**Religious Education News**

As we enter our 5th week of term 2 we are also in the 5th Sunday of Easter. This week we also celebrate the Feast for Our Lady Help of Christians on Tuesday 24th May. This is a significant feast as Mary Help of Christians is the patron saint of Australia.

**Prayer:** Mary, Help of Christians. You show us how to be Christian, how to “hear the Word of God and keep it” (Luke 11:28) – Help us to respond to God as you did, that His power work in us, the Spirit form Christ in us, and that His mind, His heart, His will be ours. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

We continue to keep in our prayers the children in Year 3 who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist that God’s peace and love will be with their families at this time.

The children in each of the grades at Christ the King from Year 1 to Year 6 all have an opportunity to attend the parish mass as a grade. The children have an opportunity to focus on the parts of the mass and the gospel reading for the day.

If your child has a grade mass we encourage you to come along as the children really look forward to having a family member there.

**Coming up:** Year 4 Reconciliation: Tuesday 24th May 9.15am

Year 4 attending parish mass: Thursday 26th May 9.00am

Mrs Carmel Kevill, Religious Education Co-ordinator

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**From the Library National Simultaneous Storytime**

Tomorrow, Wednesday 25th May CTK will be participating in National Simultaneous Storytime. The 2011 National Simultaneous Storytime book is "Feathers for Phoebe" by Rod Clement, a wonderfully illustrated Australian tale about self-esteem, self-acceptance and learning that appearances aren't everything.

At 11.00 am tomorrow each year group will read the story and then complete follow up activities which focus on literacy and reading. Parents are invited to join their children in the class for the reading.

Mrs. Sarah Cook, Teacher / Librarian

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**Debating from Yr 6**

Last Friday, 20th May, Stage 3 began their debating season with it’s first victory; ‘That all children should own a pet’. Congratulations to our outstanding debating team with Lillia Warner, Alyse Bovill, Amalie Graham and Jennifer Habib on the negative team and Daniel Cugola, Christian Selvan, Peter Diab and Luke Hkeit on the affirmative team. Both teams were exemplary in their behaviour and performance. A big thank you to Mrs. Selvan for transporting our affirmative team to St. Madeleine’s, Kenthurst. Our next debate will this Friday, 27th May at 10am in the Yr 6 classroom against St. Michaels Baulkham Hills. The topic is ‘That it is more fun to camp than to go to a resort’. Looking forward to our next debate.

Kaylene Searson, Debating Co-ordinator
A Giant Step for Jordan BBQ: Fundraiser Thank You  David and Tanya Wehbe (Angelina 3/8, Jonathan 1/3) would like to thank the families of CTK for all their donations and support for our son Jordan’s school for children with Autism, Giant Steps. We were able to raise over $23,000. Your support was greatly appreciated.

David, Tanya, Angelina, Jonathan & Jordan Wehbe.

From the Library
Premier’s reading Challenge  How many books have you read? The challenge is still on. Years 3 - 6 must read 20 books (15 from the challenge list and 5 personal choice) while Kindy to Year 2 must read 30 books, (25 from the challenge list and 5 personal choice). You must complete the challenge by early August so keep reading. See Mrs. Cook if you have any questions.

Clean Up Mobile Phones Campaign 2011  Don’t Dump It…. Donate It!
Mobile Phones have fast become one of life’s most important communication tools. With new technological advances encouraging regular upgrades, mobile phones are rapidly becoming a major waste problem. They contain toxic materials which can harm the environment.
You will make a difference by
1. protecting our environment
2. providing affordable communication to developing countries and raising money for Clean Up Australia
The collection box will be placed in the front office until Friday the 17th June, week 8. So de-clutter the house and grab your old phone to be placed in the box and you will make a difference.

UNIFORM SHOP 2011  The uniform shop will be open this Thursday 26th May and then next Monday, 30th May from 8.30—approx. 10am. Please note that EFTPOS FACILITIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN THE UNIFORM SHOP. Cash or Cheque (made payable to CTK P&F) only. Parents are most welcome to place a uniform order through the office. Orders that have been paid for will then be sent home with your child. Unpaid orders will be held in the office for payment and collection.

MINI VINNIES WINTER APPEAL  This year Christ the King is participating in the Mini Vinnies Winter Appeal. We will be collecting canned food, blankets and clothes until the end of Term 2. Any clothes (that are still wearable) or blankets that you could donate would be appreciated. Please send these items in with your child as there will be baskets in each classroom to collect these items. It would be appreciated if you do not send your items into the school office. Please donate generously to help those less fortunate in our society. Mary Vierboom, Yr 6 teacher

CTK DISCO THANK YOU  What a way to end a busy school week. Our CTK Disco was a huge success. There was so much excitement among the 310 children that attended our CTK disco, the atmosphere was electric. The music was pumping and the children were having the time of their lives, dancing to the latest music provided by the very talented DJ’s for the night. Thank you so much to DJ Andy and Jason for your expertise and professionalism. I would like to send out a very special thank you to all the CTK children for their exceptional behaviour on the night and especially to the older children who were very considerate of the infants. You were truly awesome.

Thank you, thank you and thank you to the incredible mums and dads from the social committee and parent representatives, for all your efforts in providing a safe and enjoyable night for the children. Thank you to the mums and dads who were busy writing down mobile numbers and collecting money. I know it was hectic but you prevailed. To the parents who guarded the doors, even Houdini wouldn’t have managed to do a great escape, you did well.

To the parents who supervised in the hall, thank you for keeping everything under control. To the parents who served out the food and drinks, thank you. You did it with such ease and patience. To the dads who cooked the BBQ, what would we have done without you, thank you.

We look forward to bringing you another enjoyable event from the social committee. Any feedback or suggestions are most welcome.

Sarah Kaltoum and Hounaida Younan, Social Committee
CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL, NORTH ROCKS

24th May, 2011  TERM 2, WEEK 5

COMMUNITY NEWS

MURRAY FARM PS CRACKER CARNIVAL 2011  Saturday 4th June  The 39th Murray Farm Cracker Carnival 2011 will be held on Saturday 4th June. Gates open at the earlier time of 2pm and the carnival closes at 8pm with a spectacular fireworks display. There will be carnival rides for all ages, jumping castle, games, prizes, cake stall, tombola, gift baskets, international food as well as burgers and sausages from the BBQ, kids meals and much more. The Murray Farm Cracker Carnival has become a well known tradition within the community, it’s a fun place for the whole family to enjoy offering everyone a memorable experience.

FREE entry for early birds between 2pm and 3pm.  Entry after 3pm is only $10 per family (2A + 2C), $5 Adults, $3 Students/Concession and FREE for all children under 5.  $5 per ride or $30 unlimited ride armband.

Murray Farm Public School, Tracey Ave, Carlingford.  www.crackercarnival.weebly.com

EPPING STREET FAIR  SUNDAY, 28TH AUGUST  10AM—4PM  The Epping Street Fair is seeking talented members and talented artists of the local community to participate in the Talent Quest and Art Show. Information and registration forms are available from the office. Applications must be received by MONDAY, 31ST MAY.

WESLEY MISSION:  2011 PARENTING SPEAKER PROGRAM  All seminars are Free, but bookings essential. Developmental Disorders in children, 29th August; Separation and children, 15th November. Info pamphlet available from the office.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: A weekend for married couples.  Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . Your Marriage!  This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!  Weekend date: 15 - 17 July at St. Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park NSW Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or  wsharpe@bigpond.com


Star Gazing @ Parramatta Park  When: Saturday 4 June  Time: 5.30pm to 8pm  Where: Parramatta Park, Salters Field (Salters Field is in the centre of the park)  Parking: Parramatta Park will be open to vehicles until 9pm. Refreshments available  Cost: FREE   Join amateur Astronomers from the Sutherland Astronomical Society, Astronomical Society of New South Wales, Western Sydney Amateur Astronomy Group and 3RF Australia at Salters' Field Parramatta Park for a free viewing of the night sky.  3RF Australia specialise in very big Dobsonian telescopes that require a ladder to view and are some of the largest amateur telescopes in the southern hemisphere. In addition, there will be large glow-in-the-dark models of stellar bodies showing where the earth is located in space.

MINDQUEST 2011  SATURDAY 25 & SUNDAY 26 JUNE 2011.  9:30am—3:30pm both days  GLENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, Cnr Forman Ave and Glenwood Park Avenue, Glenwood

The 57th MindQuest Program will be held for gifted and talented primary students from Years 1-6 at Glenwood High School. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with well above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 36 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in Chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics and much more. Most of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students’ evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is $160 (including GST). Glenwood High School is in the Baulkham Hills area close to the M7 and is easy to get to from most parts of Sydney. Registration forms and information brochures are available from the school office. For more information please call Shelagh 02 4233 2328. Closing date for registration is Friday, 3rd June.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK  CRICKET COACHING CLINICS IN JUNE for both boys and girls coached by Tim Cahill. The clinic will use Premiership Academy coaching techniques and are designed to develop each player’s skills technically and tactically. Places are limited. Information pamphlet available from the office.

PARENTING CHILDREN WITH ECZEMA  The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with eczema. The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood eczema difficult, and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist. Information flyer available from the school office.

HYPE DANCE CO.  Don Moore Community Hall, Cnr Nth Rocks Rd and Farnell Ave, Carlingford. Wednesday afternoons, ample parking, multiple lesson discounts and sibling discounts. Info pamphlet available from the office.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER  Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the Scandinavian countries will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover - all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.sccce.com.au  <http://www.sccce.com.au> , email scceaus@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!