

Christ the King, North Rocks

Term 1, Week 7

10th March, 2016

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2016 Term 1, Week 7

Friday 11th March

- Catholic School Week Liturgy followed by Open classrooms
- Performance Band 7.45am
- * LUNCH ORDERS
- Year 5 attending Parish Mass
- * Band groups during the day
- Ice Blocks at lunchtime \$1-00 each.
 Year 4 parents assisting today.
 Please arrive at 1.20pm

WEEK 8

Monday 14th March

- Last day for ICAS registration forms (Yrs 3-6)
- * SCHOOL SPORT PROGRAM All students in sport uniform
- * LUNCH ORDERS
- Cool Kids Music Club 3.00-4.30pm

Tuesday 15th March

- * Maths Club 8am
- * Uniform Shop 8.30am-11.30am 1.30pm -3.30pm
- * **PE** Yr 1, 2/5, 3/7, 4/9

Wednesday 16th March

- * 8am Choir
- * LUNCH ORDERS
- PE Kindergarten, 2/6, Year 6
- * Chess 3-4pm
- * 7.30pm First Eucharist Parent Information night—Church

Thursday 17th March Happy St. Patrick's Day—Outreach Appeal Gold coin to wear green.

- * **PE** 3/8, 4/10, Year 5
- Yr 6 Reconciliation
- Dance Club 3.15-4.15pm

Friday 18th March

- Performance Band 7.45am
- * LUNCH ORDERS
- Year 6 attending Parish Mass
- * Band groups during the day
- lce Blocks at lunchtime \$1-00 each.
 Assistance from any available
 Year 5 parents would be most
 appreciated. Please arrive at
 1.20pm

Dear Parents,

In St Luke's gospel this Sunday we are told of the story of Jesus' encounter with the women accused of adultery by the Pharisees of the time. This story highlights our Lord's ability to forgive and be the example for us to ask for repentance and grant forgiveness for those who harm, insult or commit wrong against us. The message conveyed by Jesus through this recount is that we need to stop and think before we criticize or condemn others. Jesus is asking us the following: Do we know this person? Do we know their circumstances? Are we criticizing or condemning the person or their actions? All these questions aside, Jesus is encouraging us to forgive and help those who have done wrong against us or others to repent and change and be a better person for the experience.

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This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW). This week of acknowledgement and celebration involves the communities of all Catholic primary and secondary schools across NSW and the ACT. The theme for 2016 is 'I Belong. You Belong. We Belong.' which aligns with the Catholic Church's strong focus on supporting refugees and asylum seekers and the need for a compassionate global community. The theme also ties in with the Catholic Church's celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which centres on pardon, strength and love. Tomorrow, we will celebrate with a liturgy on the bottom playground from 9am followed by morning tea and the opportunity for our new prospective parents to CTK to tour the school with our year 6 student guides. We look forward to celebrating with you tomorrow morning.

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Over the last week families were emailed the 2016 Responsible Use of Technology agreement. This agreement needs to be discussed with your children and completed online by next Monday 14th March. Students whose agreements are not finalised by this date will not be able to access the technology in the classroom. Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your understanding with the postponement of our Cross-Country carnival yesterday. Due to the ongoing hot weather that we have been experiencing, the cross country has been postponed until after Easter. The event will now be held on Wednesday 30th March [W10]. We anticipate cooler weather at this time. On this day students will be selected to represent CTK at the Diocesan carnival early next term.

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Thank you to those families who have supported the Diocesan World Youth Day raffle. All monies and tickets sold or unsold need to be returned to school by tomorrow Friday 11^{th} March, as all money and ticket butts need to be delivered to the Diocesan office by next Monday.

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Earlier on this week each family received information and a volunteer form regarding the formation of new committees to organise and facilitate the various social events that take place at CTK throughout the year. The aim of this volunteer drive is to spread the workload across all of our families and to get people involved in the social side of school life here in our parish and school communities. It would be appreciated if these volunteer forms could be returned to school by next Monday 14th March. Thank you.

In your children's lunch order bag next week, in the front pouch you will find a reminder notice about ensuring these bags are cleaned out each time your child has a lunch order. This is a parent's responsibility and not the responsibility of our caterers who supply the children's lunches. This is a health department requirement to ensure that the children's lunch orders are placed in a clean reciprocal each time a lunch orders is requested. Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.

Have a great week

Tony Hughes, Principal

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated this year across NSW and the ACT from 6th March to 13th March.

The theme for 2016 is 'I belong, You belong, We belong.

This year, more than 614 Catholic schools will take part in the celebrations, involving about 261,000 students. This is an ideal opportunity to showcase the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day, and to celebrate the many achievements of our students.

We are immensely proud of our Catholic heritage, and are committed to offering children in our schools the opportunity to follow Jesus as members of the Catholic community.

During Catholic Schools Week our school will display the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place, as well as the many other exciting opportunities that Christ the King provides for its students.

Open Day: TOMORROW, Friday 11th March 9.00am—10.45am
The Community of Christ the King invites parents, friends,
neighbours and their families to join us for a liturgy,
morning tea and a visit to our learning areas.

9:00 am Liturgy Begins

9:45 am Students return to their classrooms / Parents and visitors enjoy morning tea on the Basketball court

10:00 am Parents and Visitors are welcomed to the open classroom as a fishbowl experience with Year 6 Leaders

10:40 am Thank you for joining us. Parents and Visitors are asked to promptly leave the site to enable students to go out to recess.

10:45 am Recess

This is a fantastic opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of our school community. We would also like to celebrate with members of our parish and the wider Catholic community. I encourage you to participate in this spirit of celebration.

Please note: that this will be an opportunity to see learning in action and this time is not to be used as a teacher / parent meeting.

PARISH NEWS



SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

In accord with the Parramatta Diocesan policy, we will be conducting the parish-based, family centred, school supported method of preparation for children eligible to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Children in Year 4 and above are eligible to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion provided they are baptised and have made their First Reconciliation.

In the parish of Christ the King, the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the parish masses on the weekend of 28th/29th May (the Feast of Corpus Christi).

The program for preparation to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will commence with an information meeting for parents/guardians on Wednesday, 16th March commencing at 7.30pm in Christ the King Church, where the program will be explained and any questions answered as well as enrolment forms distributed.

This is a significant step in your child's journey of faith. It is important that parents/guardians attend this meeting.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT

A very big thank you to our community at CTK. Your generosity has meant that over 50 asylum seekers (including approx 150 family members) were able to be supplied with basic groceries at Arrupe Place.

Thank you for your continued assistance and prayers. Our friends struggle with the challenges of day to day living in an uncertain and unfamiliar environment and greatly appreciate your help.

Marianne Dwyer(JRS volunteer)

<u>International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Years 3 — 6</u> University of N.S.W Initiative. Registrations close NEXT MONDAY 14TH MARCH

Registration forms have been sent home and are due by NEXT MONDAY 14TH MARCH (Wk 8). Additional copies are available from the office.

If you would like your child to enter any of these University Competitions, please fill out the registration form and return it to school <u>WITH PAYMENT</u> (cash, cheque or Eftpos [in the Office]) in an envelope marked "ICAS" by Monday 14th March.

Please note: The University of New South Wales will not accept late entries.

NO REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MONDAY 14TH MARCH.

ENROLMENT PACKAGES FOR 2017 Enrolment packages for 2017 are now available. Sibling enrolment forms will be coming home soon.

Parent / Student meetings will commence in early May and continue throughout June.

This meeting will be an opportunity to meet with all parents and their child / children to our parish / school and to discuss any relevant issues about beginning school.

Please pass on this information to friends, neighbours, relatives etc. if appropriate.

Happy Birthday to: The month of March



Kinder Dylan G Alibree T Isaac R George L

Year 1 Joel A
Mackenzie M
Ethan H
Filumena L
Joseph S
Ranbir S
Lilly W
Ethan B
Ben H

Year 2 Grace K Amelia B Gabriel M

Year 3 Mia F Amelia F Harry P Zara C

Year 4 James D
Dane N
Matea N
Christopher S
Mikayla A

Year 5 Felix C
Mark M
Olivia R
Matthew C
Jackson W
Hannah A
Joseph M
Monique B

Year 6 Jonathan W
Dylan B
Alexander H
Teana H
Blake W
John-Carlo B

MARK IN YOUR DIARY

Thursday 24th March

Holy Week Liturgy
 Friday 25th March

 Good Friday Public Holiday

Sunday 27th March

Easter Sunday

Monday 28th March
• Easter Monday

Public Holiday Wednesday 30th March

CROSS COUNTRY

Thurs -Fri 7th—8th April

Year 6 Canberra

Friday 8th April

Last day Term 1

Tuesday 26th April

Students resume Term 2

Feast of St. Patrick



17th March, 2016 Term 1 Outreach Appeal – gold coin to support Caritas

CTK will be celebrating St Patrick's Day NEXT Thursday 17th March.

St Patrick was born in Britain. As a young boy he was carried off by Irish raiders and sold as a slave. He became a Christian and wanted to spend his life in the service of God. After escaping he returned to England and joined the priesthood. He later became a Bishop and went back to Ireland. He is known as the patron saint of Ireland.

The 3 leaves of the shamrock help illustrate the blessed trinity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as one.

Children are invited to wear GREEN to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and are asked to donate a gold coin for our Term 1 Outreach Appeal to support Caritas. (Children undertaking Sport can wear a green t-shirt with their sports shorts).

May the road rise to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

The rains fall soft upon your fields

And, until we meet again.

May God hold you in the palm of His Hand.

A Gaelic Blessing





Cross Country

WEDNESDAY 30th March

Year 2—Year 6 attending.

Kindergarten & Year 1 remain at school

Please note: NO LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY

LIBRARY NEWS

Premier's Reading Challenge 2016

Reading for the PRC is well underway. Please remind your children to choose books from the library that have the PRC sticker on the spine. Red K-2, Green 3-4 and Purple 5-6.

Chess - Interschool Chess Challenge 2016

Run by the Sydney Academy of Chess, there is a chess tournament being held on Thursday 7th April, 2016 at Jasper Road Public School, Baulkham Hills. The cost for children to participate in this local heat is \$13 per child and we will need parent supervision for the day. Any child who is interested in the tournament should see Mrs Cook by next Wednesday 16th March.

March is Read Aloud Month



RESPONSIBLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY—Agreements

This week an email was forwarded to all families containing a link to the Responsible Use of Technology Agreement. This needs to be discussed with your children and completed together. Students from Year 3 to Year 6 will complete their 'Agreement' at school. Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 need only discuss the 'Agreement' with their parents. ALL TEACHERS WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS 'AGREEMENT' WITH THEIR STUDENTS.

Write4Fun 2016

Entry is now OPEN in the 2016 School Writing Competition! Make sure you get your poem or short story in before the closing date of Thursday 31st March.

Everybody has a story to tell and we would love to hear yours!

What would you do with the \$1000 cash prize? How awesome would it be to win an awesome Xbox One or Playstation 4 or how about an Apple iPad Air or a Samsung Galaxy Tab?

Do you have a fine rhyme, a spectacular story, the perfect poem or a terrific tale that could make us laugh, cry, shake with fear or sigh dreamily? Get writing and send us your 16 line or less poem or 500 word or less short story and you could be a winner!

Enter now at www.write4fun.net

Ice Block Friday will continue TOMORROW Friday 11th March.

Assistance from any available Year 4 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.

As a heads up, Year 5 parents will be responsible for selling ice blocks NEXT FRIDAY 18TH MARCH.

Christ the King School – North Rocks **Specialty Group Photos**

Choir **Performance Band Training Band** School Leaders



Dear Parent /Guardian,

On photo day Specialty group photos were taken at Christ the King School, North Rocks.

For a limited time we are taking orders for these groups online. Cut-off date is 19 MARCH 2016

Should you wish to order any of these photographs, please go to: www.mspsydney.photomerchant.net (do not enter in google search)

You will need to use the following access code to gain entry into the portfolio of photographs: CH88ST

The cost of each photo is \$16.00

PLEASE NOTE:

When creating your order, please ensure that you include your child's NAME and CLASS in the PERSONAL INFORMATION Section, under NAME.

*Please note that the website offers an option to send to home address but all photos will be delivered to the school office.

If you require any further information feel free to contact us.

Kind Regards

MSP Photography Sydney

Ph: 9499 6555 Fax: 9499 6585



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 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! Like Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

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TUESDAYS 8.30AM—11.30AM 1.30PM—3.30PM

The Uniform Shop is open on TUESDAYS ONLY each week with morning and afternoon opening hours for your convenience.

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

The Uniform Shop can accept cash or cheque (made payable to Christ the King). Eftpos facilities are able to be accessed through the School office for Uniform orders.

The Uniform Shop Price List is now available on the Christ the King School web site. Go to ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au and click on the 'Parents' tab then click on Handbook, School Office and then Uniform Shop / Clothing Pool. On this page you will find the price list to download.



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.

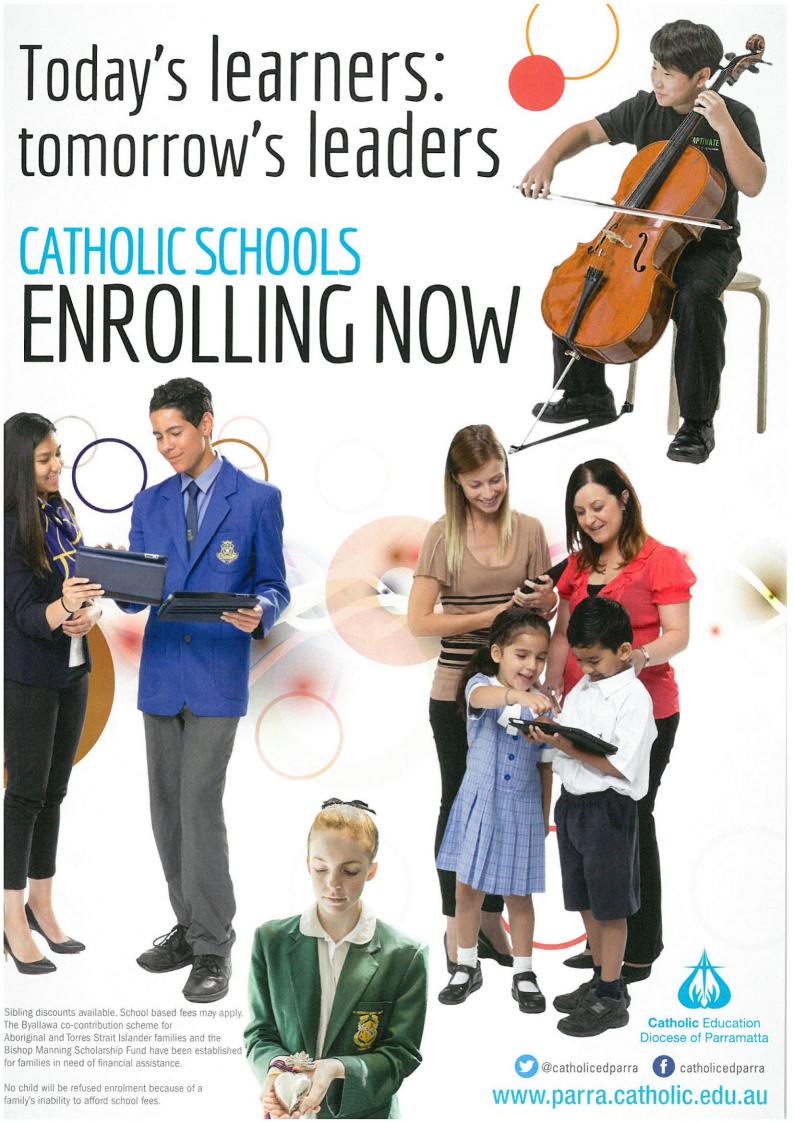
2. When module has been completed go to: www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au and follow the links to complete the 'new working with children check'. A Working With Children Check is a prerequisite for anyone in child-related work. It involves a national criminal history check and review of findings of workplace 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
- Authorised carers

- Potential adoptive parents
- 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.



CATHERINE McCAULEY Open Night Tuesday 15th March from 4.00pm – 7.00pm.

Catherine McCauley 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 McCauley 2 Darcy Road, Westmead.

Www.mccauley.nsw.edu.au

OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA Tuesday 15th March from 5.15pm

Year 7, 2018 Enrolment Information Evening - Discover why a Mercy Education is Treasured for Life

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites prospective families to the Year 7, 2018 Enrolment Information Evening starting at 5.15pm on March 15, 2016. Tour the College, collect an Enrolment pack, attend an information session, meet the College staff and enjoy Afternoon Tea with the OLMC P&F. For enquiries, please contact the Registrar on 8838 1222 or email registrar@olmc.nsw.edu.au. Limited places available for Year 7, 2017.

LORETO NORMANHURST Open Day Saturday 19th March from 11.00am – 3.00pm.

Open Day is a wonderful opportunity to experience a day in the life of Loreto Normanhurst. Highlights include the Principal's presentation, tours of the School, classroom demonstrations, live music, cake & food stalls in the garden, BBQ, animal farm, train rides and more.

91-93 Pennant Hills Road, Normanhurst Ph: 1800-LORETO www.loretonh.nsw.edu.su enquiries@loretonh.nsw.edu.au



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
For more information, contact The Academy on music@olmc.nsw.edu.au



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 for more info



CTK COMMUNITY NEWS

PARRAMATTA CITY COUNCIL

This Friday 11 March, the following libraries will be closed: Constitution Hill Library, Dundas Library, Ermington Library, Granville Library, Guildford Library.

Parramatta Library, 1-3 Fitzwilliam Street, Parramatta will be OPEN on this Friday from 9.30 to 8pm.

<u>PENRITH OBSERVATORY</u> DADS & KIDS ASTRONOMY NIGHT The Penrith Observatory will be hosting a "Dads and Kids Astronomy Night" on Saturday 19 March from 8.00 pm – 10.00 pm. All fathers, grandfathers, kids and grandkids are invited to attend. This evening is for everyone and age is no barrier to spending an evening with the family and the stars.

Professor Miroslav Filipovic, Director of the Penrith Observatory, will make a presentation on "Aliens – Nooo!" – What is the likelihood of aliens and are really unique? The presentation will be followed by a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and 0.6m telescope, and viewing of the night sky through the university's computerised telescopes. The Western Sydney Amateur Astronomy Group will also be on hand to help with the viewings.

To book and pay for tickets visit the "What's On" page at <u>westernsydney.edu.au/observatory</u> **COST:** \$18 for adults, \$12 for children / concessions or \$50 for a family

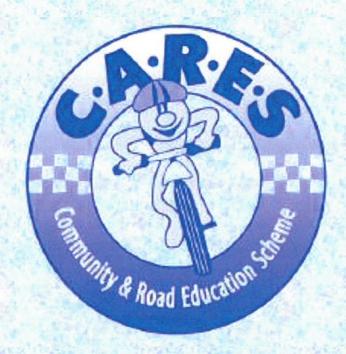
St Vincent de Paul Society - Compeer Program Can you give an hour a week to help someone who is lonely? Compeer within the St Vincent de Paul Society matches volunteers in friendship with people living with a mental illness. Your supportive friendship can make a real and long-lasting difference to your friend's quality of life by reducing the stigma associated with mental illness and providing an opportunity to enjoy social outings together.

Compeer volunteers spend one hour per week for 12 months with their new friend enjoying social activities in your local area (eg catching up over a coffee or taking a walk in the park – you can both decide together what you would like to do each week). No experience necessary as full training and support is provided.

Due to our waiting list for participants in need of a friend, Compeer is currently recruiting male and female volunteers aged 45 years and over. For more information please phone Cathleen on 8622 0303, email compeer@vinnies.org.au or visit www.compeer.org.au







AUTO PLACE X PETER BROCK DR, PROSPECT

TUESDAY 19TH APRIL 2016 0

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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