



# Christ the King, North Rocks

Term 4, Week 6

16th November, 2017

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## Term 4, Week 6

### Friday 17th November

- \* Band 7.45am + lessons and Yr 2 Blow tests throughout the day
- \* Lunch Orders
- \* Year 5 visiting Powerhouse Museum
- \* Year 6 at Parish Mass 9:15am

### Sat 18th /Sun 19th November

- \* Reconciliation Certificates presented at weekend Masses

### Sun 19th November

- \* Year 3 at Sunday Mass 10am

## Term 4, Week 7

### Monday 20th November

- \* Surf Education Year 5 + Year 6
- \* Sport Program: All Children in Sport Uniform
- \* Lunch Orders
- \* COOL KIDS MUSIC 3pm—4pm
- \* KingsMen Final 2017 Gathering: Baulkham Hills Sport Club 7pm

### Tuesday 21st November

- \* Trashless Tuesday
- \* Uniform Shop 8am—12:30pm
- \* PE : Yr 5, Yr 2, Yr 1 {Gr 1}

### Wednesday 22nd November

- \* Lunch Orders
- \* PE: Yr 3, Kindy
- \* Chess: 3.00-4.00pm
- \* Year 5 Personal Development Night for Parents and Students 6:30pm

### Thursday 23rd November

- \* Choir 8am
- \* PE : Yr 4, Yr 6, Yr 1 {Gr 2}
- \* Gymnastics Competition Day

### Friday 24th November

- \* Band 7.45am + lessons throughout the day
- \* Lunch Orders
- \* Feast of Christ the King Day : students involved in an activities day
- \* Performance Band Day Trip

### Sun 26th November

- \* **Feast of Christ the King Celebration** from 10am followed by The Blessing and Opening of the refurbished Mary MacKillop Hall with Bishop Vincent
- Brunch and refreshments served after Official Proceedings. Bring a plate to share.

Dear Parents

Upon preparing my reflection on this Sunday's scripture readings, my reading revealed several "God" references that I believe are pertinent for all of us in our everyday lives. I trust you will resonate with several of the following:

*Jesus showed us that God is Love  
Always trust in God's steadfast love  
Delight in God's commandments  
The wonder and awe in God's presence  
Never take God for granted  
God is the source of all existence  
God holds each of us in being every moment of our lives  
God is love  
We encounter God each day in all we do*

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The Feast of Christ The King will be celebrated next Sunday week, 26<sup>th</sup> November from 10am commencing with mass. Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen will celebrate mass with Fr Ian. During our liturgy we will celebrate and give thanks to those volunteers from our parish who have assisted in the various ministries and committees throughout the year. Following our Eucharistic celebration, Bishop Vincent will bless and open the refurbished Mary MacKillop Hall. All families and friends of our community are invited to come along and share in these parish festivities.

**RESTRICTED CAR PARKING at FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING 10 AM MASS**  
For safety reasons, parking within the school grounds for the 10 AM Mass will be restricted to people with genuine and visible disability stickers. Drivers may also drop off passengers but will not be permitted to park on the grounds. The gates at Bowral Street and Burradoo Close will be open for access from those streets. We need to allow safe access for the Bishop and parishioners to proceed after mass to the Mary MacKillop hall. Parents will still need to be mindful of their duty of care for their children within the parish grounds and keep them near them always. This decision has been made for the safety of all so please take instructions from the designated volunteers on the day.

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Just a reminder to our Year 5 parents that our Year 5 Personal Development evening will be held next Wednesday night [22nd Nov] commencing at 6:30pm. Please note the early starting time. It is expected that all Year 5 students and at least one of their parents be in attendance. This parent and child session is the introductory activity to the student's upcoming Personal Development unit "Growing and Changing". I look forward to seeing you next Wednesday evening for this most important seminar for both you and your child.

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**Congratulations to our Year 3 students who last night made their First Reconciliation.** Thank you to all concerned who assisted in the preparation of the children in recent weeks. A special thank you to the Sacramental Team and our REC Mrs. Burley who together coordinated the program.

Have a great week,

Tony Hughes  
Principal





# CHRIST THE KING NORTH ROCKS

COME CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING  
**SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2017 @ 10AM**  
IN THE CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH.

FOLLOWED BY  
THE BLESSING AND OPENING OF THE REFURBISHED  
**MARY MacKILLOP PARISH HALL**



PRESIDER: BISHOP VINCENT LONG VAN NGUYEN

BRUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY ON THIS MILESTONE IN OUR PARISH.

PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT PARISH OFFICE ON 9871 8710





## 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](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 Matthew.*

| Week | Monday   | Tuesday                                  | Thursday                               | Wednesday                          | Friday                                   |
|------|--|--|--|------------------------------------|--|
|      | <b>Nov. 13, 2017</b>   | <b>Nov. 14, 2017</b>                     | <b>Nov. 15, 2017</b>                   | <b>Nov. 16, 2017</b>               | <b>Nov. 17, 2017</b>                     |
| 6    | Matthew<br>26:17-25<br>Jesus Eats the<br>Passover Meal<br>with His Disciples | Matthew<br>26:26-30<br>The Lord's Supper | Matthew<br>26:31-35<br>Peter's Promise | Matthew<br>26:36-46<br>Jesus Prays | Matthew<br>26:47-56<br>Jesus Is Arrested |

*Please join the Christ the King community in prayerfully reading the Gospel of Matthew for Week 7.*

| Week | Monday  | Tuesday   | Thursday   | Wednesday                                | Friday   |
|------|---|---|--|--|--|
|      | <b>Nov. 20, 2017</b>  | <b>Nov. 21, 2017</b>  | <b>Nov. 22, 2017</b>                             | <b>Nov. 23, 2017</b>                     | <b>Nov. 24, 2017</b>                             |
| 7    | Matthew<br>26:57-68<br>Jesus Is<br>Questioned by<br>the Council | Matthew<br>26:69-75<br>Peter Says He<br>Doesn't Know<br>Jesus | Matthew<br>27:1-2<br>Jesus Is Taken to<br>Pilate | Matthew 27:3-10<br>The Death of<br>Judas | Matthew<br>27:11-14<br>Pilate Questions<br>Jesus |

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

Monica Burley, Religious Education Coordinator

## The Parish of Christ the King invites you to Our Inaugural Ministry Gathering

Our inaugural Christ the King Parish "Ministry Gathering" will be held on Wednesday 22nd November in the Mary MacKillop Hall. 7pm gathering for a 7.30pm start.

The goals of the meeting are:

- To welcome and enhance connections amongst our parishioners
- To contribute to the growth of our parish
- To affirm our ministers and to ensure everyone is engaged
- To seek insights into our parish vision

RSVP to Nadine in the Parish Office on 9871 8710 or [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org) as soon as possible.

## "KingsMen last gathering for 2017" this Monday 20th November

The KingsMen of North Rocks have scheduled their final get together for 2017 this Monday 20th November at Baulkham hills Sports Club from 7pm.

Come along and meet like minded fathers of our community and share a meal and drink in a relaxed and casual environment.

For more information please contact Peter or just come along on the night, bring a mate with you for a greater experience.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Peter Elchaar JP, KingsMen  
0408 678 922



## Mark In Your Diary

- ⇒ CHRISTMAS CONCERT DRESS REHEARSAL Monday 27th November
- ⇒ YEAR 5 CAMP Wed 29th Nov—Fri 1 Dec
- ⇒ YEAR 6 MOVIE FUN DAY Friday 1st December
- ⇒ Healthy Food Nutrition Info talk Friday 1st December 2pm
- ⇒ CHRISTMAS CONCERT Friday 8th December
- ⇒ YEAR 6 FAMILY GRADUATION DINNER Saturday 9th December
- ⇒ YEAR 6 MOTIV8 FUN DAY Monday 11th December
- ⇒ YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS Tuesday 12th December
- ⇒ CTK SWIMMING CARNIVAL Thursday 14th December
- ⇒ THANKSGIVING MASS / AWARDS CEREMONY / YEAR 6 FAREWELL / FAMILY PICNIC Friday 15th December

## YEAR 5 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT NIGHT

### NEXT WEDNESDAY, 22nd November

As part of Year 5's Personal Development program this term: 'Growing and Changing', we will be holding an information/ activity night as an introduction to the unit.

Both students and parents are invited to attend.

**When: NEXT Wednesday 22nd November 2017**

**Time: 6:30pm**

**Where: Year 5 classroom**

The information evening will be run by Natural Fertility Services, Catholic Care Sydney, Presented by an accredited Fertility Educator.

*We hope you can join us.*

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB All orders must be made ONLINE

A reminder that purchases from Scholastic Book Club MUST be made ONLINE by Thursday 30th November to ensure delivery before the end of term. *A reminder that NO cash orders will be accepted.*

Please double check your online order before submission as Scholastic Australia will not accept any incorrect orders.

## Parish BBQ with Year 3 after Mass this Sunday.

### Everyone is invited to join us

Join the CTK students of Year 3 along with parents of the school and parishioners at our Parish Brunch this Sunday 19th November at 10am.

This event is to celebrate our community spirit and share the morning alongside other families and kids of the school. Year 3 will be presenting parts of the Mass and engaging all to come and join in.

**There will be a sausage sizzle after Mass where you will be able to meet other members of our CTK Community and kids get to have some fun.**

A request for any dads who are free to assist on the day please come at 9:30am for setup. Otherwise straight after communion if we could have some parents helping serve the sausages for our barbecue.

Thanks for your support, look forward to seeing you Sunday.

Peter Elchaar JP

PPC Chairman

Live, Love & be Happy

## Happy Birthday in November to:



Kinder Caroline K  
Katia S  
Clayton B  
Emilia S

Year 1 Helena M  
Scarlett R  
William M

Year 2 Roland P  
Luca P  
Zachary T

Year 3 Ella M  
Sienna W  
Jonathan L  
James L

Year 4 Caitlin B  
Tianna B  
Gabriella K  
Hamish M

Year 5 Dane G  
Lucy S  
Olivia B

Year 6 Abby W  
Amelia P

## Christ the King Primary School North Rocks has a new phone number.

Please update your School Contact information with this new number : 02 8846 2700

For the remainder of 2017 your call will be automatically diverted to the new number and forwarded straight through to the School Office.

## Enrolment for 2018 – Kindergarten to Year 6

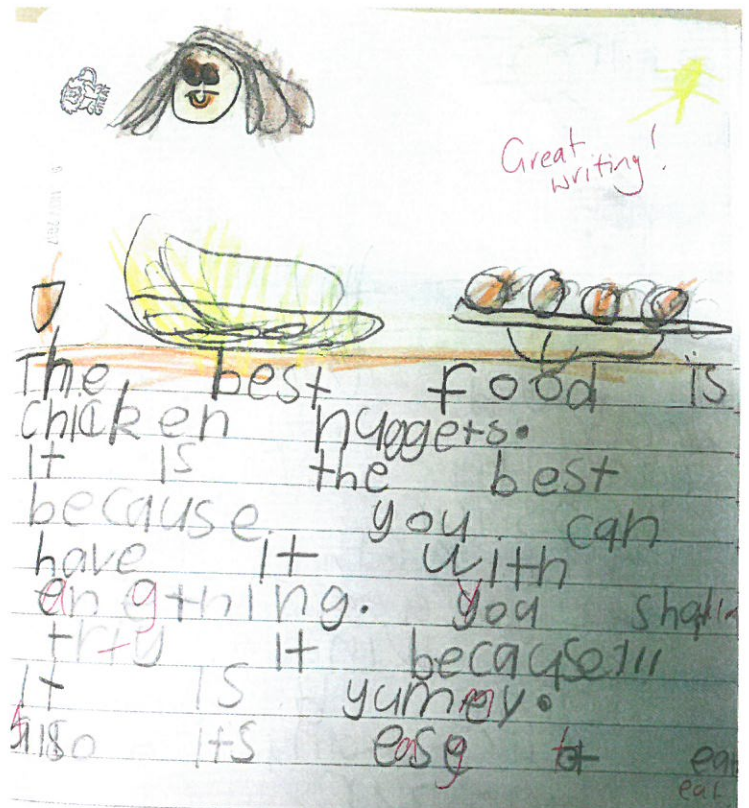
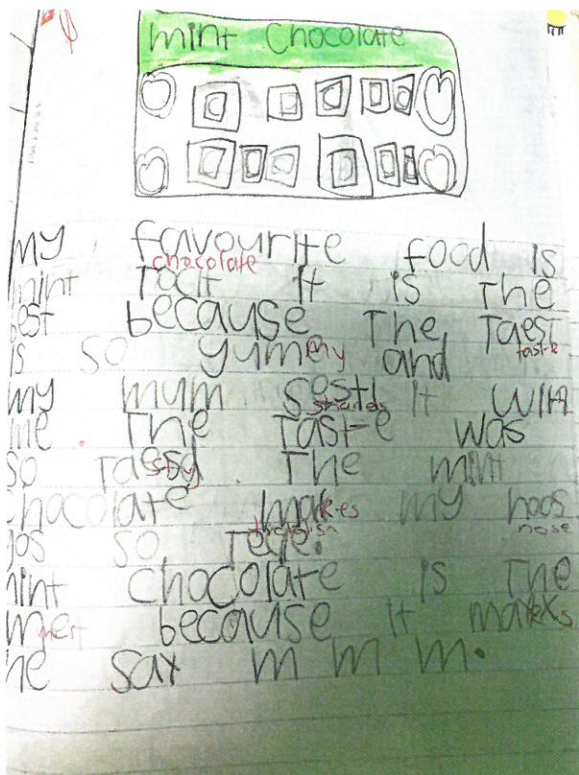
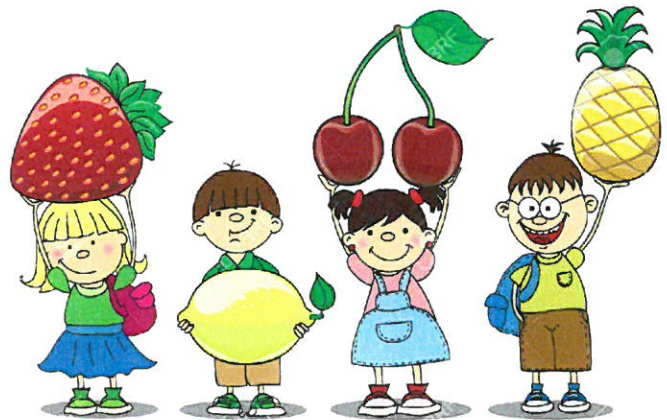
Christ the King North Rocks is still accepting enrolments for all grades for 2018. Please pass on this information to any family and friends who may be interested.

We welcome you to join our School / Parish Community.



# What's happening in Kindergarten?

We have been enjoying learning how to be 'persuasive' in our news topics and our writing this term. We have tried to convince our friends and our teachers that our favourite food, TV show and toy is the best. We had to try to be convincing in our speaking and our writing.





## Term Dates for 2017

**Term 4 for all students ends on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** with our Thanksgiving Mass and Awards Ceremony in the morning followed by our community farewell to year 6. The final two days for the teachers [Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December] are pupil free / Staff Development days.

## Term Dates for 2018

**Year 1 to Year 6 :** For the first two days of school, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January, and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January, the children will be invited to attend an individual assessment session at the school. ***Please note: your child will only need to attend one session on one day. Booking information will be sent home soon.***

**Students from Year 1 to Year 6 will begin full school days on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January.** For this day, the children will need 'fruit break', 'recess, a drink and 'lunch'. Lunch orders will NOT be available on this day.

**Kindergarten :** For the first three days of school, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January and Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, the children will be invited to attend an individual assessment session at the school. ***Please note: your child will only need to attend one session on one day. Booking information will be sent home soon.***

**Kindergarten will begin full school days on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February.** The children will start and finish at normal time, 8.45am to 3.00pm, when they will be dismissed with the rest of the school. From this day, the children will need 'fruit break', 'little lunch', a drink and 'big lunch' for school each day.

**TERM DATES FOR 2018** are :

### **Term 1**

|  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January – Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January   | Years 1-6 Assessment days           |
| Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January                                   | Years 1-6 begin school              |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January – Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January | Kindergarten assessments days       |
| Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> February                                   | Kindergarten begin full school days |

|                |                                |                   |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Good Friday,   | Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> March | } Public Holidays |
| Easter Sunday, | Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup> April  |                   |
| Easter Monday, | Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April  |                   |

Last Day Term 1 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April

|               |                                  |    |                                     |
|---------------|----------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Term 2</b> | Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May     | to | Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> July        |
| <b>Term 3</b> | Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> July   | to | Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> September  |
| <b>Term 4</b> | Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> October | to | Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December |



## Band News

Is your child interested in joining the band next year? Would you like more information on the School Band program? The School Band is now taking enrolments for 2018 and participation is open to all students who are currently in year 2-5. No prior experience is required.

Students will have recently attended a Concert by the band and Teaching Services Australia (TSA) staff demonstrating the variety of instruments available for tuition next year. They will also have received a *green* **Instrumental Band Program-Introduction** form. Students who return this tear-off form, **Expression of Interest** will be given the opportunity to test a variety of instruments to help them find the one most suited to them. They will then be given a comprehensive Enrolment Pack with the results of this instrument test.

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer. TSA is committed to providing a quality concert band program, with full band rehearsals, great value tuition and rent-to-buy instrument hire.

All students received a *green* 'Expression of Interest' form which is due back to the school office within 5 days. You can download this note at [www.teachingservices.com.au](http://www.teachingservices.com.au) or for more information email [info@teachingservices.com.au](mailto:info@teachingservices.com.au)

**Congratulations to Alexander L.** from the Performance Band and **Zane G.** from the Concert Band for receiving Band Member of the Week.

**Blow testing for all the interested students** who want to try the instruments will take place TOMORROW, Friday November 17, and a follow-up session in either week 8 or 9 for any students who were absent/unable to do the instrument trialling. Students will be called out of class by Miss O'Connor who will co-ordinate with the classroom teachers.





# REMEMBRANCE DAY

11 NOVEMBER 2017



# CTK celebrates Remembrance Day

Thank you to all who joined in commemorating this special day.



## CELEBRATING GIFTS AND TALENTS

**Congratulations to** Ava Bebawy (year 4) who competed in level 3 Gymnastics Competition on Sunday 12th November.

Ava came overall 4th position.



## Premier's Reading Challenge Congratulations

Once again CTK has had a successful PRC 2017.

The following students received Platinum Awards recognising seven successful years of completing the challenge;

Alexander L  
Luca S  
Owen M

Amy T  
Lucas S  
Stephanie T

The following students received a Gold Award recognising four successful years of completing the challenge;

Alexander R  
Brinleigh G  
Harry P  
Jack T  
Mitchell R  
Stephanie E

Ashton B  
Dominic S  
Isabella S  
Liana A  
Samuel R  
Zahra K



**Library Borrowing** Thank you to all the students throughout the year who have borrowed books from the Holy Faith Library, enjoyed reading them and returned them in good order. Library borrowing has now finished for 2017.

Could you please have a good look at home over the next weeks for any school resources i.e. library books and home readers, and return them to school as we will be doing a resource stock take during Weeks 8 and 9.

**We have placed some discarded books in a tub on the playground for students to read and take at lunch time. These books are labelled DISCARDED. Please DO NOT return these books to the library.** Remember, your local libraries are excellent places to visit and continue to borrow and read books over the next two months.

*Sarah Cook, Teacher / Librarian*



## **SPORT NEWS**

**Term 4 Week 6— Registrations for Winter Sport Trials close on Friday 2nd February 2018**

### **2018 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials—Current Year 4 & Year 5 Students**

**WINTER sport registrations for 2018 trials will open on MONDAY, 13th November.**

**Registrations for Winter sports will close on FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2018.**

**NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2018 are invited to register to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials which will be held during Term Four in 2017 (Summer sports—Registrations have closed) and Term One in 2018 (Winter sports). In some sports students in Year 4 **MAY** nominate. **SUMMER SPORT REGISTRATION HAS CLOSED.**

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2018 be invited to attend.**

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

\*AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), & Touch(B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website

[www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au)

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2018 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by the child's school**. In order for the child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of the school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **All fields and especially "Representative Experience" MUST be completed.**

***Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.***

**Margaret Thornton**  
**Primary Sport Committee**  
**Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta**

Please see following pages for detailed registration information.

*Aaron Debrincat*  
Sport Coordinator





Catholic Education  
Diocese of Parramatta

# 2018 Team Sport Trials

## Parramatta Diocese 2018 Information For Parents of **current Year 4** and Year 5 students – Registration window open only for Basketball & Tennis ONLY

All correspondence to:

**PDCPSSC**

Aengus Kavanagh Education & Equity Centre

PO Box 215, Rooty Hill 2766

Tel (02) 9677 4314

Mobile 0408 278 918

[mthornton@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mthornton@parra.catholic.edu.au)

[www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au)

Facebook: Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese

Dear Parents,

Parramatta Diocesan Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2018 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2017 and Term One in 2018. It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in years 5 & 6 in 2018 be invited to attend**. To facilitate this, Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

| Sport                 | Age Group  | Trial Date                               | Registration closing date                      |
|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| AFL                   | Open boys & girls  | Term One 2018                            | Friday 2nd February 2018                       |
| <del>Basketball</del> | <del>Open boys &amp; girls</del> <i>CLOSED</i>                 | <del>14<sup>th</sup> November 2017</del> | <del>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017</del> |
| Cricket               | Open boys & girls  | Term One 2018                            | Friday 2nd February 2018                       |
| Diving                | 10/11yrs girls & boys & 12/13yrs girls & boys                  | Term One 2018                            | Registration via CSSS in 2018                  |
| Football (Soccer)     | Open boys & girls  | Term One 2018                            | Friday 2nd February 2018                       |
| Golf                  | Open boys & girls  | Term Three 2018                          | Registration via CSSS in 2018                  |
| Hockey                | Open boys & girls  | Term One 2018                            | Friday 2nd February 2018                       |
| Netball               | Open girls   | Term One 2018                            | Friday 2nd February 2018                       |
| Rugby League          | Open boys & 11yrs boys - NB. No State team selected for 11 yrs | Term One 2018                            | Friday 2nd February 2018                       |
| Rugby Union           | Open boys  | Term One 2018                            | Friday 2nd February 2018                       |
| Softball              | Open boys & girls  | Term One 2018                            | Friday 2nd February 2018                       |
| <del>Tennis</del>     | <del>Open boys &amp; girls</del> <i>CLOSED</i>                 | <del>20<sup>th</sup> November 2017</del> | <del>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017</del> |
| Touch                 | Open boys & girls  | Term One 2018                            | Friday 2nd February 2018                       |

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website [www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au) ~ Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the **SPORT** you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form". **Each sport has a different registration criteria.**

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2018 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport and when completed, click SUBMIT.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by your child's school**. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **Please complete all fields and especially "Representative Experience".**

**Your child's school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.**

**Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.**

**\$8.00 trialling fee is payable on the day for after school trials & \$10.00 trialling fee is payable on the day for half day and full day trials.**  
**– This is to be paid upon registration at the trials once your child has been approved to attend the Parramatta Diocesan Trials.**

**Please note that the full day trials will be for boys cricket, boys soccer, boys rugby league & boys rugby union.**

**Due to the popularity of boys cricket, boys soccer and girls netball a maximum of 2 children only are eligible to trial from each school. Selection of the 2 boys and girls will be made jointly by the school sport coordinator and principal.**

Half day trial for tennis and netball... all other trials will be held after school beginning at 4pm.



# MACKILLOP TRIAL

It should be noted that the main purpose of the Mackillop trial is to select a team to compete at the NSW PSSA Championships. The Inter-Diocesan Mackillop Trial is not a competition although a round robin format is often used to facilitate the selection procedure.

## NSW PSSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Children who are successful at being selected in the Mackillop team will compete at the N.S.W. P.S.S.A. Championships. These championships involve three or four days of competition at various locations in NSW. Children selected in these teams may also be required to attend training sessions. At the NSW PSSA Championships a State team will be selected to participate at the School Sport Australia Inter State Exchange for some sports.

## SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

To be considered for selection in the NSW PSSA state team for participation at all School Sport Australia 12 Years & Under championships: Students must be turning between the ages of 10 and 12 in the year of competition i.e. Students turning the ages of 8, 9 and 13 in the year of competition are not eligible for NSW PSSA State selection.

Please note the following information:

- Parents are responsible for all transport and supervision arrangements and **must remain to supervise their child at the trial at all times.**
- Children need to generally be of representative standard.
- Attendance at training days, where applicable is compulsory.
- The selector's decisions are final.
- **Parents will need to make their own travel arrangements for children representing Parramatta at Inter-Diocesan MacKillop trials. This may mean travel to Sydney, Wollongong, Canberra, Wagga or Forbes.**
- Please be aware that the teacher conducting the trial and accompanying the team to the venue is a "Team Manager" ~ not a coach.

If you would like your child to participate in one of the Parramatta Diocesan trials please complete the **Team Online Registration Form** that can be accessed via the website [www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au) ~ Click on **"REP SELECTIONS"** tab and scroll down to the **SPORT** you wish to register for and click on the **"REGISTER"** button below the heading **"PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form"**.

**NOMINATIONS close Friday 27th October 2017 for the sports of Basketball & Tennis**  
**and entries close Friday 2nd February 2018 for all other sports.**

Kind Regards,

*Margaret Thornton*

Teaching Educator Primary Sport ~ CEO Parramatta

WEBSITE: [www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au)



This is the message that appears once the registration has been submitted correctly and a NO-REPLY email should be received within 24 hours.

Click on **"REP SELECTIONS"** tab and scroll down to the **SPORT** you wish to register for and click on the **"REGISTER"** button below the heading **"PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form"**.





## **MORE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES COMING SOON TO A STOP, WHARF AND STATION NEAR YOU**

Public transport customers will benefit from 8,600 extra weekly services from 26 November when a new timetable is introduced.

This includes more than 1,500 new train services, almost 7000 new bus services, the introduction of 2000 new B-Line services for the Northern Beaches, and more than 140 ferry services.

If you use public transport now you will notice plenty of information and announcements at stations, ferry wharves and on buses across the public transport network.

Not all services will change but adjustments will be made across the public transport network to better align services, making it even easier to change between different modes of public transport.

How the timetable changes may affect you:

- your train line or platform may change at different times of the day or week
- your train, bus and ferry times may have changed
- you may now need to interchange to complete your journey
- there could now be an express service or faster trip to get you where you need to go

Staff will be available at stations across the network to assist customers through these changes. Customers with special needs should seek out staff assistance, especially at busy stations like Central, Town Hall and Parramatta.

Over the coming weeks take some time to find out more about the changes so you can be prepared on Sunday 26 November. Visit [transportnsw.info](http://transportnsw.info) to access the new timetable and start planning future journeys. A new interactive mapping tool will help you to understand how your trip might change so you can prepare in advance.

Customers can also call 131 500 for more information.





## **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 (1-5 days) must be emailed to the Principal. *If travelling overseas, an itinerary must accompany this application.*
- For Family leave over 5 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.*

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## **STUDENT LEAVE APPLICATIONS (any leave other than student sick leave) 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 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.**

**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.

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**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](http://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

If you have any issues with this form opening, please try a different browser; Chrome, Firefox, Explorer

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

[www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://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

If you have any issues with this Module opening, please try a different browser; Chrome, Firefox, Explorer

**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](http://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

### Northmead Uniting Netball Club

Northmead Uniting Netball Club is a member of the Gooden Reserve Netball Association. This is a local community competition held on Saturday afternoons at Gooden Reserve in Baulkham Hills. We are committed to maintaining a low-cost competition that has a friendly, safe and welcoming environment where girls (and boys under 12) of all skill levels can participate.

**2018 Registration Fees :** These fees are a one-off payment which covers the entire season. **Fun Net: \$55 Up to Year 7: \$75 Year 8 and above: \$80**

Season starts 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018. All enquiries

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

**Register online now at:** [www.goodenreservenetball.com](http://www.goodenreservenetball.com) Go to Northmead Uniting tab. Registrations close 16 February 2018

**Fun Net:** For ages 5 – 7 (Kindy and Year 1) we have Fun Net, which teaches basic ball skills, the rules of the game and teamwork. Fun net is held every Saturday at 12.30.

**Junior Competition:** Years 2 to Years 12 at school. Our junior competition is open to everyone, including those who have not played previously. Games are held every Saturday between 12.30 and 3pm.

**Adult Competition:** Our adult division is a social competition with a fun, friendly atmosphere. We have players who join after not playing for years and even those who have never played. This is the perfect competition to join with a group of friends for some exercise and fun! Teams and individual registrations welcome.

### WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY PENRITH OBSERVATORY

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

Enquiries and bookings ; [https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith\\_observatory/whats\\_on](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith_observatory/whats_on)

**Date:** 25 November **Event name:** From Conventional Rockets to the Warp Drive **Event details:** Mr Nicholas Ralph Trekking Kilometres on Earth might seem like a task, but in the vast empty void of space we face far greater distances. Beginning with our fight against gravity, voyaging to distant planets has become a dilemma of money, time, and critically, energy. Join us in exploring humanity's journey from conventional rockets to nuclear propulsion and take a peek at the real science behind the fabled warp drive.

Includes presentation, short 3D movie, tour of the dome and viewing of the night sky through a range of telescopes (weather permitting). \$18.00 Adult \$12.00 Child/Concession \$50.00 Family (2 adults + 2 children) Children under 3 years of age free. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** **Time:** 8pm – 10pm

**Date:** 9 December 2017 **Event name:** You Are Here Part Three, The Universe **Event details:** Dr Nick Tothill Leaving our own Galaxy behind, we travel out into the Universe, looking for the biggest objects of all. Clusters, superclusters, walls of galaxies and voids full of nothing, all pushed and pulled around by mysterious dark matter and even-more-mysterious dark energy. As we travel outwards, we travel back in time towards the beginning of the universe, and ask, 'what happens now...?' It doesn't matter if you missed the first parts in this series. Includes presentation, short 3D movie, tour of the dome and viewing of the night sky through a range of telescopes (weather permitting). \$18.00 Adult \$12.00 Child/Concession \$50.00 Family (2 adults + 2 children) Children under 3 years of age free.

Please Note: Parents/carers are responsible for and need to remain with their children at all times **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

**Time:** 8pm – 10pm



### YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

Solo Parent Services' Younger Widowed Support Group is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of this month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age with or without children. **Next gathering: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov.** Venue: Ann D Clarke Building, [2a Villiers St, Parramatta](http://2aVilliersStParramatta). Time: 7pm – 9pm. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: Contact Rita: 8843 2517 or Email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

### STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

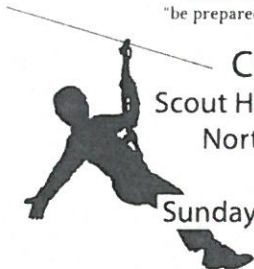
Solo Parent Services last "Stepping Beyond" Support Group for this year will be held on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**. This group supports anyone experiencing separation or divorce. Venue: Ann D. Clarke Building, [2a Villiers St, Parramatta](http://2aVilliersStParramatta). Time: 7pm – 9pm. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: Contact Rita: 8843 2517 or email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)



Build resilience  
Develop confidence  
Inspire leadership  
Be prepared for friendship

## 1st North Rocks Scout Group OPEN DAY

For more than 100 years, Scouts have offered a program to young people which helps develop them through teamwork and using their own initiative. Scouts believe encouraging young people to "be prepared" is more important today than ever!



Come along to  
Scout Hall, Baden Powell Place  
North Rocks NSW 2151  
10am-2pm  
Sunday 26th November 2017

Activities include Climbing Wall, Camp Cooking, Flying Fox  
Ewok Village on display and many more activities

BBQ and refreshments for sale

Joeys 6-7 years old  
Cubs 8-10 years old  
Scouts 11-14 years old  
Venturers 15-17 years old  
Rovers 18-25 years old

For more information call:  
Bernie Hughes  
0451 426 450







Join us for a family night with your picnic basket and blanket to enjoy an evening of live music and Christmas festivities!

**December 1<sup>st</sup> - 5.30-7.30**

***All Proceeds of the event go to Ronald McDonald House***

Face painting, sausage BBQ  
&  
of course a visit from Santa!

**Free ticketed event**  
**Get your tickets at [Trybooking.com](http://Trybooking.com)**  
**'Christmas@Oakhill'**