



Christ the King, North Rocks

Term 4, Week 8

1st December, 2016

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Term 4, Week 8

Friday 2nd December

- * **BAND 7.45am (all students)**
- * **LUNCH ORDERS**
- * Year 6 at Parish Mass
- * **FREE ICE BLOCKS AT LUNCHTIME** (Year 6 helpers please)



* **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

5.30pm Gates open

5.45pm Band students meet in the Library

6.00pm All students meet in their classrooms

6.30pm Christmas Concert begins



Term 4, Week 9

Monday 5th December

- * **Surf Education Years 5 & 6**
- * **SPORT PROGRAM**
All students in sport uniform
- * **Lunch Orders**
- * **Cool Kids Music 3.00-4.30pm**

Tuesday 6th December

- * **Uniform Shop 8.30-11.30am only**
Afternoon closed for stocktake
- * **PE: 2/5, 3/7, 4/9, Yr 5 (change due to Camp)**
- * **Year 6 Graduation 7pm**

Wednesday 7th December

- * **YEAR 5 CAMP**
- * **Choir 8am**
- * **Lunch Orders**
- * **PE: Kindy, 2/6, Year 6**
- * **Chess 3-4pm**

Thursday 8th December

- * **YEAR 5 CAMP**
- * **YEAR 6 MOTIV8 DAY**
- * **PE: Yr 1 (change due to Yr 5 Camp), 3/8, 4/10**
- * **Dance Club 3.15-4.15pm**

Friday 9th December

- * **YEAR 5 CAMP**
- * **BAND 7.45am (all students)**
- * **LUNCH ORDERS**
- * **CHANGEOVER DAY** (students meet their teachers for 2017)
- * **ICE BLOCKS AT LUNCHTIME** (Kinder Parent helpers to assist on this day please) \$1

Dear Parents

The focus of this Sunday's Gospel for the Second Sunday of Advent is repentance. Matthew sums up the preaching of John the Baptist with a call to repentance: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand' (Matthew 3:2). Repentance is at the very heart of the Gospel. Fr Michael Fullon explains that "*to repent means to open our minds and hearts to see things in a different way*". First of all, it means to see God in a different way – as the Father revealed by Jesus, the Father who loves, who forgives, who wants to heal and release, and enable everyone without exception to love the way we are meant to love. If we see God in this way we will look at ourselves and others differently, and we will learn to 'treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treats us. Repentance - that is to say, changing our way of thinking and behaving by attending to what God is doing in our world and in our hearts – is not something we can do on our own. We do it under our Heavenly Father's guidance and unconditional love.

The announcement of our Student Leadership Team for 2017 and our Award winners for 2016 will be announced at a ceremony following our End-of-Year Thanksgiving Mass on Friday 16th December. To ensure that both the Leadership Team announcements and award winners remain confidential until the Award Ceremony, ***parents will not be notified if their children are to receive positions or awards.*** All parents are therefore invited to attend our Mass and Awards Ceremony on the final day of the year.

The following annual awards will be awarded in each grade as follows: *Catholic Living, Positive Behaviours for Learning, Consistent Effort, Literacy Academic Award and the Numeracy Academic Award.* The Rotary Club Citizenship Awards for Stage 3 children are awarded to students who have consistently displayed good leadership qualities and have been responsible and active members of our school community. The City of Parramatta Council- Active Citizenship Award are awarded to our Year 6 students who make an effort to create a welcoming, inclusive and just school community. They are students who have contributed to the wider community and who have participated extensively in representative bodies or community service groups. Finally, our Lions Club Citizenship Awards are presented to students K-6 who have displayed a positive school spirit throughout the year and who have proven to be quiet achievers who are proactive and humble members of our CTK community.

Our annual CTK school swimming carnival will be held on Thursday, 15th December at Wentworthville Pool. All parents and friends are welcome to join us on the day. All entry forms for the day are to be handed in to school by 3pm tomorrow, Friday 2nd December. ***Please note that NO late entry forms will be accepted after this deadline. Your co-operation in this matter is expected and greatly appreciated.*** We look forward to a great day of competition and fun!

Details regarding our annual CTK Christmas concert have been sent home in recent weeks. Please note the gates for the back oval will not open until 5:30pm for families to access. At the conclusion of the concert tomorrow evening all children will return to their classrooms where parents are asked to sign out and collect their children. Parents who have arranged for other parents to collect their child must notify your classroom teacher in writing tomorrow either by email or written letter. Our aim at the end of the night is to ensure all children are collected and accounted for. We look forward to a great night of entertainment and Christmas cheer as a school community.

Have a great week!
Tony Hughes
Principal

Starting School in 2017

For the first two days of the 2017 school year, Friday 27th January and Monday 30th January, the children from this years' Kindergarten to Year 5 (Year 1 to Year 6 2017) are asked to book to attend an individual Mathematical assessment interview at the school.

Please remember: for this assessment session, you will be choosing the grade your child will be in NEXT YEAR.

An instruction note has already been sent home.
A repeat of these instructions on how to book is below.

BOOKINGS FOR THESE SESSIONS HAVE NOW OPENED AND WILL CLOSE NEXT FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER.




All students from Years 1 to Year 6 will begin full school days Tuesday 31st January 2017.

Kindergarten 2017 children will begin full school days on Wednesday 1st February. The children will start and finish at normal time, 8.45am to 3.00pm, when they will be dismissed with the rest of the school. From this day, the children will need 'fruit break', 'little lunch', a drink and 'big lunch' for school each day.



Go to: www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow the instructions.

Years 1-6, 2017 Enter the School Event code: **hjjsu**, click Go and follow the 3 steps
Kindergarten 2017 Enter the School Event code: **URCB8**, click Go and follow the steps

 <p>Enter your details</p>	<p>First enter your name, your student's name(s), and your email address.</p>
 <p>Choose teachers</p>	<p>Please note: YOU ARE CHOOSING THE GRADE(s) YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN WILL BE IN NEXT YEAR.</p> <p>THEN: CHOOSE TEACHER A or TEACHER B</p>
 <p>Choose times</p>	<p>Simply click on the date and timeslot that suits you to book your child(s) / children(s) session(s).</p> <p><u>Please note:</u> your child only needs to attend one session on one day.</p>



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Book School Interviews Online

When you click *finish*, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically — **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

Bookings close Friday 9th December at 3.00pm. Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking.

Parents who need to change their interview times after the closing date will need to contact the school directly.

FRESH CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE - 1st CARLINGFORD SCOUT GROUP **10th- 11th DECEMBER**

Nothing beats the smell of a freshly harvested, natural tree for Christmas. 1st Carlingford Scouts will be selling 3 different sizes of tree on **Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December** 8:00am – 4:00pm from outside their scout hall in Boundary Rd, Carlingford (near Carlingford Library and Carlingford Railway Station), and from the Don Moore Community Centre on North Rocks Rd. Stands for the trees are also available. Tree prices range from \$60 - \$70. Sorry no delivery service is available. For more information please phone Susy on 0411 742 343.

Fresh Christmas Trees!



*We look forward
to seeing you!*

**The 1st Carlingford Scouts
Christmas Tree Fundraising
Drive is on again!**

**GREAT TREES, GREAT
PRICES** and you'll be supporting
a great organisation.

Available at: **DON MOORE COMMUNITY CENTRE,
Cnr North Rocks Road & Farnell St or
1ST CARLINGFORD SCOUT HALL
Boundary Road Carlingford (behind the library)**



SATURDAY 10th & SUNDAY 11th December 8am - 4pm

PARISH NEWS



Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday Masses 8.00am, 10.00am

Weekday Masses

Monday	no masses	Tuesday	7.30pm
Wednesday	9.00am	Thursday	9.00am
Friday	9.15am		

Rosary Saturday morning Rosary at 8.30am with
Reconciliation Reconciliation at 9.30am and then at 4.30pm.

ADVANCE NOTICE : END OF YEAR PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS

As shown on our Term 4 School Calendar there will be two Staff Development Days on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th December 2016. These professional learning days will focus on 2017 School goals.

This means that school will finish for all children on Friday, 16th December.

Year 6 Graduation Mass

next Tuesday, 6th December at 7:00pm

Year 6 students are to wear their full summer uniform and are asked to **arrive no later than 6.45pm and go directly to the Library**. Parents and friends are asked to go directly to the Church where seating has been arranged.

Graduation Supper helpers

Thank you to the Year 5 parents who have already offered to assist at the Year 6 Graduation Supper. For any parents assisting at the Supper please arrive at 7.30pm. For any further enquiries please contact Kylie Wahbe 0410 211 161 or Sandra Wainwright 0418 231 138.

LIBRARY NEWS

HAVE YOU CHECKED AT HOME? A reminder that all Reading books were to be returned to school last week. Please check all cupboards, drawers and under the bed for any hidden school readers. This will enable the Library to account for all the unreturned Class reading books.

YR6 GRADUATION DINNER for Parents & Students

A reminder that the money for the Graduation Dinner being held on Friday 16th December is due by next Monday, 5th December.

Thank you, Lynne and Shalu

Ice Block Friday **FREE ICE BLOCKS TOMORROW** - **ONE ice block per student ONLY**

ICE BLOCK DAY will continue tomorrow Friday 2nd December (Week 8) **with every student being offered a FREE ice block**. We will need around 8 parents from **Year 6** to assist for about 30 minutes on this day. Please meet at 1.20pm in the Hall Kitchen to help with ice block distribution. Please contact either your Class Parent Rep or myself on 0401 648 864 if you are available to help.

Advanced Notice : **Kinder parent helpers are asked to assist on our final ice block day, next Friday 9th December.**

Many thanks,
Lucy Kruger, Ice block Coordinator

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Gospel of Luke—daily prayer and reflection

At Christ the King School we greatly value daily prayerful reading of Holy Scripture.

We acknowledge the significance that reading the narrative of Jesus Christ sequentially has in developing a deep faith and love of Jesus. This is also an opportunity to have revealed the true mission and message of Jesus Christ, assisting each of us to recognise and accept our call to live and spread the Gospel values within a contemporary world.

The students at Christ the King School are reading an online Bible, Bible Gateway at www.biblegateway.com and using the Contemporary English Version. This online version has been approved by the Bishop's office and has been chosen as it uses appropriate language for Primary aged students. You are welcome to use the online Bible or your own Bible at home. Each week in the Christ the King School Newsletter and the Christ the King Parish Bulletin, the weekly readings will be published.

This week the school community read these readings from the Gospel of Luke.

	Nov. 28, 2016	Nov. 29, 2016	Nov. 30, 2016	Dec. 1, 2016	Dec. 2, 2016
8	Luke 22: 66-71 Jesus Is Questioned by the Council	Luke 23: 1-5 Pilate Questions Jesus	Luke 23: 6-12 Jesus Is Brought Before Herod	Luke 23: 13-25 The Death Sentence	Luke 23: 26-43 Jesus is Nailed to a Cross

Please join the Christ the King community in prayerfully reading the Gospel of Luke for Week 9.

We hope you all take this opportunity to join us as a Catholic community in prayer and reflection of the Gospel of Luke.

	June 20, 2016	June 21, 2016	June 22, 2016	June 23, 2016	June 24, 2016
9	Luke 7: 36-50 Simon the Pharisee	Luke 8: 1-3 Women Who Helped Jesus	Luke 8: 4-8 A Story About a Farmer	Luke 8: 9-10 Why Jesus Used Stories	Luke 8: 11-15 Jesus Explains the Stories about a Farmer

Monica Burley, Religious Education Coordinator

Please keep in Your Prayers

✠ Prayers are requested for the Hourican Family (Isabella Yr5, Tara Yr 3 and Michael Yr 1) on the passing into eternal life of their paternal Grandfather recently.

*He is now at peace with His loving God whom he served so faithfully.
Grant Him eternal rest, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine on him forever.*



*The School Office is open
from 8.30am to 3.30pm.*

*Happy Birthday for
the month of December
to*



*Kinder Deon D
Flynn M
Christian B
Ajiri O
Alexander T
Eshal S*

*Year 1 Charlie Z
Caleb C
Nicole S
James F*

*Year 2 Kessyena O
Matthew L
Sebastian B
Raymond C*

*Year 3 Matthew Z
Jeremy D
Gianni S
Milla E
Jordan W
Angelina A*

*Year 4 Tahlia M
Jocinta C
Luca G
Alana S
Natalie Z*

*Year 5 William K
Christopher E
Ella M
Jadyn V*

*Year 6 Mark W
Mikaela B
Isabella Y
Adam F*

MARK IN YOUR DIARY

Thurs 15th December

- Swimming Carnival

Friday 16th December

- End of Year Mass
followed by :

- Awards Ceremony
- Farewell to Year 6
- Family picnic

Friday 16th December

- Yr 6 End-of-Year
Parent / Child dinner



2017 Diocesan School Fees

21 November 2016

Dear parents and carers

Please find below the 2017 Diocesan school fees schedule which includes a modest 3.0% increase on the fees from 2016. Every effort has been made to keep the fee increase to a minimum and I am pleased to report that the increase is **less than** the 3.3% education CPI increase for the same period.

School-based fees will also be limited to a 3.0% increase to ensure we have consistency across our Diocese. School-based fees cover the costs of important things such as technology and school administration.

I appreciate that from time to time, some families might experience financial challenges. With this in mind, I take this opportunity to remind you that confidential fee support is available through

- discounts for families with multiple siblings in our schools
- flexible payment plans
- hardship concession policies for families in need
- the Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund
- the Byawalla Co-contribution Scheme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

Tuition Fees - 2017

The 2017 diocesan tuition fees are outlined below:

ANNUAL FEES	No charge for 4th+ children	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$1,131	\$849	\$567
	Years 1 – 6	\$1,461	\$1,095	\$732
	Years 7 – 8	\$2,028	\$1,521	\$1,014
Secondary	Years 9 – 10	\$2,250	\$1,689	\$1,125
	Years 11 – 12	\$2,874	\$2,157	\$1,437

The 2017 term rate for each of the first three terms is outlined below:

TERM FEES	Charged in Terms 1, 2 & 3	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$377	\$283	\$189
	Years 1 – 6	\$487	\$365	\$244
	Years 7 – 8	\$676	\$507	\$338
Secondary	Years 9 – 10	\$750	\$563	\$375
	Years 11 – 12	\$958	\$719	\$479



Diocesan Building Levy - 2017

The Diocesan Building Levy enables us, through our capital works program, to meet the demand for new schools and new classes in high growth areas, and to continue to maintain all schools to a high standard.

All families with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic's College Kingswood are required to pay the annual Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Building Levy. This levy has replaced the various building levies that parents previously paid to school building funds (managed by either parishes or schools). **The levy for 2017 is \$756 per family, payable in three equal instalments of \$252 payable in Terms 1, 2 and 3.**

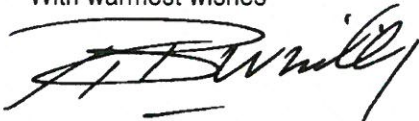
Annual Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents - 2017

The Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents for 2017 is **\$1,869 per student, payable in three equal instalments of \$623 in Terms 1, 2 and 3.** The fee applies to new students on the following visa numbers: 173, 401, 402, 411, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 426, 427, 428, 442, 456, 457, 459, 462, 476, 485, 497, 580, 600, 601, 651, 675, 676, 679, 685, 884, 944, 956, 976 and 977 including where any of these are the preceding visas for families on bridging visas 010 to 090.

Families charged this fee in 2013 will continue to be charged on a *per family* basis to the eldest student whilst the family has continuous current students.

Thank you for your continuing support of Catholic education. Please be assured that we will continue to provide exciting learning experiences for them within our Catholic faith environment.

With warmest wishes



Gregory B Whitby
Executive Director
Catholic Education
Parramatta of Diocese



SPORT NEWS

CTK SWIMMING CARNIVAL held in 2016 for the 2017 year.

The Christ the King Swimming Carnival will be held on **Thursday, 15th December, 2016** at **Wentworthville Swimming Centre** (15 Dunmore St, Wentworthville).

Permission forms were due last Monday. All outstanding permission forms MUST BE RETURNED BY TOMORROW.

Students will be travelling to and from Wentworthville Swimming Centre by bus. **All students must be at school by 8:45am as the bus will be leaving school promptly at 9:00am.** The bus will then leave Wentworthville Swimming Centre at approximately 2:00 pm to be back in time for normal school dismissal.

Parent helpers are needed to assist on this day. If you are available to help (even for a short time), please complete the section on your child's permission slip. As some parents will be assisting students in the water, you must have completed the Building Child Safe Communities Form and Module to assist on this day.

CELEBRATING GIFTS AND TALENTS

Congratulations to Antonios Bou Abdallah, Andrew El Sabbagh and Julius Bou Abdallah' who competed at the Taekwon-Do Nationals Australian Championship Competition.



Congratulations to The girls (The Legendary Beasts) made it to the finals of the Parramatta Touch Footy Competition last night but lost to the Touch Pro's, final score was 4-2.

The girls play consistently well at each game & always put in 100% effort.

Girls in the team:

Ella Maroun,
Makayla Mathie,
Raphaella Perigo,
Kiera Wainwright,
Grace Dwayhe and

Elle Daher,
Brianna Coorey,
Ella Dalton,
Olivia Ryan,
Holly Stone



Do you realise that the Uniform Shop is only open for 1½ more days before the end of the year?

Uniform Shop News: Important

Dear Parents,

Our Uniform Shop is currently **fully stocked**.

Given the stock held at the moment, it has been decided that the School **will not be ordering anymore stock until March, 2017**.

With this in mind **we are encouraging parents to visit the Uniform Shop now to purchase uniforms for the upcoming year**. This will allow us to assess the stock held and enable ordering on more of a needs basis.

We have available all items ranging from Girls/Boys Summer Uniforms through to Girls/Boys Winter Uniforms and all Sports Uniforms.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to purchase now. By doing so you are assisting school to continue to run our own Clothing Shop and keep the pricing at an acceptable level.

Uniform prices are anticipated to increase again in 2017.

Purchases made now will be at the current 2016 prices.

Thank you.

Susan Ritchie

Finance Secretary

The Uniform Shop is open on TUESDAYS each week with morning and afternoon opening hours for your convenience. Parents are most welcome to place an order through the office. **FULL PAYMENT** with 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 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.

NSW STATE TRANSIT NEWS: STUDENT TRANSPORT OPAL CARD 2017

Is your child progressing to Year 3 or Year 4?

Do they have a current Opal Card?

Do they need to apply for an Opal Card?



Applications for 2017 school travel are now to be completed and submitted online.

Visit: www.transportnsw.info/schools-students

Full information guide will be included at the back of this newsletter.

Transport NSW requires that all children progressing from Infants to Primary grades (Yr 2 to Yr 3) and from Primary School to High School (Yr 6 to Yr 7) must update their details on the Opal Card site <https://transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts> Click on the tab: Is your child's free travel entitlement expiring? Check now

Children who receive free bus passes due to walking distance / health or safety reasons need to re-apply every year.

So applications can be processed in time for school resuming in 2017, **updated information OR new applications must be submitted as soon as possible.**



HAVING ISSUES WITH THE Skoolbag app

If you find you are not receiving messages or have lost your alert ping, sometimes it is just a matter of removing and re-installing the app.

System updates sometimes cause these minor issues.



USE YOUR Skoolbag app TO NOTIFY YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

1. Open Skoolbag app
2. Click on eForms
3. Select Absentee Form
4. Complete all fields
5. In the last field you need to tap and then you can sign with your finger on your phone screen
6. Press Submit

This will send an instant email to the school to advise your child's absence.

This document is now legally acceptable as an Absentee Notification as the form is signed. You will not need to send in an additional note when your child returns to school.

This eForm is not to be used for extended Family leave.

- Request for Family leave (1-10 days) must be emailed to the Principal. *If travelling overseas, an itinerary must accompany this application.*
- For Family leave over 10 days, an Application for Extended Leave must be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to departure. *If travelling overseas, an itinerary must accompany this application.*

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.

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.

TERM DATES FOR 2017

Term 1

Friday 27th January – Monday 30th January

Years 1-6 Assessment days

Tuesday 31st January

Years 1-6 begin school

Friday 27th January – Tuesday 31st January

Kindergarten assessments days

Wednesday, 1st February

Kindergarten begin full school days

Good Friday,

Friday, 14th April }

Easter Sunday,

Sunday, 16th April } Public Holidays

Easter Monday,

Monday, 17th April }

Last Day Term 1 Friday 7th April

Term 2	Wednesday, 26th April	to	Friday, 30th June
Term 3	Tuesday, 18th July	to	Friday, 22nd September
Term 4	Monday, 9th October	to	Friday 15th December

PARENT VOLUNTEERS WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

New directive from the Diocesan Office 25th May 2016

BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES – NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS INCLUDING THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE A CURRENT NSW WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK.

Please note: Until both the ‘Volunteer Form’ and the ‘Module’ have been completed, parents will not be able to assist in any capacity as a volunteer within the school. (The school receives notification when you complete each section).

‘Building Child Safe Communities’ is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. **It is now a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form** that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

- 1 **Volunteers** – please click on ‘[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers](#)’ by accessing the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage www.parra.catholic.edu.au, then click on the ‘Volunteers and Contractors-Click here’ image (halfway down page on the right hand side).



This image will take you to the Building Safe Communities page.

Click on the green Volunteer tab (left hand side)

Click on Step 1—Volunteer Form and follow the steps

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted.

- Your details will be maintained confidentially in a central database
- **A copy of your confirmation will then be emailed to the School / location where you are volunteering to be kept on file.**

A new form is required:

- For each location that you are a volunteer or contractor
- If any of the details you have provided on the form change

- 2 **A reminder that you once you receive your confirmation email, you will need to complete the Child Protection Module.**



www.parra.catholic.edu.au, then click on the ‘Volunteers and Contractors-Click here’ image (halfway down page on the right hand side). This image will take you to the Building Safe Communities page.

Click on the green Volunteer tab (left hand side)

Click on Step 2—Complete the Online Training Module

Once you complete this online module the school will receive notification that it has been completed and you will be cleared to volunteer.

Therefore in brief :

1. To complete form go to: www.parra.catholic.edu.au and follow Step 1 above
2. Wait for confirmation email
3. On receipt of the confirmation email follow Step 2 above to complete Child Protection Online Module
4. Wait for confirmation email
5. The School will receive an email confirming that you have completed both steps and are now cleared to volunteer.

We thank all volunteers for their continued support of Catholic Education.

2017 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials

Currently the WINTER Sports of AFL, FOOTBALL, HOCKEY, NETBALL, RUGBY LEAGUE, RUGBY UNION & TOUCH FOOTBALL are open and registrations close on Friday 3rd February as these trials will be held in early 2017.

All SUMMER sport registrations are closed.

Any Primary students enrolled in **Year 5 and 6 in 2017** are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term One/Two in 2017.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an **above average ability** and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2017 be invited to attend.**

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

AFL (Boys),
Football (Boys & Girls),
Hockey (Boys & Girls),
Netball (Girls),
Rugby League (11yrs & Opens),
Rugby Union (Boys),
Touch (Boys & Girls).

For the sports of Diving & Golf nominations are through the CSSS website.

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website.

www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2017 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by the child's school**. In order for the child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of the school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **All fields and especially "Representative Experience" MUST be completed.**

Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

2017 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials

Any Primary students enrolled in Parramatta Diocesan Schools in Year 5 and 6 in 2017 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four of 2016 (Summer Sports - Basketball, Cricket, Softball & Tennis) and Term One/Two in 2017 (Winter Sports - AFL, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League League, Rugby Union & Touch).

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2017 be invited to attend.**

Parramatta Diocesan trials in 2017 will be held in the following sports:

*AFL (boys), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), & Touch(B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website

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Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by your child's school**. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **Please complete all fields and especially "Representative Experience"**.

Please ensure that the **SUBMIT** button has been pressed upon completing the form and notification email will be sent to the parent/guardian listed on the form confirming this expression of interest has been received.

Your child's school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.

Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

Summer Sports Registrations close Friday 28th October 5pm.

Winter Sports Registrations close Friday 3rd February 5pm.

Please contact your school sports coordinator for any further information.

Yours In Sport,

Margaret Thornton

Teaching Educator – Primary Sport

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta



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2017 Team Sport Trials

Parramatta Diocese 2017 Information For Parents of **current Year 4 and Year 5 students**

– Registration window open only for AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Softball & Tennis

Dear Parents,

Parramatta Diocesan Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2017 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2016 and in 2017. It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in years 5 & 6 in 2017 be invited to attend**. To facilitate this, Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

Sport	Age Group	Trial Date	Nominations Open	Registration closing date
AFL	Open boys & girls	15 th February 2017	Open 13 Oct 2016	Friday 3rd February 2017
Basketball	Open boys & girls	15 th November 2016	Open 13 Oct 2016	Friday 28 th October 2016
Cricket	Open boys & girls	11 th November 2016	Open 13 Oct 2016	Friday 28 th October 2016
Diving	10/11yrs & 12/13yrs girls & boys	Term One 2017	Nominations Open in 2017	Registration via CSSS in 2017
Football (Soccer)	Open boys & girls	2 nd March 2017	Nominations Open in 7 Nov 2016	Friday 3rd February 2017
Golf	Open boys & girls	Term Three 2017	Nominations Open in 2017	Registration via CSSS in 2017
Hockey	Open boys & girls	6 th March 2017	Nominations Open in 7 Nov 2016	Friday 3rd February 2017
Netball	Open girls	14 th March 2017	Nominations Open in 7 Nov 2016	Friday 3rd February 2017
Rugby League	Open boys & 11yrs boys – NB. No State team selected for 11 yrs	15 th March 2017	Nominations Open in 7 Nov 2016	Friday 3rd February 2017
Rugby Union	Open boys	28 th April 2017	Nominations Open in 7 Nov 2016	Friday 3rd February 2017
Softball	Open boys & girls	16 th November 2016	Open 13 Oct 2016	Friday 28 th October 2016
Tennis	Open boys & girls	21 st November 2016	Open 13 Oct 2016	Friday 28 th October 2016
Touch	Open boys & girls	29 th March 2017	Nominations Open in 7 Nov 2016	Friday 3rd February 2017

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au ~ Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the SPORT you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form". **Each sport has a different registration criteria.**

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2017 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport and when completed, click SUBMIT.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by your child's school**. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **Please complete all fields and especially "Representative Experience".**

Your child's school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.

Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

\$5.00 trialling fee is payable on the day for after school trials & \$8.00 trialling fee is payable on the day for half day and full day trials.

– This is to be paid to your school once your child has been approved and confirmed to attend the Parramatta Diocesan Trials.

Please note that the full day trials will be for boys cricket, boys soccer, boys rugby league & boys rugby union.

Due to the popularity of boys cricket, boys soccer and girls netball a maximum of 2 children only are eligible to trial from each school. Selection of the 2 boys and girls will be made jointly by the school sport coordinator and principal. Discretion can be sought.

Half day trial for tennis and netball... all other trials will be held after school beginning at 4pm.

MACKILLOP TRIAL

It should be noted that the main purpose of the Mackillop trial is to select a team to compete at the NSWPSSA Championships. The Inter-Diocesan MacKillop Trial is not a competition although a round robin format is often used to facilitate the selection procedure.

NSW PSSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Children who are successful at being selected in the Mackillop team will compete at the NSWPSSA Championships. These championships involve three or four days of competition at various locations in NSW. Children selected in these teams may also be required to attend training sessions. At the NSW PSSA Championships a State team will be selected to participate at the School Sport Australia Inter State Exchange for some sports.

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

To be considered for selection in the NSWPSSA state team for participation at all School Sport Australia 12 Years & Under championships: Students must be turning between the ages of 10 and 12 in the year of competition i.e. Students turning the ages of 8, 9 and 13 in the year of competition are not eligible for NSWPSSA State selection.

Please note the following information:

- Parents are responsible for all transport and supervision arrangements and **must remain to supervise their child at the trial at all times.**
- Children need to generally be of representative standard.
- Attendance at training days, where applicable is compulsory.
- The selector's decisions are final.
- **Parents will need to make their own travel arrangements for children representing Parramatta at Inter-Diocesan MacKillop trials. This may mean travel to Sydney, Wollongong, Canberra, Wagga or Forbes.**
- Please be aware that the teacher conducting the trial and accompanying the team to the venue is a "Team Manager" ~ not a coach.

If you would like your child to participate in one of the Parramatta Diocesan trials **please complete the Team Online Registration Form** that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au ~ Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the **SPORT** you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form".

SUMMER SPORTS NOMINATIONS close Friday 28th October 2016 for the sports of Basketball, Cricket, Softball & Tennis.

WINTER SPORTS NOMINATIONS close Friday 3rd February 2017 for the Sports of AFL, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union & Touch

Information regarding the team sport trials can be found on the Primary Sport website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au and the **Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese Facebook**.

Good luck to all athletes as they progress through the School Sports Pathway.

Kind Regards,

Margaret Thornton

Teaching Educator Primary Sport ~ CEO Parramatta

WEBSITE: www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au

BASKETBALL 2016 - PARRAMATTA Primary Sport TEAM Registration Form (PDCPSSC)

Thank you for your response. You will receive notification from your school closer to the date of the trial if your child meets or does not meet the criteria for trials

This is the message that appears once the registration has been submitted correctly.

Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the **SPORT** you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form".

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NORTH ROCKS ROTARY CHRISTMAS EVENT

CAROLS BY TWILIGHT

Sunday 11 December 2016

5.30pm to 8.30pm approximately

John Wearne Reserve, Farnell Avenue, Carlingford

Sausage Sizzle from 5.30pm

Carols from 6.30pm

Santa will also take a break from his busy schedule to make an appearance.

Local choir groups and selected soloists will lead us through popular carols and Christmas songs.

Bring your family, chairs, rugs and voices and enjoy the Spirit of Christmas.

Glow candles will be available to purchase.



A community event for all the family
brought to you by the Rotary Club of North Rocks

The Churches of North Rocks and Jamie Benjamin Harcourts Hills Living present

North Rocks Carols By Candlelight

Friday 16th December, 2016

5pm-9pm. Carol Singing from 7:30pm

North Rocks Park (cnr of Farnell Ave & North Rocks Rd)

Family Entertainment from 5pm:

- ★ *Jumping Castle and other activities*
- ★ *Face Painting*
- ★ *Baby Sensory Sessions (under 13 months)*
- ★ *Live Performances from local musicians and Carlingford School of Dance*
- ★ *Carol Singing with our band from 7:30pm*
- ★ *A visit from Santa*

Food: (Available from 5:30pm)

- ★ *BBQ*
- ★ *International Food*
- ★ *Snow Cones*
- ★ *Coffee*
- ★ *Ice-creams*
- ★ *Fairy Floss*
- ★ *and much more*

***Come and join us for a great night of fun and entertainment
and experience the true meaning of Christmas***

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Information for parents, guardians and students

Our school has partnered with Transport for NSW to use the new online process for you to submit school travel applications.

This means we will be able to process your applications online, making it easier and faster for parents, guardians and students to apply for school travel.

Applications for school travel in 2017 are now open, including for travel to Mascot and Green Square station and for private ferries. Parents, guardians and students are encouraged to apply as soon as they are able via:

Applications for 2017 school travel are now open via www.transportnsw.info/school-students

A new application is required when:

- applying for a School Opal card or travel pass for the first time,
- enrolling in Kindergarten, or
- requesting an additional entitlement as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation.

You will need to do an update application if the student has a current school travel pass and:

- is progressing from Year 2 to Year 3,
- is progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or
- changes address, or
- changes school or campus.

Already have a School Opal card or travel pass?

- When you've updated, and you are eligible for free school travel next year, Transport for NSW will send you an email confirmation once your application has been processed. For travel in rural or regional NSW, we'll also inform your nominated transport operator(s).
- If you already have a School Opal card that does not need updating, or you've successfully re-applied, the Opal card will automatically be updated for travel next year. Do not throw it out as you'll be able to use it when the school year starts in 2017.
- If you currently have a printed travel pass provided by your transport operator, a new pass will be ready at the beginning of the new school year.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS & BEYOND AT THE MUSEUM

marymackillopplace.org.au

ROOM TO CREATE.... ...GO WILD



Opening 16 December
2016

This coming Christmas holidays and into the New Year bring your family and visit our **Botanical Room** at the Mary MacKillop Place Museum. The room and activities are inspired by the discoveries and observations in nature by Fr Julian Tenison Woods [co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph]. Children will be free to draw from natural specimens and take part in a community mural drawing project. The finished work will be displayed in the museum at the conclusion of the school holiday period.

The space will be open to visitors throughout the first half of the year. You are invited to create and contribute to the wall artwork or create your very own observational drawings. Art supplies, including props to draw, will be available for your creative exploration!

Take refuge from the summer heat and relax in a family friendly space only steps from the café, or relax in the gardens and draw directly from nature by the stream in the Reconciliation Garden.



Christmas Celebration Opening

An opening Prayer and entertainment by the children from Our Lady of the Rosary and St. Angela's Schools, 10.00am to 10.30am

Blessing of the Baby Jesus

Bring the baby Jesus from your family's home Nativity set to the Shrine Chapel for a special Christmas blessing.
10.30am to 11.30am

Sausage Sizzle

The Kellyville Lions Club will be selling delicious sausage sandwiches from 10.00am to 1.00 pm

Christmas Face Painting

Get your free face painting by OLOR YouthGroup and pick a toy from Santa's Toy Chest from 10.00am to 11.30am.

Hills Spirit Soccer

Children can participate in some soccer fun and mini soccer games with their friends, courtesy of Hills Spirit Football Club.
10:00am to 1:00pm

Christmas Tea

A large variety of Christmas desserts, Tea and Coffee will be served from 10.30am until 1.00pm

Christmas Carol Sing Along

Join us for an old fashioned Christmas carol sing along with Joe Apap. 10.30am to 11.30am

Christmas Colouring & Writing Contest

Children have a chance to win great prizes. Get your contest forms at the OLOR Parish Office and complete by 25/11/16. Winners will be announced after Santa's visit

Christmas Gift Booth

A collection of Shrine art and Christmas crafts for sale.
10.00am to 1.00pm on the lawn by the Shrine Chapel

Christmas Raffle

Take a chance to win a Christmas gift basket. Raffle tickets available until the winner is announced at 1.00pm

A Visit from Santa Claus

Santa and his helpers will arrive at 11.30am to visit with children of all ages

***Please park at the Our Lady of the Rosary car park
(8 Diana Ave.) and walk next door to the Shrine***

Christmas at the Shrine



Saturday, 3rd December, 2016

10.00am to 1.00pm

**The Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents
8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville, NSW**

JUNIOR SCIENCE ACADEMY

10 January 2017 - 20 January 2017

Visit the website for more
information

SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSE AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY - juniorscienceacademy.com.au

At the Junior Science Academy, children are introduced to science concepts and skills in a safe and supervised environment at Macquarie University.

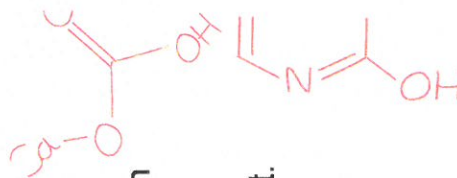
The courses aim to teach the concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft and other hands-on activities.

We provide students with experiences and activities that help them to understand a concept or gain knowledge in an active way.

We add and rotate courses each school holidays and drop off and pick up times are designed for the working parent. The Junior Science Academy is for children in years K-6 in primary school.



Drop Off	8:30am-9:30 am
Activities	9:30am-4:30pm
Pick-Up	4:30pm-5:30pm
Cost	\$120



COMMUNITY NEWS



Catherine McAuley Westmead Enrolments for Year 7 2018

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2018.

Enrolment packs are now available. Please contact our School Reception on 9849 9100.

NORTH ROCKS NETBALL CLUB REGISTRATION for 2017 WINTER SEASON commencing March - April 2017

AGES - Net Set Go 7 – 10 years, Juniors 11 – 17 years, Seniors 18+

Net-Set-Go (7-9 years) choice of Saturday or Friday evening games

North Rocks Netball Club offers: competitive Fees with other clubs - BONUS: \$50 discount to all NEW to the club Primary school aged players PLUS Net Set GO team members receive a Welcome Pack.

Enquiries: Ph: 9871 2896 or Mob: 0407436642 email: wiggys46@optusnet.com.au Club Registrars: Fay Briscoe and Margaret Wigmore

RJ Performing Arts Academy The Hills Boutique Ballet school—3 locations. Free trial available. Information pamphlet available from the school office.

CHRISTMAS IN THE HILLS Bella Vista Farm For the 5th Year Christmas in the Hills will occur on **Wednesday December 14, 2016** from 4pm with food stalls, rides and then the Carols from 7pm – 9pm followed by a spectacular fireworks display.

Be Nurtured and Nourished Weekend Retreats Sometimes you need.....time out from your day to day life.....some new insights, directions and inspiration...a break to go within, reconnect with self and Your God...opportunities to immerse yourself in nature.....St Josephs Centre, Baulkham Hills - **One of these retreats could be the right one for you.....** Time to Nourish Your Heart; Celebrating the Ongoing Birth of God. Information pamphlet from the Office.

Christmas at the Shrine Saturday, 3rd December, 2016 10.00am to 1.00pm

Fun for the whole family with a Christmas Carol Sing Along, Blessing of the Baby Jesus, Sausage Sizzle, Face Painting, Christmas Craft Booth, Soccer Fun and Games, Christmas Raffle, Christmas Tea and a visit from Santa Claus

The Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, 8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville, NSW

Please park at the Our Lady of the Rosary car park (8 Diana Av.) and walk next door to the Shrine.

See information pamphlet on the next page.

MARY MACKILLOP PLACE—SUMMER HOLIDAYS AT THE MUSEUM This School Holidays we invite students and their families to visit us and the new Botanical Room at the MMP Museum – opening 16th December 2016. Children are invited to draw their own artwork (supplies provided) inspired by the discoveries and observations in nature by Fr Julian Tenison Woods (co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph). We have a family-friendly Café and garden – all welcome.

Information on the next page.

We wish you a blessed Christmas hope you can visit us soon.

7-11 Mount St North Sydney 2060 www.marymackillopplace.org.au

Saturday, 17th December - Christmas Carols at the Shrine The Schoenstatt Sisters would like to invite you to join them for an evening of carol singing at the Shrine. Please bring a blanket or chairs and some snacks if you wish. Children are encouraged to come dressed as angels and shepherds. You are welcome to enjoy a picnic dinner in the groups before the Carols commence. **Where:** Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa **Time:** 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm **Cost: Free** - Everybody Welcome.

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