covered**

How to keep safe online - the latest social networking sites - online gaming- cyber bullying -  
'sexting'- cyber luring - *Facebook/ Instagram / KIK/ Snapchat / Skype/ Google Plus* - relevant  
laws and police action.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**Assemble at 2 pm for 2.30 start to 5:30 pm**

**Wesley Castle Hill Uniting Church**

**32-34 Showground Road Castle Hill**

**We invite all in the area to benefit from the Forum presentation, open to all.**

**Spread the word & encourage your friends to attend**

**Snacks, Tea & Coffee to Enjoy**