Dear Parents,

WALK-A-THON NEXT FRIDAY 26TH JULY

SAUSAGE SIZZLE PICNIC LUNCH—P & F FUNDRAISER

Our walkathon will commence at 10.45, walking the same route taken in our previous walkathon. The children will be back at school for lunch at 12.30.

The P & F committee will be organising a Sausage Sizzle lunch for the children to purchase after the walkathon.

At the end of lunch the children will be going back into class to finish off their school day. There will not be an early dismissal.

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I thank you for your continued support,

Annelise Stockey, Principal

Thank you from Yr 6 committee

Thank you to all who assisted in the Year 6 Sausage Sizzle. It was a great success with funds raised going towards the Year 6 End-of-Year activities.

A special thank you to
Mr Joe Wahbe and Mr Christopher Oliver for cooking on the day.
Paulette Massoud
Year 6 Committee
**Premier’s Reading Challenge 2013**

I hope you have had a wonderful break reading many books. There is now only 5 weeks left to complete your PRC. Log on details will be issued over the next weeks. Please see me if you are having trouble completing the challenge.

**Complete Learning Initiative - Huge savings on EdAlive software bundles**

EdAlive has announced the new Complete Learning Initiative (CLI) to give families the opportunity to use the same software at home that we have licences for use at school.

- 46 titles up to 95% off
- Incredible value bundles from $19.95
- Complete, consolidate or update your collection
- Fun learning for your child
- Free 3 month ZooWhiz Premium subscription for each child

Information leaflets / order forms will be coming home today. Please return your orders to the school by 2/8/13

**NSW Girls Teams Chess Challenge 2013**  Taking place on Thursday 22 August, 2013 at the Sydney Latvian Society Club. Any girls who are interested please see Mrs Cook. You do not have to be involved in Wednesday afternoon chess class but you do need to know how to play the game.

**SYDNEY ACADEMY OF CHESS  Lessons—Term 3**

This program will take place on Wednesday afternoons from 3pm—4pm in the Holy Faith Library, beginning next Wednesday, 24th July. This program is independently run by the Sydney Academy of Chess. If you would like any further information and/or a registration form, they are now available from the school office. Please note that priority is given to children who are genuinely interested and are old enough to benefit from the program. Registration forms ARE NOW AVAILABLE from the office. Completed form and payment are to be returned to the school office by next Wednesday, 24th July.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games. Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can either pick up an enrolment form from the school office. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

Sarah Cook, Teacher Librarian/LTST

**ADVANCED NOTICE : STAFF DEVELOPMENT / PUPIL FREE DAY**

**FRIDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER**

(Term 3, Wk 10 [last day of term]).

This professional learning day will focus on Literacy.

**ADVANCED NOTICE : LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**MONDAY, 7TH OCTOBER**

(Term 4, Day 1 [first day of term 1]).

**Happy Birthday this week to**

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**MARK IN YOUR DIARY**

- **Grandparents Day**
  Fri 2nd Aug
- **CENSUS DAY**
  Fri, 2nd Aug—All children to be at school
- **CTK DISCO**
  Fri, 9th August
- **WAKAKIRRI**
  Fri, 23rd August
- **BOOK WEEK**
  19—23 August (WK 6)
- **Father’s Day**
  Fri 30th Aug.
- **STAFF DEVELOPMENT / PUPIL FREE DAY**
  Fri, 20th Sept
- **CTK Pink Ribbon Gala Event**
  Fri, 25th October
- **2013 CTK Annual Fete**
  Fri, 22nd Nov
- **2014 Swimming Carnival**
  Tue, 17th Dec.

**Coming home soon**

- Term 3 School Calendar
- Term 3 Grade Curriculum Overview

**Premier’s Reading Challenge 2013**

Congratulations to Jacob Diab (Kindergarten) and his family on the birth of his new baby sister Chanel Rose during the holidays.
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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB  Brochures are coming home this week and orders are due back
BY NEXT WEDNESDAY 24TH JULY.

As all orders are processed in one day, please double check your order form for accuracy before submitting it to the office in a clearly marked envelope [please note: even if you order using the automated service, you still need to send in your order form to school]. Scholastic Australia will not accept any incorrect orders.

NEWS FROM THE P&F

Fluro Disco     Friday, 9th August  Information note coming home today. Payment must be made
by next Tuesday, 23rd July to allow for organisation.


****EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY****

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://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/childprotection

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

On Friday, 21 June, students from Year 5 and Year 6 participated in an interschool debate against St Madeleine’s.

We are pleased to report that our affirmative team; Rachael Massoud, Laura Bechara, and Tiana Younan won their debate by successfully arguing ‘That it is more fun to go to a camp than a resort’.

Our negative team; Ashley Sullivan, Gabby Bovino, Kavin Sivanathan and Alyssa Lubrano lost to St Madeleine’s. The group put up some strong arguments for their case and functioned well together.

Congratulations to both teams, who worked hard in preparation for the debate and performed admirably on the day.

ICAS ENGLISH ASSESSMENT

When: Wednesday 31 July
Time: 8:00am sharp - as the assessment takes 45-50 minutes
Where: Library
What to bring: 2B Pencil, eraser and sharpener

Celebrating Gifts and Talents

Congratulations to Lucas Sassen in 2-5. Over the school holiday he competed in the 2013 State Cross Country 800m race. He was successful in coming 12th out of 43 competitors, resulting in his club (Parramatta Little Athletics) winning the Under 7 team State Silver Medal. Congratulations to Lucas on a great effort.

WAKAKIRRI NEWS

Our rehearsals are progressing very well. Costumes and props are beginning to take shape.

PLEASE NOTE that due to our extra rehearsal last term, we are able to cancel the Sunday, 28th July rehearsal day.

Thank You
Mrs. Collignon & Mrs. Kelly-Hosking
Wakakirri Co-ordinators

PARISH NEWS

CHRIST THE KING CARE GROUP  Can We Help?  Did you know that the CTK Care Group can provide practical assistance during times of stress such as illness, bereavement or even in the happy event of a new addition to the family? Usually this is in the form of a home cooked meal. Confidentiality is assured at all times.

Perhaps you know someone we can help, or perhaps you have been considering helping in a practical way and would like to know more about the Care Group.

If so please contact:
Maureen Alexander – 9683 1752
Marianne Dwyer - School Co-ordinator (H) 9873 1336 (Mobile. 0418641412)
Parish office – 9871 8710

Maureen Alexander, Care Group Co-ordinator

CTK Playgroup  The playgroup is an informal gathering of parents and their pre-school children who meet from 9.00-11.00am each Friday during school term. Contact: Aileen Beaini 0400 704 717.
SPORT NEWS

Athletics Carnival 2013

On Tuesday Christ the King held our annual 2013 athletics carnival at Sydney Olympic Park.

Thank you to all the parents who helped as supervisors and officials. Your help is imperative for a school to be able to hold events of this scale.

Well done to our sports captains for their leadership in the lead up and during the day. Well done to all our students. It was great to see such a large amount of participation.

Colour House Point Score: Congratulations to all the colour houses on their large participation.
The final point score saw the following result:

1st Blue
2nd Yellow
3rd Green
4th Red

Spirit Cup: Congratulations to Green who were awarded the Spirit Cup in athletics for 2013.

Age Champions: Age champions will be announced at the next school assembly in week 4.

Ribbons: Ribbons for the field events and overall placing for the 800m, 100m and 200m will be distributed next week. Thanking you in advance for your patience with this.

Hills Zone Athletics: Our carnivals event organisation was held in accordance with the requirements set by the Combined Schools Athletics Committee. This was to make sure our selections for the Combined Carnival are accurate. All children who turned 8 and above are eligible to represent the school at the Zone Carnival on the 15th August 2013 based on the results from the carnival. Selection for the Combined Schools Carnival will be judged on the two fastest times for each age group in the 100m Sprint. Shot Put, Long Jump, Discus, 200m sprint and 800m races will be selected according to groups: [Junior (8, 9 and 10 years), Intermediate (11 years) and Senior (12 and 13 years)] based on fastest time and longest distance. Please note that both Discus and High Jump selection has a minimum requirement, which will be communicated to the relevant students if they have/ have not met this.
The team selection for the Hills Zone Athletics will be announced to the individual students over the forthcoming week as the sports committee analyses and calculates the overall results.
The Hills Zone Athletics Carnival is scheduled for Thursday 15th August at Blacktown International Sports Park, Eastern Rd, Rooty Hill.

Netball Gala Day: Important information for students attending NEXT TUESDAY’S Netball Gala day:

Where: Netball Gala Day being held on Tuesday 23 July 2013 at the Netball Complex, Wellgate Drive, Kellyville.

Time: The starting time of the Gala Day is 9am and the finish time will be around 2:40pm. This means that we may return to school after 3pm which may effect children catching buses.

Travel: The children will be catching a bus to and from the gala day. We ask that your child be at school at 7:30am sharp.

Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day: For those students attending the stage 2 soccer gala day the rescheduled dates are:

Boys
TUESDAY, 30th July 2013

Girls
WEDNESDAY, 31st July 2013

Anthony Matthews, Sport Coordinator
OAKHILL GALA DAY  THIS Saturday 20 July. It will be held on the College grounds, Old Northern Road Castle Hill between 9am and 4pm.

This will be the 6th Annual Gala Day at the College, building on the success of the last five years. As usual, the event will be widely publicised in local media and the local area and will feature Home games for Rugby, Soccer, Tennis and Netball at the College on the day, plus a wide range of activities including:

- For the first time this year we will be running a market with a wide variety of products on display including homewares, jewellery, fashion, arts & crafts and much more!;
- For the young and the young at heart we have some hair raising rides to get your blood pumping including the Giant Slide, Hurricane, Rocking Tug and Sizzler;
- You can't have a gala day without food! This year we will have a cafe, BBQ, Spit Roast, Fresh Corn on The Cob, Pies, Coffee Carts, Mr Whippy, cake stall and this year we are excited to welcome Mojo Picon with their chorizos and garlic prawns;
- For those who haven't yet visited the Oakhill farm, and for those who have and love it, some of our resident furry friends will be on display.

Two of our key objectives for the day are to:

- Create a fun social day for parents, students, their families and visitors to the College;
- Strengthen Community Bonds.

Discover OLMC Parramatta

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites you to discover contemporary learning, academic excellence in the Mercy tradition at OLMC and enjoy a ‘comfortable cup of tea’ with the College Executive at the Open Morning Tour on Monday, July 22, 2013. The College is now enrolling for 2014 and 2015. Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

LITTLE FLIPPERS MOBILE SWIM SCHOOL

We come to you to teach swimming in the confidence of your OWN pool. All swimming instructors are Austswim or Swim Australia Qualified. For information contact: Jacqui Stone 0421 205 929.

Gregson’s Tennis Coaching  After school tennis coaching enrolments are now being taken for Term 3, catering for beginners to advanced standards. Group and Private lessons and Junior competitions available. The MLC Tennis Hotshots tennis program is also being conducted catering for students from 5 years of age. Enquiries and enrolments to Scott Gregson on 0414554612 or sg370@bigpond.com

THE AFTERNOON SHIFT

at Hills Community Aid, Baulkham Heights. Free activities The Afternoon Shift is a space for families to come together free of technology and other everyday interruptions. Each week we provide activities for families with children from 5-12 and their parent/s. Information pamphlet available from the office.

For further info;  Contact Andrew Borg on 0412 654 182, email carlingfordbaseball@hotmail.com or www.carlingfordbaseball.com.au

FAITH IN MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

A Conference about Marriage for couples. The gifts and graces of marriage give us great hope and strength for ourselves and our society.

Sunday, 15th September, 2013 – 8.45am – 5.00pm  Cost $25 single, $50 couple, includes light lunch.

Where:  Our Lady of Mercy College Hall, Ross Street, Parramatta (free parking surrounding Streets only)

Guest Speakers:  Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP;  Professor Greg Craven, Vice-Chancellor, Australian Catholic University;  Dr Ryan Messmore, President of Campion College and Robyn Moore.  See flyer in foyer for more details. Book early to avoid disappointment:  By email marriage@ccss.org.au or telephone 9933 0222.

AUSSIE T-BALL Boys and girls 5 years and up are invited to come along and Try Aussie T-Ball and Baseball.  Sun 21st July and Sun 28th July 1pm—3pm at Murray Farm Reserve.  Free Sausage Sizzle. Information pamphlet available from the office.
DrumBEAT - SOCIAL SKILLS

DrumBEAT is a social skills program for children aged 8—12yrs that promotes social understanding and connection through a team drumming experience. No musical experience required! DrumBEAT combines experiential learning with a focus on the here and now, and how your child reacts to certain situations. This format engages children who may be anxious or resistant to 'talk based' therapies. The DrumBEAT program uses rhythm (no musical skills necessary) to explore issues that children face such as peer pressure, bullying, dealing with emotions, identity, social responsibility and team work. It is fun, safe, creative engaging and rewarding. Participants lift their self-esteem, learn to work cooperatively and are exposed to the therapeutic and recreational benefits of music in a fun, safe and engaging way. A pre-group assessment with our staff will be required prior to attending this group. Cost: $40.00 per child (payable upon registration) MONDAYS 12 August - 16 September 2013 4:30pm - 5:30pm (6 weeks) Rouse Hill Town Centre, Rouse Hill. To register or for more information contact Emma at Rouse Hill Families Connect _8805 7207

ROCK & WATER - SOCIAL SKILLS

This 6 week physical and movement based social skills program is for boys and girls in grades 4 - 6. Rock and Water uses body awareness, self defence and tai-chi movements and a focus on achievement to teach children how to deal with various conflicts that they experience, as well as individual limitations and possibilities. Physical exercises are positively linked with improved mental and social skills. Children also learn to communicate more effectively, learn to feel, set their own boundaries and to respect others boundaries too. The program begins with simple movements, leading onto boundary and communication exercises and then continues with developing your child's awareness and understanding of self esteem and self confidence. This program is also suited to children who experience anxiety, bullying or lack of general social skills. A pre-group assessment with our staff will be required prior to attending this group. Cost: $40.00 per child (payable upon registration) THURSDAY 8 August - 19 September 2013 4:30pm - 5:30pm (6 weeks - No session 29th August) Rouse Hill Town Centre. To register or for more information contact Tanya at Hills Family Centre _8805 7288

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: A relationship enrichment 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: 6 – 8 September at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

BOOKINGS: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au Information: website www.wwme.org.au

ROLLERCOASTER S For kids whose families are changing Group activities for children aged 6-11 who are experiencing & struggling with Family separation / Parents’ divorce / Family changes. Information pamphlet available from the office.

Come & Try Aussie T-Ball/Registration Day Carlingford Baseball Club is holding its Try Aussie T-Ball / Baseball Registration Days on Sunday 21st and Sunday 28th July 2013 between 1-3PM, at Murray Farm Reserve, Murray Farm Road, Carlingford. We have programs suited to children from ages 5 – 16. Any new players interested in trying baseball are welcome to attend. New senior players are also welcome. This season we are very excited to again be offering our in-house program for younger players aged 5- 7, called Aussie T-Ball. This program will run on Friday evenings from September to December. Check out www.carlingfordbaseball.com.au/aussietball for further details. Carlingford Baseball is a friendly, community based club which encourages fun, participation and sportsmanship amongst its members.

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD DIAGNOSED WITH AD/HD ? ARE YOU LOOKING FOR POSITIVE STRATEGIES TO HELP MANAGE YOUR CHILD’S BEHAVIOUR ? Is your child between 6 and 12 years old ?

You are invited FREE OF CHARGE to attend a well-known parenting program at Macquarie University.

The program is part of an evaluation study and participants will be asked to attend evening sessions and to fill in questionnaires (anonymously). Please call Julie Chesterfield (Department of Psychology, Macquarie University) on 0412 414 114 (if unanswered please speak slowly and leave your name and phone number on the voicemail) or email julie.chesterfield@students.mq.edu.au and leave your phone number.

NORTH ROCKS SOFTBALL CLUB Summer Softball Competitions. Teeball to A-grade to Ladies. For girls from 5 years. Come and Try day. 12-30—2pm on Sunday 28th July at Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children. Information pamphlet from the school office.
