



Christ the King, North Rocks

Term 2, Week 3

11th May, 2017

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Term 2, Week 3

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**

Term 2, Week 4

EXTRA PE DAY ON FRIDAY

Monday 15th May

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

Tuesday 16th May

- * **Uniform Shop 8am—12.30pm**
- * **PE** : Year 2, Year 3 [Gr1], Year 5

Wednesday 17th May

- * **Writing Club 8am**
- * **Lunch Orders**
- * **PE**: Year 1, Year 6
- * **Maths Club 1.30pm**
- * **Chess 3.00—4.00pm**
- * **First Eucharist Facilitators mtg 6.15—7.00pm** in the Library
- * **First Eucharist Session 1 7.00—8.00pm** in the Hall

Thursday 18th May

- * **Choir 8am**
- * **PE**: Kindergarten, Year 3 [Gr2], Year 4

Friday 19th May

- * **Sport Program make-up day : All students in PE uniform**
- * **Band 7.45am** : all students + groups throughout the day
- * **Lunch Orders**
- * **MacKillop Touch trials**
- * **School assembly presented by Year 5. 2.00—2.30pm.**
- All welcome

Dear Parents,

This week students in Years 3 and 5 sat the NAPLAN examinations. The literacy and Numeracy results and reports will be available to schools and parents mid term 3. This year, NAPLAN was aligned to the Australian Curriculums of English and Mathematics. Items in the tests are based primarily on knowledge, understanding and skills gained from the prior year. As in previous NAPLAN tests, a small percentage of additional content from the year of testing and following year of testing will be included. This is to ensure the range of items in the test allows all students to demonstrate their capability.

Over the next few weeks I will be interviewing parents and children who are seeking enrolment for Kindergarten for 2018. If you have not already completed an enrolment form for Kindergarten next year and have not scheduled an interview appointment, please do so by the end of this week. If you know of other families wishing to enrol their children in Kinder at CTK for 2018 please pass on this enrolment information.

As part of showcasing our children's learning we will be reintroducing assemblies on designated Friday afternoons. The assemblies will commence at 2pm and will run for some 20-30 minutes. For the remainder of 2017, each grade will present their learning at one assembly. There will be an interruption to the assembly schedule in Term 3 when the refurbishment of the Hall commences. Our Year 6 leadership team will host and run each of these assemblies which will include Scripture and Prayer, acknowledgment of country, our school song and most importantly an opportunity for the children of the designated grade to share and showcase the learning that has taken place leading up to the assembly. Parents are invited to attend these assemblies and share in the great learning that is happening in our learning spaces each and every day. Awards will continue to be presented at the recess assembly on Friday mornings so the focus can be on showcasing our student's learning. Our first assembly will be hosted by Year 5 next Friday [19th May] afternoon commencing at 2pm in the hall. We look forward to seeing you then.

"Mothers are a Gift from God"

This week we acknowledge that our Mothers, in so many ways, are one of the most precious gifts that God has given to all of us. We learn so much from the role modelling and care our Mothers give us. The unique qualities of our own mothers, whether by God's side or with us, are indeed special and we give thanks to Our Lord for their committed care and love in our lives.

A Prayer for those without their Mothers

God of compassion and of tender mercy, we remember today our Mother who is no longer with us. We ask you to bring comfort and healing to us as we grieve and pain at the loss and separation of our Mother. May time bring us, through your grace, peace and understanding of all that we struggle to accept in our lives.

We make this prayer in your name, O God of Love. Amen.

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We wish you a happy Mother's Day!

Bernadette Walsh, Acting Principal

MOTHER'S DAY EVENTS

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

Contact Connie Este 0400 308 570 / clbeste@bigpond.net.au for any further details.



Mother's Day Ritual:

In whatever way Mother's day is celebrated in your family, take some time to thank and bless your Mother. Perhaps at the end of the day, gather round a meal with your Mother, light a candle or two and each family member can say what it is that you value and appreciate about your Mother. Having done so, stand in a circle around your Mother, each placing your hand upon her shoulder or head as you bless her. The blessing that would most deeply touch your Mother would be the blessing that you write as a family.


We wish you a Happy Mother's Day

"My Mum, My Friend"


Congratulations to Olivia Ryan, Max Murray and Danielle Nassif.

Their poems were the selected winners by The Rotary Club of North Rocks in their recent poetry competition.

Read their lovely poems over the next few pages.....



My Mum My Friend



My Mam my friend

the tight bond will never end
Your loving heart, your gentle care
Everyday you will always be there.

Is it your chef like dishes
Or soft tender kisses
or maybe just knowing your there
That's why I love you beyond compare.

You're always teaching me a new thing
Everyday you have something to bring
You're brigher than the flowers that bloom
You're the sun that stops the gloom

You always love to see me
In the morning or late evening
But there's one thing I have to tell you
but please don't boast

You're the one I love the most!

Thankyou Mum!



Mum your heart is full of love,
You're always one step above.
To me you mean everything,
Even when you sing.

Thank you mum for all that fun,
You're always by my side,
Even on a slippery slide.

You're terrific, you're fantastic,
You stick to me like elastic.
Everyday should be Mothers day,
Because in my heart you will always lay

I LOVE YOU

MUM!

Danielle Nassif
Year 5
Christ the King, North Rocks

Mother you are so dear, you are my
friend cause you're so near.

When you surprise me you raise
me up in the air like nobody
is there.

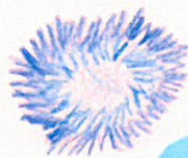
Mum you are so loving also so
funny when you love me
you say I look like a bunny.

You are so Caring like when your
Sharing, you appreciate everything
that you have.

Mum you are so JoyFull when
you are happy I love you so
much like my dad does.

Mum just remember you will
be my friend from the
Start to the end.

I love you Mum



Max Murray
Year 5
Christ the King,
North
Rocks

Welcome to the science lab of Year 3!

We have been learning about how our Earth is affected due to weathering and erosion. We conducted an experiment to understand how erosion works.



First, we made a sandcastle, measured its height then poured a cup of water on it.



We discovered that the sandcastle had eroded because there was a difference in height after measuring it again.

From this experiment we were able to see that erosion is the movement of sediment, such as sand, to a new location. Some things that can cause erosion are water, wind and ice.

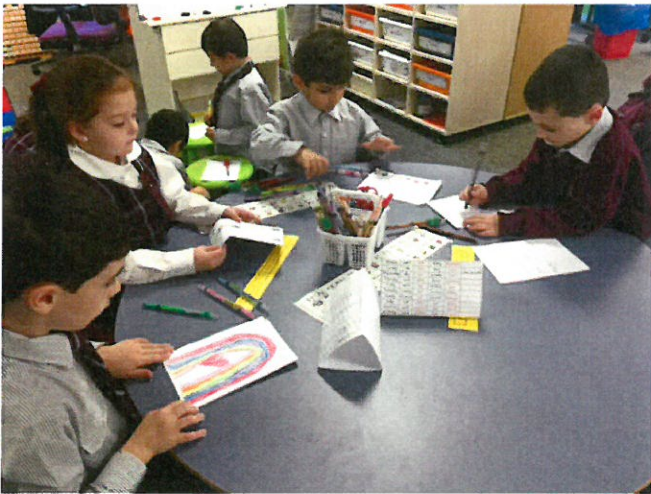
Stay tuned for more scientific discoveries to be made in Year 3 this term!

What's happening in Kindergarten?

In Kindergarten, we have all settled in very well to big school this year. Our teachers are so proud of all us and of the great learning we are doing.

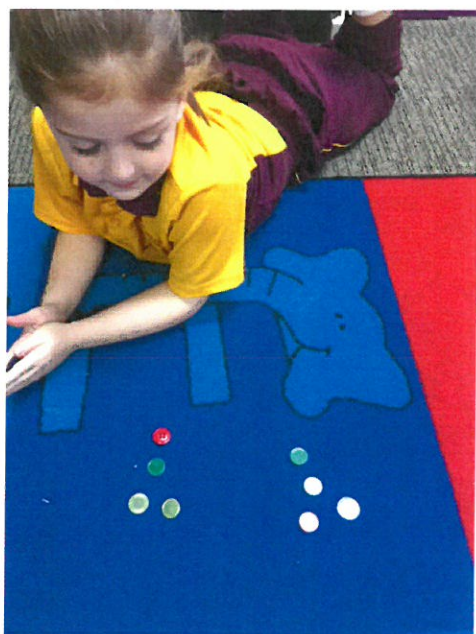
Here are some pictures of the great learning that is happening in our classroom.

We love seeing how much we are improving every day in our reading, writing and numbers.



We love learning to write and draw.





We are learning to make and represent numbers.



We love big school!



PBS4L

Care for Others: Listening Attentively

In Kindergarten, we know how important it is to listen attentively at school.

We need to listen so that we can learn and let our friends learn.

It is also showing good manners when we listen attentively to the person who is speaking.

See if you can try to listen attentively today!



We listen to our teachers so we can learn.



We listen to the person speaking out the front. This shows good manners.



Our 5Ls of Listening remind us how to be a good listener.



We let our friends learn when we are listening attentively.



We feel happy when we listen attentively and when our friends listen to us.

Uniform Shop / Administration / Finance Thank you for your patience and understanding

As advertised in recent newsletters, the School Office and Uniform Shop have been using a new Financial system which has affected the ordering & payment processes of the Uniform Shop and School Fee/General School payments. As mentioned, this system is now being used across all Parramatta Diocesan Schools.

We wish to say thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to this new system.

Susan Ritchie, Carmen Cassar, Marianne Street & Sarah Haber
CTK Office & Uniform Shop

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 details 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 4 - Tuesday 16th May

Mark In Your Diary

- ⇒ **Tue 23rd May**
ICAS Digital Technologies
(registered students only from Year 3 to Year 6)
- ⇒ **Mon 12th June**
Queen's birthday Public Holiday
- ⇒ **Fri 16th June**
Athletics Carnival

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*

ICAS

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS FOR AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES



When: Tuesday 23rd May 2017.

Time: **Arrive by 7.50am for an 8.00am start** as assessment takes 45-50 minutes.

Where: Year 5

What to bring: 2B Pencil, eraser, sharpener.

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.

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



Band News

Congratulations to our Performance Band who participated in the 'Battle Of The Bands' at the St Madeleine's Country Fair last weekend (Sunday May 7). Competing against bands often triple their size they played magnificently and were awarded a 'Highly Commended'. This award earned them \$250 prize money which will be used to purchase band resources. Bravo!!

Steve Lavis, Bandmaster

SPORT NEWS

Congratulations to Marcus Younis and Monique Brown for making the MacKillop soccer and netball teams respectively. This is a major honour for both students and we look forward to hearing how they go.

Representative Trials

Good luck to Lucas Hosking and Dane Grosvenor competing in the Rugby Rep Trials on Friday.

Aaron Debrincat
Sport Coordinator



DEBATING



Congratulations to the following Year 6 children who participated in the first debate for 2017 against St Michael's Primary School, Baulkham Hills.

Affirmative Team - Makayla Mathie, Hannah Abood, Ella Dalton and Brianna Coorey.

Negative Team - Kiera Wainwright, Amelia Papworth, Rebecca Kasemsri and Andrew El-Sabbagh

The topic for debate was "Devices have destroyed the playground". During the debate the teams discussed the way devices and modern technology have changed the way children socialise and how this has impacted the playground for better and for worse.

Both teams put a lot of time and effort into planning their arguments and rehearsing their speeches. The planning involved lots of teamwork and the students were great at giving each other constructive feedback. All students were wonderful representatives of Christ The King on the day. Congratulations to the negative team who won their debate.

Thank you to Mr Paul Cook, for acting as our adjudicator for this round of debating.

The next debate will be on Friday, 2nd June (Week 6).

Miss Brady
Year 6 Teacher
Debating Coordinator

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

Please join the Christ the King community in prayerfully reading the Gospel of Matthew for Week 4.

	May 15, 2017	May 16, 2017	May 17, 2017	May 18, 2017	May 19, 2017
4	Matthew 5:27-32 Marriage and Divorce	Matthew 5:33-37 Promises	Matthew 5:38-42 Revenge	Matthew 5:43-48 Love	Matthew 6:1-4 Giving

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

Please keep in Your Prayers

✠ Prayers are requested for Lillian Price (Yr 2) and her Family on the passing into eternal life of her paternal Grandfather.

*He is now at peace with His loving God whom He served so faithfully.
Grant Him eternal rest, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine on him forever.*

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.



Safety Tips for Children



NSW Police Force
www.police.nsw.gov.au

The Hills Local Area Command
Castle Hill Police Station
Corner Castle / Pennant Street
Castle Hill NSW 2154
02 9680 5399

- Make sure your parents or another adult you know knows where you are at all times.
- Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to.
- Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people.
- Know where safe places are – a shop, service station, police station, library or school.
- If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.



- Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help.
- Don't talk to people you don't know and never get into a car with someone you don't know.
- If a car stops on the side of the road and you don't know the person inside, do not stop.
- If you are scared and can use a phone, call 000 and tell them you are scared.
- If someone tries to grab you, yell out, 'Go away, I don't know you'.



**Share with your children the
'Safe People, Safe Places'
message.**

Have information about someone approaching children?
Please report online at www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 (24/7).
You can remain anonymous.



Australia's
Biggest
Morning
Tea

*Gather
Share
Give*

1 in 3 Australians are touched by Cancer and the funds raised in this morning tea will make a difference in the lives of Cancer patients and their families



Ray and Shirley Wehbe

Together with...

The Making a Difference for Christmas

The Maronite Ladies of the Gospel

The Australian Blouza Association

Are Hosting Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

*Don't hesitate to join us to make a **BIG** difference to raise as much funds as possible to help in this fight for Cancer*

On Tuesday 23rd May 2017

At the home of Ray & Shirley Wehbe

At 107 Bettington Road Oatlands

From 6:00 am until noon

***Entry Fee** - \$20.00 Adults or donation & Children free. This includes a hot and cold breakfast, tea/coffee, juices, sweets & much more.*

Everyone is welcome to the biggest spread of breakfast and morning tea if you're on your way to work or after dropping children off at school, please drop in and join us for either breakfast or morning tea.

Any form of donation will be welcomed for those unable to attend on the day and wish to support this worthy cause. For any enquiries contact Shirley Wehbe on 0409 330 028 or email: shirleywehbe1@hotmail.com

Businesses in the area why not encourage your staff to come for breakfast

Pack a lunch to take away from our great variety of food

Alternatively collect a tray of food for your office morning tea.

*Gather
Share
Give*





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.

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.