

Christ the King, North Rocks

Term 1, Week 8

k 8 17th March, 2016

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2016 Term 1, Week 8

Friday 18th March

- * SCHOOL SPORT PROGRAM
 All students in sport uniform
 (Make up class from Easter
 Monday)
- Performance Band 7.45am
- LUNCH ORDERS
- * Year 6 attending Parish Mass
- Band groups during the day
- Ice Blocks at lunchtime \$1-00 each.
 Year 5 parents assisting today.
 Please arrive at 1.20pm

WEEK 9

Monday 21st March

- * SCHOOL SPORT PROGRAM All students in sport uniform
- * LUNCH ORDERS
- * Cool Kids Music Club 3.00-4.30pm

Tuesday 22nd March

- * Maths Club 8am
- * Uniform Shop 8.30am—11.30am 1.30pm —3.30pm
- * **PE** Yr 1, 2/5, 3/7, 4/9

Wednesday 23rd March

- * 8am Choir
- * LUNCH ORDERS
- * PE Kindergarten, 2/6, Year 6
- * Chess 3-4pm

Thursday 24th March

- HOLYWEEK
 LITURGY9AM
- * **PE** 3/8, 4/10, Year 5
- Dance Club 3.15-4.15pm

Friday 25th March

* GOOD FRIDAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Sunday 27th March

* HAPPY EASTER

Monday 28th March

* EASTER MONDAY / PUPLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 29th March

* SCHOOL RESUMES

Dear Parents,

This Sunday heralds the start of Holy Week with the celebration of Palm Sunday. On this day we celebrate Jesus' procession into Jerusalem just days before his death and resurrection on Easter Sunday. Sunday also celebrates the end of the Lenten season. Holy week is a great opportunity for us all to reflect on the last forty days of reflection, repentance and renewal in our lives. It is time to assess how we made a difference in the lives of others throughout this Lenten season.

Next Thursday we invite you all to journey with your child's grade as we follow the Stations of the Cross and reflect upon the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Year 4 students and their teachers will reenact the stations as we gather to pray and reflect upon the pain and suffering Our Lord endured in the final days of His life. Each grade group will take up to and hour and a quarter to complete the stations. Strollers and prams are not permitted as each group will journey to each of the stations across the school precinct up and down stairs, which will make it difficult to use these devices. This is NOT a performance or a concert, but a somber prayerful time for our children to reflect on the final days of Jesus life. Please see inside the newsletter for details of each grade's time to journey through the stations next Thursday. We look forward to you joining us on Holy Thursday as we begin the celebration of the most important event on the Church's calendar.

Due to our main focus on Holy Thursday being the Stations of the Cross we have decided to hold our Easter Hat Parade on Holy Tuesday 29th March the day we return to school following the Easter break. The hat parade will be held on the oval following our post *Easter-Jesus is Risen* liturgy which will commence at 9:15am. All parents are welcome to join us for our post Easter liturgy and the hat parade on Tuesday week.

Last week all families received information regarding the formation of new parent support committees for 2016. These committees are designed to assist with the organisation and facilitation of various events in the CTK calendar throughout the year. Our goal is to get as many families involved on at least one of these committees thus sharing the organizational responsibility. If you have not returned your volunteer preferences it would be greatly appreciated if you could do so by next Monday 21st March.

Thank you to those families who supported the World Youth Day raffle in recent weeks. The Diocesan Office, in preparation for the draw this Sunday, has collected all tickets for the raffle. All proceeds from the raffle will go towards supporting our young pilgrims who make their way to WYD in Poland later in the year. Thank you for your support of this Diocesan initiative.

Have a great week! Tony Hughes

Principal

Holy Week Liturgy - Stations of the Cross

On Thursday March 24, 2016 Christ the King Primary will be participating in the Stations of the Cross as part of our celebrations for Holy Week. The fourteen Stations of the Cross represent events from Jesus' passion and death. At each station we will use our senses and our imagination to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. This is a somber and prayerful reflection, which allows us to follow in the steps of Jesus as he walked the Way of the Cross. We appreciate the preparation and work of our Year 4 students and their teachers who will be reenacting this event for our community.

Parents are warmly welcomed to join us at the Stations of the Cross. Due to the stations being located around the school site, strollers and prams will not be permitted. All visitors who are attending the Stations of the Cross will also be required to park off the school site, as the COLA and Mary MacKillop Hall will also be used as part of this reflective liturgy.



Please find below a timetable stating the times that each Grade will be participating in the stations. Parents who would like to attend are asked to meet at the Infants Playground five minutes prior to the starting time.

We look forward to you joining us on Holy Thursday as we begin the celebration of the most important event on the Church's calendar.

Stations of the Cross Timetable

9:15 am	K1 and Year 5 Buddies begin the Stations of the Cross
9:30 am	K2 and Year 5 Buddies begin the Stations of the Cross
9:45 am	1.3 and Year 6 Buddies begin the Stations of the Cross
10:00 am	1.4 and Year 6 Buddies begin the Stations of the Cross
10:15 am	Year 2 begin the Stations of the Cross
10:30 am	Year 3 begin the Stations of the Cross

N.B. Year 4 will be participating in the liturgy for the whole duration of the Stations of the Cross

Easter Liturgy and Easter Hat Parade

On Tuesday March 29, 2016 Christ the King Primary will be celebrating Easter as a whole school liturgy in the Church. After the Liturgy we will be moving to the School Oval where the children will parade in classes, their Easter Hats to all their peers, teachers and parents.

Children are invited to wear their hand-made creation on the day. Please do not go to any expense, but rather let your children's creativity and imagination shine using resources from around the house. This is a fun event to celebrate Easter as a whole community.

Easter Liturgy and Easter Hat Parade Timetable

9:15 am Easter Liturgy in the Christ the King Catholic

Church

9:45 am Easter Hat Parade on the School Oval



PARISH NEWS



TRY ALPHA! IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?

WELCOME NIGHT ON MONDAY 2ND MAY, 7PM Alpha is coming to Christ the King Parish. Mondays 2 May 2016 – 27 June 2016, 7pm in the school library.

For more information about Alpha, visit http://australia.alpha.org/ For expressions of interest or to join, contact

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John DeCourcey 0412 909 700

Erica Rheinberger rheinberger.erica@gmail.com

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

Sunday 20th March—Passion Sunday—Children's Stations of the Cross during Children's Liturgy K-6 10am

Tuesday 22nd March—Penitential Service—Following 7.30pm Mass Holy Thursday 24th March—Mass of the LORD'S SUPPER—7.30pm Good Friday 25th March—Stations of the Cross—10.00am Good Friday 25th March—The PASSION of the LORD—3.00pm Reconciliation HOLY SATURDAY 26th March—4.30-5.30pm Holy Saturday 26th March—Easter Vigil—7.00pm Easter Sunday 27th March—SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION

Masses-8.00am and 10.00am



International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Years 3 - 6

University of N.S.W Initiative. Registrations have now







The school will stamp the registration form and return it to you as a confirmation of your child's entry.

ENROLMENT PACKAGES FOR 2017 Enrolment packages for 2017 are now available. Sibling enrolments forms have been sent home.

Parent / Student meetings will commence in early May and continue throughout June.

This meeting will be an opportunity to meet with all parents and their child / children to our parish / school and to discuss any relevant issues about beginning school.

Please pass on this information to friends, neighbours, relatives etc. if appropriate.

SPORT NEWS

Cross Country

WEDNESDAY 30th March

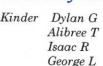
Year 2-Year 6 attending.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and 7 year olds remain at school

Please note: NO LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY

Happy Birthday to:





Year 1 Joel A Mackenzie M Ethan H Filumena L Joseph S Ranbir S Lilly W Ethan B Ben H

Year 2 $Grace\ K$ Amelia B Gabriel M

Year 3 Mia FAmelia FHarry P Zara C

Year 4 James DDane N $Matea\ N$ Christopher S Mikayla A

Year 5 Felix C Mark M Olivia R Matthew C Jackson W Hannah A Joseph M Monique B

Year 6 Jonathan W Dylan B Alexander H Teana H $Blake\ W$ John-Carlo B

MARK IN YOUR DIARY

Thursday 24th March

Holy Week Liturgy

Friday 25th March Good Friday

Public Holiday

Sunday 27th March Easter Sunday

Monday 28th March

Easter Monday Public Holiday

Wednesday 30th March

CROSS COUNTRY

Thurs -Fri 7th—8th April

Year 6 Canberra

Friday 8th April

Last day Term 1

Tuesday 26th April

Students resume Term 2

Friday 20th May

Pupil Free Day

Monday 18th July

Pupil Free Day



LIBRARY NEWS

Premier's Reading Challenge 2016

Reading for the PRC is well underway. Please remind your children to choose books from the library that have the PRC sticker on the spine. Red K-2, Green 3-4 and Purple 5-6.

March is Read Aloud Month



RESPONSIBLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY—Agreements

On Monday a second email was forwarded to all families containing a link to the Responsible Use of Technology Agreement. This needs to be discussed with your children and completed together. Students from Year 3 to Year 6 will complete their 'Agreement' at school. Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 need only discuss the 'Agreement' with their parents. This form needs to be completed by this Friday in order for your children to continue using the technology at school.

Write4Fun 2016

Entry is now OPEN in the 2016 School Writing Competition! Make sure you get your poem or short story in before the closing date of Thursday 31st March.

Everybody has a story to tell and we would love to hear yours!

What would you do with the \$1000 cash prize? How awesome would it be to win an awesome Xbox One or Playstation 4 or how about an Apple iPad Air or a Samsung Galaxy Tab?

Do you have a fine rhyme, a spectacular story, the perfect poem or a terrific tale that could make us laugh, cry, shake with fear or sigh dreamily? Get writing and send us your 16 line or less poem or 500 word or less short story and you could be a winner!

Enter now at www.write4fun.net

Ice Block Friday will continue TOMORROW Friday 18th March.

Assistance from any available Year 5 parents would be most appreciated. Please meet in the Hall kitchen at 1.20pm on the day. 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.

Christ the King School – North Rocks Specialty Group Photos

Choir
Performance Band
Training Band
School Leaders



Dear Parent /Guardian,

On photo day Specialty group photos were taken at Christ the King School, North Rocks.

For a limited time we are taking orders for these groups online. <u>Cut-off date is TOMORROW the</u> <u>18thMARCH 2016</u>

Should you wish to order any of these photographs, please go to:

www.mspsydney.photomerchant.net (do not enter in google search)

You will need to use the following access code to gain entry into the portfolio of photographs: CH88ST

The cost of each photo is \$16.00

PLEASE NOTE:

When creating your order, please ensure that you include your child's \underline{NAME} and \underline{CLASS} in the $\underline{PERSONAL\ INFORMATION}$ Section, under \underline{NAME} .

*Please note that the website offers an option to send to home address but all photos will be delivered to the school office.

If you require any further information feel free to contact us.

Kind Regards

MSP Photography Sydney

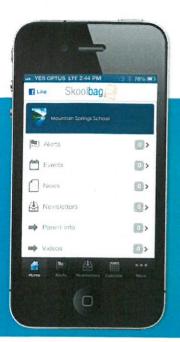
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HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED THE Skoolbag App YET???



Skoolbag is the ultimate school to parent communication tool. This School Mobile App provides schools with an easy way to tell parents and carers important information as soon as it happens example: school news, event reminders, cancellations and much more. No more lost papers in school bags!

To install it, just search for our school name "Christ the King Primary North Rocks" in either the Apple App Store, Google Play Store or on Windows.





Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- School, free push notification alerts
- School events
- School newsletters
- School documents
- School RSS feeds
- School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

- 1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
- 2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
- 3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
- 4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
- 5. When installed click "Open"
- 6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
- 7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
- 8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.







Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

- 1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
- 2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
- 3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
- 4. Click the "Install" button
- 5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
- 6. Click "Open" when installed.
- 7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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Don't forget to like us on Facebook! Like Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

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TUESDAYS 8.30AM—11.30AM 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 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 Service NSW Office (formally RMS/RTA) for screening which completes the check.

PLEASE NOTE: Partial Completion of the above steps will not be accepted. Both the CEO Module and the NSW Working With Children Check must be completed to finalise your clearance.

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: www.kidsguardian.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.

The Working With Children Check is FREE. 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 NSW Office of the Children's Guardian check has been completed you will receive an email with a WWCC Number which states that you have clearance to work with children. **You will need** to present a copy of this 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.

Student News Welcome to Week 8

We are nearing the end of the term; wow it has gone by so fast.

Last week we had the opportunity to showcase our learning, and the wonderful classrooms of our school, as we celebrated *Catholic Schools Week* with open classrooms. Students in Year 6, 2016 conducted guided tours around the school. It was great to see so many new families have the opportunity to share, interact and engage in our learning community.

We are now in the 5th week of Lent. We as Catholics take the time to stop and think and have the freedom to ask for God's forgiveness.

This year is the year of Mercy and we challenge you to give people the freedom of our Mercy on them. We should all try to be merciful to others during Lent and this Year of Mercy.

Quote of the day:

"When given the choice to be right or kind choose kind". R.J Palaccio

Sincerely,
Juliette and Anthony

PBL FOCUS FOR WEEK 8 & 9

Care For Your Belongings

How you can demonstrate this PBL:

- ☐ Labelling everything you own
- ☐ Caring for your stationery
- ☐ Caring for your school uniform
- ☐ Caring for your items by putting them in their right place.

Scenario:

Layla lost her stationery kit and didn't label her belongings. Luckily, her friend Maddie recognised her stationery kit, so she gave it back to Layla.

Learning: If you label your belongings they can be easily returned.



By Jonathan & Evelyn

Kindy Reads with Parents

This week our kindergarten teachers have organised extra reading opportunities for their students. They have implemented a buddy reading program with some parents.

Our wonderful school parents have volunteered to assist in reading, maths and the identification of letters and sounds several mornings a week.

When the parents come in they read with the children to help cement learnt strategies in English and Maths. While it boosts their confidence it also encourages them to read fluently.

We look forward to the continued love of reading in our community.







By Lucy & Thea

Interview With Our Year One Teachers

Welcome back to 'Meet the teacher'. This week Alannah, Jayden and Hannah spent time with our Year One teachers finding out about the learning that is happening in year one.

Mr Cairns and Miss Keen were both very excited to be interviewed. It was clear that they both love mathematics and reading. This was obvious as the two teachers love both these subjects and they do a very good job teaching them.

It's Year One's second Year at CTK and they are doing so well in their learning. Their reading is progressing and their number skills are growing.

Miss Keen has been at CTK for two years and Mr Cairns for four years. This has given them a great opportunity to help the children grow academically and personally.

The Year One teachers love reading so much that they have set up extra reading session. Year 6, have buddied up with Year One to help them with their reading every Monday and Thursday.

Year One has begun the year with some hard thinking and learning. They have a jam packed curriculum "we make the learning fun, as we don't have time for free play," stated Mr Cairns and Miss Keen. They have created science characters named 'Bob and Sue' to motivate the children to visually remind them to put on their investigating hats.

Miss Keen & Mr Cairns are using a model of inquiry to investigate how different materials mix and combine. Also, they are reading the BFG and learning about the Enchanted Garden "which will help us find the magic in reading" said Miss Keen.

Year One are growing in their learning and what an enriching environment their teachers have created for them.

By Alannah , Hannah & Jayden

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT



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10th March 2016

Re: Donations for the Jesuit Refugee Service Foodbank

To the Christ the King Community,

On behalf of Jesuit Refugee Service and the people we serve, I would like to express our gratitude for the overwhelmingly generous donation of food and toiletries from the Christ the King Parish in North Rocks.

There are roughly 35 people who come to pick up food from JRS every fortnight, but those 35 people represent more than 150 people, including children, spouses, brothers and sisters, elderly parents, and friends in need of support.

Nearly all of the people we work with who are seeking safety and protection in Australia, are living well below the poverty line. While the focus of the foodbank is to provide people with free grocery items to help relieve their weekly expenses, foodbank is also about dignity, compassion and accompaniment. People should not have to worry about choosing between paying rent and feeding their families, but that is all too often the reality.

Thank you again for your support. Your donation has made a difference in the lives of many people and for that we are truly grateful.

Sincerely,

Maeve Brown

Maeve Brown Shelter Project Coordinator Jesuit Refugee Service

LORETO NORMANHURST Open Day Saturday 19th March from 11.00am - 3.00pm.

Open Day is a wonderful opportunity to experience a day in the life of Loreto Normanhurst.

Highlights include the Principal's presentation, tours of the School, classroom demonstrations, live music, cake & food stalls in the garden, BBQ, animal farm, train rides and more.

91-93 Pennant Hills Road, Normanhurst Ph: 1800-LORETO

www.loretonh.nsw.edu.su enquiries@loretonh.nsw.edu.au

Think Club Australia

Yr 1&2 Riotous Tobotics, Early Engineers, Creature Keepers, Creative Coding and Slimy Science

Yr 3&4 Biological Bonanza, Fascinating Forensics, Extreme Environments Perceptive Puzzlers

Yr 4&6 Bright Sparks and Zany Zookeepers

Yr 5&6 Playful Programming, Marvellous Movie Making and Magical Mindcraft and many more!!!!

For more information www.thinkclubaustralia.com Ph: 0408 282 010 Registration is online

CTK COMMUNITY NEWS

<u>PENRITH OBSERVATORY</u> DADS & KIDS ASTRONOMY NIGHT The Penrith Observatory will be hosting a "Dads and Kids Astronomy Night" on Saturday 19 March from 8.00 pm – 10.00 pm. All fathers, grandfathers, kids and grandkids are invited to attend. This evening is for everyone and age is no barrier to spending an evening with the family and the stars.

Professor Miroslav Filipovic, Director of the Penrith Observatory, will make a presentation on "Aliens – Nooo!" – What is the likelihood of aliens and are we really unique? The presentation will be followed by a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and 0.6m telescope, and viewing of the night sky through the university's computerised telescopes. The Western Sydney Amateur Astronomy Group will also be on hand to help with the viewings.

To book and pay for tickets visit the "What's On" page at <u>westernsydney.edu.au/observatory</u> **COST:** \$18 for adults, \$12 for children / concessions or \$50 for a family

St Vincent de Paul Society - Compeer Program

Can you give an hour a week to help someone who is lonely? Compeer within the St Vincent de Paul Society matches volunteers in friendship with people living with a mental illness. Your supportive friendship can make a real and long-lasting difference to your friend's quality of life by reducing the stigma associated with mental illness and providing an opportunity to enjoy social outings together.

Compeer volunteers spend one hour per week for 12 months with their new friend enjoying social activities in your local area (eg catching up over a coffee or taking a walk in the park – you can both decide together what you would like to do each week). No experience necessary as full training and support is provided.

Due to our waiting list for participants in need of a friend, Compeer is currently recruiting male and female volunteers aged 45 years and over. For more information please phone Cathleen on 8622 0303, email compeer@vinnies.org.au or visit www.compeer.org.au



Located on the grounds of Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta, The Academy offers the following

- Weekly individual instrumental and vocal lessons
- 1-day holiday Vocal and Drumming workshops (April and September)
- 2-day holiday workshops for String instruments and
 Woodwind and Brass Instruments (July)
- 3-Day holiday Orchestra Workshop in partnership
 with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra Fellows (July).

Lessons and workshops cater for boys and girls from Years 3 – 12 (ages 8 – 18) from beginners through to advanced students.

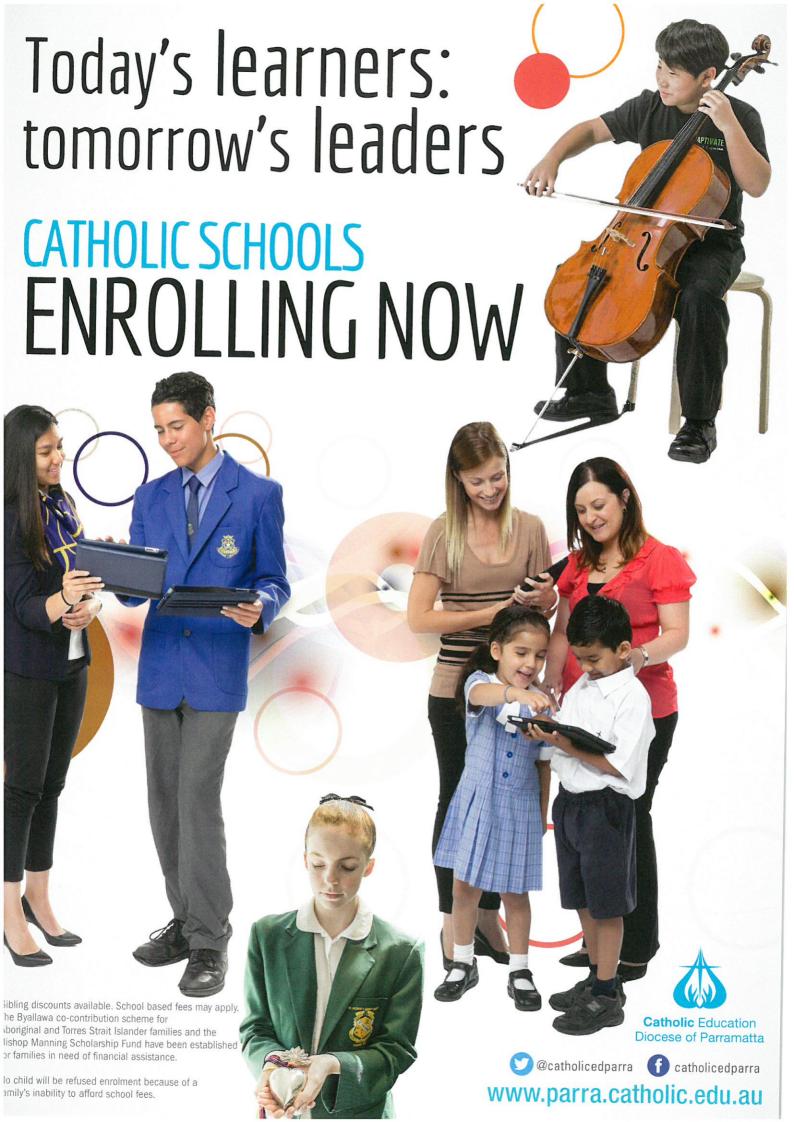
To book please go to: www.olmc.nsw.edu.au/the-academy
For more information, contact The Academy on music@olmc.nsw.edu.au

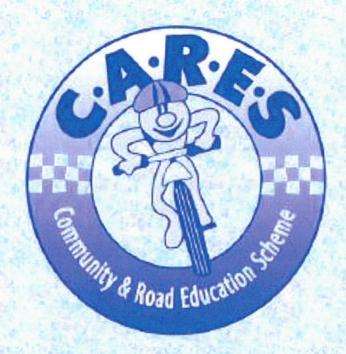
Calendar 2016

The Big Sing: 1-Day Vocal Workshop	April 21, 2016
The Big Bash: 1-Day Percussion Workshop	April 22, 2016
2-Day Concert Band Workshop	July 11-12, 2016
2-Day Strings Workshop	July 11-12, 2016
3-Day Holiday Workshop (in partnership with Riverside and Sydney Symphony Orchestra)	July 13-15, 2016
Academy Singers and Orchestra Rehearsals	Weekly Rehearsals from July 26, 2016
Term 3 Academy Singers and Orchestra Concert	September 24, 2016
The Big Sing: 1-Day Vocal Workshop	September 26, 2016
The Big Bash: 1-Day Percussion Workshop	September 27, 2016

Dance Lessons scheduled to commence in 2016. Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au/TheAcademy for more info.







AUTO PLACE X PETER BROCK DR, PROSPECT

TUESDAY 19TH APRIL 2016

10AM - 2PM

Come along during the school holidays and ride in a safe environment with real traffic lights.

Bring your own bike and helmet
FREE Face Painting
Parking is on site and free
Bring a picnic
Sausage sizzle and drinks

Adult Supervision required

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