

Christ the King, North Rocks

Term 2. Week 4

22nd May, 2014

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Term 2, Week 4

Fri 23

- * **BAND** 7.45am
- Lunch Orders
- * SPORT PROGRAM—ATHLETICS all students sport uniform
- Year 4 attending Parish Mass 9.15am

Week 4

Mon 26

- SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
- * Lunch orders
- Junior Glee 3.00-4.00pm

Tue 27

- Senior GLEE 7.45-8.45am
- * UNIFORM SHOP

8.30am—11.30am 1.30pm—3.30pm

- * MATHS CLUB Yrs. 4, 5, & 6 8am
- * GRADE SPORT Yr.1, Yr.2, Yr.5
- Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

Wed 28

- * Choir 8am
- GRADE SPORT Kinder, Yr.2, Yr.6
- * CHESS 3-4pm

Thur 29

- Feast of the Ascension
- * Year 3 Reconciliation
- * GRADE SPORT Yr. 3, Yr. 4
- DANCECLUB 3.15-4.15pm

Fri 30

- * BAND 7.45am
- Year 5 Attending Parish Mass
- * SPORTS PROGRAM—ATHLETICS all students sport uniform
- * Lunch orders

Dear Parents.

The staff here at Christ the King have been working together to write your children's school reports and planning the parent/teacher interviews which are to take place in Weeks 8/9. These meetings are opportunities for you to share in your children's learning experiences and a time to ask the questions that you wish to be answered regarding your child's learning and well-being. It is always important to speak to the teachers about any concerns you may have and especially to clarify any thoughts you may have about the class routines, structures or learning that takes place concerning your child.

Semester One Reports

Mid year reports together with Comparative Data (Years 1-6) will be coming home at the end of Week 7. We wish to advise that reports will be posted directly home. Please ensure the school has your most up-to-date mailing / contact details.

Parent/Teacher Interviews Weeks 8/9

An on-line appointment booking system will be used for Semester 1 Parent / Teacher interviews.

More information coming home soon.

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SCHOOL PHOTOS: NEXT MONDAY 26th May

Family photo sessions begin at 8am for those families available

EVERY CHILD MUST HAVE THEIR OWN ENVELOPE.

<u>CORRECT PAYMENT ONLY—NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN</u>

Please note: the school office does not hold cash and therefore

will not be able to supply <u>any</u> change.

Parents are asked to ensure that children wear their full school winter uniform i.e. no jewellery, maroon hair ribbons, neat hair, no nail polish, no make-up, practise smiling.

School Photo envelopes were sent home yesterday.

Family Photo envelopes are available from the office upon request. For the convenience of families we are having early morning family photo sessions between 8am-8.45am. Family photos will continue during the recess and lunch periods. We ask that you let your children know if they are having a family photo to avoid confusion on the day.

Please ensure your child has their photo envelope and payment (and Family Photo envelope if applicable) ON THE DAY.

Have a great week,

Annelise Stockey, Principal

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

Prayers are requested

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Please keep in your prayers Monica Vella and her family on the passing of her Paternal Grandfather last week.

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

Prayers are requested for the Blaik Family (Callum Yr 6) on the passing of his grandfather over the weekend.

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

YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY IS IMPORTANT TO US.

PLEASE TAKE CARE WHEN TURNING INTO THE SCHOOL IN THE MORNING

Morning Drop—Off Parents are reminded that when dropping off their children in the morning the following guidelines apply:

- * Supervision of children begins at 8:15am
- * Always drive less than 5km per hour within the school grounds
- * Be aware of the traffic flow of the other cars around you (this is a busy time of morning for everyone and extra care should be exercised)
- * Don't STOP on the pedestrian crossing
- * The Kiss and Drop area is for Drop Off Only. If you need to get out of the car please park your car in a designated parking spot
- * Always have children leave the vehicle on the passenger side only
- * Children MUST use the crossing.

Only park in <u>designated</u> parking spaces around the hall, never on the top playground unless there is a major school function, and only then after 9.00am as latecomers may still be walking across the playground.

We thank you in advance for your continued support and care.

NSW GOVERNMENT HEALTH SMOKING NEAR SCHOOLS—THE FACTS

NO SMOKING NEAR THE ENTRANCE OR EXIT FROM A PUBLIC BUILDING

Section 6A of the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 makes a number of outdoor public places smoke-free.

From 7 January 2013, smoking is banned within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance to or exit from a public building such as schools, colleges and universities.

The law does not require signs to be displayed to indicate that smoking is not permitted within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance to or exit from a public building. For more information visit the NSW Health Website: www.health.nsw.gov.au

Happy Birthday this week to:



May

26th Aidan Kafkis

27th Samuel Rheinberger

John Maroun

28th Raphael Cheung Stephanie Este

Stephante Este

29th Luke Zaraga

Anthony Moutzouris

MARK IN YOUR DIARY

- * ICAS Science MONDAY 2nd June
- Queen's Birthday Public
 Holiday Monday 9th June
- * ICAS Writing
 Monday 16th June
- * ICAS Spelling
 Tuesday 17th June
- * First Eucharist Masses 21st / 22nd June
- * CTK ATHLETICS
 CARNIVAL Friday 27th June
- * WAKAKIRRI HEATS
 Monday 4th August

NEWS JUST TO HAND

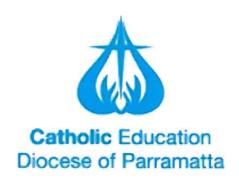
WAKAKIRRI

Wakakirri Heats will be held on Monday 4th August 2014 at NIDA.

More information coming home soon.



The <u>School</u> Office is open from 8:30am—3:30pm



Media statement 14 May 2014

Federal Budget 2014-15: No certainty on funding or direction says Catholic Schools Director

The Federal Government's priority to cut the budget deficit will significantly reduce school funding in real terms and create greater uncertainty for schools says Executive Director of Schools, Greg Whitby.

'Catholic schools need certainty on two key areas: funding and direction,' said Greg. 'The Better Schools Plan (Gonski) which had given schools a clear mandate has been abandoned by the Federal government in this budget.'

'This 'back to the future' approach of devolving responsibility to the states and the constantly shifting educational focus is a distraction to the core work of improving schooling.'

'If Australia wants to be competitive internationally, we need a coherent, funded <u>national</u> policy framework for schools focused on the areas that makes the greatest difference. We know the focus needs to be on improving the quality of teaching by building professional expertise and practice,' he said.

'Cuts to AITSL and ACARA will significantly impact on the ability to deliver a national framework encompassing a national standard for teachers and leaders, and a national curriculum.'

'As funding will now be linked to the CPI, which is almost half the real cost of school expenditure, there are real concerns for the growing financial burden on families.'

'Government funding for Catholic schools beyond 2017 needs to keep pace with real school costs and we need a clear plan for capital funding given the expected demand for Catholic schools to rise by 350 nationally over the next 10 years.'

'We are committed to providing affordable, quality Catholic education for the families of western Sydney and will continue to invest our efforts into working with our teachers to improve the learning outcomes of each child in each school.'

Media Enquiries and interview with Greg Whitby, Executive Director of Schools Julie Fewster m: 0417 532 692 e: jfewster@parra.catholic.edu.au

Sport News



Congratulations to Daniel Hall who has been selected as a Representative for the 2014 Parramatta Touch Football team.

We wish Daniel the best of luck when he participates at the MacKillop Touch Trials on 20th June, 2014.

Calling all Parent Helpers!

Preparation is now underway for the Christ the King Athletics Carnival which is being held on the last day of Term 2, Friday 27^{th} June at Sydney Olympic Park Warm-up Arena.

We are fortunate enough to have the assistance of Dance Fever this year who are currently teaching all students Athletics skills during Friday sport.

Being such a busy carnival we are also anticipating the assistance of parent helpers throughout the carnival. Parent volunteers help to ensure the carnival runs smoothly and within the given time frame.

If you are available to assist on the day, please email me at swerner@parra.catholic.edu.au

Samantha Werner, Sports Coordinator

GRADE EVENTS

- YEAR 6 MUM'S DINNER FRIDAY 13TH JUNE at 7pm at Pent Thai Epping. (16 Oxford Street). \$30pp banquet which includes 3 different entrees and 4 different mains and rice. Tea/Coffee extra.... and of course it is BYO. Please let Jacqui know if you would like to attend on 0421 205 929.
- YEAR 5 FAMILY NIGHT OUT FRIDAY 27TH JUNE Pancakes on the Rocks, Northmead from 7pm. MARK THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY. More details coming home soon.

CADBURY CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

The Cadbury Chocolate fundraiser has now finished with ALL the chocolates now sold. Thank you to everyone for your support. We are still waiting for several families to return their money. Could you please return any monies collected by next week so we can finalise the fundraiser. Or please return any unsold chocolates as they can easily be sold after school.

Thank you, Fun'raising

Baby News

Congratulations to Mrs. Joelynne Roberts on the news that she is expecting her third child towards the end of the year. As you have all experienced first hand, with the birth of your own child, it is a time of great celebration and joy as Joelynne and Daniel prepare for this birth.



Congratulations to Mrs. Sally Carroll (School Counsellor) on the birth a beautiful baby girl,
Annabel Joan on Friday 16th May.

National Simultaneous Story Time 2014

Every year schools across Australia celebrate National Simultaneous Story Time, a promotion of the Australian Library and Information Association. This event aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books and to also promote the value of reading and literacy using Australian children's books. CTK celebrated this national event by bringing to life the characters from the book, Too Many Elephants in This House by Ursula Dubosarky. Our staff dressed as elephants while the story was narrated by our own teacher librarian, Mrs Cook. The teachers had a splendid time acting and everyone had a good laugh. We'd like to thank Mrs Cook for organising this wonderful event that the whole school could come together and enjoy.

By Vlada Manchenko and Victoria Nikolaidis Yr 6



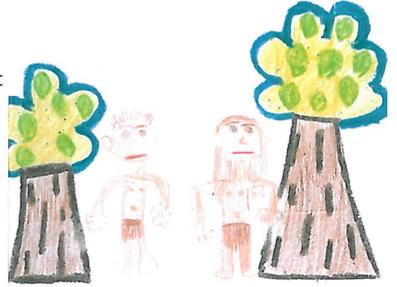
The First Sydneysiders



By Year 4

The Aborigines were the first inhabitants of this land and the Eora People were the first Aborigines of Sydney.

The Eora People were an Aboriginal tribe who lived in the Sydney Basin, including areas of Botany Bay, Port Jackson, Pittwater, Parramatta, South Head and Petersham.



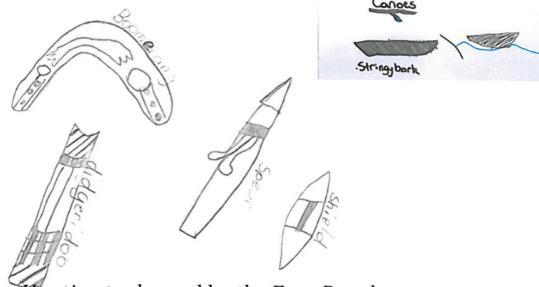


The Eora People lived mainly on seafood. Females were gatherers who picked eggs, fruits, nuts and berries.

The men hunted for fish and turtles in bark canoes.

The homes that the Eora People lived in were made of straight branches covered in leaves or sheets of bark. Their clothes were made of animal skins.





Hunting tools used by the Eora People



The Eora People believed in creation stories which they shared amongst their tribe and passed down to the next generation.

The name Eora means 'here' or 'from this place' and this is how these people got their name.

NEWS FROM THE P&F

Lunch Bags

Please consider purchasing a lunch bag or wallet (especially for pies, sausage rolls and winter foods). It makes it much easier to collect on lunch order days and makes it much easier for the Coffee Shop to bag your order and organise the money. Please grab a form from the office or contact me on my mobile 0400 308 570 or email clbeste@bigpond.net.au. Prices are as follows: - Insulated All Rounder is \$13 and the Lunch Wallets are \$11. They are hygienic, washable and environmentally friendly. Consider buying one as a gift for a friend from another school. They are a big hit.

Ribbons and Bows

The girls hair Ribbons and Bows are proving very popular. The bows 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. If you look around the playground you will see many girls with their beautiful bows. There is also a sample in the office if you would like to have a look. Please help support this school fundraiser buy buying a set of these bows. If you are not sure, consider going the solid BURGUNDY which looks beautiful in the girls hair.

Please forward the slip below together with your money back to the school office ASAP if you wish to order these lovely bows.

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Ribbons & Bows						
Child's Name			CI	ass		
Parent Contact number						
I would like to help CTK fund (please mark the box below wi	raising by purchasing that the number of each	colour ie.	set/sets (2 in a 1 in School Spo	set) of clips in rts and 1 in Sch	n the following colou nool Winter:-	rs
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o School Sports Gold/Bu	urgundy	o No	th Rocks Socce	r Club Blue/Wh	iite	
o Holy Communion Ivo	ry	o Holy	Communion W	hite		
o Carlingford Flames Net	tball Blue/Orange	o So	lid Colour		(ie. Pink)	
o Mixed Colour Combo	an	d	(ie. l	⊃arramatta Blu∉	e/Gold)	
I have enclosed \$	which is full navmen	nt for	set/sets of	nowe.		

PARISH NEWS

Parish Mass times



Saturday Vigil

6.00pm

Sunday Masses

8.00am, 10.00am and 6.00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday

no masses

Tuesday

7.30pm W

Wednesday

9.00am

Thursday

9.00am

Friday

9.15am

Saturday

9.00am

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

SMOOTH PARISH BRUNCH We hope you can join us.

JOIN THE CTK STUDENTS OF YEAR 6 ALONG WITH PARENTS OF THE SCHOOL AND PARISHIONERS AT OUR SMOOTH SUNDAY BRUNCH ON SUNDAY 1ST JUNE @ 10AM.

THIS EVENT IS TO CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND SHARE THE MORNING ALONGSIDE OTHER FAMILIES AND KIDS OF THE SCHOOL. YEAR 6 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.

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

FROM THE PARENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Good Morning Fellow Parents and PRC Friends

All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta welcome parents as a key partner in their child's schooling. Catholic schools rely on the involvement of parents. Research shows that when parents are actively involved in their children's school, students will be more successful at school.

The Parents Representative Council, Diocese of Parramatta (PRC) is the Diocesan parent body that represents and supports parents and guardians of students enrolled in all primary and secondary Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta. The PRC works in collaboration with the Bishop, the Catholic Education Office, priests and school leaders, in providing students support throughout their education.

The PRC works collaboratively with schools and parents, to provide additional opportunities for parents to become involved in their child's school community and learning journey. Parents and carers can gain access to information and educational opportunities via parent forums and guest speakers allowing parents to become active participants in their child's schooling.

Meetings are held once a term and provide parents and guardians with the opportunity to network with other parents. Meetings also encourage attendees to share ideas and information relating to supporting the needs of their children throughout their years of schooling.

Please find attached information for the upcoming PRC General Meeting:

- Agenda
- Guest Speaker Flyer The Most Reverend Anthony Fisher, Bishop of Parramatta, presenting "Faith in Our Future: Strengthening the Bonds between Parish, Family and School"
- Dates for 2014 events

The PRC is seeking RSVPs by Friday 23 May 2014, to <u>preparraevents@hotmail.com</u> to allow the PRC committee to setup the room in a timely fashion. Jeff Saul (Yr 2 & Yr 6 parent) and Alyce Bertolissio (Yr 1 & Yr 4 parent) will both be attending on the night, so please come along and join us.

Regards

Alyce Bertolissio & Jeff SaulCTK Parent Representatives



2014 Dates

The PRC would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the returning and new representatives for our Catholic schools and wish everyone a very Happy New Year

Term	Event	Guest Speakers	Location
Term 1	Annual	PRC Welcomes	Diocesan Assembly Centre
Monday	General	Ms Monique Dalli, Leader of e-Learning, Gilroy Catholic College, Castle Hill	Cnr Flushcombe Rd &
3 Mar 201	Meeting	Presenting	Marion Street, Blacktown
7pm		iPad Awareness. (Attendees to bring iPad)	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Term 1	PRC	PRC Welcomes	St Paul's Catholic College,
Wednesday	Presentation	The Resilience Centre	198 Old Prospect Rd,
26 Mar 2014		Presenting	Greystanes
7pm		The Transition to High School: Helping your child to build resilience and	Greystanes
		navigate change	
Term 2	PRC	PRC Welcomes	"Winbourne"
Sunday	Reflection Day	Fr. Richard Leonard, Director, Australian Catholic Film and Broadcasting	Edmund Rice retreat &
18 May 2014		and broadcasting	Conference Centre
9am to 3pm			1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa
Term 2	General	PRC Welcomes	Diocesan Assembly Centre
Monday	Meeting	Most Rev. Bishop Anthony Fisher	Cnr Flushcombe Rd &
2 June 2014		Those teet distributy trades	Marion Street, Blacktown
7pm			Marion Street, Blacktown
Term 2	PRC	PRC Welcomes	Loyola Senior High School
Tuesday	Presentation	Remy Lowe, Academic Counsellor, Western Sydney	
17 Jun 2014	rresentation	Presenting	and Trade Training Centre,
7pm		9	91 North Pde, Mt Druitt
7 pm		Senior subjects and UAC selection guidance for year 10 to year 12 students. Parents and student to attend.	
Term 3	General	PRC Welcomes	Discount LL C
Monday	Meeting		Diocesan Assembly Centre
18 Aug 2014	Meeting	Mrs Sue Walsh, Catholic Education Office Parramatta (Leader of Systems	Cnr Flushcombe Rd &
100		Learning) and/or Mrs Mary Creenaune, Catholic Education Office	Marion Street, Blacktown
7pm		Parramatta (Team Leader of Student Services Presenting	
		Learning Difficulties - How do I know if my child has a learning difficulty?	
T 0	220	What do I do? What Support is available in our catholic schools?	
Term 3	PRC	PRC Welcomes	St Patrick's Primary School,
Monday	Presentation	Dr Andrew Martin	51 Allawah St, Blacktown
1 Sept 2014		Presenting	
7pm		Anxiety & Children	
Term 4	PRC	PRC Welcomes	St Michael's Primary
Wednesday	Presentation	Danielle Mantakoul	School, 155 Reservoir Rd,
29 October		Presenting	Blacktown South
2014		Smart Start School Readiness	
7pm			
Term 4	General	PRC Welcomes	Diocesan Assembly Centre,
Monday	Meeting	Michelle Nolan, Coordinator Healthy Weight Promotion Team (Healthy	Cnr Flushcombe Rd &
10 Nov 2014		Children's Initiative) Health Promotion, Western Sydney Local Health District	Marion Street, Blacktown
7pm		and/or Jenny Plaskett, Live Life Well @ School Coordinator, Health	
		Promotion, Western Sydney Local Health District	
		Presenting	
1		Childhood Obesity/Healthy Eating	

Parents Representative Council

Diocese of Parramatta



The PRC Welcomes
Schools' Parent Representatives
Interested Friends and Guests
Catholic Education Office Representatives

Term 2 General Meeting

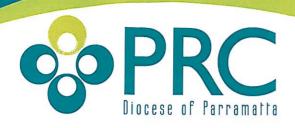
Agenda

Date	2 June 2014	Time	7pm	Doors Open	6:30pm
Location	Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marion Street, Blacktown				

1	Meeting Open	Lynn McKinnon
2	Acknowledgement Of Country	Sonia Nesci
3	Opening Prayer	Anne-Maree Pletkan
4	Welcome to PRC	Lynn McKinnon
5	Guest Presentation Faith in Our Future: Strengthening the Bonds between Parish, Family and School	The Most Reverend Anthony Fisher Bishop of Parramatta
6	Secretary's Report	Mona Mazlin
7	President's Report	Lynn McKinnon
8	Treasurer's Report	Rebecca Moxey
9	CCSP Report	Anne-Maree Pletkan
10	Cluster Group	Cluster Leader
11	General Business	Lynn McKinnon
12	Thank you and farewell	Lynn McKinnon

Agenda Attachment include

- 2014 Dates
- Guest Presentation Flyer



Most Reverend Bishop Anthony Fisher op

at the PRC General Meeting



Date: Monday 2 June 2014

Time: 7pm (Doors open 6.30pm)

Venue: Diocesan Assembly Centre,

Cnr Flushcombe Rd &

Marion Street, Blacktown

RSVPs preferred by Friday 23 May 2014 to prcparraevents@hotmail.com

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 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 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
- Authorised carers

- Potential adoptive parents
- 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

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 www.wwme.org.au

FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY THURSDAY 19TH JUNE 6.30-8.30PM

Warringah Mall Library FREE, but bookings essential at Jessica.hagen@warringah.nsw.gov.au or phone 9942 2354. Information from the office.

Hills Community Aid has updated their leisure learning groups to include:

Teen Sewing – A beginners class for youth aged 12 - 20 who would like to learn how to sew. All patterns supplied for class. Participants will need a sewing machine (Room at Learning in the Hills for machines to be stored), fabric and other items. \$95 for eight week term on Monday's 4 - 6pm.

Cupcake Decorating – A beginners class for children & youth aged 8 – 18, learn how to make decorations for cupcakes and birthday cakes. Cost includes items required to make decorations each week. \$95 for eight week term on Wednesday's 3.30 – 5.30pm.

Hills Community Homework Group is a free homework group for children & youth in years 5 - 12. Meet on Monday's 4 - 5 or 5 - 6pm at Vinegar Hill Memorial Library, Nena Terry Room.

For further information about Teen Sewing or Cupcake Decorating please ring Learning in the Hills 9639 7918 or linhills@hca.org.au. A copy of our term 2 calendar is available at www.hca.org.au. For further information about Hills Community Homework Group please contact Hills Community Aid 9639 8620 or <a href="mailto:microsuper-microsuper

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)

DYSLEXIA SYDNEY SUPPORT GROUP

A support group for dyslexics, parents, teachers, tutors and others wishing to share and learn information about dyslexia and it's treatment. A place to seek advice and support! You can get involved, come to information meetings or just be a facebook member.

MURRAY FARM PUBLIC SCHOOL CRACKER CARNIVAL

Come and join us at Murray Farm's annual Cracker Carnival where you are sure to find something for all the family. There will be carnival rides and slides for all ages, jumping castles, games, prizes, cake stalls, tombola, gift baskets, and white elephant stalls. Admission is free but a golod coin donation at the gate will be kindly accepted.

Gates Open 2pm Firework Display 7pm and Carnival closed 8pm.

\$30 unlimited ride armband, \$5 per ride or \$20 for 5 rides. Murray Farm Public School, Tracey Ave Carlingford.

www.facebook.com/crackercarnival

www.murrayfarm-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

OLMC Anniversary Concert—Celebrating 125 Years.

Riverside Theatre Church Street Parramatta. 7pm 5th & 6th June 2014. \$15.75 Single (1) \$53 group (4). Tickets available at the box office or online. Box office 8839 3399 riversideparramatta.com.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

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.

The Hills Shire Youth Ambassador's Open Mic Night

THE COMPETITION Show off your talents by entering this year's Open Mic competition. Whether it's singing, poetry, monologues, magical tricks or comedy acts, you're welcome to come along.

HOW IT WORKS A winner and runner up from each category will be awarded on the night to progress to the final.

WHERE Centre Court, Middle Level, Castle Towers

CATEGORIES Junior (6-12 years) & Senior (13-18 years)

Heat 1 Thursday 29 May 2014 |Heat 2 Thursday 12 June 2014|Heat 3 Thursday 19 June 2014

[Limited heat spaces available]

FINAL Thursday 17 July 2014

PRIZES Prize money to be won at the heats and final.

Heats: Winner — \$100, Runner Up — \$50

Grand Final: \$300 per category

For more information and to enter contact Council on 9843 0555 or email events@thehills.nsw.gov.au

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED If you have been separated or divorced and would benefit from regular shared discussion evenings with others who are in a similar situation to you, come along to STEPPING BEYOND on the last Tuesday of each month at CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, at 7.30pm! You are very likely to be supported and helped through the sharing of experiences on matters such as "How well are you stepping beyond? What do you want to step beyond? What are you currently stepping beyond? What is stopping you from stepping beyond? What have you learned as you keep stepping beyond?" Venue: CCSS centre 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205