



# Christ the King, North Rocks

Term 1, Week 5

25th February, 2016

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## 2016 Term 1, Week 5

### Friday 26th February

- \* Performance Band 7.45am
- \* **LUNCH ORDERS**
- \* Band groups during the day
- \* Ice Blocks at lunchtime \$1-00 each.  
**Assistance from any available Year 2 parents would be most appreciated. Please arrive at 1.20pm**
- \* Diocesan Swimming Carnival

## WEEK 6

### Monday 29th February

- \* **SCHOOL SPORT PROGRAM**  
All students in sport uniform
- \* **LUNCH ORDERS**
- \* **Cool Kids Music Club 3.00-4.30pm**

### Tuesday 1st March

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

### Wednesday 2nd March

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

### Thursday 3rd March

- \* **PE 3/8, 4/10, Year 5**
- \* **Yr 5 Reconciliation**
- \* **Dance Club 3.15-4.15pm**

### Friday 4th March

- \* Performance Band 7.45am
- \* **LUNCH ORDERS**
- \* Year 5 attending Parish Mass
- \* Band groups during the day
- \* Ice Blocks at lunchtime \$1-00 each.  
**Assistance from any available Year 3 parents would be most appreciated. Please arrive at 1.20pm**

Dear Parents,

This Sunday we celebrate the third Sunday of Lent and are focused on the importance of repentance in our lives. Our faith has taught us that Lent is a time of reflection, penance and renewal. The reflection is about us examining our own conscience and determining how we need to change. Our penance and renewal revolves around how we choose to change our lives with the help of God our Heavenly Father. The Gospel for this Sunday highlights the parable of the Barren Fig Tree. This parable is very closely linked to Jesus' teaching on repentance and renewal. The story of a barren and fruitless fig tree reveals it requires more time, sunshine and water to produce fruit of a high quality. We too as children of God need to be patience and use our time wisely to produce our best in the way in which we grow and develop. At all time through these years of growth we are nourished by the unconditional love, grace and mercy bestowed upon us by God himself.

This week our CTK swimmers completed in the Hills Hawkesbury Zone carnival. All our swimmers were great ambassadors for our school on the day achieving personal bests with several children progressing through to the Diocesan carnival tomorrow at Blacktown Pool. To those competing tomorrow the best of luck. Enjoy the day and give of your best. Thank you to our parents and Miss Boules who organized and supported our children on Monday. Congratulations and well done to everyone.

I would like to draw your attention to the need for all our families to be punctual of a morning in getting our children to school on time. The morning bell goes at 8:45am and it is important that the children are on their lines ready to move into school and begin their day. Late arrivals are causing additional work for our office ladies of a morning who have to record students who arrive after the bell as well as being disruptive to our classes. The beginning of our school day in each room involves our students beginning with prayer with teachers also conducting beginning of the day administration. It would also be greatly appreciated if the drive through drop off of a morning be done efficiently keeping long farewells to a minimum and drivers remaining in their cars. As we get closer to the bell time long delays are being experienced at the drop off zone through to cars queuing on Statham Avenue. Your co-operation with these matters will be greatly appreciated and contribute to getting our school day started in a most time efficient manner and maintaining student safety.

Thank you to those parents who attended the meeting on Tuesday evening to discuss the future structure of our CTK Parents and Friends Association. Throughout the course of the meeting there was much constructive discussion around what has worked effectively with our parent group in the past and what needs to change to meet the needs of our community in 2016 and beyond. It was decided by parent representatives to abandon the current structure of our P&F Association in favour of the establishment of committees to organize and facilitate community events throughout the year. This will enable parents to volunteer to assist where available spreading the workload without it being left to the same core group. This change in direction is a great opportunity for our parents and families to get involved and make a contribution to our community without having to make a major commitment for an extended period of time. More information and an opportunity for parents to get involved and volunteer will be communicated to families over the coming weeks. Please take the time to consider volunteering to join one of the event committees for 2016. Thank you.

Have a great week  
Tony Hughes, Principal



## SPORT NEWS

### Cross Country **ADVANCED NOTICE 9th March**

**Year 2—Year 6 attending.**

**Kindergarten & Year 1 remain at school**

**Please note: NO LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY**

The CTK Cross Country carnival will take place on WEDNESDAY 9th March at Don Moore Reserve.

**On the day, all students (Years 2-6) must wear their full sports uniform, running shoes, sun screen and a hat. Students will also be required to bring a bottle of water to rehydrate after their race. Students must also have their fruit break, recess and lunch on this day.**

*We are in need of parent volunteers to ensure the successful running of the carnival. A student information form will be coming home soon. If you are able to assist, please indicate this on the form. Thank you in anticipation of your assistance.*

### **ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS** **STUDENT COLLECTION FROM ON-SITE** **AND AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

**Cool Kids Music (Mondays 3-4.30pm),  
Chess (Wednesdays 3-4pm),  
Dance Club (Thursdays 3.15-4.15pm)**

During school hours entry via the main gate (near the Library) is to visit the Office **ONLY**,

This gate will be opened for student collection when the end-of-day bell rings and will then be re-locked at 3.30pm.

Collection of students from the above-mentioned after school activities is **only through the gate in the Drive-through area**. Parents are to safely park under the covered outdoor learning area (COLA) and collect your children.

Please **do not** ask the children to open the gate near the Library **AFTER CHESS OR COOL KIDS MUSIC**.



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

### ***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

### **MARK IN YOUR DIARY**

#### **Wednesday 9th March**

- Cross Country  
Yrs 2-6

#### **Friday 11th March**

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

#### **Wednesday 16th March**

- First Eucharist Parent  
Information night

#### **Thursday 24th March**

- Holy Week Liturgy

#### **Friday 25th March**

- Good Friday

#### **Sunday 27th March**

- Easter Sunday

#### **Monday 28th March**

- Easter Monday Public  
Holiday

#### **Thurs -Fri 7th—8th April**

- Year 6 Canberra

### **Coming home soon**

- International  
Competitions for  
Australian Schools  
(ICAS) Years 3-6 only
- Email regarding  
Responsible Use of  
Technology



# *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 and a visit of our Learning Areas  
Year 6 Students will be offering guided tours for new families.

Enrolment packages will be available on the day.

***When: Friday, 11th March***  
***Liturgy begins at 9:00am***

***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)



# Becoming a Writer at CTK

Dear parents,

Writing is a sophisticated but integral skill for your child in their learning.

Our school curriculum states:

*Students become literate as they develop the knowledge, skills and dispositions to interpret and use language confidently for learning and communicating in and out of school and for participating effectively in society. Literacy involves students listening to, reading, viewing, speaking, writing and creating oral, print, visual and digital texts, and using and modifying language for different purposes in a range of contexts (Australian Curriculum).*

*Becoming literate is not simply about knowledge and skills. Certain behaviours and dispositions assist students to become effective learners who are confident and motivated to use their literacy skills broadly (Australian Curriculum).*

To develop our student's communication skills in 2016 we are placing a high importance in writing. Christ the King is focusing its strategic direction in literacy through the medium of writing for different purposes and contexts.

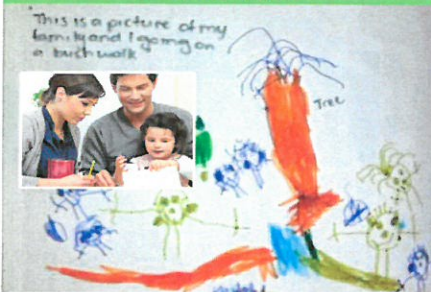
To begin our parent & community engagement for 2016 we would like to invite you to look at the attached brochure.

Kind Regards  
Anthony Matthews  
Literacy Coordinator.



## BECOMING A WRITER AT CTK

### DRAW



Drawing is fun and helps your child to explore their world.  
Drawing is an important form of play. Drawing helps children learn to write.

You can support your child by:

- Encouraging them to draw and talk to you about their drawings.
- Providing them with tools for drawing, e.g. paper, pencils, textas, chalk.
- Drawing with them and adding labels to some of their drawings.
- Loading free drawing apps onto your 'hand held' computer for them to use.

### TALK



Talking helps children to learn about words they will need to read and write.

You can support your child by:

- Encouraging them to talk about the things that interest them in the books you read to them.
- Encouraging them to tell you about their day e.g. Who did you play with in the sand pit at preschool today? What stories did the teacher read to you? Did you learn any new songs?
- Encouraging them to talk as they draw.

### WRITE



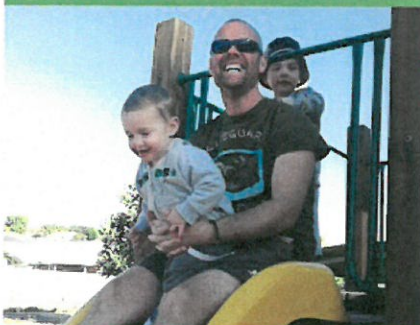
Writing is another way for children to communicate and express themselves.

Encourage children to continue to draw while they are learning to write.

You can support your child by:

- Asking them if they would like you to write on their drawings.
- Teaching them how to write their name and show them how you write your name.
- Helping them make shopping lists, cards, invitations – the opportunities are endless.
- Letting your child see you write and talking to them about the different purposes for writing.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?



Helping your child become a writer by:

- Reading to them 3 to 5 books every day.
- Taking them places that will feed their imagination eg. the park, the playground, the farm, the zoo, the snow, the beach, the local library or the Henty Field Days. Talk to them about the experience.
- Encouraging them to draw and talking to them about their drawings.
- Showing them how you write (with a pen, on the computer, on the phone).
- Teaching them how to write their name and if they are interested, write other people's names.
- Encouraging them to write and giving them reasons eg. cards, invitations or recipes.
- Drawing with them.

Want to know more?

<http://www.csu.edu.au/faculty/educat/edu/staff/profiles/lecturers/noella-mackenzie>

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HELP YOUR CHILD

DRAW








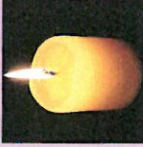



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WRITE








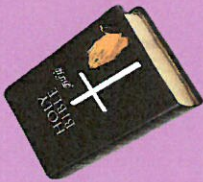







## Year 4's Lenten Calendar

As a class we have talked about what we could do during Lent to prepare for Easter.  
These promises show that we are trying to make a difference in our lives and grow closer to God.  
Follow our calendar every day during this season of Lent.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<u>9 February</u> Shrove Tuesday  Prepare for Lent	<u>10 February</u> Ash Wednesday  Attend Mass make a promise	<u>11 February</u> Give each action plenty of thought Stop! Think! Do!	<u>12 February</u> Make a new friend 	<u>13 February</u> Be helpful with your chores at home
<u>14 February</u> Give to those in need 	<u>15 February</u> Care for others who need your help 	<u>16 February</u> Be kind to everyone you meet	<u>17 February</u> Make good choices and treat others like you wish to be treated	<u>18 February</u> Display a positive attitude 	<u>19 February</u> Send a friendly message to someone you love	<u>20 February</u> Love your family tenderly 
<u>21 February</u> Trust in God's love 	<u>22 February</u> Be trustworthy and kind 	<u>23 February</u> Listen to others and take notice of what they say	<u>24 February</u> Be happy and make others happy	<u>25 February</u> Follow in Jesus' footsteps and love each other 	<u>26 February</u> Take care of your siblings and family	<u>27 February</u> Do good deeds for others 



<u>28 February</u> Attend mass with your family 	<u>29 February</u> Try your best 	<u>1 March</u> Treat others how you would like to be treated	<u>2 March</u> Do something for your parents to show your love 	<u>3 March</u> Take time to talk God 	<u>4 March</u> Show initiative and do something for someone else 	<u>5 March</u> Respond quickly to others in need
<u>6 March</u> Remember to keep your Lenten promise 	<u>7 March</u> Compliment others and say good things	<u>8 March</u> Be patient and understanding 	<u>9 March</u> Spread the good news of Jesus 	<u>10 March</u> Read a bible story 	<u>11 March</u> Be aware of others and their feelings	<u>12 March</u> Respect and love others as they are 
<u>13 March</u> Pray to God a prayer of thanks 	<u>14 March</u> Include others on the playground	<u>15 March</u> Be the best that you can be 	<u>16 March</u> Be appreciative for all you have	<u>17 March</u> Get to know someone better 	<u>18 March</u> Forgive others and let go of the hurt	<u>19 March</u> Take turns and share 



<u>20 March</u>  Palm Sunday    Holy Week    Hallelujah Welcome others into your life	<u>21 March</u>  Offer to help someone with their work	<u>22 March</u>  Encourage others and make them feel good about themselves  	<u>23 March</u>  Donate to Project Compassion  	<u>24 March</u>  Holy Thursday    Give thanks and enjoy a special meal with your friends and family	<u>25 March</u>  Good Friday    Attend the Stations of the Cross	<u>26 March</u>  Easter Saturday  Be selfless and put others before yourself
<u>27 March</u>  Easter Sunday    Praise the Risen Lord and celebrate Easter						



# ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 25 students from Christ the King attended the Zone Swimming Carnival held at Hawkesbury Oasis Pool. All students are to be commended for the way they represented the Christ the King community. They consistently demonstrated school values throughout the day by their enthusiastic participation and active support of all the team members.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the day, your support was invaluable and we really appreciate your time.

Congratulations to all the students from Christ the King who attended the Zone Carnival for demonstrating their best efforts. Two children we would like to particularly congratulate:

*Dane Grosvenor - Junior Boys Age Champion*  
*Teana Hodgers - Senior Girls runner up Age Champion*

Congratulations to the following children who will be representing the Hills Zone at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival to be held at Blacktown swimming pool tomorrow, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

*Eden Hosking*  
*Dane Grosvenor*  
*Holly Stone*  
*Teana Hodgers*  
*Thomas Samany*  
*Daniel Bertolissio*  
*John-Carlo Beaini*  
*Hunter Hosking*

*Senior Boys 4 x 50m Relay Team: John-Carlo Beaini, Hunter Hosking, Daniel Bertolissio, Thomas Samany*

***The CTK community wishes these student all the best for the next level of competition.***

Venice Boules  
Sport Coordinator





## 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. As this leave is under 10 school days, you may presume that this leave is approved unless otherwise contacted by Mr Hughes.
- **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.

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## P & F NEWS

**Ice Block Friday** will continue TOMORROW Friday 19th February.

Assistance from any available Year 2 parents would be most appreciated. Please meet me 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.

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## PARISH NEWS

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY – STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON PASSION SUNDAY

Children from Yr 4-6 are invited to participate in and lead the Children's Stations of the Cross (which will be prayed during Children's Liturgy 10am Mass) on Passion Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> March. Children who would like to be involved should be available for preparation during Children's Liturgy (10am Mass) on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 6<sup>th</sup> March and 13<sup>th</sup> March. Regular children's liturgy will continue to occur on these weekends (including for Yr 4-6 children who are not involved in the Stations of the Cross). If you would like your children to be involved, please contact Erica via email [erica.rheinberger@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:erica.rheinberger@syd.catholic.edu.au)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** All children up to Yr 6 are invited to be a part of the Palm Sunday procession and to pray the Stations of the Cross during Children's Liturgy (10am Mass) on Passion Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

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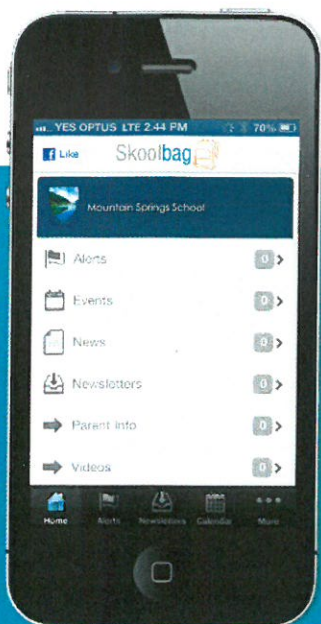
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To install it, just search for our school name "Christ the King Primary North Rocks" in either the Apple App Store, Google Play Store or on Windows.





# Skoolbag

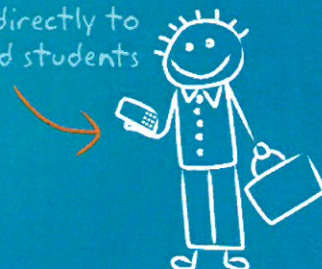


Smartphone school to parent communication

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
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- > School documents
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*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.



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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.



### **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.

### **MARIST COLLEGE EASTWOOD Open Day** Sunday 6th March from 12noon – 3.00pm.

*Come along and have an enjoyable and informative afternoon.*

Enrolments are now being finalised for Year 7, 2017 and applications for 2018 and 2019 are being taken.

Please download enrolment form via our website [www.mce.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mce.nsw.edu.au)

### **MOUNT ST BENEDICT COLLEGE Open Day** Sunday 6th March from 10.00am – 2.00pm.

*Be Connected ..... Inspiring Young Women, Transforming the Future*

For more information visit our website [www.msb.nsw.edu.au](http://www.msb.nsw.edu.au)

### **ST PATRICK'S MARIST COLLEGE DUNDAS Open Day**

**Monday 7th March 12noon – 6.00pm.**

*You are most welcome to attend the St Patrick's Marist College Open Day  
151 Kirby Street, Dundas*

At our Open Day you will be invited to take part in a tour of the school where you will meet current students and experience the many aspects of College life. You will be welcomed to our new Hospitality learning space where you will taste some of the food that you could learn to make. There will be hands on experience in the Science Department, Music and Drama displays, various academic subjects to explore and much more.

### **CATHERINE McAULEY Open Night** Tuesday 15th March from 4.00pm – 7.00pm.

*Catherine McAuley is a Catholic girls' secondary school. Located in Westmead. Our broad curriculum encourages young women to pursue independent lifelong learning.*

This school open event will give visitors the opportunity to tour the school and view facilities as well as meet our School Principal and School Leadership Team.

Contact our School on 9849 9100 for an enrolment pack. Applications close 1st April 2016.

Catherine McAuley 2 Darcy Road, Westmead.

[Www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au)



## CTK COMMUNITY NEWS



**BENEDICTINE MONASTERY  
ARCADIA**

### 51ST ANNUAL COUNTRY FAIR

*proudly supported by Castle Hill RSL Club 77 Castle St, Castle Hill (02) 8858 4800*

#### MAJOR RAFFLE PRIZES

1st: \$800 shopping voucher  
2nd: \$400 weekend away  
3rd: \$100 dinner for 2

- Plants
- Sweets
- BBQ
- Choc. Wheel
- Cakes
- Fancy Goods
- Heaps of kids stuff
- Merry-go-round
- Tours of the Monastery

- Raffles
- White Elephant
- Hot/Cold Drinks
- Farm Produce
- Jumping Castle
- Face Painting

• COUNTRY SETTING • FAMILY DAY  
• MASS TO BEGIN 10.00AM • FETE TO BEGIN 10.30AM  
RAIN OR SHINE - TELEPHONE 02 9653 1159  
[benedictine.org.au/go/countryfair](http://benedictine.org.au/go/countryfair)

## 13th March 2016

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**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.

**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  
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**PENRITH OBSERVATORY** SCHOOL OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS

**ASTRONOMY NIGHT – Saturday 27 February 2016 (8.00 pm – 10.00 pm) IS ANYONE OUT THERE?** Come along a listen to Dr Ain De Horta's talk on the hunt for ET. 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: \$18 adult, \$12 child/concession and \$50 family. Bookings are essential: To book and pay for tickets visit [westernsydney.edu.au/observatory](http://westernsydney.edu.au/observatory)

**Astronomy Night – Saturday 5 March 2016 (8.00 pm – 10.00 pm) COSMIC COLLISIONS** From asteroids and comets that collide with Earth to the merging of giant galaxies, collisions in our universe can be dramatic and sometimes devastating events. Not all collisions are extinction events though. This exploration of things that go bump in space will include some of the latest information about the Chelyabinsk meteor event that occurred in 2013. 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: \$18 adult, \$12 child/concession and \$50 family. Bookings are essential: To book and pay for tickets visit [westernsydney.edu.au/observatory](http://westernsydney.edu.au/observatory)

**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