Dear Parents,

WALK-A-THON TOMORROW, 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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SCHOOL CENSUS DAY   NEXT FRIDAY, 2ND AUGUST 2013

NEXT Friday 2nd August 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 2nd August, a note explaining the child’s absence must be presented to the school teacher on the child’s return on Monday 5th August.

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.

I thank you for your continued support,

Annelise Stockey, Principal
**ICAS ENGLISH ASSESSMENT**

When: Wednesday 31 July  

What to bring: **2B Pencil, eraser and sharpener**

Due to Glee Club this ICAS assessment will be held during the day. Any students attending the rescheduled Stage 2 Soccer Gala day will be able to complete this assessment on Thursday, 1st August.

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**YOUR CHILD’S SAFETY IS IMPORTANT TO US.**

**Morning Drop-Off**

Please ensure children are dropped off within the safety drop-off zone and not outside this area where they have to cross the driveway.

**PLEASE TAKE CARE WHEN TURNING INTO THE SCHOOL IN THE MORNING**

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
- Always have children leave the vehicle on the passenger side only.
- Children MUST use the crossing.

Only park in designated 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.

**Afternoon Drive Through—Are you a traffic wise driver?**

In the past few weeks we have received calls about the traffic congestion on Statham Avenue at school dismissal time. The drive-through system we use initially takes approx. 20 cars off the main road and once we start drive-thru at 3pm the cars move very quickly. Please be aware that although the bell goes at 3pm, parents have until 3.20pm to pick up their children.

If you delay your pick-up time by 5 to 10 minutes i.e. staggering the pick-up time through from 3pm to 3:20pm then traffic flow problems would be alleviated.

**To assist in clearing some of this congestion we request all cars to turn left out of the school at this time.**

Please be aware of cars travelling along Statham Avenue trying to turn either left or right at the traffic lights at North Rocks Road. If you must turn right from Statham Avenue into the school driveway please consider the cars backed up behind you.

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

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**MARK IN YOUR DIARY**

- **CTK DISCO** Fri, 9th August
- **WAKAKIRRI** Fri, 16th August
- **BOOK WEEK** 19—23 August (WK 6)
- **Book Parade** Fri, 23rd August
- **Father’s Day Celebration** 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.

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**TERM 3 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

The Term 3 Calendar has been sent home.

Please keep in mind every effort is made to have firm dates and publish these as early as possible.

Changes beyond our control sometimes need to be made.

Please be assured as much notice as possible is given if this occurs.

Additional copies are available from the office.
Orders must be received by TOMORROW, Friday 26th 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**

**P & F MEETING**  Please amend your calendar FRIDAY, 9th AUGUST AT 1.00PM (not 2nd August as previously advertised)

Our next P&F meeting will be held in the Holy Faith Library on Friday 9th August at 1.00pm.

If you have any particular items that you wish to raise please leave me a note via the office by next Friday 2nd August.

Alison Murphy, P & F Committee

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**Fluro Disco**  **Friday, 9th August**

Thank you to the many families who have returned the Disco note and T-shirt order. To cater for T-shirts and other items, all RSVP’s for the Fluro Disco must be received by TOMORROW, Friday 26th July.

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**PINK RIBBON 2013**  **Committee meeting Monday 29th July**

We will be holding a Pink Ribbon meeting next Monday, 29th July at Pronto at 9am. All most welcome.

Our Pink Ribbon Fundraising for 2013 is now underway with some dates to mark in your diary. Our Pink Ribbon Gala Event will take place on Friday 25th October. More information will be coming home soon. We are now seeking donations for raffle and lucky door prizes for the night. Please contact me if you can help.

Kathleen Spurr  0414 701 137, CTK Pink Ribbon Committee

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******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.
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 available through the School office for Uniform orders.

**The Uniform Shop Price List is now available on the Christ the King School website**

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.

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**TSA Band Camp – 2013!**

Yes, it’s that time of year again! Pull out your best swimmers for the waterslide, your grooviest PJ’s for the pyjama disco and get into training for the staff VS students beach volleyball match!! (Oh, and you should probably practise your band music too!)

Whilst most kids come to camp for the excitement of new friends, fun activities and a weekend away, the real benefit is in the valuable experience (both musical and social) gained from such intensive time spent in such a highly musical environment. With over 8 hours of face-to-face tuition over the weekend, there is over a term and a half worth of 30 minute lessons to be had! Camp is also a valuable experience for students that may be losing interest in music and need a boost of enthusiasm and practice to get them to a level where they can enjoy their music and performance.

Notes for camp should have been received late last term outlining details including cost, venue, times and dates. If your child did not receive this note or you need another copy, please visit www.teachingservices.com.au and download the note. Permission notes, along with deposit, need to be returned ASAP to avoid missing out as the camp is now being finalized.

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**Celebrating Gifts and Talents**

*Congratulations to* the North Rocks Rugby Union U9’s who competed in the King of The Hills Tournament. This year they made the semi-finals. Congratulations to: Isaac Chedid, Jonathon Wehbe, Daniel Bertolissio, Hunter Hosking and Michael Blazevic. Also congratulations to Daniel Bertolissio for receiving Player of the Tournament.

*Congratulations to* James Wahbe, Anthony Younis, Luke Milic and Joshua Georges from Year 4. On the weekend their soccer team, North Rocks 10-1 competed in the Barry Donnelley Cup against 15 other teams. Their team were the Grand Final winners on the day, the first time North Rocks has won this competition in 30 years. Terrific effort boys!

*Congratulations to* Chris Macan (2/6) for his outstanding effort in the GKR Karate World Cup held at Olympic Park last weekend. Chris placed first in his age and grade division for Kumite making him the World Champion for 2013. He is already keen to defend his title in 2015 and is saving for the trip to the UK! Well done Chris on an amazing achievement.

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**CHRIST THE KING CARE GROUP**

Our next Parish Care Group meeting will be held on Wednesday, 21st August in the Library at 7.30pm. All most welcome to attend. Any enquiries please contact: Maureen Alexander – 9683 1752, Marianne Dwyer - CTK School Co-ordinator (H) 9873 1336 (Mobile. 0418641412) or the 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.
PARENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL—DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

Primary Focus Evening: Restorative Practices: Building and maintaining healthy relationships in and around your home. This is a free workshop open to all our parents in the Parramatta Diocese. Bookings essential: email your name, school, contact number and venue choice to prcparraevents@hotmail.com

As a parent, have you ever asked yourself: - I don’t know what to do when things go wrong at home? - I feel like my relationship with my child isn’t what it used to be? - Why is everyone always yelling? - Why won’t my child learn from their mistakes? Come along and listen to some strategies to help you build a more long lasting and healthy relationship.

Cluster presentation venues: Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start
Monday 26th August   Cerdon College, Sherwood Rd, Merrylands West
Tuesday 27th August   Patrician Brothers’ College, 100 Flushcombe Rd, Blacktown
Tuesday 3rd September  St Mark’s Catholic College, 160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens
Thursday 5th September  St Dominic’s College, Gascoigne St, Kingswood

EPPING STREET FAIR   Sunday 25th August.  10am—4pm Rawson Street Epping. Stalls, Talent Quest, Art Show, Food & Wine, Live Entertainment, Prizes, Jumping Castle, fun activities and more. A fundraiser for Allowah Children’s Hospital.

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. Enquires 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 Mici 9639 8620 or cdw2@hca.org.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.

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 28th July 1pm—3pm at Murray Farm Reserve. Free Sausage Sizzle. Information pamphlet available from the office.

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED On the last Tuesday of each month CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry invites those who have been separated or divorced to an evening for sharing and support. The emphasis is on personal development, growth and goals for a hope-filled future. Shared personal experiences are prompted by the questions: “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. Date: 30/7/13 Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Cost: $5.00. Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT FOR THOSE WIDOWED  CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry is running its next Seasons for Growth Program for adults in Parramatta, commencing on Tuesday 13th August. The Program will run for five consecutive weeks and is a means of helping those who are grieving the death of their spouse or partner. Through input and small group sharing you will be supported and assisted in understanding and working through some of the aspects and effects of your deep sadness, loss and grief and as you make the necessary adjustments to a new life without your soul mate. Venue: 2A Villiers St North Parramatta. Date/Time: Tuesdays 10.00am – 1.00pm. Cost: $80.00. Contact and Registration soloparentministry@ccss.org.au. Ph. 9933 0205.
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 teamwork. 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) THURSDAY 8 August - 19 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) 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

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

ROLLEROASTERS  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.

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.

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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.


Come & Try Aussie T-Ball/Registration Day  Carlingford Baseball Club is holding its Try Aussie T-Ball / Baseball Registration Day on 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 October to December.
Older age groups will run on Saturday mornings from September to March.
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.
For further info contact Andrew Borg on 0412 654 182, email carlingfordbaseball@hotmail.com or www.carlingfordbaseball.com.au

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY  PENRITH OBSERVATORY  WHAT’S ON IN AUGUST 2013

Family Astronomy Night - Saturday, 10 August (7pm – 9pm) Seeing the Invisible! – There’s more to the universe than what we can see. An investigation into the science of looking at the unseen throughout the universe and what we can learn from the invisible.

National Science Week Astronomy Night – Wednesday, 14 August (7pm – 9pm) Cosmic Engine & Astrophysics Night
A colourful and dynamic summary of what you need to know about the cosmic engine

Family Astronomy Night - Saturday 31 August (7pm – 9pm) Supernovae & Supernova Remnants
The ‘death’ of certain types of stars in the universe and what becomes of them after the catastrophic explosion. Investigating the reasons behind detonation, progenitor stars and the various types of remnants that are left behind. These nights not only include the multimedia presentation but also a 3D astronomy movie and viewing of the night sky through the University’s 0.6 metre and 0.25 telescopes. Our programs run regardless of the weather.

Cost: $15 adult, $10 child/concession and $40 family.

Bookings are essential: Book online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory. What’s On

Enquiries: Phone (02)4736 0135 or email rmccourt@uws.edu.au