



# Christ the King, North Rocks

**Term 2, Week 1**

**1st May, 2014**

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## Term 2, Week 1

### **Fri 2**

- \* **BAND** 7.45am
- \* **SPORT PROGRAM—ATHLETICS**  
all students sport uniform
- \* **LUNCH ORDERS**

### **Sun 4**

- \* **YEAR 3 GRADE MASS 10am**  
followed by Parish Brunch

## Week 2

### **Mon 5**

- \* Mackillop Hockey trials
- \* Lunch orders
- \* **Junior Glee** 3.00-4.00pm

### **Tue 6**

- \* **UNIFORM SHOP** 8.30am—11.30am  
1.30pm—3.30pm
- \* **MATHS CLUB** Yrs 4, 5, & 6 8am
- \* **Senior GLEE** 7.45-8.45am
- \* **GRADE SPORT** Yr1, Yr5, Yr2
- \* **Diocesan Cross Country**
- \* **Gift Wrapping evening** 7.30pm in the Hall

### **Wed 7**

- \* **Choir** 8am
- \* **GRADE SPORT** Kindergarten, Yr. 2, Yr. 6
- \* **MOTHER'S DAY STALL**  
9am-12pm. All gifts \$7-50
- \* **CHESS** begins for Term 2. 3-4PM
- \* **Spring Fair meeting** 7.30pm

### **Thur 8**

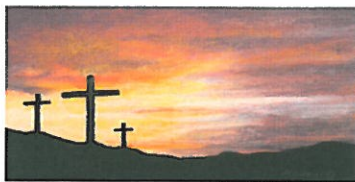
- \* **GRADE SPORT** Yr. 3, Yr. 4
- \* **DANCECLUB** 3.15-4.15pm

### **Fri 9**

- \* **BAND** 7.45am
- \* **ATHLETICS** all students sport uniform
- \* Lunch orders

*Mother's Day Liturgy 9.15am  
followed by morning tea and open classrooms*

- \* **Mother's Day Luncheon** from 11.30am



## **'HE IS RISEN' Easter Liturgy**

On Tuesday April 29, 2014 the Christ the King community joined together to celebrate Easter and ANZAC Day.

This liturgy was to remember the true meaning of Easter. We remember how Jesus suffered and died, and then rose from the dead. But, there is much more than that. We also joined in prayer to appreciate the full meaning of what Jesus did. The Son of God was born into creation. He lived and showed us how to live. He suffered. He died. He went through death to the other side and to a transformed human existence. He ascended to the Father...and he is now able to return to us through sending the Holy Spirit as He promised.

We also remembered ANZAC Day. ANZAC Day is celebrated on the 25<sup>th</sup> April. It is one of Australia's most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.

The children showed great reverence during the liturgy and felt very privileged to hear and see a real bugle played by Mr Conway. Thank you Mr. Conway for sharing your talents with Christ the King and making our schools liturgy special.

*Monica Vella, Religious Education Coordinator*



## **ANZAC DAY 2014**

*The Anzac tradition was forged on 25 April 1915 when the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula.*

*It marked the start of a campaign which lasted eight months and resulted in some 26,000 Australian casualties, including 8,159 who were killed or died of wounds or disease. The bravery and spirit of those who served on the Gallipoli Peninsula shaped a legend, and so the 'Anzac' became a part of the Australian and New Zealand lexicon. In 1916, the first anniversary on the landing was observed in Australia, New Zealand, England and by troops in Egypt. That year, 25 April was named 'Anzac Day'. By the 1920's, Anzac Day ceremonies were held throughout Australia and the states had designated Anzac Day as a public holiday. Commemoration of Anzac Day continued throughout the 1930's and 1940's with World War II veterans joining parades around the country.*

*Over the ensuing decades, returned Australian servicemen and women from conflicts such as Malaysia, Vietnam, Korea, East Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan as well as peacekeepers and veterans from allied countries, now march proudly in the parades.*

## 2014 Dates

Term 2	Tuesday 29th April	to	Friday, 27th June
Term 3	Monday, 14th July	to	Friday, 19th September
Term 4	Tuesday, 7th October	to	Friday, 19th December

## CTK TRIVIA NIGHT

*A School & Parish Social Event*

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May**  
From 7.00pm

**\$10 per head.**

### **BYO Drinks & Table Nibblies**

Bring your gold coins for fun games & prize draws

Why not form a team and reserve your table  
(8 people).

Email team or organiser name to  
[jsaul@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jsaul@bigpond.net.au)

Individuals and on-the-night bookings welcome.  
For further details ring Jeff Saul on 0418 662 912

*A great night of fun and friendship. An important  
fundraising event !*

### *Happy Birthday in the holidays to:*

#### April

16th	Olivia Hayden
20th	Luke Milic Patrick Zakhour
21st	Katrina Coorey Chelsea Polley
22nd	Thomas Samany Antonios Taouk
23rd	Isabella Hourican
24th	Anthony Younis

### *Happy Birthday this week to:*

28th	Lucille Daher
30th	Mitchell Reid
<u>May</u>	
1st	Rita Nouh
2nd	Alyssa Kasemsri Eden Hosking Liam Attwood
4th	Katherine Pan
5th	Ryan Bounassif Joshua Khoury John Nikolaidis
6th	Juliette Hughes Amarlie Shaideen
8th	Max Rea

### MARK IN YOUR DIARY

- \* **Cross Country Diocesan**  
Tues May 6th.
- \* **Mother's Day Luncheon**  
Friday 9th May.
- \* **CTK Community Trivia Night**  
Saturday 17th May

### Coming home soon

- Term 2 Curriculum overview
- Term 2 Calendar

## **Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser**

Thank you to all the families who offered to sell boxes of chocolates this year. If you have not already returned your monies collected please do so ASAP.

Even if you were unable to sell the whole box, please return whatever money was collected and all unsold chocolates back to the office.

*Since many parents prefer to buy individual bars instead of a whole box I will be selling individual bars (Dairy Milk, Caramello, Marvellous Creations popping candy, Marvellous Creations Crunchie bits) for \$2 each or Family blocks of Marvellous Creations popping candy for \$5 each, after school next week (Tuesday to Friday) outside the staff room.*

Thank you for your support,

Rita Koic, (Marcus Koic - Year 3)

## LITERACY @ CTK

Knowing our students so we can activate, inspire and teach them is fundamental to the teacher's at Christ the King. This is driven by the teacher's focus on assessment to gain data on our students. This is a focus for quality teaching and learning. Teachers are continuing to make good use of data and individual student's evidence of learning which, when analysed, gives direction for future teaching and decision-making.

Christ the King values the importance of all the gifts the children have been given and use these to help inspire our learners. Students are engaged in activities. Our teachers continually aim to provide the best practice through clear learning goals and as a whole staff we continue our professional learning on best pedagogy, to improve student-learning outcomes.

This year Christ the King will place an importance on "Every Child, Every Day". This means your child will read and write every day to ensure they are having many opportunities to practice, reinforce and build on their acquired knowledge. Every child should believe that they can reach their full potential. Teachers will help facilitate this through the use of learning intentions "learning target" for each lesson. Knowing the learning target makes it clear to your child where to invest and investigate their energy, strategies and thinking (J. Hattie, 2012).

To support our community in the wider development of literacy at CTK we will be providing *parent* workshops on literacy development.

**Our first literacy workshop will be held on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> June (Week 7). This meeting will be held in the Year 1 classroom and will run between 5pm and 6pm.**

Please watch this space for more information regarding this workshop.

Many Thanks

Anthony Matthews

Literacy Coordinator

Dear Parents

During the month of May, we will be joining all schools and parishes in the Diocese of Parramatta to help support the Diocesan Works Fund. Over the coming weeks we will learn about some of the ministries and people it supports. Also known as *faith @work*, this fund reaches out to people in our local church that are not supported by regular parish contributions.

Coming home today is a Giving Envelope. Bishop Anthony Fisher has written his letter on the back of the Giving Envelope to you and other members of the Catholic community across Western Sydney to ask for everyone's support. Please give through the school envelope if you have not done so at the parish appeal.

The *faith@work* appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as one Church family to support ministries and services that no individual parish or school can offer. Of particular interest is Blacktown Neighbour Aid service, which assists the frail, aged, people with a disability and their carers in our community; and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) which trains religious education teachers who give witness to their faith in public schools in Western Sydney.

Your contribution enables services such as Blacktown Neighbour Aid, CCD and Catherine Villa (supporting homeless women aged 16-25) to reach out to more people in need.

Over the coming weeks, as we will learn more about the important contribution we make as a Church, I encourage you to consider your support.

Did you know?

Did you know that CatholicCare responds to more than 20,000 calls for help each year? Many request relationship or gambling counselling or are dealing with a disability, mental ill health or ageing.

Did you know that DWF supports the 14 seminarians in training and more that 1000 Catechists working in state schools in Western Sydney?

Did you know that DWF supports Youth ministry and Faith Education in Western Sydney too!

Your donations either through school or your parish will be put to good work!



Grace went to a primary public school in the Blue Mountains and looked forward each week to the religion class on Tuesday morning.

When she went on to a Catholic High School and in Year 11 Grace was invited to be a catechist in the local public school once a fortnight. Grace remembered her early years and volunteered to be trained as a Special Religious Educator. Grace deepened her faith through the sacraments, study, fellowship and leadership development and found that this assisted her in her teaching.

Grace went on to University to train as a school teacher and reflected on the valuable experience as a catechist. She now has the confidence and skills to live out her faith, and is excited about what people her age can do to help make the world a better place.

Your gift to the Diocesan Works Fund will make a big difference to other young people like Grace and older SRE teachers working in public schools as part of Catholic Catechists (CCD)

**Please show you care about sharing faith with children in public schools with a gift using the DWF envelope or visit [www.parra.catholic.org.au](http://www.parra.catholic.org.au) to show your support.**

*Annelise Stockey, Principal*

Prayers are requested



*Prayers are requested for the Moussa Family (Nathan Yr 6) on the passing of his grandfather during the holidays.*

*Grant him eternal rest, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine on him for ever.*

*Please keep in your prayers the Richardson Family (Annalise Yr 3) on the passing of her great grandmother this week.*

*Grant her eternal rest, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine on her for ever.*



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Mother's Day Liturgy

**NEXT FRIDAY, 9th May at 9.15am**

We at Christ the King know how special our mothers are. We would like you all to come to celebrate the gift of Mothers with a special liturgy next Friday at 9.15 am.

*You are all then welcome to visit your child's classroom/s to share the wonderful learning that is taking place.*

Mother's Day Luncheon

*Have you RSVP'd ?*

**NEXT Friday, 9th May**

*El-Phoenician Restaurant from 11.30am*

*Enquiries contact Shalu Cerrone 0416 277 829 or Belinda Abdallah 0421 997 998.*

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CATHOLIC OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE SERVICE UPDATE

We have today been advised that the opening of CTK's OOSHC (Out of School Hours Care Centre) is still timetabled for Term 3, 2014. An inspection and approval visit of the grounds together with a parent survey will be conducted in the first part of Term 2. Further information on COSHC enrolments and fees will be provided to families after the survey results have been assessed. COSHC intend holding an Enrolment and Parent / Carer Information session at the school in the latter part of Term 2, 2014 in preparation for the opening of the COSHC service at the beginning of Term 3, 2014.

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CTK WINTER UNIFORM - TERM 2 CHANGEOVER

There will be a grace / change-over period for the first 2 weeks of Term 2 depending on the weather. During this time, children may wear either their summer or winter school uniform.

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**WELCOME**

We welcome 4 new families to our CTK Community this term.

The Attwood Family

Liam Year 1

The Hati Baruah Family

Abhi Year 5

Anisha

Year 2

The Papdimitriou Family

Noa Year 2

The Saliba Family

Abigail Year 2

Olivia

Year 1

## YEAR 6 CANBERRA TOUR

To conclude the HSIE unit of inquiry "Who had the Power to decide?" studied in Term 1, our Year 6 students attended a 3 day Canberra educational camp from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2014. At 6.15am 46 students and 3 energised teachers – Miss Nafranowicz, Miss Werner and Mrs Walsh, assembled at CTK to begin their journey to Canberra to experience an array of interesting learning experiences. The focus of the camp was to enhance our understanding of Australian Parliament through interactive and hands-on tasks, as well as engage in activities related to Science and Physical Education.

The highlights of the Canberra educational camp included visiting the Australian War Memorial, voting in a mock election, experiencing the life of a federal politician, braving the Gravity Slide at Questacon, competing in various sporting activities at the Australian Institute of Sport, hearing about the life of a federal police officer and determining the ultimate cabin champs of 2014!

A fantastic time was had by both students and teachers through-out the camp. Year 6 students are to be particularly commended for their exemplary behaviour at all times and it was rewarding to hear the guides at each venue praise the outstanding knowledge and understanding students demonstrated, particularly with respect to their understanding of Australian Government.





## Sport News

Welcome back to Term 2! We have another busy term ahead with events including Stage 2 and 3 Soccer Gala Days, Lunchtime Sport and our school Athletics Carnival.

I'd like to say thank you to all parents and staff that assisted with Sport in Term 1. Despite the many rained out Gala Days and Trials it was a successful term!

### School Athletics Carnival

The Christ the King Athletics Carnival will be held on the last day of Term 2, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2014. The carnival will be held at Sydney Olympic Park on the Warm-Up Arena, as we have done in previous years. Information will be sent out to all students throughout the term.

### Touch Trials Postponed ...

Touch football trials have been postponed again due to unforeseen circumstances. A new date will soon be announced.

### Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day – Girls

Congratulations to the girls who represented Christ the King at the Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day on Tuesday. All girls demonstrated great sportsmanship and collaboration. Special thanks to Mr. Cairns who attended on the day and prepared the team leading up to the event, as well as Mr. Vidot who assisted with preparation and training sessions.

### Revised Rugby 7's Gala Date

The Rugby 7's Gala Day has been rescheduled for Term 3, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at Hassell Park, St Ives. All participating students will receive a briefing in the lead up to the event.

### Cross Country Training

Due to wet weather Cross Country training was postponed on Wednesday morning. There will be another training session at 8.00am **TOMORROW MORNING Friday 2nd May**, on the oval (weather permitting).

*I am looking forward to the term ahead and wish all students involved in sporting events the best of luck.*

*Samantha Werner, Sports Coordinator*

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## PARISH NEWS

### Parish Mass times

<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	6.00pm					
<b>Sunday Masses</b>	8.00am, 10.00am and 6.00pm					
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	<b><i>Monday</i></b>	no masses	<b><i>Tuesday</i></b>	7.30pm	<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>	9.00am
	<b><i>Thursday</i></b>	9.00am	<b><i>Friday</i></b>	9.15am	<b><i>Saturday</i></b>	9.00am

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

### Parish Smooth Sunday Brunch - 4TH MAY 2014

JOIN THE CTK STUDENTS OF YEAR 3 ALONG WITH PARENTS OF THE SCHOOL AND PARISHENERS AT OUR **SMOOTH SUNDAY BRUNCH ON SUNDAY 4TH MAY @ 10AM.**

THIS EVENT IS TO CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND SHARE THE MORNING ALONGSIDE OTHER FAMILIES AND KIDS OF THE SCHOOL. YEAR 3 CHILDREN 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 ACTIVITIES.

SMOOTH SUNDAY BBQ AND GET TOGETHER STRAIGHT AFTER 10AM MASS...WE REALLY WANT YOU TO COME & JOIN IN.





### CRESTED SCHOOL BADGES

School badges are now available for purchase from the Uniform Shop for \$5-00 each. Purchase is optional.

## NEWS FROM THE P&F

### MARK IN YOUR DIARY    **SPRING FAIR ORGANISING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**TUESDAY 7TH MAY AT 7.30PM IN THE HALL MEETING ROOM.**

The Christ the King Annual Fete is a great tradition at CTK bringing together parents, children, teachers and the wider community in an evening of fun, food, fundraising and friendship.

I hope you can join us at this meeting as your input is highly valued, bringing us together in a forum for creative discussion enhancing our already successful school community based functions.

*Annelise Stockey, Principal*

Lunch Bags If you still wish to purchase a lunch bag or wallet (especially for pies, sausage rolls and winter foods) please grab a form from the office or contact me on my mobile 0400 308 570 or email [clbeste@bigpond.net.au](mailto:clbeste@bigpond.net.au). Prices as follows: Insulated All Rounder is \$13 and the Lunch Wallets are \$11. I don't have many left.



Mother's Day **Mother's Day wrapping night will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 7.30pm** in the Church hall. Many hands make light work and there are over 600 pressies to wrap. If you could spare some time please come up to help and enjoy a glass of bubbly while we wrap.

Volunteer's are also needed to help on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May** for a few hours in the morning as we set up shop for the actual **Mother's Day Stall**. The stall shopping starts around 9.15am and goes through till just after recess. It is hectic as we file through 400 children to do their shopping. Children will be escorted up in their classes with their teachers from 9.15am onwards to make a purchase for their mums. Students will be able to purchase 2 gifts each. All the gifts are priced at \$7.50. Could you please ensure your child has their money on the day. If you can help on **Wednesday from 9.15am** it would be greatly appreciated.

Volunteer's for both days will also be co-ordinated via the Class Parent Reps. Please remember that the shopping day is special and exciting for all our children and it cannot run efficiently without the help of our volunteer parents.

Thank you to Catherine Louise (Kindergarten mum to Ameliah) who not only is looking after the P&F Treasury duties but also is co-ordinating the Mother's Day stall with me.

General Thank you again to Rita Koic who has co-ordinated the Cadbury fundraiser. Could you please ensure you return all your chocolate money to Rita via the office so we can settle up the account. She will be sending out a little reminder slip in the next week or so if your money hasn't been handed in.

**A reminder that Wednesday evening 7<sup>th</sup> May is also the first official Spring Fair Organising Committee meeting also in the Hall from 7.30pm.** Please bring your ideas and enthusiasm and be part of co-ordinating a wonderful social event.

Please keep an eye out for our **"Ribbons and Bows" fundraiser** note where you can purchase these lovely girls hairclips in our school and sports colours. They come in bagged sets of 2 at a cost of **\$10 per set** and a set can be two different colour combinations if you wish.

Looking forward to some fun events in Term 2.    Connie Este, P&F Chairman

## UNIFORM SHOP 2014

**TUESDAYS 8.30AM—11.00AM**

**1.30PM—3.30PM**

*The Uniform Shop is open on TUESDAYS ONLY each week with morning and afternoon opening hours for your convenience.*

Parents are most welcome to place an order through the office. FULL PAYMENT must accompany all orders. The Uniform Shop can accept cash or cheque (made payable to Christ the King). Eftpos facilities are able to be accessed through the School office for Uniform orders.

**An updated Uniform Shop Price List is now available on the Christ the King School web site.**

**Please note:** *Due to supplier price increases there have been increases on the CTK Uniform Shop price list. New prices apply from 30th April 2014.*

Go to [ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au](http://ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au) and click on the 'Parents' tab then click on Handbook, School Office and then Uniform Shop / Clothing Pool. On this page you will find the price list to download.

## CHILD PROTECTION—CEO PARRAMATTA MODULE & THE NEW WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK



The Working with Children Check is a **three step process** which includes Completion of the CEO Online Child Protection Module and Completion of the 'new working with children check' through the NSW Commission for Children website. Applicants will then need to present the completed documentation at their local Roads & Maritime Service (RMS) Office (formally RTA) for screening which completes the check.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Partial Completion of the above steps will not be accepted. Completion of only the CEO Module will not allow you to assist in the classroom

1. It is a Diocesan requirement that any parent volunteering at Christ the King School complete the Child Protection training module.

This training is to be completed online at :

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au>

CTK will receive email notification when you complete the CEO module.

2. When module has been completed go to: [www.kids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au) and follow the links to complete the 'new working with children check'. A Working With Children Check is a prerequisite for anyone in child-related work. It involves a national criminal history check and review of findings of workplace misconduct.

Only paid workers in child-related work are required to pay the \$80 fee for a five year clearance. This equates to \$16 per year, the lowest in Australia (together with Victoria).

*The Working With Children Check remains free for:*

- Volunteers and students
- Potential adoptive parents
- Authorised carers
- Adults who reside in the home of:
  - an authorised carer
  - a family day care service provider
- a home-based education and care service provider.

3. Once the RMS check has been completed you will receive an email which will state that you have clearance to work with children. **You will need** to present a copy of the RMS email to the school office to complete your Working with Children Check. **Only then** will you be cleared to work with the children in the school.

## CTK COMMUNITY NEWS

### GILROY COLLEGE PRESENTS: HAIRSPRAY THE BROADWAY MUSICAL THUR MAY 1, FRI MAY 2, SAT MAY 3

Tickets on sale at the door on online (via College Homepage). All shows start at 7.00pm. Doors open 6.30pm. Refreshments available.

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! **Weekend date: 13 – 15 June at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or [wsharpe@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wsharpe@bigpond.net.au) [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)**

**TENNIS COACHING** Enrolments for after school tennis coaching are now being taken. Various tennis coaching programs are available including- group, private and MLC Hotshots, catering for beginners to advanced standards. \*FREE introductory lesson to new enrolments from Christ the King School in 2014. Enrolments and enquiries to Scott Gregson Tennis Advantage on 0414554612 (North Rocks Royal Institute Courts)

### Greystanes Charity Craft Market and Antique Valuations

The seventh Greystanes Charity Craft Market and Antique Valuation is on Saturday, **3 May from 8am to 2pm** in Camilleri Hall. It is one week before Mothers' Day, so be assured the Market will have special gift ideas. There are over 35 stalls from all over Sydney, selling quality gifts, baby wear, home-made décor, kitchen goods, edible treats, scarves and bags, jewellery, violets and plants and much more. A unique drawcard of the Craft Market is the professional Antique Valuations, available from 8.30am. Everyone is encouraged to bring along special treasures or family heirlooms and paintings to have them valued. Instead of bringing large paintings with you, the valuation can be done from a photo of the painting and artist signature. Each valuation costs \$5.00. This is a great social day out for the whole family with traditional Devonshire teas and a fantastic sausage sizzle serving breakfast and lunch from 8am. Profits from the Craft Market will be donated to Salem Association, India.

**UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY Astronomy Night – Saturday 10 May (7pm – 9pm) MUMS & KIDS ASTRONOMY NIGHT - WOMEN IN ASTRONOMY AND ASTROBIOLOGY** Dr Carol Oliver, Associate Director of the Australian Centre for Astrobiology (ACA) at the University of New South Wales, is guest speaker for this special night. She is currently leading two major education and research projects – The Mars Lab and the Smart Science Initiative. This night not only includes Dr Oliver's talk but also a 3D astronomy movie and viewing of the night sky through the University's computerised telescopes. Our program will run regardless of the weather. **Cost:** \$15 adult, \$10 child/concession and \$40 family. **Bookings are essential:** Book online: [www.uws.edu.au/observatory](http://www.uws.edu.au/observatory), What's On **Enquiries:** Phone (02)4736 0135 or email [mccourt@uws.edu.au](mailto:mccourt@uws.edu.au) (Mon, Wed, or Thurs). Office Hours: Mon, Wed and Thurs 8.30 am - 3.00 pm

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**CATHOLIC CARE**  
Social Services

**SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO ARE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED** The Solo Parent Ministry is now taking registrations for their next Post-Separation Recovery Program (commencing on May 14<sup>th</sup>) This is an excellent 7 week Program to assist you work through many of the issues that you face as you negotiate your way through the loss, pain and challenges following the break-down of your marriage relationship. It will be held at Blacktown from 7.30pm – 9.45pm for 7 consecutive Wednesdays. Cost \$80.00. For further details and registration Ph. 99330205 or contact [soloparentministry@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentministry@ccss.org.au)

**PRAYER AND REFLECTION DAY** Sister Eileen Quade will be running another Prayer and Reflection Day at Marymount Mercy Centre, 36 David Rd. Castle Hill on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May, (10.30am – 3.00pm). This is open to anyone and includes guided meditations, Scripture reflections and silent prayer. BYO Lunch. Cost: \$10.00. More details and Registrations: [eileen.quade@ccss.org.au](mailto:eileen.quade@ccss.org.au) or Ph. 99330205

Parramatta Library is happy to present to your school community 2 great events–  
"The Architects Chair" & Author talk with Rachel Johns –

**Diamond in the Dust: A Night with Rachael Johns** **Date:** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2014. Do you love reading romance? Do you love reading Australian rural romance? Do you watch those great Australian TV shows depicting love and the outback? If so you will love bestselling author, Rachael Johns, who will be speaking about her Outback romance books including her latest book 'Outback Blaze'. Wine and cheese will be served on the night. **Location:** 1b Civic Place, Parramatta Library **Time:** 6-7.00pm **Cost:** \$5.00 **Bookings:** Required: 9806 5159

**The Architects Chair—Reusing what you've got; a sustainable approach to renovating** Parramatta Library In conjunction with Australian Institute of Architects **Date:** Saturday 10 May. Join us in *the architects chair* to discuss practical ways to introduce great design elements into your own home and urban landscapes. **Architect Susan Plowman shares her own experience in creating a sustainable home from her fibro housing commission home in Telopea. See how she has kept it small and sustainable with a few simple measures that are achievable in every home.** A short presentation is followed by a relaxed discussion over a cuppa. **Location:** Parramatta City Library, Civic Place, Parramatta **Time:** 10am – 11am **Cost:** Free **Bookings:** Required: 9806 5159. Walk –up's welcome

For bookings please contact Parramatta Library 9806 5159 or for more information [www.parracity.nsw.gov.au](http://www.parracity.nsw.gov.au)

40th Border Music Camp to be held in Albury / Wodonga from Sunday 29th June to Saturday 5th July.

Border Music Camp is a week-long residential camp for around 240 musicians of all ages, from beginners to advanced students. Musicians play in one of six large ensembles, experiencing rehearsals and tutorials each morning under the guidance of the Camp's skilled staff.

For a week students will live and breathe music. Their playing will be guided by our conductors and tutors, superb musicians who are themselves excited and passionate about music. In the afternoon students can choose from a number of small groups in the 'elective' sessions where they will experience a wide variety of music which can include e.g. jazz; choir; big band; Celtic or string ensemble; experimental music. The conductors and tutors assist students to learn new ideas and gain experience. Border Music Camp also hosts a 'Composer in Residence'. As many students as possible have the exciting opportunity to play new music, written especially for their ensemble.

Students have a choice of living in at the Camp or attending for mornings only or short or long day sessions.

This year's Camp will conclude with public concerts on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th July.

The closing date for applications is Friday 7th June. Further information including this year's brochure and application form are available on the website at [www.bordermusiccamp.org.au](http://www.bordermusiccamp.org.au)

Please direct enquiries for the Camp to the Student Administrator Ms Margie Gleeson on M: 0412 711 819 (a.h.).

Border Music Camp has a number of scholarships available to assist students where financial constraints would otherwise prohibit attendance at the Camp.

**WESLEY GIANT GARAGE SALE** Where: **In the Wesley Uniting Church grounds at 32 Showground Road, Castle Hill.** Dates/Times: **Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> 2014** (operating from 8:00am to 3:00pm) and **Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> 2014** (operating from 8:00am to 1:00pm) Sale items/Stalls will include Books, Records, CDs, DVDs, Clothing, Electrical, Plants, Toys, Furniture, Manchester, White Elephant, Fine Art and China etc.

We will also be providing tea and coffee during sale hours, together with a Sausage Sizzle for lunch on both days, and Bacon and Egg rolls for breakfast on Saturday morning.

Enjoy the friendly atmosphere, and pick up a bargain (or two) knowing you are helping those families who need help within the Hills District, through the Hills Family Centre.