



Christ the King, North Rocks

Term 4, Week 3

26th October, 2017

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Term 4, Week 3

BOOK FAIR WEEK

Friday 27th October

- * Band 7.45am + lessons throughout the day
- * Lunch Orders
- * Expressions of Interest for 2018 CEDP Summer Sport trials closes

Sunday 29th October

- * Year 1 at Sunday Parish Mass 10am
- * Battle of the Bands Waitara

Term 4, Week 4

Monday 30th October

- * Sport Program: All Children in Sport Uniform
- * Lunch Orders
- * Life Education Kindy, Year 1, Year 2
- * COOL KIDS MUSIC 3pm—4pm

Tuesday 31st October

TRASHLESS TUESDAY BASKETBALL GALA DAY

- * Uniform Shop 8am—12:30pm
- * PE: Yr 5, Yr 2, Yr 1 {Gr 1}
- * Life Education Kindy, Year 1, Year 2
- * Life Ed Parent session 12:30pm—1:00pm

Wednesday 1st November

- * Writing Club 8am
- * Lunch Orders
- * PE: Yr 3, Kindy
- * Feast of All Saints (Whole School Mass 9am)
- * Maths Club 1:30pm
- * Chess: 3.00-4.00pm

Thursday 2nd November

- * Choir 8am
- * PE: Yr 4, Yr 6, Yr 1 {Gr 2}
- * Feast of All Souls
- * KINDERGARTEN 2018 Transition 1
Group 1 9:15am—10:45
Group 2 11:30am—1:00pm
- * Year 4 Mum's Night out

Friday 3rd November

- * Band 7.45am + lessons throughout the day
- * Lunch Orders
- * Gymnastics Gala day

Dear Parents,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus focuses attention on the very essence of what it means to be a human being. Simply put, to be a woman or a man is to live a life of love. Whatever we might achieve in our life, it is important that throughout our life we have loved and allowed others to reciprocate this love. Whatever our failures, if we learn something about how to receive and to give love, our life has certainly not been in vain. At the last supper, Jesus asked us to love one another as he loves us. If that is what he asks us to do, he must know that it is possible. Through our Catholic upbringing and tradition, we are aware, how important is this love which we have for our fellow human beings. If we fail in this, then any other love we might think we have, is questionable. The love we claim, receive and is shared with God is unconditional and forever.

A reminder to all our parents utilising our drive through pick up service of an afternoon, that our main priority is the safe collection of our children, irrespective of the time it takes or the delays or inconvenience people may encounter. The observation of all road rules and protocols is paramount, to ensure the safety of our students, parents and staff. This includes cars not queuing on the school/ hall side of Statham Avenue. This is NO Stopping Zone which means exactly that. Therefore, there is no queuing permitted when entering the school grounds on the eastern side of Statham Ave. I also stress the need to take care when turning right out of the school driveway on exiting the site and when turning right into the school from Statham Ave. Other afterschool pick up options include Bowral St or Burradoo Close. You may even consider parking your vehicle and picking up your children from the Basketball court. Your co-operation in these matters will be greatly appreciated.

Over the coming weeks, students from across the school will be attending the upcoming Gymnastics, Oz tag and Basketball Gala days. We wish all children participating in these days the very best of luck. A special thank you to the parents who are managing these teams and transporting our athletes on the day. Our appreciation is also extended to Mr Aaron Debrincat who has co-ordinated all our sporting gala days and carnivals throughout the year.

Sport Uniform — It is important to note that "skins" are not a part of the school sports uniform and should not be worn under shorts. Shorter more suitable undergarments [that cannot be seen] should be worn if required. Your support in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

This week our library has been a hive of activity with the 2017 Book Fair being held. Our students have spent the week compiling their wish list of new books they wish to purchase. Thanks to Mrs Cook and Mrs Grima for co-ordinating the event, both in the weeks leading up to the fair and throughout this week, assisting students, processing orders and collecting money. Thanks to everyone for your support of this event!

We are in search of a new electrician who can assist with our Christmas concert in December. Our resident "sparkie" Joe Wahbe who has so generously given of his time for many years, finishes up at our school at the end of the year. We are greatly appreciative of Joe's commitment and generosity over the years. We are in need of an electrician who can work alongside Joe at this year's Christmas concert in setting up lights, running cables and organising sound. If you can assist us, please contact the school office so we can put you in contact with Joe.

Have a great week!
Tony Hughes
Principal

Mark In Your Diary

⇒	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Wednesday 15th November
⇒	FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING	Friday 24th November
⇒	FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING WITH BISHOP VINCENT	Sunday 26th November
⇒	YEAR 5 CAMP	Wed 29th Nov—Fri 1 Dec
⇒	YEAR 6 MOVIE FUN DAY	Friday 1st December
⇒	CHRISTMAS CONCERT	Friday 8th 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

TERM 4 SCHOOL CALENDARS were emailed home earlier this week. Every effort is made to confirm dates and publish these as early as possible. The calendars are subject to changes beyond our control. Please be assured as much notice as possible is given if this occurs.

ADVANCED NOTICE : YEAR 5 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT NIGHT

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: Wednesday 22nd November 2017

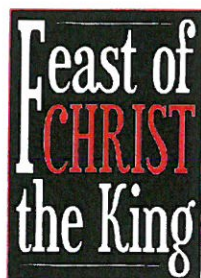
Time: 6:30pm

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.

Calling all Year 3 Students and Students from Year 4 to Year 6 to join the choir for CTK Feast Day!



The Parish is actively seeking expressions of interest for enthusiastic vocals to sing on 26 November at 10am Mass for the Feast of Christ The King.

All we need is a commitment to a couple of hour long practices on Thursday nights 16 November and 23 November from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

This is a great way to participate. We hope your participation leads to further opportunities to bring your vocal skills to our regular Masses.

Please submit your interest by TOMORROW, Friday 27th October 2017 to: Darren So via email : soejd@hotmail.com or Mobile: 0410 416 063.



Happy Birthday in October to:



*Kinder Thomas K
Andrew S
Bethany S
Julius R*

*Year 1 Troy N.O
Jake F
Daniel O
Anthony P
Lara K*

Year 2

*Year 3 Zahra K
Alanna D
Pennie M
Talia Y
Isabelle B*

*Year 4 Emma M
Aden B
Chloe H
Isabella Y
Giselle K
Jamelia B*

*Year 5 Robert C
Isabella M
Clarisse T
James G*

*Year 6 Ria S
Alexander L
Andrew E.S*

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.

Coming home soon

- 2018 Diocesan School Fees information (also included inside this newsletter)

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.

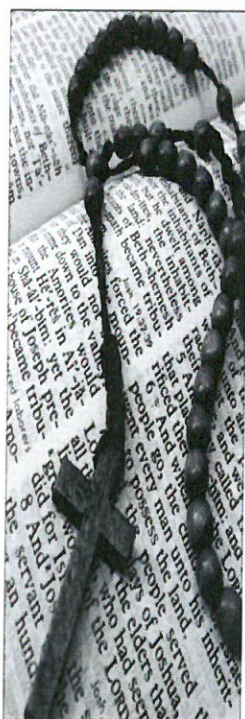
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Wednesday	Friday
	Oct. 23, 2017	Oct. 24, 2017	Oct. 25, 2017	Oct. 26, 2017	Oct. 27, 2017
3	Matthew 23:37-38 Jesus Loves Jerusalem	Matthew 24:1-2 The Temple Will Be Destroyed	Matthew 24: 3-8 Warning about Trouble - Part I	Matthew 24:9-14 Warning about Trouble - Part II	Matthew 24:15-28 The Horrible Thing

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

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Wednesday	Friday
	Oct. 30, 2017	Oct. 31, 2017	Nov. 1, 2017	Nov. 2, 2017	Nov. 3, 2017
4	Matthew 24:29-31 When the Son of Man Appears	Matthew 24:32-35 A Lesson from a Fig Tree	Matthew 24:36-44 No One Knows the Day or Time	Matthew 24:45-51 Faithful and Unfaithful Servants	Matthew 25:1-13 A Story about Ten Girls

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



October — Month of the Holy Rosary

October is traditionally the month of the Holy Rosary, when we are reminded of the importance of uniting our prayers with Mary, the Mother of God and being a witness of Jesus Christ as revealed by the mysteries throughout His life.

What is the Rosary?

The Rosary is the Catholic's most distinctive form of private prayer. It is used in every nation of the world, and suitable for any time or occasion, any day, any place and any mood, from happiness to distress. It is one of the deepest and simplest of prayers, firmly rooted in the Gospel of Jesus.

The Rosary Mystery cycle is; Mondays and Saturdays are the Joyful Mysteries, Tuesdays and Fridays are the Sorrowful Mysteries, Wednesdays and Sundays are the Glorious Mysteries and Thursdays are the Mysteries of Light.

During the Month of October, please make some time to join together as a family to pray the Rosary.

Monica Burley
Religious Education Coordinator

2018 Diocesan School Fees

24 October 2017

Dear parents and carers

Please find below the 2018 Diocesan school fees schedule which includes a modest 3.6% increase on the fees from 2017.

School-based fees will also be limited to a 3.6% increase to ensure we have consistency across our Diocese. School-based fees cover the costs of important things such as technology and school administration.

I appreciate that from time to time, some families might experience financial challenges. With this in mind, I take this opportunity to remind you that confidential fee support is available through

- discounts for families with multiple siblings in our schools
- flexible payment plans
- hardship concession policies for families in need
- the Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund
- the Byawalla Co-contribution Scheme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families

Tuition Fees - 2018

The 2018 diocesan tuition fees are outlined below:

ANNUAL FEES	No charge for 4th+ children	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$1,173	\$879	\$588
	Years 1 – 6	\$1,515	\$1,137	\$759
	Years 7 – 8	\$2,100	\$1,575	\$1,050
Secondary	Years 9 – 10	\$2,331	\$1,749	\$1,167
	Years 11 – 12	\$2,976	\$2,232	\$1,488

The 2018 term rate for each of the first three terms is outlined below:

Instalment FEES	Charged in Terms 1, 2 & 3	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$391	\$293	\$196
	Years 1 – 6	\$505	\$379	\$253
	Years 7 – 8	\$700	\$525	\$350
Secondary	Years 9 – 10	\$777	\$583	\$389
	Years 11 – 12	\$992	\$744	\$496



Diocesan Building Levy - 2018

The Diocesan Building Levy enables us, through our capital works program, to meet the demand for new schools and new classes in high growth areas, and to continue to maintain all schools to a high standard.

All families with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic's College Kingswood are required to pay the annual Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Building Levy. This levy has replaced the various building levies that parents previously paid to school building funds (managed by either parishes or schools). **The levy for 2018 is \$783 per family, payable in three equal instalments of \$261 in Terms 1, 2 and 3.**

Annual Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents - 2018

The Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents for 2018 is **\$1,935 per student, payable in three equal instalments of \$645**. The fee applies to new students on the following visa numbers: 173, 401, 402, 411, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 426, 427, 428, 442, 456, 457, 459, 462, 476, 485, 497, 580, 600, 601, 651, 675, 676, 679, 685, 884, 944, 956, 976 and 977 including where any of these are the preceding visas for families on bridging visas 010 to 090.

Families charged this fee in 2013 will continue to be charged on a *per family* basis to the eldest student whilst the family has continuous current students.

Thank you for your continuing support of Catholic education, support that allows us to provide students with exciting learning experiences within our Catholic faith environment.

With warmest wishes



Gregory B Whitby
Executive Director
Catholic Education
Parramatta of Diocese



In Year 3 we are learning all about
HEAT!

We are busy experimenting and researching information to answer our PBL driving question...

How can we as inventors, create a product that will reduce heat loss so our food will be hot until eating time?

For our first benchmark, we created posters all about heat and sources of heat.

Take a look!

HEAT

BY ANTHONY + ADRIAN

- 'HEAT HAPPENS WHEN ENERGY IS BURNED OR USED
- HOTTER OBJECTS MEAN THAT THEIR MOLECULES ARE MOVING QUICKER
- HEAT TRANSFERS FROM ONE OBJECT TO ANOTHER UNTIL THE OBJECTS ARE THE SAME TEMPERATURE
- SOME MATERIALS CONDUCT(OR TRANSFERS)HEAT BETTER THAN OTHERS
- BUTTER , CHOCOLATE AND ICE CHANGE FROM SOLIDS TO LIQUIDS WHEN THEY ARE HEATED

SOURCES OF HEAT

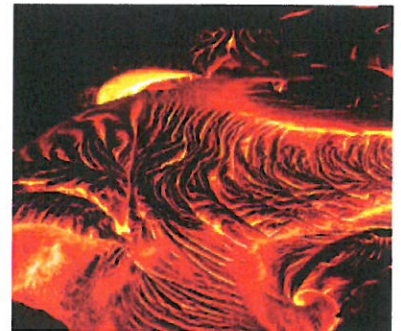
FIRE IS A SOURCE OF HEAT BECAUSE IT HAS ATOMS AND MOLECULES WHICH HELP FIRE TO GET ITS WARMTH



WE GET TO EXPERIENCE A SOURCE OF HEAT EVERY DAY AND IT'S THE SUN. THE SUN IS A GIANT STAR THAT WARMS THE EARTH UP



THIS IS FRICTION(CAUSED BY RUBBING YOUR HANDS) RUBBING YOUR HANDS IS A SOURCE OF HEAT.



LAVA IS A HEAT SOURCE FOUND IN A VOLCANO AND WHEN IT ERUPTS THE LAVA COMES OUT.

WHAT PRODUCES HEAT?

Sources of heat By Aidan & Samuel



Fire is a source of heat. Fire can reach over 500°C.

←Fire



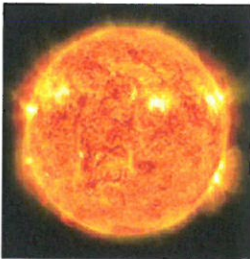
Lava is a source of heat. Lava can reach over 1200°C.

←Lava



Rubbing hands together makes friction and also is a source of heat.

←Hands Rubbing Together



The sun is a source of heat because it is made of gas.

←The Sun

HEAT POSTER!

By Ameliah and Amarlie



Fire is a source used to keep things warm.

Fires weakness is water.

Fire is also for fireworks and put a log on fire it makes heat.

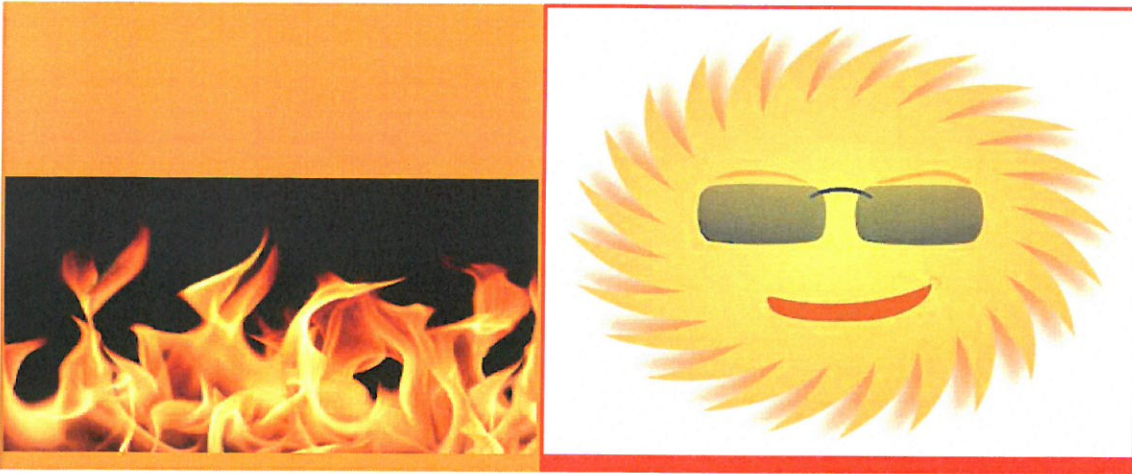
Run around the playground and your body gets warm.



Rubbing hands together can make heat in your body.

Warm objects expand or become larger. Cold objects contract or become smaller.

HEAT IT UP



Fire is a source of heat.

The sun is the heat of the day and the most hottest thing in the solar system.

- *Heat is is a source of energy which keeps us warm.*
- *The sun radiates us and keeps us warm*



When you rub your hands together fast you get a short time of heat, that is called FRICTION!!!

Other heat sources are: Lava, lightning, electricity, the lights and many more things

By Brinleigh and Pennie



Life Education - Healthy Harold Visit

Life Education empowers our children and young people to make safer and healthier choices through education. Next week, Healthy Harold, Life Education's favourite mascot will be visiting Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 on Monday and Tuesday (30th and 31st October). Following are the modules each of the grades will learn about.

Kindergarten - My Body Matters

Harold and his friends want to look their best for photo day at school, but discover that things don't always go to plan. This module focuses on things children can do to keep themselves healthy including: • the importance of personal hygiene • choosing foods for a healthy balanced diet • benefits of physical activity and sleep • ways to keep safe at home, school and in the community.

Year 1 - Ready Steady Go

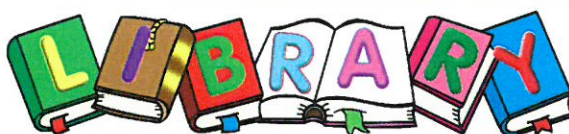
Harold and his friends are ready for their big race at the school athletics carnival. Or are they? When one member of their relay team doesn't show up, what will they do? This fun, engaging narrative provides opportunities to discover: • benefits of physical activity • safety strategies in different environments • how our body reacts in new situations • what our body needs to be healthy including a nutritious diet, water and sleep

Year 2 - Growing Good Friends

Harold battles to figure out what to give his grandma for her birthday, until his friends, Boots and Red step in and offer some good ideas. This animated story takes us to familiar surroundings where students can: • explore what health messages mean • identify safety signs • recognise how physical activity and nutrition contribute to a healthy lifestyle • explore how positive relationships benefit our health and wellbeing

Life Education - Parent Session

There will be a parent session for those able to attend on **Tuesday 31st October between 12.30pm and 1.00pm.**



**CARNIVAL BOOK FAIR ENDS
TOMORROW**

**LIBRARY OPEN TOMORROW MORNING
8AM—9AM FOR FINAL SALES**

Payment Methods:

- Online payment through <http://www.carnivalfairs.com.au/> (Parent Payments)
- Completed credit card details on child's wish list
- Eftpos Machine facilities available
- Cash

Thank you to everyone for supporting this event.


LEARN 2 GIVE 3P Learning

Encourage your children to make a difference and learn at the same time.

3P Learning will make a contribution to their UNICEF projects in Zimbabwe with their Learn 2 Give event.

Simply earn points in **Mathletics** and complete lessons in **Reading Eggs** between 23 October and 5 November and we will convert that activity into a dollar value donation to UNICEF!

Mrs. Sarah Cook
Teacher / Librarian



The poster is divided into two main color sections: a dark teal left side and a bright blue right side. At the top left, the 'LEARN 2 GIVE' logo is prominently displayed in white and yellow, with '3P Learning' and 'unicef' logos below it. The phrase 'Help us help them.' is written in yellow on the teal background. Below this, the dates 'BETWEEN 23 OCTOBER AND 5 NOVEMBER' are in white, followed by a paragraph explaining that points from Mathletics and Reading Eggs will be converted into a UNICEF donation. Three small logos for Mathletics, Spellodrome, and Reading Eggs are shown. At the bottom left, a photograph shows four children with backpacks walking away. The right side of the poster is blue and contains text about joining the event to support schools in Zimbabwe, a paragraph about how the donation helps fund UNICEF projects like clean water, and a question 'Isn't that a good reason to finish your homework?'. At the bottom right, there is a globe icon and the website 'www.3plearning.com/learn2give'.

LEARN 2 GIVE
3P Learning unicef

Help us help them.

**BETWEEN 23 OCTOBER
AND 5 NOVEMBER**


All points you earn in **Mathletics** and **Spellodrome** and all lessons you complete in **Reading Eggs** count towards a UNICEF donation.

Mathletics Spellodrome Reading Eggs

Join the **Learn 2 Give** event to help 3P Learning and UNICEF support schools in Zimbabwe.

This donation helps fund UNICEF education projects in Zimbabwe. Like bringing clean water to villages, so students can go to school instead of walking long distances each day to fetch water for their families.

Isn't that a good reason to finish your homework?


[www.3plearning.com/
/learn2give](http://www.3plearning.com/learn2give)

TRASHLESS TUESDAY every week

Just a gentle reminder, we are implementing a 'trashless day', every Tuesday at Christ the King. We encourage all students to bring foods that are not packed in plastic, aluminium foil, etc.

Tips to get started on going Trashless:

- Get a reusable, long-lasting lunch box or bag.
- Use a reusable water bottle for drinks.
- Buy some reusable food containers or reuse smaller take-out containers.
- Opt for a durable, washable cloth napkin and real silverware (or durable, reusable plasticware).
- Buy food items in bulk and put a portion in a smaller container (always cheaper!)



Band News

Congratulations to Nicholas C. from the Concert/Training Band, and Luca S. from the Performance Band for receiving Band Member of the Week.

Performance Band students should practise What Makes You Beautiful, Just Dance, and Born This Way for the OLOR Waitara Battle of the Bands this coming Sunday October 29.

The Demonstration Concert has been pushed back to Friday November 10 at 2pm at CTK. Performance Band students should practise the same pieces as the Battle of the Bands competition.

Coming dates:

- Sunday October 29: Battle of the Bands at OLOR Waitara, 11am
- Friday November 10: CTK Demonstration Concert (at CTK), 2pm



ALL CHILDREN OF NORTH ROCKS CATHOLIC PARISH WE NEED YOU! CHRISTMAS EVE 6PM FAMILY MASS



Would you like to help make Christmas Eve Mass a special event for all the families of the Parish?

Calling all pre-schoolers through to Year 6 children to participate.

2017 Christ the King Christmas Eve Family Mass @ 6pm 24th December!

The only requirement is a commitment to attend Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass during November and December and one rehearsal 11am-12pm on 17th December. We will also need you to be at the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass by 4.45 pm for a dress rehearsal.

Please contact Sarah Cook by emailing
scook@parra.catholic.edu.au
with your child's name, grade and a contact phone number.





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.*

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 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.



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

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



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.

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 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.



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

December 1st - 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
'Christmas@Oakhill'

COMMUNITY NEWS

MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE – Children's Meditation Workshop

This fun workshop is for children aged 5-12 years, and aims to build a healthy body and mind. By teaching a variety of simple meditation techniques using breath and visualisation, creating mandalas and moving the body in a conscious way, children are encouraged to find that centre of stillness inside. This can help with anxiety, building confidence and understanding emotions.

Date: Saturday 28 October 1.30pm-4.30pm.

Cost: \$30 BYO Afternoon Tea

Reserve your place by email mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au or ph 9484 6208

Where: 449D Pennant Hills Road. Entrance off Hull Road.



Catherine McAuley Westmead. Enrolments for Year 7 2019

Our next Open Morning specifically for Year 7, 2019 enrolments will be held on: **Monday 6th November 2017. 9.15 – 11am**

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2019. Join us on one of our upcoming school tours especially for Year 7 2019 applicants but open to any year group.

This morning 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 this tour morning please contact our School Reception on 9849 9100.

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**

Date: 11 November **Event name:** **Volcanoes of the Solar System** **Event details:** **Dr Andrew McGonigle** Whilst earth is volcanically active, the real volcanic wonders of the solar system lie far beyond our planet. Indeed, volcanoes on Mars, Venus, The Moon and Io, to name a few locations, outstrip those of Earth in scale and vigour. This talk will provide an overview of our growing understanding of extra-terrestrial volcanism and different it is to that on Earth.

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: 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.

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Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains **STEPPING BEYOND SUPPORT GROUP** - Solo Parent Services "Stepping Beyond" Support Group, is held on the last Tuesday of each month for those struggling through a separation or divorce. **Next Gathering: 31st October** **Please note change of Venue:** 2A Villiers St, Parramatta **Time:** 7pm – 9pm. **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Australian Girls Choir – October Open Day

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir (AGC) because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform. School aged girls are invited to come along to our Open Day in Caringbah on Saturday October 28 or in Beecroft and Waverley on Sunday October 29 to try our fun and inclusive classes and learn more about being part of the AGC! Contact us if you would like to attend the Open Day in October. Ph 1800 338 142 or email headoffice@asagroup.com.au