



# Christ the King, North Rocks

Term 2, Week 9

23rd June, 2016

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## 2016 Term 2, Week 9

### Friday 24th June

- \* **MAKE UP SPORT PROGRAM—**  
all students in sport uniform
- \* **Band 7.45am**
- \* **LUNCH ORDERS**
- \* **School Assembly hosted by Yr 5**  
2pm. All welcome
- \* **Sacrament of Confirmation**  
enrolment forms due to Parish

## Term 2, Week 10

### Monday 27th June

- \* **SPORT PROGRAM**  
All students in sport uniform
- \* **Lunch Orders**
- \* **NSWCPS Rugby Trials Forbes**
- \* **Cool Kids Music 3.00-4.30pm**

### Tuesday 28th June

- \* **MATHS CLUB Cancelled due to**  
**Parent Teacher Interviews**
- \* **NSWCPS Rugby Trials Forbes**
- \* **Uniform Shop 8.30-11.30am**  
1.30-3.30pm
- \* **PE: Yr 1, 2/5, 3/7, 4/9**

### Wednesday 29th June

- \* **Choir 8am**
- \* **LUNCH ORDERS**
- \* **Yr 5 Powerhouse Museum**
- \* **PE: Kindy, 2/6, Year 6**
- \* **Chess 3-4pm**

### Thursday 30th June

- \* **PE: 3/8, 4/10, Year 5**
- \* **Kindergarten Teddy bears picnic**  
1.00-2.00pm
- \* **St 2 Boys & Girls Soccer gala day—**  
**Jamison Park**
- \* **Yr 1 excursion BFG Screening at**  
**Regents theatre Richmond.**
- \* **DanceClub 3.15-4.15pm**

### Friday 1st July

- \* **OFFICE OPEN ONLY UNTIL 9.00AM**  
**Office staff attending Athletics Carnival**
- \* **NO BAND**
- \* **NO LUNCH ORDERS**
- \* **ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**  
**Sydney Olympic Park Warm-Up**  
**Arena Homebush**
- \* **LAST DAY OF TERM 2**

Dear Parents

On a daily basis the fundamental decisions that we make, give direction to our lives. In today's gospel reading from St Luke, Jesus begins to instruct His disciples, preparing them for the decisions that lie ahead of them. Jesus shared His life to the full. He too had to make the painful human decisions that gave direction to His life. In making these decisions, He was resolute; faithful to the end in expressing the generous ways of His Father. Our lives are shaped by the basic decisions we have made. These decisions may concern our family priorities, our professional responsibilities, concerns regarding our attitudes as neighbours and citizens. As this gospel reading takes us into the company of Jesus, let us reflect upon how responsible we are in the making of these life decisions, and how resolute we are in making a commitment by putting them into practice.

Thank you to all the families who attended the farewell mass and brunch for Sr. Catherine last Sunday. It was truly a great parish day for parishioners to celebrate the work and commitment of both Sr. Catherine and the Holy Faith Sisters over the last four and half decades. It was great to see faces from our present day community and the past come together to share their stories. Stories of how our parish and school communities have grown and developed over the last forty years under the guidance and faith of the Holy Faith Nuns working in collaboration with our founding Parish Priest Fr Eric Burton. Sr. Catherine will depart for Ireland late next week. Thank you to all those who assisted in making last Sunday a most memorable celebration for Sister Catherine and her fellow Holy Faith Sisters.

Thank you to those parents who have already attended their Parent Teacher Interviews. These most valuable meetings will continue next week. If you have not already booked a time with your child's classroom teacher, please contact the school office in the morning so an appointment can be made. Please note that the duration of these interviews is ten minutes. If you require additional time to discuss various issues pertaining to your child, please arrange an additional interview time for early next term.

Our Annual Athletics Carnival will be held next Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> July. This is a great event which will bring Term Two to a close. All children will travel to the Sydney Olympic Park Warm-Up Arena at Homebush Bay by bus. Parents will be able to collect their children from the venue at the conclusion of the carnival: 2PM. Children leaving with their parents must have their names marked off and be signed out by that parent with the teacher in charge of their age group. NO CHILD WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE PRIOR TO 2PM. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to act as officials on the day. Please note that all spectators and parents are to remain in the grandstand /spectator areas throughout the day. Only sanctioned officials are allowed on the track and field area at any stage during the day. We look forward to a great day of competition and participation.

After much consideration over recent months, our sports house teams have been renamed in honour of two very significant people who have contributed greatly to the development of our school and parish over the last forty years. We honour the Holy Faith order and the traditional owners of the land on which CTK church and school are located. Our four colour houses have been renamed as follows: **Red -Darug House**, **Green- Maddock House**, **Yellow- Aylward House** and **Blue Burton House**. In next week's Student News, our Sports House Captains will share their research into the history of each of the new House team names.

Have a great week.

Tony Hughes  
Principal



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**  
**Gospel of Luke—daily prayer and reflection**

At Christ the King School we greatly value daily prayerful reading of Holy Scripture.

We acknowledge the significance that reading the narrative of Jesus Christ sequentially has in developing a deep faith and love of Jesus. This is also an opportunity to be revealed the true mission and message of Jesus Christ, assisting each of us to recognise and accept our call to live and spread the Gospel values within a contemporary world.

The students at Christ the King School will be reading an online Bible, Bible Gateway at [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com) and using the Contemporary English Version. This online version has been approved by the Bishop's office, which has been chosen as it uses appropriate language for Primary aged students. You are welcome to use the online Bible or your own Bible at home. Each week in the Christ the King School Newsletter and the Christ the King Parish Bulletin, the weekly readings will be published.

*This week the school community read these readings from the Gospel of Luke.*

	<b>June 20, 2016</b>	<b>June 21, 2016</b>	<b>June 22, 2016</b>	<b>June 23, 2016</b>	<b>June 24, 2016</b>
9	Luke 7: 36 -50 Simon the Phar- isee	Luke 8: 1-3 Women Who Helped Jesus	Luke 8: 4-8 A Story About a Farmer	Luke 8: 9-10 Why Jesus Used Stories	Luke 8: 11-15 Jesus Explains the Stories about a Farmer

*Please join the Christ the King community in prayerfully reading the Gospel of Luke for Week 10.*

	<b>June 27, 2016</b>	<b>June 28, 2016</b>	<b>June 29, 2016</b>	<b>June 30, 2016</b>	<b>June 31, 2016</b>
10	Luke 8: 16-18 Light	Luke 8: 19-21 Jesus' Mother and Brothers	Luke 8: 22-25 A Storm	Luke 8: 26-39 A Man with De- mons in Him	Luke 8: 40-56 A Dying Girl and a Sick Woman

We hope you all take this opportunity to join us as a Catholic community in prayer and reflection of the Gospel of Luke.

*Monica Burley, Religious Education Coordinator*

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### **Farewell Sr. Catherine**

What a milestone in our parish history last Sunday was, as we farewelled Sister Catherine Maddock and The Holy Faith Sisters.

We were especially blessed to have Sr. Vivienne Keely, Congregational leader of the Holy Faith Sisters join us from Ireland.

Special thanks to Father Ian McGinnity, our parish priest who dedicated his homily to the historic beginnings of the Holy Faith sisters; Emeritus Father Eric Burton, who co-celebrated the mass and the blessing and unveiling of the plaque and Deacon Tony Hoban for assisting in the mass celebrations. Many of the attendees were those who, in the early days tamed the blackberry scrub to make way for the strong foundations of our Faith filled parish community as well as the fine buildings and gardens that we see today.

It was a joy to see parishioners coming together and celebrating 43 years of faith and dedication.

I would like to thank the Parish Council for directing this great milestone, liaising with various committees, to plan a very special celebration. Special thanks to Tony Davies, chairman of the organising committee, who spent months preparing and ensuring a smooth and memorable day. There was also a large team of volunteers who contributed to the day's proceedings including the music coordinator Darren So, musicians, singers, photographers, parking wardens, catering and kitchen staff. Thanks to Mr Tony Hughes, the school choir as well as numerous staff of CTK school both past and present.

A final word, I would like to sincerely thank Sister Catherine on behalf of the Parish for the wonderful foundations she and the Holy Faith sisters have given our community. We will be forever grateful for their dedication and vision. We would all like to wish Sister Catherine the very best as she returns to her homeland and begins a new chapter in her life journey.

May she find joy, as she rekindles her relationships with family and friends.

Peter Elchaar JP, Parish Pastoral Council



## SPORT NEWS

As previously advised, the **CHRIST THE KING ATHLETICS CARNIVAL** will be held next **Friday 1st July, 2016 at Sydney Olympic Park Warm-up Arena** (Edwin Flack Avenue, Homebush Bay). This is an important day for the fostering of school spirit and therefore it is expected that all students from K-6 participate.

**Please return all permission notes by TOMORROW, Friday 24th June.**

In order to maximise the participation of all the children and for the day to run as smoothly as possible, we ask that parents help out wherever they can. Please indicate on your child's permission note if you are able to assist with organisation and supervision on the day of the carnival.

Thank you to the parents who have already indicated that they will be able to assist on the day.

## NSWCPS CROSS COUNTRY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the students that competed at the NSWCPS Cross Country Championships at Eastern Creek last Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016. The students in each age group competed in a field of the best 60 runners in the NSW Catholic Primary School Sports Council.

Under 8/9 Girls – Olivia Sassen 16<sup>th</sup>, Talia Younis 17<sup>th</sup> & Caitlin Brennan 20<sup>th</sup>.

Under 12 Girls – Skye Grosvenor 7<sup>th</sup>

Under 12 Boys – Hunter Hosking 24<sup>th</sup> & Nathan Hall 51<sup>st</sup>



*Miss Venice Boules, Sport Coordinator*

## BAND NEWS

Please note that there will be *no band or lessons* on Friday July 1 (Athletics Carnival). This time will be made up with additional rehearsal and tuition (and/or performance) time next term.

Congratulations to the *CTK Performance Band* who played so magnificently on the weekend at Sr. Catherine's farewell. The weather was wet but not as bad as we feared and it was pleasing to see how many students braved the weather to come along and perform. Well done.

*Steve Lavis, Bandmaster*

*Happy Birthday for  
the month of June to*



*Kinder Lilliana W*

*Year 1 Isaac Y  
Lucy H  
Addison W  
Farid C  
Katrina W*

*Year 2 Benjamin Y  
Patrick M  
Alex D  
Dominic S  
Keira K  
Isabella S  
Liana A  
David N*

*Year 3 Alec M  
Julian F  
Tara H  
Olivia K*

*Year 4 Abigail S  
Charlize G  
Anthony AY  
Lucas H  
Antony A  
Mikayla P*

*Year 5 Holly S  
Ella I  
Jay A  
Isaac E  
Keira W*

*Year 6 Mykahlah B  
Kyarrah B  
Daniel B  
Elizabeth O  
Gabriel H*

## MATHS CLUB CANCELLED

Maths Club for  
Tuesday 28th June  
has been cancelled  
due to Parent /  
Teacher Interviews.

## MARK IN YOUR DIARY

**Friday 29th July**

• Grandparents Day

**Friday 16th December**

• Yr 6 End-of-Year

Parent / Child dinner



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



**NOTICE - OFFICE TRANSACTIONS** Please note that the office **WILL NOT** be able to accept any **CASH** transactions after 3:30pm NEXT WEDNESDAY 29th June .

BPay, Eftpos and Credit facilities will still be available for Uniform Shop purchases, Sport fees and any outstanding school fee payments up until 3:00pm on Thursday, 30th June.

The Office will close at 9am on FRIDAY 1ST JULY. Office staff will be attending the Athletics Carnival.

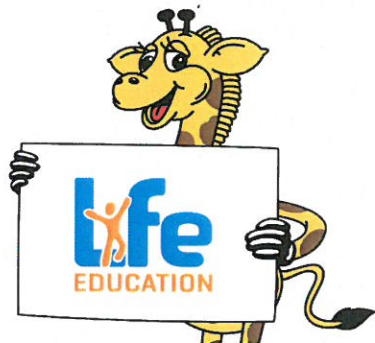
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### **QUICK LOOK AT TERM 3, WEEK 1**

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<b>Wednesday 20th July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- PE : Grades to be confirmed</li><li>- Life Education Van at CTK</li><li>- Yr 3 Baby afternoon tea for Mrs. Szoloch (for Year 3 parents only)</li><li>- Chess begins 3-4pm</li><li>- Sacrament of Confirmation—1st student session in the Hall. Time tbc.</li></ul>
<b>Thursday 21st July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- PE : Grades to be confirmed</li><li>- Life Education Van at CTK</li><li>- Dance Club 3.15pm—4.15pm</li></ul>
<b>Friday 22nd July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Band (all students) 7.45am</li><li>- Lunch orders</li><li>- Life Education Van at CTK</li></ul>

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### **LIBRARY NEWS**



#### **Healthy Harold - Life Education Visit 2016**

Once again this year the Life Education Unit with Healthy Harold will be visiting CTK. Life Education aims to 'empower our children and young people to make safer and healthier choices through education'. Infant classes will have one hour sessions while our Primary grades visit for 1 1/2 hours. The van will be here in Week 1 Term 3 Tuesday 19th July through to Monday 25th July. There will be a parent session on Monday 25th July at 2.00 pm for anyone interested in finding out more about the Life Education program. Below is a brief outline of the focus for each year group.

Kindergarten - Harold's Surprise. Healthy food choices, importance of physical activity, safety.

Year 1 - Harold's Mystery Tour. Body workings, safe use and storage of medicines, peer pressure and coping strategies, safety, decision making.

Year 2 - Harold's Heroes. Environmental health issues, emergency procedures, individual needs for medicines and safe use and storage.

Year 3 - Harold's Diary. Friendship, resilience, expressing emotions, coping strategies, healthy food choices, active lifestyles.

Year 4 - bCyberwise. Explores cybersafety through animation, vox pops of children relevant scenarios, discussion and problem solving.

Year 5 - It's Your Call. Definition of legal drugs, decision making, emotions, peer pressure, risk taking, problem solving, safe and appropriate use of communication technologies.

Year 6 - Think Twice. Consequences of alcohol use and misuse, stay safe situations and refusal skills, laws controlling purchase and use.

Please visit the Life Education website to find out more. <http://www.lifeeducation.org.au/>

Mrs Cook, Teacher/Librarian

## EXPLAINING THE SEMESTER 1 SCHOOL REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers

**Semester 1 Reports** have been sent home and Parent / Teacher meetings have begun.

Kindergarten report grades are based on the 3 domains of working towards, working at and working beyond.

Please find below an explanation of the grading system for Year 1 – Year 6. It is important to remember that students receiving a C grade have indicated they are working at grade level / Stage outcomes. To receive an A or B grade indicates that the student is working beyond grade level/ Stage outcomes, demonstrating thorough to extensive knowledge of the in-class studied content.

Stage outcomes cover two grades over two years – with exception to Early Stage 1 that covers Kindergarten only. Stage 1 covers Year 1 and Year 2, Stage 2 covers Year 3 and Year 4 and Stage 3 covers Year 5 and Year 6. This means the Curriculum outcomes allocated to each stage are expected to take a duration of 2 years to achieve.

### **A**

#### **Excellent Achievement**

The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.

### **B**

#### **High Achievement**

The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and has a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.

### **C**

#### **Sound Achievement**

The student has sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

### **D**

#### **Basic Achievement**

The student has basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of achievement.

### **E**

#### **Elementary Achievement**

The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

Comments are written for students' strengths and areas of need for the Key Learning Areas of Religion, English and Mathematics. These comments are derived directly from the content descriptors listed in the NSW Australian Curriculum documentation. There is also be a Personal Behaviours for Learning (PBL) focussed general comment given for every student.

History has been the area of focus in classrooms for HSIE in Semester 1; therefore all students will receive a History grade. In Semester 2 the focus will be placed on Geography and students will receive a Geography grade in the Semester 2 reports.

The whole school areas of focus for Creative Arts in Semester 1 have been Visual Arts, Music and Drama. Students will receive a grade for each of these areas based on their involvement with in-class Visual Arts and Drama activities, Wakakirri participation (if applicable) and Music lessons with Mrs Collignon. The Semester 2 reports will focus on the Creative Arts domain of Dance.

Samantha Roberts  
Curriculum Co-ordinator



## **FEDERAL ELECTION BRIEFING 2016**

From Gregory B Whitby  
Executive Director of Schools  
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

To the School Community of Christ the King North Rocks,

With the federal election on 2 July fast approaching, education is again a key issue for the major Australian political parties.

Both the Coalition and Labor parties have committed additional funding to schools. It is important that prior to the election, Catholic Education engages with both major parties to advocate for the needs of our students in Western Sydney.

In the coming weeks Very Rev Peter G Williams, Rev Fr Christopher de Souza and myself will be meeting with our local Labor and Liberal candidates to outline the issues for Catholic Education in the Diocese of Parramatta.

Our key messages will include:

- ⇒ Sustainable, sector-blind, needs-based funding for schooling K-12
- ⇒ A permanent commitment to funding universal preschool access for 15 hours per week for three and four year olds
- ⇒ Support for flexible partnerships and pathways between industry, community, tertiary education and schools
- ⇒ Support for out of school hours care as part of a continuous schooling experience
- ⇒ A national focus on collaboration across sectors and sharing good practice rather than competition and test scores
- ⇒ Government investment for innovative schooling models to respond to growth through capital and seed funding.

I encourage your school community to speak with their local candidates about their education policies to be better informed.

**Please be reminded that all Catholic schools and schools authorities are charities and as such are regulated by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission (ACNC). Under the ACNC regulations, schools cannot support a particular party, ask its parents or staff to vote for a particular party or distribute materials in support of a particular party or candidate.**

Gregory B Whitby  
Executive Director of Schools  
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta



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Diocese of Parramatta

## **SPORT NEWS**

### **Athletics Carnival**

The Athletics Carnival will be held NEXT FRIDAY, 1ST JULY at Sydney Olympic Park Warm-up Arena (Edwin Flack Avenue, Homebush Bay).

PLEASE NOTE: All students participating in the 800m or that are colour house captains must be at school by 8.00am to meet Mrs Roberts & Mrs Ritchie on the basketball court on Friday for early transportation to the Athletics Carnival. **The bus will not be waiting for any late comers.**

At Christ the King we believe that all students, their families and staff have the right to be a part of a safe and supportive athletic environment. Therefore all staff share the responsibility of our school athletics carnival to foster participation, enjoyment and encourage positive involvement.

Our School Athletics Carnival takes into account the NSW Board of Studies syllabus as well as in accordance with the requirements set down by the Combined Schools Athletics Committee. This is to make sure our selections for the Combined Carnival are accurate.

To maximize participation students will also participate in tabloid activities continuously throughout the day. The aim of the day is to hold a carnival with a race meet embedded in to this.

**Parking is available in the P1 & P2 areas (P2 is the best area), just follow the signs to Athletics parking. Parking fees are as follows: First 4 hours free and then \$5 per hour thereafter (max \$25). Parking tickets must be validated at the Kings Sports Store.**

**All children will be travelling to the venue by bus and must be at school by 8.45am, as we would like to have the first bus boarding immediately after the school bell. Buses will be leaving at 9.00am.**

**800m competitors will need to be at school by 8:00am as their bus will be leaving at 8:15am sharp** (please note that this bus will not be able to wait for students who arrive late).

The children need to dress in their school sports uniform. They may also wear a t-shirt in their house colour and may add some item of coloured clothing, e.g. a ribbon (please dress children in appropriate clothing for the weather). No paper streamers and/or coloured zinc are to be brought along and children are not permitted to spray their hair or use any paint.

Each child needs to bring enough healthy food and fluids to last the day. ***The children will not be permitted to use the canteen facilities. Neither will parents be permitted to purchase food from the canteen for their children.*** Please pack healthy snacks and water.

**All parent helpers need to report to the official table at 8.45am.** All helpers will be given a fluoro vest. **To ensure smooth running of our carnival we request that only those parents with a vest be on the field during the day.**

**Please note that all events taking place on the sports field will be in full view of the parent seating in the grandstand.**

At the completion of the day (approx. 2pm) you may take your child home with you. It is essential that you see your child's class teacher before taking your child. Any children who have not been collected by a parent at this time will return to school by bus with their class teacher. We will return to school in time for the children to return home in their usual manner.

A last minute reminder note will be coming home next week.



## TERM DATES FOR 2016

**Term 2**    **LAST DAY** Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> July

**Term 3**    **Monday,**    18<sup>th</sup> July            **to**            **Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

**Term 4**    **Monday,**    10<sup>th</sup> October **to**            **Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December**

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### SPORT NEWS

**A reminder to all parents :** Due to the small number of students attending each Gala Day (with exception of Netball) and the high cost of bus hire, students are asked to make their own way to and from the Gala days. Any inquiries please call Miss Boules or Mr. Cairns for further information.

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



Skoolbag is the ultimate school to parent communication tool. This School Mobile App provides schools with an easy way to tell parents and carers important information as soon as it happens example: school news, event reminders, cancellations and much more. No more lost papers in school bags!

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

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### WORLD YOUTH DAY COMMISSIONING MASS CELEBRATED BY BISHOP VINCENT

*Dear School Community*

*Your are invited to attend the  
World Youth Day Commissioning Mass  
on the **3 July at St Patrick's Cathedral**  
which will be celebrated by Bishop Vincent.  
I encourage you to attend to support our  
pilgrims.*

*Please RSVP by Friday 24th June to  
James Camden  
jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au*

*We hope you can join us.*

*Regards*

*Gregory B Whitby*

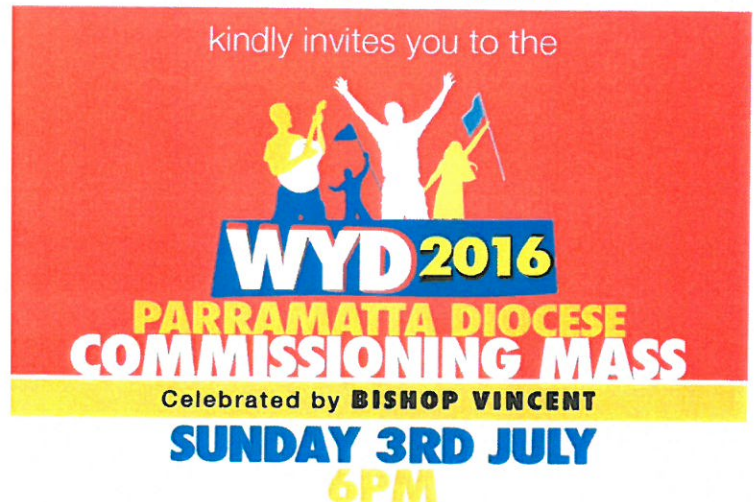
*Executive Director of Schools*

*Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta*



CATHOLIC YOUTH PARRAMATTA

kindly invites you to the



ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA



**RSVP Friday 24th June to James Camden**

**jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au**

*Please include the number of family, friends and colleagues*



*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.



CTK Timeline for students sitting for the 2016 International Competitions and Assessments.

#### 2016 Timeline

Subject	Date	Venue	Time	Equipment
English	Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	tbc	7.50am for an 8:00am start	2B pencil, eraser
Mathematics	Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> August	tbc	7.50am for an 8:00am start	2B pencil, eraser

It is important that students arrive on time to sit for the papers so that they may complete the assessments without impacting on their class learning.

#### **IMPORTANT**

The assessment paper will be sat for **ONLY** on the allocated day above.

**Students to arrive at 7.50am.** Competition will begin at **8:00am SHARP** to enable students to complete their paper by 8:45am.

There will be **NO MAKE UP DAY** for students who forget to attend or who are absent from school on the scheduled subject day.





We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support of the program and commend the children on their successes.

We will be continuing Club Dancefever next term on Thursdays with fresh and exciting **hip-hop** routines. This will include year levels 2 to 6. The first dance class will commence in week 1 (**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016**) between **3:15pm - 4:15pm**.

For registrations, use our registration page at [www.clubdancefever.com.au](http://www.clubdancefever.com.au) . Club Dancefever is looking forward to seeing you all again for Term 3, 2016.

Email: [gabrielledancefever@gmail.com](mailto:gabrielledancefever@gmail.com)

Mob: 0424628119

## School Holiday Art Classes

11 - 15 July

Art classes are being offered at

**1st North Rocks Scout Hall**

in the last week of the school holidays.

**Full day** or **half days** are available and each day will feature different projects and art works

all materials will be provided – students will need to bring a painting shirt, morning/afternoon tea and lunch

Full Day \$80

Half Day \$40

**Discounts** are available for students attending more than one full day

### CONTACT

Jennifer Burns on:

0488 446 657 or:

[seraphiccreations@gmail.com](mailto:seraphiccreations@gmail.com)





# PARENT VOLUNTEERS WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

New directive from the Diocesan Office 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016

## BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES – NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS INCLUDING THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE A CURRENT NSW WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK.**

**This new form must be completed online by the end of Term 2.**

**From Term 3, parents who have not completed this form (regardless of if they have a current Working With Children Check) will not be able to assist in any capacity as a volunteer within the school.**

'Building Child Safe Communities' is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. **It is now a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form** that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

**Volunteers** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers](#)' by accessing the **form** via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).

Then click on '[Volunteer Form](#)' (halfway down page).



**You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted.**

- Your details will be maintained confidentially in a central database
- A copy of your confirmation will then be emailed to the location where you are volunteering to be kept on file.

A new form is required:

- For each location that you are a volunteer or contractor
- If any of the details you have provided on the form change

**A reminder that you once you receive your confirmation email, you will need to complete the Child Protection Module which can be found at this link.**

<http://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/module1/index.htm>

This information was advised in your confirmation email towards the bottom of the page and can be easily missed. The link provided in your confirmation email from the Child Protection Team Catholic Education Office Parramatta was incorrect. Please use the abovementioned link.

**Once you complete this online module the school will receive notification that it has been completed and you will be cleared to volunteer.**

### Therefore in brief :

1. To complete form go to: <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>
2. Wait for confirmation email
3. On receipt of the confirmation email go to the link above to complete Child Protection Online Module
4. Wait for confirmation email
5. The School will receive an email confirming that you have completed both steps and are now cleared to volunteer.

We thank all volunteers for their continued support of Catholic Education.



## CTK COMMUNITY NEWS

### UTS Bright Futures Holiday Workshop 11-15 July

**Bright Futures Week** is for primary and early secondary students who are curious about the world, passionate about learning and starting to think about the paths they will take in the years ahead. The week offers a unique combination of eye-opening experiences based around subjects studied at UTS.

#### Workshops available

Monday 11 July—Coding—Introductory Arduino for girls  
Tuesday 12 & Wed 13 July—Advanced Arduino  
Wednesday 13 July—Speaking and Debating  
Thursday 14 July—Creative Writing  
Friday 15 July—Coding—Create your own E.Book

To view the full program and register, please go to the link below for further details.

<http://www.uts.edu.au?research-and-teaching/our-research/international-research-centre-youth-futures/what-we-do/programs-1>

Registration available until Friday 1st July.

### Out of the box Spiritual Retreats

St Joseph's Baulkham Hills is now offering retreats called **Out of the box Spiritual Retreats. Time for you**—A spiritual retreat weekend for individuals. The first retreat we are offering is a weekend retreat for individuals called "Time for You". This retreat will be self-directed yet include one hour of spiritual direction, yoga, labyrinth walk and optional massage.

**Dates:** There are two dates planned. 13-14th August and 5-6 November 2016.

**Event website:** To share details about this program and to allow for the greatest flexibility in delivering details we are using a website. [www.outoftheboxretreats.org.au](http://www.outoftheboxretreats.org.au)

### Seminar – Understanding Family Law – Two Sessions

CCSS Solo Parent Services are holding two sessions for our Seminar on "Understanding Family Law". The seminars on the following dates will cover the topics below:

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – Understanding the Family Law

Act – Focus on Divorce/Separation and Children's needs.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July** – Understanding the Family Law

Act – Focus on Property /Settlements.

**Venue for both Seminars:** DAC, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown **Time:** 7.30pm – 9.30pm **Cost:** \$7.00 per session. **Registration**

**Essential:** Solo Parent Services - Rita - PH: 8822 2222 or email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)



### Is your child safe?

#### Have you got the correct car seat for your child?

By law, all children under 7 years of age must be secured in the correct child car seat for their age and size. It is also strongly recommended that children 7 years and over stay in their booster seat until they are too tall for them, or until they fit well in a normal seatbelt.

#### 2 Have you got the safest car seat for your child?

At [childcarseats.com.au](http://childcarseats.com.au) you will find car seats that have been scientifically tested and rated for crash safety by the Child Restraint Evaluation Program.

#### 3 Have you fitted and adjusted the seat correctly?

Child car seats are also scientifically tested and rated for ease of use. A child car seat that is easier to use is more likely to be used correctly, which improves safety. A seat that is professionally fitted will also improve safety.

Visit [childcarseats.com.au](http://childcarseats.com.au)



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**Mount St Benedict College P&F**  
**Ladies and Gents**  
**GOLF DAY**

**MUIRFIELD GOLF CLUB**  
Barclay Road, North Rocks

For parents and friends of local catholic schools to enjoy a social day with other parents while enjoying 18 or 9 holes of golf followed by lunch.

**RSVP by Friday 26 August**  
at [www.msb.nsw.edu.au/calendar/golfday](http://www.msb.nsw.edu.au/calendar/golfday)

For further information:  
P&F [pandf@msb.nsw.edu.au](mailto:pandf@msb.nsw.edu.au)  
Greg Smith [greg@smithandcoaccountants.com.au](mailto:greg@smithandcoaccountants.com.au) / T: 9659 1111

**Friday 9 September**

18 holes - 7.30am tee off  
9 holes - 9.30am tee off

**GOLF Luncheon\***  
\$60 - 9 holes  
\$80 - 18 holes  
\*cost to be confirmed

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a bottle of wine for all





**Parent Line**  
NSW

is a unique telephone and online counselling and support service for parents and carers. We cover issues with babies, children and young people up to 18 years of age, all over NSW. Our counsellors are professionally trained and specialise in working with families.



## concerns in 2015

Last year we were most often asked about:

- 1 Child anxiety
- 2 Reducing parent/child conflict
- 3 Managing challenging behaviour
- 4 Managing parents' stress
- 5 Impact of parental conflict and separation on kids

## Child development and learning

Many parents have concerns at times during the primary school years about their child's social development or learning skills. **Talking over concerns with a parenting counsellor can identify where problems might be occurring and we can offer referrals and/or parenting strategies to assist.** We can also talk about changes in a child's behaviour or character to help parents understand what may be happening for their child.

## Tough conversations

The primary school years are filled with tough conversations parents need to have with kids. Some of these include:

- \* Strangers and safety
- \* Using technology
- \* Sex education
- \* Bullying
- \* Grief

Parent Line counsellors are very familiar with these conversations and can help parents find the best ways to communicate concerns without making kids distressed or defensive. **Call us or jump online at [www.parentline.org.au](http://www.parentline.org.au) to chat to a counsellor.**

## signs of a healthy family

Whilst every family is unique, researchers find there are common signs of healthy families:

- \* Members are committed to one another
- \* Families engage in positive communication
- \* The family spends significant time together
- \* Members show affection to one another
- \* The family actively engages together to resolve crises (DeFrain 1999).

**Our counsellors can help families develop these ways of being together.**



**"I just DON'T want to go!"**

Our counsellors receive many calls from parents with this issue, and there are many reasons why children may not want to go to school. Our counsellors can discuss your family situation and what your child may be experiencing so that we can help you find some strategies that work.

**1300 1300 52**

7 days a week

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