



Christ the King, North Rocks

Term 2, Week 2

4th May, 2017

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Term 2, Week 2

Friday 5th May

- * Band 7.45am : all students + groups throughout the day
- * Lunch Orders
- * Debating 9.45am-10.45am
- * MacKillop Winter Trials

Sunday 7th May

- * CTK Band performing at Kenthurst Country Fair @ 3.00pm.

Term 2, Week 3

Winter Uniform

Monday 8th May

- * Sport Program All in PE uniform
- * Lunch Orders
- * Cool Kids Music Club 3.00-4.00pm

Tuesday 9th May

- * Uniform Shop 8am—12.30pm
- * PE : Year 2, Year 3 [Gr1], Year 1 (change due to Yr 5 Naplan)
- * NAPLAN : Year 3 & Year 5

Wednesday 10th May

- * Writing Club 8am
- * Lunch Orders
- * PE: Year 5 (change due to Naplan), Year 6
- * Maths Club 1.30pm
- * NAPLAN : Year 3 & Year 5
- * Chess 3.00—4.00pm
- * Mother's Day Gift wrapping night from 7:30pm. All helpers welcome

Thursday 11th May

- * Choir 8am
- * NAPLAN: Year 3 & Year 5
- * PE: Kindergarten, Year 3 [Gr2], Year 4
- * MOTHER'S DAY STALL 9am—12pm

Friday 12th May

- * Band 7.45am : all students + groups throughout the day
- * MOTHER'S DAY LITURGY 9.15am followed by light morning tea and Open Classrooms [9.45-10.30am]
- * Lunch Orders
- * MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON 11.30am

Sunday 14th May

- * Happy Mother's Day

Dear Parents,

John 10:1-10 The Good Shepherd

Sunday's gospel from John, considers the relationship between the Good Shepherd and the sheep. The imagery is old but the message is relevant to us. By faith we accept Jesus, our relationship is a deeply personal one. The bond of love uniting us is based on the love that unites the Father and Jesus. Our new existence is founded on God's unbreakable love and faithfulness.

In order to enter eternal life we must listen to Jesus and obey him. We have to tune our minds to the sound of his voice. Self-centredness can make us deaf to the voice of Jesus. Easy options can draw us into easier paths than the one he has traced. Pressure to abandon Christian principles is inevitable. But God is faithful and will not let us be tempted beyond our strength. No one can drag us away from him, The Father has entrusted us to his Son. The same God who kept faith with Jesus by raising him from the dead will also raise us by his power.

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### Burradoo Dismissal

For your children's safety the Burradoo Close dismissal area is for pick up only. Cars must be parked, with the engine turned off, before children are collected from the supervising teacher. Parents are asked to then move off quickly to allow other families to park and safely collect their children. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

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Child Safety Alert

Yesterday we received notification of a student from Baulkham Hills who was approached by a stranger in a car who insisted that the child take him to his house and loan him a pump for a soccer ball. The student was fearful but he did all the right things (except stopping to talk to the man). When the man asked the student where he lived, he told him a different direction and then rode straight home. His mum was on her way home from work so he went to a neighbour who stayed with him until she returned.

The Police have been informed.

CTK Teachers have since spoken to their students about their personal safety when out and about. Students were reminded of the need to always take care and be aware of strangers. Students also were advised to not to walk alone or to talk to strangers and to always alert their parents if a stranger approaches them.

We ask parents to reinforce these important messages to their children.

*Have a wonderful week.
Bernadette Walsh*

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

IMPORTANT : Credit Card payment now available on Order form

EVERY TUESDAY 8.00am—12:30pm

The Uniform Shop is open for trading every TUESDAY from 8:00am—12:30pm.

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

The Uniform Shop can accept Eftpos (credit & debit [not American Express]), cash and cheque (made payable to Christ the King).

The Uniform Shop Price List is available on the Christ the King School website. 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.

NEXT TRADING DAY : TERM 2, WEEK 3 - Tuesday 9th May

Mark In Your Diary

- ⇒ **Tue 23rd May**
ICAS Digital Technologies
(registered students only)
- ⇒ **Mon 12th June**
Queen's birthday Public Holiday
- ⇒ **Fri 16th June**
Athletics Carnival

TERM 2 SCHOOL CALENDARS were emailed home today.

Please keep in mind every effort is made to have firm dates and publish these as early as possible. Changes beyond our control sometimes need to be made. Please be assured as much notice as possible is given if this occurs.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB Orders are due back **NEXT WEDNESDAY, 10TH MAY 2017 (Online orders will be accepted until 12th May 2017).**

As all orders are processed in one day, please double check your online order before submission or your paper order for accuracy before forwarding it with full payment to the office in a clearly marked envelope. Scholastic Australia will not accept any incorrect orders.

CTK WINTER UNIFORM

All students are to be in full winter uniform next week.

If you are still waiting on Uniform Shop back orders, summer uniform can be continued until you receive your order.

Please ensure whichever uniform your child wears, it is the full uniform, i.e. not girls summer uniform with tights or boys shorts with long sleeved shirts. Thank you.

*Happy Birthday for
the month of May to*



*Kinder Rayan K
Alyssa D
Paul R
Luke W
Aria S
Ryan L*

*Year 1 Benjamin K
Evarose B
Evie W
Sarah D
John-Paul R
Matthew R*

*Year 2 Lucas H
Annalise F*

*Year 3 Eden H
Amarlie S
Max R
Tony S
Buddy-Ray S
Aidan K
Samuel R
Stephanie E
Anthony M*

*Year 4 Liam A
John N
Raphael C
Andrew K*

*Year 5 Joshua K
Danielle N
Elle D
Jason Z*

*Year 6 Ryan B
Isabella M
Luke Z*



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

COMING HOME SOON

- Term 2 School Calendar (via email this afternoon)
- Mother's Day information

MOTHER'S DAY EVENTS

Mother's Day Wrapping Night

MANY HANDS, MAKE FOR LIGHT WORK!!! And we need many hands please for wrapping **NEXT Wednesday 10 May from 7.30pm** in the Hall. Come for as long as you can as the more helpers the quicker we can work our way through the gifts. Please, no children or students thank you. Everyone's time is valuable so whatever time you are able to give will be most appreciated.

Mother's Day Stall 1 gift per student All gifts \$5-00

The Mother's Day Stall will be held **NEXT THURSDAY 11 May**. If you are free to help with selling on this day, could you please meet in the hall at 9.30am in the morning. We need roughly 12 helpers to run the payment and gifts tables and the bagging table. The majority of the helpers will be needed between 9:15am—10:45am with approximately 6 helpers needed from 11:15am—12:00pm. We envisage that the stall will be finished by approximately 12pm.

Mother's Day Liturgy

Friday 12th May 9:15am—10:30am

We all cherish our Mothers. We would like you all to come to celebrate the gift of Mothers with a special liturgy on Friday 12th May at 9:15am.

You are all then welcome to enjoy a cuppa and morning tea and then visit your child's classroom/s to share the wonderful learning that is taking place [9.45-10.30am].

Mother's Day Luncheon

Friday 12th May from 11:30am

Italo Restaurant, Lawndale Avenue North Rocks

\$50pp includes entrée, main, dessert & coffee

Invitations have been sent home.

*(Spaces still available. 60 people maximum—see invitation for more information)
Contact the School Office of Connie Este 0400 308 570 / clbeste@bigpond.net.au*

GRADE EVENTS

Year 5 Mum's Dinner : Thursday 25th May, from 7.30pm

Winston Hotel, 168 Caroline Chisholm Dr, Winston Hills

Pay as you go Drinks and Dinner. RSVP by 23rd May to Aileen Beaini on 0400 704 717

TERM DATES FOR 2017

Term 2 ends Friday, 30th June

Term 3 Tuesday, 18th July to Friday, 22nd September

Term 4 Monday, 9th October to Friday 15th December

CELEBRATING GIFTS AND TALENTS

Congratulations to Christopher M (Yr 6)) who competed in the GKR Regional Karate tournament on the weekend and won two medals – a Gold medal in Kata and a Silver medal in Kumite. Well done Chris on an awesome effort! He has now qualified for the GKR World Cup to be held on the Gold Coast in August.

LIBRARY NEWS

write4fun 2017

Congratulations to all the students who submitted a short story or poem into the write4fun competition. **CTK had more than 10 students successfully progress past the initial judging stage.** This means that our school has been recognised for outstanding writing! Winners will be announced on Wednesday 24th May. Best of luck.

Premier's Reading Challenge 2017

Congratulations to all those students who have already read the required number of books to complete the challenge this year. What a fantastic effort! You still have until mid August to complete the challenge. Please make sure you are borrowing one or two challenge books each week from the library. See Mrs Cook if you are having any trouble selecting a good book to read.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

As part of the National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN), assessments will be held in literacy and numeracy for all students in Australia at Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

NAPLAN assessments will be held next week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (May 9-11). The testing agenda is as follows:

*Tues 9th May NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 -
Language Conventions : Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar*

Wed 10th May NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 - Reading

Thur 11th May NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 - Numeracy

We ask that there are no parent interruptions on these days to these classes. Parents are asked to ensure children have a good night sleep, a healthy breakfast and are at school early so that they do not feel rushed etc. prior to the assessment.

If your child is absent for any of the assessments, you must contact Mrs. Walsh via the Office.

Please note: students will receive a pencil and an eraser however THEY MUST HAVE THEIR OWN SHARPENER.

BYOLT @ CTK

Christ the King is excited to share with families the introduction of the Bring Your Own Learning Tool (BYOLT) initiative that commenced in Year 5 this week. Christ the King School recognises the need to prepare students for a rapidly changing world and we value the rich learning experiences that integrated learning with technology brings. The promotion and advancement of this integration is core to the school's educational vision for the 21st century.

Reasons why it's a good idea

- Teachers can use media to meet different learning needs

- Allows students to be in control of their learning

- Enables new ways of thinking and working

- Embracing these tools makes education more interactive**

- BYOLT makes differential learning easier**

- Portable devices make learning a part of students' lives**

- BYOLT saves learning time**

- Engaged learners are better learners**

- Equips students with a skill set that they will require for their future endeavours

Our Year 5 parents who were able to attend the BYOLT information night last week showed much interest and support with the strategy and the benefits it provides to students in their learning and development.

We look forward to sharing information and samples of students' learning in the BYOLT program in the coming weeks.

Watch video discussing the need for 21st Century Learning

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0RyaAsVNGU>

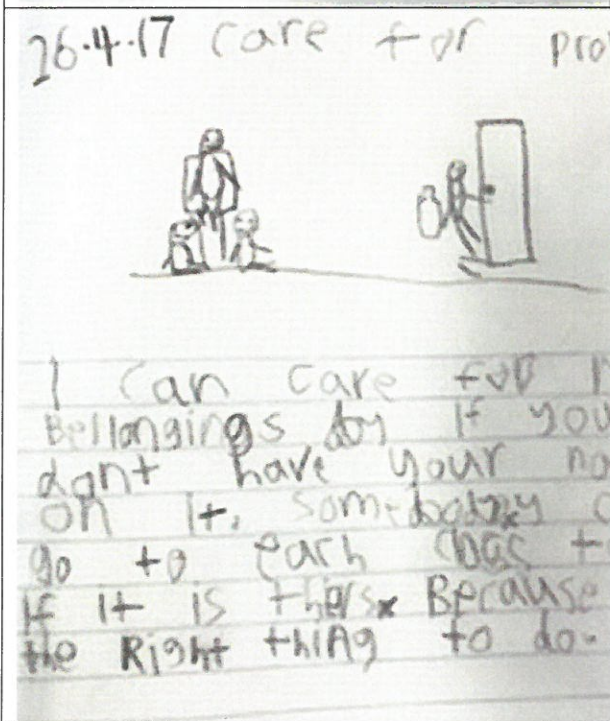
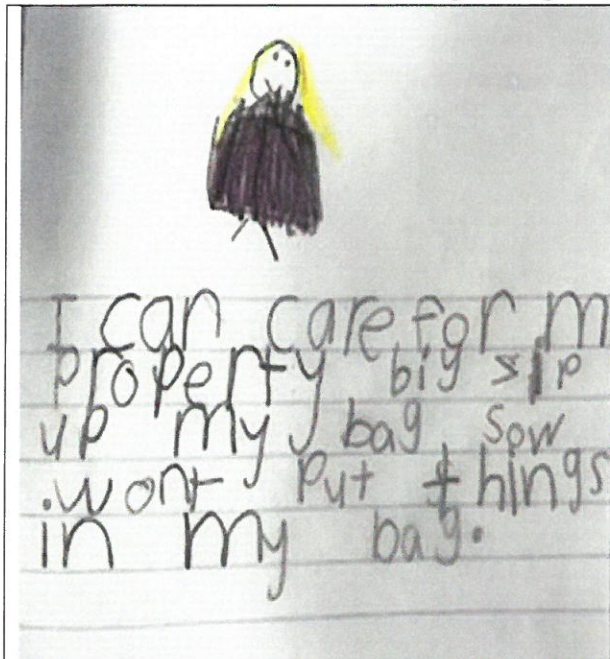
BYOLT enable students to engage in new tools for working – information literacy and ICT literacy, new ways of thinking - problem solving, critical thinking, decision making and creativity and new ways of working - collaboration and communication.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0RyaAsVNGU>

Term 2 Week 1 PBS4L

Care for our property

In Year 1 we take care of our belongings and other people's belongings.





Diocesan Cross Country 2017

A huge congratulations to all the children who represented CTK on Tuesday at the Diocesan Cross Country at Eastern Creek.



All children represented the school proudly and put in their best efforts to run 2-3km against many other schools and students in the diocese.



A special congratulations to Talia (Year 3) who came first, Caitlin (Year 4) who came second and Olivia (Year 4) who came third in their races! Well done!









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.

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.



HAVING ISSUES WITH THE Skoolbag app

If you find you are not receiving messages or have lost your alert ping, sometimes it is just a matter of removing and re-installing the app.
System updates sometimes cause these minor issues.



USE YOUR Skoolbag app TO NOTIFY YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

1. Open Skoolbag app
2. Click on eForms
3. Select Absentee Form
4. Complete all fields
5. In the last field you need to tap and then you can sign with your finger on your phone screen
6. Press Submit

This will send an instant email to the school to advise your child's absence.

This document is now legally acceptable as an Absentee Notification as the form is signed. You will not need to send in an additional note when your child returns to school.

This eForm on the Skoolbag App is not to be used for extended Family leave.

- Request for Family leave (1-10 days) must be emailed to the Principal. *If travelling overseas, an itinerary must accompany this application.*
- For Family leave over 10 days, an Application for Extended Leave must be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to departure. *If travelling overseas, an itinerary must accompany this application.*

CHANGES TO STUDENT LEAVE APPLICATIONS : 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

1-5 days absence: Parents must notify the school principal by mail or email (written) at least 2 weeks before leave date. If this travel is Overseas, an Application for Extended Leave form must be completed. Copies of travel documents must attach Overseas applications.

5-100 days absence (whether travelling in Australia or Overseas) : 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 whether travelling in Australia or Overseas). 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Gospel of Matthew — 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 reveal 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 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 Matthew.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Wednesday	Friday
	May 1, 2017	May 2, 2017	May 3, 2017	May 4, 2017	May 5, 2017
2	Matthew 2:19-23 The Return from Egypt	Matthew 3:1-12 The Preaching of John the Baptist	Matthew 3:13-17 The Baptism of Jesus	Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus and the Devil	Matthew 4:12-17 Jesus Begins His Work

Please join the Christ the King community in prayerfully reading the Gospel of Matthew for Week 3.

3	May 8, 2017 Matthew 4:18-25 Jesus Chooses Four fishermen, Jesus Teaches, Preaches, and Heals	May 9, 2017 Matthew 5:1-12 The Sermon on the Mount	May 10, 2017 Matthew 5:13-16 Salt and Light	May 11, 2017 Matthew 5:17-20 The Law of Moses	May 12, 2017 Matthew 5:21-26 Anger
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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

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday Masses 8.00am, 10.00am

Weekday Masses

Monday no masses **Tuesday** 7.30pm

Wednesday 9.00am **Thursday** 9.00am

Friday 9.15am

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



PARENT VOLUNTEERS WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

New directive from the Diocesan Office 25th 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.

Please note: Until both the 'Volunteer Form' and the 'Module' have been completed, parents will not be able to assist in any capacity as a volunteer within the school. (The school receives notification when you complete each section).

'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.

1 **Volunteers** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers](#)' by accessing the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage www.parra.catholic.edu.au, then click on the 'Volunteers and Contractors-Click here' image (halfway down page on the right hand side).



This image will take you to the Building Safe Communities page.

Click on the green Volunteer tab (left hand side)

Click on Step 1—Volunteer Form and follow the steps

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 School / 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

2 **A reminder that you once you receive your confirmation email, you will need to complete the Child Protection Module.**



www.parra.catholic.edu.au, then click on the 'Volunteers and Contractors-Click here' image (halfway down page on the right hand side). This image will take you to the Building Safe Communities page.

Click on the green Volunteer tab (left hand side)

Click on Step 2—Complete the Online Training Module

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: www.parra.catholic.edu.au and follow Step 1 above
2. Wait for confirmation email
3. On receipt of the confirmation email follow Step 2 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WESLEY GIANT GARAGE SALE

Where: In the Wesley Uniting Church grounds at 32 Showground Road, Castle Hill.

Dates/Times: Friday May 5th 2017 (operating from 8:00am to 1:00pm) and Saturday May 6th 2017 (also operating from 8:00am to 1:00pm)

Sale items/Stalls will include Books, Records, CDs, DVDs, Clothing, Electrical, Furniture, Manchester, Plants, Toys, White Elephant, Jewellery, Fine Art and China etc. We will also be providing refreshments (tea, coffee and cake) during sale hours, together with a Sausage Sizzle for lunch on both days, and Bacon and Egg rolls for breakfast on Saturday morning.

Enjoy the friendly atmosphere, and pick up a bargain (or two) knowing you are helping those families who need our assistance within the Hills area.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to current roadworks in the area, parking will be **PROHIBITED** on both sides of Showground Road. Parking on the north side of Showground Road will be possible in Kentwell Avenue, Worthing Avenue or Castle Street, whilst on the south side parking will be possible in Cheriton Avenue or Cecil Avenue.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE OBSERVATORY IN MAY?

May 6 **Public Astronomy Night – The Fine-Tuning of the Universe for Life**

If we change the laws of nature just a little bit, our universe would be very different to what we have now. After explaining the science of what happens when you change the way our universe works, we will ask: what does all this mean?

Guest speaker, Luke A. Barnes is a John Templeton Foundation Fellow at the University of Sydney, his research focuses on galaxy formation and the fine-tuning of the universe for intelligent life.

Includes presentation, short 3D movie, tour of the dome area and viewing of the night sky through a range of telescopes (weather permitting)

May 20 **Public Astronomy Night – Gravity**

Have you ever wondered about gravity? What is this invisible force that stops us from flying off into space as our planet rotates? How does the Moon stay in orbit around Earth? Why is the gravity of a black hole so strong?

Includes presentation, short 3D movie, tour of the dome area and viewing of the night sky through a range of telescopes (weather permitting)

Bookings are essential https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith_observatory/whats_on

Cost for Public Astronomy Programs:

\$18.00 Adult

\$12.00 Child/Concession

\$50.00 Family (2 adults + 2 children)

Children under 3 years of age free.

Penrith Observatory, Building AO, Western Sydney University
Werrington North Campus, Great Western Highway, Werrington



Catherine McAuley Westmead—Enrolments for Year 7 2019 There are three Open Mornings specifically for Year 7 2019 enrolments to be held on: **Tuesday 16th May, Wednesday 18th October and Monday 6th November 2017. 9.15 – 11am**

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2019. Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on one of our upcoming school tours especially for Year 7 2019 applicants but open to any year group.

These mornings will give interested parents and students the opportunity to tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers. Enrolment packs will be available on the day.

To book places for a school tour on one of these tour mornings please contact our School Reception on 9849 9100.

April 2017

Work on Statham Avenue, North Rocks, from Thursday 20 April

The NSW Government is funding an upgrade to school zone signs, as part of the NSW School Zone Flashing Lights program to improve the safety for students in the area.

Roads and Maritime Services is upgrading the school zone signs on Statham Avenue, between North Rocks Road and Meckiff Avenue which includes removing and replacing the existing static signs with flashing lights signs. The new flashing lights signs are additional to existing flashing lights signs around the school.

Roads and Maritime currently manage over 5800 school zones flashing signs that keep school children safe across NSW. Installing flashing lights signage in school zones has led to improved driver awareness of driving at a lower speed to ensure the safety of children and people coming and going from the school area.

New flashing lights signs will be installed and tested outside school zone operational hours. Once the new signs are working, the old static signs will be removed.

Our work schedule

We will be on site to install the signs for **one shift** between **Thursday 20 April** and **Thursday 11 May**, excluding public holidays, weather permitting. Our work hours will be between **7am** and **5pm**, from **Monday to Friday** and between **8am** and **1pm** on **Saturday**.

How will the work affect you?

The work will be carried out so that it does not impact the operations of school zone flashing signs around affected schools.

There will be some footpath and lane closures while work is carried out, and we will have signposting and detours in place when required. Some parking spaces will also be unavailable while work is completed.

There will be minimal noise associated with this work.

Traffic changes

There will be temporary traffic changes during our work hours to ensure the work zone is safe.

Lane closures may be in place and may affect travel times. Please keep to speed limits and follow signs and traffic controllers' directions. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

Contact

If you have any questions, please contact our Project Manager Arthur Manganas on 9794 4823 or at FlashingLights@rms.nsw.gov.au.

For more information on our projects, visit rms.nsw.gov.au.

Thank you for your patience during this important work.