



Christ the King, North Rocks

Term 4, Week 8
28th November, 2013
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WEEK 8

Fri 29

- * 7.45am Band
- * Lunch Orders
- * Chess Championship at CTK 3.00-6.00pm
- * Yr 1 attending Parish Mass 9.15am
- * **ICE BLOCK DAY \$1-00—Year 5 helpers are requested to assist on this day**
- * School assembly presented by Kinder - 2pm.
- * **FETE CLEARANCE SALE from 1pm**

Sat 30

- * **FETE THANK YOU BBQ 12PM**
- * *First Reconciliation Ceremony 4pm*

WEEK 9 Reports coming home

Mon 2nd December

- * Lunch orders
- * **DANCE FEVER** All students in sport uniform

Tue 3

- * Glee Club 7.50am Senior Vocal
8.20am Senior Dance
Junior classes held throughout the day
- * Uniform Shop 8.30am—11.30am &
1.30pm—3.30pm

Wed 4

- * Choir 8am
- * **LAST** Chess lesson for 2013 3-4pm

Thur 5

- * Danceclub 3.15—4.15pm

Fri 6

- * 7.45am Band
- * Lunch Orders
- * Kinder attending Parish Mass 9.15am
- * **ICE BLOCK DAY \$1-00**
- * School assembly presented by Yr 1 - 2pm.
- * Yr 6 MOTIV8 Day

Sat 7

- * **Yr 6 End of Year Dinner**

Dear Parents,

Firstly I would like to thank all the families who supported our school fete last Friday. Although we experienced a great deal of rain, fun was still had by all. It was truly inspiring to witness the determination of the stall-holders, chocolate wheel organisers, band etc. to keep the "show on the road". Thank you one and all.

I would like to welcome Mr. Patrick Vidot to our staff next year. Mr. Vidot is coming to us from Baulkham Hills North Public School where he holds a Year 3 teaching position. The children and staff will meet Mr Vidot on Monday 16th December when we have our 'meet the teacher' session.

The school year is very quickly drawing to a close yet there is still a great deal happening at Christ the King.

We are looking forward to all the end of year events taking place over the next few weeks, Year 6 Motiv8 day, Christmas concert, Year 6 graduation, Yr 5 & 6 Surf Education day, meet the new teacher/ grade changeover day, Dance Fever challenge, swimming carnival and the end of year Mass. As you can imagine this is a very busy and exciting time for us all.

Over the next few weeks we are also refurbishing the main toilet block. The builders have started demolishing the internals of the block and will rebuild this facility into modern and clean toilets before the end of this year. We have made arrangements for the children to use the hall toilets and the existing internal toilets during this time.

I also want to remind families that it is very important that all children are at school by 8.45 am. Children who consistently arrive late to school miss out on vital information that sets them up for success during their school day. It is unsettling for the class when children walk in late. Please ensure that your children are ready to begin the school day with their classmates.

Also a reminder about our CTK children travelling safely to and from school. The teachers on drive through have noticed that some children are not sitting in the appropriate seats in the family cars. It is against the law for small children to be sitting in the front seat of the car and also to not be strapped in an age appropriate booster seat. **Our CTK children are precious so please keep them safe.**

Have a great week,

Annelise Stockey, Principal

MARK IN YOUR DIARY / TERM 4

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| * Christmas Concert | Tuesday, 10th December |
| * Yr 6 Graduation Mass | Thursday, 12th December |
| * Surf Education-Yrs 5 & 6 | Friday, 13th December |
| * Gingerbread Making Night | Monday, 16th December |
| * Dance Fever Challenge Night | Monday, 16th December |
| * 2014 Swimming Carnival | Tuesday, 17th December |
| * End of Year Mass | Wednesday 18th December |

Fete Clearance Sale

Aim: to sell Surplus Fete Stock

When: THIS Friday 29th November

Where: Mary MacKillop Hall

Time: from 1.00pm

(before and after the School Assembly)

Children are welcome to purchase items
from 50c to \$5 from 1pm including:

- Christmas Craft
- Novelty items
- Second hand books

Parents are welcome to purchase the above items and

- Gift Baskets
- Boxes of Soft drink and Water

Fete Thank You BBQ

Dear Stall Holders, Volunteers, Donors, Teachers and Support Staff

Alison Baxter and Linda Sassine would sincerely like to thank all of Our Community that was involved in the 2013 Fete.

We appreciate your time and efforts, whether you were a stall holder, a volunteer on a stall, a donor, assisted with setup, cleanup, electrical works, or collected and counted the fete proceeds.

Your contribution was valued!

As a token of our appreciation we will be holding a THANK YOU BBQ on Saturday 30 November from midday on the back oval.
All family members are invited.

RSVP is essential.

Please contact Alison Baxter on 0452 225 758
or Linda Sassine on 0423 257 793

FUN'raising NEWS

ICE BLOCK DAY—TOMORROW FRIDAY 29th November \$1.00 each

We wish to thank and are extremely grateful to Rita Koic for helping us sell ice blocks every Friday.

Year 5 helpers are requested to assist with the selling of ice blocks tomorrow, Friday 29th November. Helpers from other grades most welcome. Can helpers meet in the church hall at 1.15pm.

SPORT NEWS

2014 SWIMMING CARNIVAL The Annual CTK Swimming Carnival for the 2014 year will be held at Parramatta Pool, O'Connell Street Parramatta on Tuesday, 17th December, 2013 (Week 11) starting at 9:30am until approximately 2.00pm.

All grades will be attending the Swimming Carnival this year as it is a normal school day and a compulsory school activity.

Anthony Matthews, Sport Coordinator

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

CHRISTMAS GINGERBREAD DECORATING NIGHT

Monday 16th December 6.30pm

Please send your forms into the office with payment if you would like to attend. **Final numbers needed by next Monday 2nd December.**

Thank you. Social Committee

Shalu Cerrone 0416277829 Belinda Abdallah 0421997998

LIBRARY NEWS

Write4fun News

Two weeks ago you read in the newsletter Nicole Travers' (Year 1) poem 'Nikki's Veggies'. I am pleased to announce that Nicole has been awarded a certificate for **Excellence in Writing** for her poem. Nicole's poem was judged to be of a particularly high standard which placed her in the top 4% of entries received for this competition (over 12 500). The judges were looking for entries that they "...particularly enjoyed, pieces that stood out, displayed real promise and were thought provoking". Congratulations once again Nicole for an outstanding poem.

Chess News

Good luck to Marko Wong, Alyssa Lubrano and Christie Davies who will be competing this Sunday in the Primary Schools One Day Chess Tournament NSW Finals at North Sydney. We look forward to hearing how you go.

This Friday afternoon students will compete in the Christ the King Chess Championships run by the Sydney Academy of Chess at school from 3pm—6pm. Good luck to all students participating.

Sarah Cook, Teacher Librarian/LTST

Grade Events

- * **Mark in your diary:** Kindergarten & Year 2 Mum's Christmas Dinner Wednesday, 11th December. Invitations coming home soon.

**Happy Birthday
this week to**



November

29th Philip Matheson
Jakob Reid

December

1st Jocinta Chedid
2nd Jordan Wehbe
4th Aaron Conway
William Kaddis

FOUND AT THE FETE

- * 3 adult umbrellas
- * Pink girls t-shirt: size 3
- * Parramatta Eels child's hooded jacket

UNIFORM SHOP 2013

**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.

The Uniform Shop Price List is now available on the Christ the King School web site

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.

**The School Office is open
from 8:30am—3:30pm**

SPORT NEWS

2013 Sport Report

Term 4 is coming to a close and sport for 2013 is soon coming to an end as we begin to look towards the 2013- 2014 summer season.

This year has seen a large amount of student participation in a variety of sports.

Students have been involved in lunchtime sport competitions, representative carnivals and diocesan gala days.

Throughout 2013 we have had over 200 students compete and represent Christ the King across a number of sports. Christ the King has entered over 23 teams in over 9 different gala days and competitions throughout the year. These sports have included soccer, touch football, Rugby 7s, cross county, athletics, swimming and netball.

Christ the King has had representative success in the swimming pool, at cross- country and on the athletics track. The school has had over 15 athletes represent Parramatta Diocese in individual pursuit events as well as team sports. Over 5 of these students went on to represent Mackillop in NSW CCC events.

On a classroom curriculum level our children at Christ the King have been involved in athletics, gymnastics, dance and have also had a variety of games and sport lessons with Mrs Lara Kelly-Hosking every week. The NRL backyard development program has worked with our students in developing their skills in touch football as well in term 3.

It is wonderful to see the level of participation in physical education and sporting competitions in which Christ the King students are involved.

On behalf of the staff I would like to take the time to thank our School Principal Mrs Annelise Stockey for her ongoing support of sport at Christ the King. Thank you to the school sport committee for their contributions towards the organisation and resourcing of school sport in 2013. Thank you to the school Colour House Captains for their enthusiasm and dedication. Thank you to the classroom teachers for your support of students participating in these gala days during regular classroom learning time. ***Lastly, thank you to the parents and community members who have given up their time to manage, car pool, volunteer and help support your child's school in the last three terms in sport.***

Anthony Matthews

Coordinator

Christ the King North Rocks

Year One

We read and Write Every Day!!!!

Independent Reading Every Day using Whisper Phones

Students are engaged in 5-10 minutes of independent reading every day. Whisper phones are a fun resource.



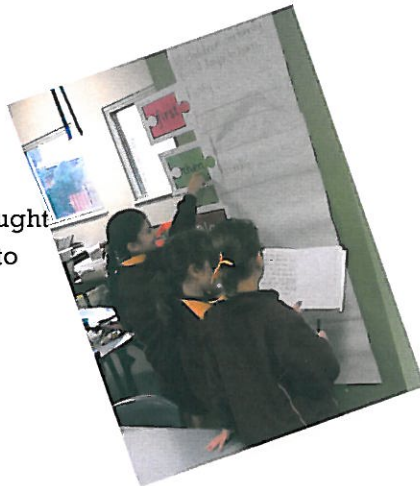
Word Detectives

Students use words around us to help them communicate accurately in their writing.



The Walls Are Talking!!!

Students in Year one are taught to use displays on the wall to assist their learning.



Literacy Games .

Students are engaged in literacy games to learn in a cooperative engaging manner.



Measuring Up in Yr 3

This week in Year 3 we our Maths focus has been a Rich Measurement of length task. First we had to make a metre using centimeter grid paper. The cutting and gluing was something some of us found challenging at first, but we made it.



Next we got into cooperative groups where we cut our strips into 3 random length pieces. Other group members got our lengths of paper and had to write the length on the back, and how many more centimeters we would need to make it a metre again.



Demonstrating our understanding of cm to metre conversion and using addition and subtraction facts to 100.

Celebrating Gifts and Talents

Congratulations to Lucas Sassen & Daniel Bertolissio represented Parramatta Little Athletics Club at the NSW Little Athletics State Relays on Saturday 23rd November 2014.

Lucas' team was successful in winning 1st Place in the 4 x Long Jump with a score of 29.90, making his team the under 8's State Champions 2013. Team members were awarded with a State Gold Medal.

Daniels' team was successful in winning 1st Place in the Discus / Shot Put with a score of 25.55, making his team the under 10's State Champions 2013. Team members were awarded with a State Gold Medal.

Congratulations on a great effort from the boys and we wish them the best of luck in the Little Athletics Zone Championships in December.

Congratulations to our year 6 students Sophia Harrison (Clarinet) and Eilish Murphy (Flute) who played in the Christ the King Parish Woodwind Ensemble at the 40th Anniversary Mass this Sunday. The ensemble, who this weekend included Ingrid and Juliana (Flute) and Patrick (Clarinet), accompanied Darren So the Parish musical director, on the keyboards. Julia provided beautiful vocals to round out the musical contribution to the mass.



DANCE CLUB 2014

The Dancefever afterschool dance program is coming to an end for Term 4 2013. Due to the continued success, we will be commencing back on Thursdays of Term 1, 2014 at Christ the King Primary. We will continue all year levels from kindergarten to Year 6. The first dance class will commence in week 1 (Thursday 30th January 2014) at **3:15pm - 4:15pm**.

Dancefever would greatly appreciate the payment of \$90.00 be made up front in week one for the 10 week Dance Program. Payments that are made by cheque will need to be made out to "**Gabrielle Russo**".

For enrolments, please complete the permission note below RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE. Payment is payable in Week 1, 2014. (Please do not send payment now, it will only be returned).

Dancefever is looking forward to seeing you all again in Term 1 2014.

Email: gabrielledancefever@gmail.com

Mob: 0424628119

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DANCE CLUB 2014 TERM 1, 2014

I give my child _____ in year _____ permission to participate in the Dancefever afterschool program in Term 1 of 2014.

Parent Name: _____ Signed _____

Mobile: _____ Email Address: _____

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	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					

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



The Working with Children Check is now 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.

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.
The Child Protection module **MUST** be completed every 2 years.

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
- 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. A copy of the RMS email will need to be presented 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.

FETE NEWS

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents and friends who worked so incredibly hard before, during and after the Fete last Friday. It was an evening to remember as we saw the joy and happiness on not only the children's faces but all the people in the community who attended the Fete. Such a well organized event deserves huge applause. Thank you to Linda and Alison. I look forward to celebrating with you at the 'Thank You' bbq this Saturday.

Annelise Stockey, Principal

Thank you to all who attended the 2013 Christ the King School Fete. Despite the weather conditions this event successfully displayed the true community spirit and dedication of CTK families.

Collectively, the made 4 U markets, the range of food and treats, the rides and activities and sale of goods and live music, seemed to all work well together. If you have any feedback on the 2013 fete, whether positive or negative, please document it and pass it on to us via the school office.

We would like to sincerely thank all involved whether you were a stall holder, a volunteer on a stall, assisted with setup, cleanup, electrical works, delivering drinks or collecting and counting the fete proceeds. Your contribution was valued and your dedication, hard work and support made our job easy and the event run smoothly.

Special thanks must also be passed on to our families and businesses who generously donated goods to the fete and to Mrs Stockey and her CTK team for their ongoing support.

You are all invited to a thankyou bbq to acknowledge your efforts THIS SATURDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER FROM 12.00PM ON THE OVAL. Please note: A large wedding (300-400 people) is also being held in the Church / Hall area so to join us for the bbq please park in Bowral Street or Burradoo Close.

The financial results of the fete are not yet available, they will be announced soon. But regardless of the financial results, in our opinion the fete was truly a successful display of our Community Spirit.

Linda Sassine
Alison Baxter
Fete Coordinators

FINAL NUMBERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NEXT MONDAY, 2ND DEC.

CHRISTMAS GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING NIGHT



The Social Committee invite you to a fun night of Gingerbread House decorating to be held at the school hall.

All lollies, candy and tools will be provided on the night.

Kits are \$32 each.

(If you wish to add a special touch of your own, you are more than welcome to bring along some of your own lollies)

Bring the kids, your imagination and your holiday spirit to create a memory the whole family will enjoy

MONDAY 16th DECEMBER

Starting at 6.30pm

Pizza and drinks will be served on the night. \$5 will get you a slice of pizza and a drink.

Kits are limited, so reserve your kit now by returning the completed slip and payment to

Social Committee Shalu Cerrone 0416277829 Belinda Abdallah 0421997998



Name : _____

Class: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Number of kits @ \$32 Per Kit: _____

Slices of Pizza @ \$5 per slice : _____

Total money enclosed : \$ _____

Please fill in type of pizza and number of slices so that we can approximate what to order:

Cheese _____

BBQ Meat Lovers _____

Supreme _____

Vegetarian _____

Family Astronomy Night - Telescopes for Christmas

The UWS Penrith Observatory together with the Western Sydney Amateur Astronomy Group (WSAAG) will be running a Family Astronomy Night on **Saturday, 30 November** from 8pm – 10pm. The evening will include a presentation from WSAAG members who will look at some of the different types of telescopes you could buy for your families and friends, a 3D astronomy movie and stargazing through the University's computerised telescopes (weather permitting). **Cost:** \$15 adult, \$10 child/concession and \$40 family. **Bookings are essential:** Book and pay online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What's On Enquiries: Phone (02)4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au

NORTH ROCKS SOCCER CLUB invites Girls aged 7-14 years to our 'ComE& TRY' SOCCER FUN SKILLS Day

Venue: North Rocks Park **Date:** Sunday 1st December 2013
Time: 9.00am-11.30am. You must register your interest if attending! Discounted registration for 2014 also available on the day (Register for 2014 season on the day) email our Ladies Coordinator, Helen at helen.brown.home@gmail.com
Appearance by Western Sydney Wanderers W-League players. Free sausage Sizzle to all registered girls

RUN THE HILLS / SAVE THE PHILS Caritas: Join us on a 5km run / walk to raise funds for the 12.9 million people affected by Typhoon Haiyan. **SUNDAY, 1ST DECEMBER** Fred Caterson Reserve. Register online to get sponsored or run for a \$30 donation. <http://my.caritasfundraising.org.au/runfortheiphils>

Information flyer available from the office.

KIDS COTTAGE EARLY YEARS LEARNING CENTRE

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT—OPEN DAY SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 10AM—1PM www.kidscottagechildcare.com.au Face Painting, Petting Farm, New renovated facilities catering for children 0-6 years.

Go4Fun is a FREE program that is run through the local Health Service. The program has been specifically designed for children aged 7-13 years who are above a healthy weight. A parent or carer must attend each session with their child. The program runs for 10 weeks after school. An information flyer is available from the office.

2014 School Holiday Gymnastics Clinics Sydney Academy of Gymnastics. Seven Hills and Winston Hills. Full / Half day sessions various dates. Bookings essential. Information pamphlet available from the school office.

BUBBLEDOME MINECRAFT & DESIGN COURSES Students 6-18yrs Summer 2013/2014 Holiday clinics. Information pamphlet from the school office.



*Join us for our
Christmas
Sunday Roast*

Let's celebrate the festive season with delicious food, live music, entertainment and a very special visit from Santa Claus.

Join us for a Sunday Roast Lunch after Mass, it includes roast dish, salad, dessert, soft drink and a glass of wine.

\$40 per person | \$20 per child

When: Sunday, 1 December, 2013

Time: 12pm

Place: Mary MacKillop Place, School House 7-11 Mount Street, North Sydney

Proceeds from your tickets will help the Mary MacKillop Foundation support small life-changing projects and Indigenous Scholarships throughout Australia.

Do good for others while you enjoy yourself!

Book your tickets at: www.mackillopfoundation.org.au

For more info call 02 8912 2714 or email events@mackillopfoundation.org.au

Gold National Partner



NORTH ROCKS ROTARY CHRISTMAS EVENT

CAROLS BY TWILIGHT

Sunday 8 December 2013

5.30pm to 8.30pm approximately

John Wearne Reserve, Farnell Avenue, Carlingford

Sausage Sizzle from 5.30pm

Carols from 6.30pm

Santa will also take a break from his busy schedule to make an appearance.

Local choir groups and selected soloists will lead us through popular carols and Christmas songs.

Bring your family, chairs, rugs and voices and enjoy the Spirit of Christmas.

Glow candles will be available to purchase.



A community event for all the family brought to you by the Rotary Club of North Rocks

Christmas Trees

The 1st Carlingford Scouts Christmas Tree Fundraising Drive is on again!

GREAT TREES, GREAT PRICES and you're supporting a great organisation.

Available at: **DON MOORE COMMUNITY CENTRE**, Cnr North Rocks Road & Farnell St or **1ST CARLINGFORD SCOUT HALL**, Boundary Road Carlingford (behind the library)

We look forward to seeing you!

SATURDAY December 14 and SUNDAY December 15 8am-4pm