

# Christ the King, North Rocks

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## Term 1, Week 3

12th February, 2015

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## 2015

#### WEEK 3

#### Fri 13th Feb SCHOOL CENSUS DAY

- School Sport Program Kinder to Yr 6 all students in sport uniform
- \* Band begins 7.45am (returning students)
- \* Group band lessons begin during the day
- \* Lunch orders
- Ice blocks after lunch \$1— Kinder helpers

#### WEEK 4

#### Mon 16th Feb

- Lunch orders
- \* Yr 3 visiting Australian Wildlife Park
- Cool Kids Music Club 3pm—4.30pm

#### Tue 17th Feb

- Uniform Shop open 8.30am 11.00am
   1.30pm 3.30pm
- \* PE —Yr 6, 5/11, Kindergarten

#### Wed 18th Feb

- Choir 8am Yrs 2-6
- \* ASH WEDNESDAY
  Yrs 3-6 attending Parish Mass 9am
  K-Yr 2 Infants Liturgy 2-15pm
- \* PE —4/9, 2/5, Yr 1, 3/7
- Chess 3.00pm—4.00pm

#### Thurs 19th Feb

- \* PE —3/8, 4/10, 2/6, 5/12
- Dance Club 3.15—4.15pm
- \* GRADE PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

6pm Kinder, Yrs 3, 5, 6 7pm Yrs 1, 2, 4

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Dear Parents,

New changes to Compulsory School Attendance 2015

The following outlines the changes that have been implemented as a result of the changes to the *Education Act 1990* regarding attendance. These changes take effect immediately.

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.

Note: Exemption from attendance no longer applies to travel and holidays, both domestically and internationally.

## New requirements for Exemption from attendance for student absence and travel

- 1-9 days absence: Parents must notify the school principal by mail or email (written)
- 10-100 days absence: Parents must complete and submit the <u>Application for Extended Leave</u> form prior to commencing leave. If approved the Principal issues a <u>Certificate of Extended Leave</u>. 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.

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#### SCHOOL CENSUS DAY Tomorrow, 13th February, 2015

Tomorrow, 13th February is School Census Day. All children should attend school on that day and absence should only be if it is absolutely necessary.

If your child is absent on Friday 13th February, a note explaining the child's absence must be presented to the school teacher on the child's return on Monday 16th February.

This is of course a requirement that applies to everyday of the school year, however, Census data is directly related to Government funding for our schools and the requirements outlined above are set by the Department of Education.

Have a great week,

Annelise Stockey, Principal

## CHANGES TO STUDENT COLLECTION FROM ON-SITE **AND AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES** START NEXT MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

Cool Kids Music (Mondays 3-4.30pm), Chess (Wednesdays 3-4pm).

Dance Club (Thursdays 3.15-4.15pm)

From NEXT Monday 16th February, the main gate into the School area (near the Library) will be locked at 3.30pm. Collection of students from the above-mentioned after school activities will now only be through the gate in the Drivethrough area. Parents are to safely park under the covered outdoor learning area (COLA) and collect your children. Please do not park down the driveway of the school.

## **BOUNDARY GATE CLOSURES**

A reminder that the school perimeter gates (Bowral Street & Buradoo Close) are locked after pick up finishes (3.15pm). Student collection after this time is only through Statham Avenue using the Drive-through system.

Thank you to all the Kindergarten families and new families for attending our welcome BBQ last Friday. It was fantastic talking to you all and seeing the excitement on the children's faces as they could show off the school and their friends

to their parents. Thank you to my leadership team and our student leaders for making themselves available to meet our new families and many thanks to the P and F as well as the many other parents who made the event such a success.

#### SUSHI LUNCH TRIAL

For the next two weeks (Wednesday 18th February & Wednesday 25th February) CTK will be trialling a new lunch order service offering Sushi to the students. For catering purposes, orders must be received by 12pm each Tuesday. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. information inside this newsletter. A detailed information note and menu will also be coming home with your child.

#### **LIBRARY NEWS**

#### **Subscription News**

This year Christ the King has subscribed to several online databases to help complement student learning. Logins for each subscription will be issued in the following days. Over views and helpful hints on the use of each database will be shared over the coming weeks.

Mrs Sarah Cook, Teacher / Librarian

## Happy Birthday this week to:



#### February

17th Angelina Watihenu 18th Raymond Daher 20th Sophie Dench Max Trestain Liam Abdallah 21st Max Murray 22nd Lillian Price

#### Coming home soon

Term 1 School Calendar (via email)

#### MARK IN YOUR DIARY

- Ash Wednesday: Whole School Mass 9am
  - Wed 18th February
- **Grade Information** Night

Thur 19th February 6.00pm: Kinder, 3, 5, 6 7.00pm: 1, 2, 4

- P & F Meeting Tues 24th February 7.30pm
- **School Photo Day** Monday 2nd March
- **Catholic Schools**
- Week 7: 8th-14th March Yr 6 Canberra

Mon 23-Wed 25 March



The School Office is open from 8.30am—3.30pm.

#### Grade Evenings NEXT WEEK

Parents are urged to attend to meet their child's new teacher for 2015, have the opportunity to discuss various programs and be informed of the unique aspects of your child's particular grade and stage of development and learning. We hope you are able to join us on the following evenings some beginning at 6.00pm and others at 7.00pm as appropriate for your child.

Thursday 19th Feb 6.00pm Kindergarten, Yrs 3, 5, 6

7.30pm Years 1, 2, 4

#### **Class Parent Representatives**

At the grade information evening teachers will be asking for volunteers to take on the role of "Class Parent Representative". This voluntary role attracts no accolades or favors, but truly assists the class/grade community and the teacher. Aspects of the role together with the adjoining class include:

- $\Rightarrow$  Welcoming new families with a card.
- ⇒ Liaising with the class teacher to assist with volunteers etc. if needed.
- ⇒ Co-ordinating a team of parents from the grade to serve on their grades cake day.
- ⇒ Perhaps organizing a cuppa outside the church after their grade mass.
- ⇒ Celebrating with a card, baby arrivals etc.

The role can certainly be shared and we welcome your participation. Please note: for ease of communication, a <u>maximum 2-3 parents</u> per grade to fulfil this role.

If you are unsure about any aspect of your child's schooling, school event, activity, procedure, learnings etc., we encourage you to please take the time to seek clarification with class teachers, specialist teachers, office staff, Mrs. Walsh or Mrs. Stockey as opposed to relying on hearsay or other's interpretations or perceptions. We are only to glad to assist you and work in partnership.

**MEDICATION** If it is absolutely necessary that your child requires the school to administer any medication, a medication form available from the school office must be completed. This form can be sent home via your child if needed.

#### **P&F Meeting**

Our first P&F Meeting is scheduled for <u>TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY AT 7.30PM</u> in the School Library. We look forward to seeing a big turn out where we will do a wrap up of last year and share with you some thoughts on this years possible activities and fundraising.

#### **SPORT NEWS**

The Hills Swimming and Life Saving Club are holding a Primary Schools Carnival on 21st Feb at Waves Fitness & Aquatic Centre, Baulkham Hills commencing at 5.45pm.

Entry is open to any student who attends a local primary school and can swim 50 metres. No need to pre-register as entries will be taken on the night.

Please refer to the website <a href="http://www.thehills.org.au/">http://www.thehills.org.au/</a>; for further details.

#### **NEWS FROM THE P&F**

#### Ice Block Friday

ICEBLOCK day will be this Friday 13th with <u>Year 6 Leadership team</u> running the sales for this week again with the help of some <u>Kindergarten parents</u>. Could we please have 4 Kindy Parent helpers from 1.20pm for 40 minutes to help at the school with iceblocks. If you are able to help, please text Connie on 0400 308 570. Could the helpers meet me in the hall kitchen on at 1.20pm on Friday.

Ice Blocks are \$1 each. Please inform the office if you do NOT wish your child to purchase an ice block or please ensure that your child has their money on the day to avoid any tears.

Advance Notice. Year 1 parents will be running Ice Block Friday the following week, 20th February.

#### **Lunch Bags**

New Lunch Bag tags are being printed and laminated. If you need an update, please include child's name and new class on an envelope and forward to the school office. Some people are also laminating their lunch orders as they tend to order the same food each time. It makes it a more convenient way to have the order already printed and laminated. Each tag is \$1. Could you please include the right money in the envelope. Please note there are NO INSULATED Bags left until Winter. I only have lunch wallets available.

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#### Kindergarten Welcome BBQ

Thank you to all the wonderful parent helpers and teachers that welcomed our new Kindergarten children and families last Friday at the Welcome BBQ. The sausages were scrumptious and there were plenty of drinks keeping everyone cool. Thank you also to the Year 6 Leadership team that helped with the set-up on the day. A great evening was had by all.

#### **Cadbury Fundraiser**

Thank you to Belinda Grosvenor (Skye, Dane and Brinleigh's mum) who has volunteered to take on this drive for the school. Children and families are NOT obliged to take a box at all. It is only if you wish to and request so. This year there will be 2 different kinds of boxes.

Variety Box (consisting of 50 units of 30grm bars of Boost, Crunchie, Toblerone, Cherry Ripe and Time Out Sweet Treat Box (consisting of 30 units of 50grm bars of Dairy Milk, Caramello, and Marvellous Creations

The Variety Box sells at \$1 per bar and therefore sell price is \$50 for the box.

The Sweet Treats box sells at \$2 per bar and therefore sell price is \$60 for the box.

If you wish to have a box sent home, please fill in the slip below and return with your child to Mrs Grosvenor via the School Office. No further boxes will be delivered until all monies have been received for previous purchases.

Warm Regards, Connie Este - P&F President

CADBURY FUNDRAISER

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name & Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_\_

I would like 1 x □ VARIETY BOX <u>OR</u> □ SWEET TREATS BOX (PLEASE INDICATE ONE BOX ONLY)

## TRIAL OF SUSHI LUNCH ORDERS

For the next two weeks (Wednesday 18th February and Wednesday 25th February) CTK will be trialling sushi lunch orders for the students.

Children will be able to order sushi from Hana Sushi at North Rocks on **Wednesdays** starting NEXT Wednesday 18th February.

All orders MUST <u>be received by 12pm on the Tuesday before delivery</u> <u>day</u> (i.e. 12pm on Tuesday 17th February and 12pm on Tuesday 24th February. PLEASE NOTE: Late orders will not be accepted.

Please ensure lunch orders are written on the outside of a brown paper sandwich bag for <u>each child</u> (*Family orders not available*) with their name and grade on it. (Envelopes and Plastic Snap Lock bags <u>can not</u> be used for lunchorders).

Unfortunately we will not be able to do a family order at this stage. Correct payment MUST be enclosed in each sandwich bag.

## Menu

(Wednesdays only)

Please ensure orders are received by 12pm on the TUESDAY in a brown paper bag with the CORRECT payment for each child's order.

Chicken Teriyaki and Cucumber Sushi	\$2.50
Tuna (mayonnaise) and Cucumber Sushi	\$2.50
Tuna (mayonnaise) and Avocado Sushi	\$2.50
Vegetarian Sushi	\$2.50
Baby Cucumber Sushi (8 pieces)	\$2.20
Baby Tuna (Mayonnaise) Sushi (8 pieces)	\$2.20
Rice Paper Roll - Tuna	\$2.70
Rice Paper Roll - Chicken	\$2.70
Rice Paper Roll – Vegetarian	\$2.70

<sup>\*</sup>Sushi comes with soy sauce

<sup>\*\*</sup>Rice Paper Roll comes with Sweet Chilli Sauce

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.

## 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: <a href="www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au">www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au</a> 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**

Oakhill College Enrolments 2016 Applications for enrolment into Year 7 2016 will close on Friday, 20th February, 2015. Parents who wish to apply for enrolment of their sons in Year 7 at Oakhill College in 2016, and who have not yet submitted an Application for Enrolment, are requested to contact the Registrar before the closing dates on 9899 2288 or registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au

OLMC Parramatta Open Day Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to its 2015 Open Day on Sunday, **March 1 from 10am to 2.00pm**. Principal's Welcome at 10am and 12pm. Discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for life. To reserve your place or obtain further information visit <a href="https://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au">www.olmc.nsw.edu.au</a> or phone 9683 3300.

Tennis Coaching Programs 2015 Various tennis coaching programs [held at North Rocks Royal Institute Courts] 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 2015. Enrolments and enquiries to Scott Gregson Tennis Advantage on 0414 554 612.

<u>Girls Soccer</u> Available at Beecroft Football Club. Girls of all ages (u/6 – u/12) are wanted for *Girls Only* Teams to play in Sunday morning matches for the coming winter season. April – August with no school holiday commitment. More details from Jeff Saul on 0418 662 912 or <u>isaul@bigpond.net.au</u>

Join North Rocks Girl Guides Having fun today, leading the world tomorrow...

Guiding helps girls to develop self-confidence, leadership and teamwork skills in a fun and exciting way. Enjoy a variety of activities with new friends from crafts and games to camping and canoeing. Mondays: Junior Guides (Aged 6-10) Guides (Agd 10-14) Website: www.joinguides.com.au/. GUIDE HALL AVAILABLE FOR HIRE- For more details please contact Jeanette on 0450 733 168.

Sydney Youth Choir Sing with the Sydney Hills youth Choir. Students aged 8-18 are invited to audition for the Sydney Hills Youth Choir. Weekly rehearsals—5pm Tuesday at Baulkham Hills senior Citizens Centre. 390 Windsor Rd Baulkham Hills. Auditions Monday 23rd February @ 6pm. The Hills shire Council Community Room 1 & 2. 3 Columbia Court Baulkham Hills. Applications & More Information Raquel 9843 0237 or RRICAFORTBLEZA@THEHILLS.NSW.GOV.AU

HILLS MUSICAL THEATRE Do you like to sing, dance, act or be on stage? Come and join our show! Open to adults and children. Hills Musical Theatre Company presents our first show of 2015, a Caberet 'Show Off!' Information flyer with Audition dates available from the school office. For more info www.hillsmtc.com

PENRITH OBSERVATORY—FAMILY ASTRONOMY NIGHTS

presentation with question time, a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and 0.6m telescope and an opportunity to view celestial objects through the university's telescopes. Our programs will run regardless of the weather. Cost: \$18 adult, \$12 child/concession and \$50 family Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: <a href="www.uws.edu.au/observatory">www.uws.edu.au/observatory</a>, What's On Contact: Tel: (02)4736 0135 Email: <a href="mailto:penrithobservatory@uws.edu.au">penrithobservatory@uws.edu.au</a>

NORTH ROCKS PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB Fitness, Dance, Fun and Friendship Come and Join the "Rockettes"

Classes are held at Don Moore Community Centre, Cnr North Rocks Rd & Farnell Ave, Carlingford on Mondays for girls from 9 Years through to Ladies and Wednesdays for girls from 3 Years to 8 Years. *All newcomers are very welcome!* For further information please phone Sue 0417 688 914 or Helen 9871 6913 Email: <a href="mailto:info@northrocksphysie.com">info@northrocksphysie.com</a> Website:www.northrocksphysie.com

CATHOLIC CARE SOCIAL SERVICES: BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

The next Session of CCSS Solo Parent Services
Bereavement Support Program for those whose spouse or long term partner has died is on Tuesday 17th February, from 10.00am –
12.00pm Venue: 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. Topic: "Images and Frameworks for Understanding Grief. Registration: Eileen or Rita
Ph. 99330205 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Cost \$5.00. See Flyer on Parish Notice Board

CATHOLIC CARE SOCIAL SERVICES: YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

CCSS Solo Parent Services monthly Bereavement Support Group for men and women widowed at a younger age with or without children will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Next gathering: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February. Time: 7pm – 9pm Venue: CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: Eileen or Rita Ph. 9933 0205 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au Flyer on Notice Board

## **CTK COMMUNITY NEWS**

WESLEY FAMILY CENTRE, THE HILLS Unit 437-14 Lexington Drive Bella Vista 8805 7288.

email: thehills@wesleymission.org.au Many program for children, parents and families which include:

Family Support Work for families with children 0-17

Multicultural Women's Support Group

Children's Expressive Therapies the Hills

Positive Parenting Program—Triple P

Music Playschool

Baby Skills Playgroup

Play in The Secret Garden

Community Development—Rouse Hill Families Connect

Financial Counselling Services

Counselling

123 Magic & Emotion Coaching

Early Ed

Big REaD Day Out Event

Paint the Hills REaD Swap Box

Information pamplets for all of these programs available from the school office.







