



# Christ the King, North Rocks

## Term 4, Week 5

## 9th November, 2017

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### Term 4, Week 5

#### Friday 10th November

- \* Band 7.45am + lessons throughout the day
- \* Lunch Orders
- \* **Remembrance Day Liturgy 11:30am**  
Scouts, Brownies or Cubs Uniforms may be worn
- \* **Band Demonstration 2pm**  
students from Yr 2 & any interested students Yr 3 - Yr 5

### Term 4, Week 6

#### Monday 13th November

- \* **KINDERGARTEN 2018 Orientation**  
All children 9:00am—12:00pm which includes a Parent Session
- \* **Healthy Harold Life Education for Kindergarten, Yr 1 & Yr 2 + Parent session 12:30—1:00pm**
- \* **Sport Program:** All Children in Sport Uniform
- \* Lunch Orders
- \* **COOL KIDS MUSIC 3pm—4pm**

#### Tuesday 14th November

- \* **Trashless Tuesday**
- \* **Year 2 visiting Featherdale**
- \* Uniform Shop 8am—12:30pm
- \* **PE (see change): Yr 5, Yr 6, Yr 1 {Gr 1}**
- \* **Year 5 2018 (Current Year 4) BYOLT Parent meeting—7pm**

#### Wednesday 15th November

- \* **Lunch Orders**
- \* **PE: Yr 3, Kindy**
- \* **Chess: 3.00-4.00pm**
- \* **SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION 5:30pm & 7:30pm**

#### Thursday 16th November

- \* **Choir 8am**
- \* **PE (see change): Yr 4, Yr 2, Yr 1 {Gr 2}**
- \* Year 6 Reconciliation

#### Friday 17th November

- \* Band 7.45am + lessons throughout the day
- \* Lunch Orders
- \* **Year 5 visiting Powerhouse Museum**
- \* Year 6 at Parish Mass 9:15am

#### Sat 18th /Sun 19th November

- \* Reconciliation Certificates presented at weekend Masses

#### Sun 19th November

- \* Year 3 at Sunday Mass 10am

Dear Parents

In my reading this week I came across an insightful reflective piece on this Sunday's Gospel by the scriptural scholar Greg Sunter titled "Living the Gospel – Living in hope". *A feature of Christian faith is an approach to life that views the future with hope. In our world today, many people look to the future with distrust and even fear. As Christians, we look forward with hope. When change occurs, some allow that change to happen to them whilst others engage in the change process and approach it with hope and expectation. Today's gospel reminds us to be ready for what the future holds; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we've prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant and hope if we've done the proper preparation!*

**Next Wednesday our Year 3 children will make their First Reconciliation.** The children and their families have been preparing for this most significant event in their spiritual life. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive God's unconditional love and forgiveness through this Sacrament of Penance.

**Just a reminder that due to the health concerns and safety of our students, no dogs or puppies are allowed on the school premises at any time.** Your co-operation in this matter will be appreciated by all members of our school community.

**As we move into the second half of this term, it is important that students are at school each day and on time.** Teachers over the next week or so are completing end of year assessments with their classes in order to write reports over the next few weeks. Students who have projects or assignments due are asked to have them completed on time so that they can be graded and assessed in time for reports to be finalized. Student reports will be distributed on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December [Wk9].

**In recent weeks we have struggled with ensuring the drive through pick up of an afternoon flow smoothly.** There has been increased traffic conditions on some afternoons and difficulties with the children listening for their names as they wait for their parents to arrive. I appreciate parents' patience with the traffic and subsequent delays getting in and out of the site. I also applaud parents' endeavors to ensure safety is a priority for all using the pick up service each afternoon. We have had several practices in recent times to ensure that children sitting and waiting to be picked up each afternoon are well aware of the expectations and behave accordingly. Students who are not compliant of an afternoon at the drive through pick up point will be sent to the office where parents will pick them up. It would be appreciated if you could reinforce these expectations at home with your children. For the service to remain viable we need the co-operation of all concerned.

**If your children are not returning to CTK in 2018, it is important to inform us via email or written letter.** As the end of the school year draws near there is much planning and preparation taking place for 2018. At this time of year, we have parents making inquiries regarding enrolment for next year. To assist in finalizing budgets, classes and enrolment numbers for next year we need to know of any children who are not returning to CTK in 2018. Thank you.

**As we move into mid November the teachers and students are well underway with preparations for our annual Christmas concert.** This year the children will be presenting the production of "Straw and Order". It is expected that all students attend the performance on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> December. Students will need to be at school by 6pm on the night with the performance commencing at 6:30pm. We look forward to seeing all our CTK families sharing in the spirit of Christ's birth and the story of Christmas on the night. Further communication regarding the concert will be forwarded in coming weeks.

Have a great week

Tony Hughes  
Principal





# REMEMBRANCE DAY

11 NOVEMBER 2017

On the 11th November 1918, the Great War, World War I ended. It was a war that embraced most nations on earth. The war ended with an armistice:  
a truce on the 11th hour  
of the 11th day  
of the 11th month

The guns fell silent on the western front. It had been four years since Europe had experienced such silence. The silence left people wondering and gave them time to reflect. There had been a great loss of life and an incredible destruction.

Next week on Friday it has been 98 years since that armistice, but many countries throughout the world take time out, on this day, to reflect and pray. Until 1939 it was called Armistice Day (or Veterans Day in other countries), but following World War II, the British and Australian Governments changed the name to Remembrance Day, making it a day we commemorate all people who have died in war.

**Our school will be celebrating Remembrance Day TOMORROW, Friday 10th November, at 11:30 am in the Christ the King Catholic Church. All families are warmly welcomed to join us.**

Date: Friday 10th November, 2017

Venue: Christ the King Church

Time: 11:30

CTK Families are welcome to join us for this solemn assembly. Students may wear their Scouts, Brownies or Cubs uniforms.  
Monica Burley

## Remembrance Day Prayer

God our Father, your Son Jesus gave up His life to free us from the power of sin and death.

He showed us that the greatest love is in giving up one's life for others.

Today we remember those who fought and died for our freedom. We ask you to bless and console them together with their families.

Help us to understand the sacrifices they made in leaving their loved ones to face the horrors of war. May we never forget their generosity.

May your Holy Spirit give us the courage to resist evil in all its forms and show us how to be peacemakers through prayer and action, lest we forget those who fought, suffered and died that we might have the freedom and peace we enjoy today.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.







# CHRIST THE KING NORTH ROCKS

COME CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING  
**SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2017 @ 10AM**  
IN THE CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH.

FOLLOWED BY  
THE BLESSING AND OPENING OF THE REFURBISHED  
**MARY MacKILLOP PARISH HALL**



PRESIDER: BISHOP VINCENT LONG VAN NGUYEN

BRUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY ON THIS MILESTONE IN OUR PARISH.

PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT PARISH OFFICE ON 9871 8710





## Mark In Your Diary

- ⇒ **PARENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING** Monday 13th November (info inside)
- ⇒ **2018 Expression of Interest CEDP Winter Sport Opens** Monday 13th November
- ⇒ **FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING** Friday 24th November
- ⇒ **PERFORMANCE BAND DAY TRIP** Friday 24th November
- ⇒ **FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING WITH BISHOP VINCENT** Sunday 26th November
- ⇒ **CHRISTMAS CONCERT DRESS REHEARSAL** Monday 27th November
- ⇒ **YEAR 5 CAMP** Wed 29th Nov—Fri 1 Dec
- ⇒ **YEAR 6 MOVIE FUN DAY** Friday 1st December
- ⇒ **Healthy Food Nutrition Info talk** Friday 1st December 2pm
- ⇒ **CHRISTMAS CONCERT** Friday 8th December
- ⇒ **YEAR 6 FAMILY GRADUATION DINNER** Saturday 9th December
- ⇒ **YEAR 6 MOTIV8 FUN DAY** Monday 11th December
- ⇒ **YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS** Tuesday 12th December
- ⇒ **CTK SWIMMING CARNIVAL** Thursday 14th December
- ⇒ **THANKSGIVING MASS / AWARDS CEREMONY / YEAR 6 FAREWELL / FAMILY PICNIC** Friday 15th December

## Mark In Your Diary : YEAR 5 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT NIGHT

### **WEDNESDAY, 22nd November**

As part of Year 5's Personal Development program this term: 'Growing and Changing', we will be holding an information/ activity night as an introduction to the unit.

Both students and parents are invited to attend.

**When: Wednesday 22nd November 2017**

**Time: 6:30pm**

**Where: Year 5 classroom**

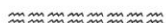
The information evening will be run by Natural Fertility Services, Catholic Care Sydney, Presented by an accredited Fertility Educator.

*We hope you can join us.*

**Library Borrowing** Thank you to all the students throughout the year who have borrowed books from the Holy Faith Library, enjoyed reading them and returned them in good order. Week 6 will be the last week that students will borrow from the library.

Could you please have a good look at home over the next weeks for any school resources i.e. library books and home readers, and return them to school as we will be doing a resource stock take during Weeks 8 and 9.

We have placed some discarded books in a tub on the playground for students to read and take at lunch time. These books are labelled **DISCARDED**. Please **DO NOT** return these books to the library. Remember, your local libraries are excellent places to visit and continue to borrow and read books over the next two months.



We are still waiting on the Carnival Fair books to arrive. I called them yesterday and they are currently being packed. Thank you for your patience.

Sarah Cook, Teacher / Librarian

## *Happy Birthday in November to:*



*Kinder Caroline K  
Katia S  
Clayton B  
Emilia S*

*Year 1 Helena M  
Scarlett R  
William M*

*Year 2 Roland P  
Luca P  
Zachary T*

*Year 3 Ella M  
Sienna W  
Jonathan L  
James L*

*Year 4 Caitlin B  
Tianna B  
Gabriella K  
Hamish M*

*Year 5 Dane G  
Lucy S  
Olivia B*

*Year 6 Abby W  
Amelia P*

## **Christ the King Primary School North Rocks has a new phone number.**

**Please update your School  
Contact information with this  
new number : 02 8846 2700**

For the remainder of 2017 your call will be automatically diverted to the new number and forwarded straight through to the School Office.

## **Enrolment for 2018 – Kindergarten to Year 6**

Christ the King North Rocks is still accepting enrolments for all grades for 2018. Please pass on this information to any family and friends who may be interested.

We welcome you to join our School / Parish Community.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### Gospel of Matthew — 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 reveal 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 will be reading an online Bible, Bible Gateway at [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com) and using the Contemporary English Version. This online version has been approved by the Bishop's office, which 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 Matthew.*

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Wednesday	Friday
	<b>Nov. 6, 2017</b>	<b>Nov. 7, 2017</b>	<b>Nov. 8, 2017</b>	<b>Nov. 9, 2017</b>	<b>Nov. 10, 2017</b>
5	Matthew 25:14-30 A Story about Three Servants	Matthew 25:31-46 The Final Judgment	Matthew 26: 1-5 The Plot to Kill Jesus	Matthew 26:6-13 At Bethany	Matthew 26:14-16 Judas and the Chief Priests

*Please join the Christ the King community in prayerfully reading the Gospel of Matthew for Week 6.*

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Wednesday	Friday
	<b>Nov. 13, 2017</b>	<b>Nov. 14, 2017</b>	<b>Nov. 15, 2017</b>	<b>Nov. 16, 2017</b>	<b>Nov. 17, 2017</b>
6	Matthew 26:17-25 Jesus Eats the Passover Meal with His Disciples	Matthew 26:26-30 The Lord's Supper	Matthew 26:31-35 Peter's Promise	Matthew 26:36-46 Jesus Prays	Matthew 26:47-56 Jesus Is Arrested

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

Monica Burley, Religious Education Coordinator

### The Parish of Christ the King invites you to Our Inaugural Ministry Gathering

Our inaugural Christ the King Parish "Ministry Gathering" will be held on Wednesday 22nd November in the Mary MacKillop Hall  
7pm gathering for a 7.30pm start.

#### The goals of the meeting are:

- To welcome and enhance connections amongst our parishioners
- To contribute to the growth of our parish
- To affirm our ministers and to ensure everyone is engaged
- To seek insights into our parish vision

RSVP to Nadine in the Parish Office on 9871 8710  
or [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org) as soon as possible.





## Term Dates for 2017

**Term 4 for all students ends on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** with our Thanksgiving Mass and Awards Ceremony in the morning followed by our community farewell to year 6. The final two days for the teachers [Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December] are pupil free / Staff Development days.

## Term Dates for 2018

**Year 1 to Year 6 :** For the first two days of school, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January, and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January, the children will be invited to attend an individual assessment session at the school. *Please note: your child will only need to attend one session on one day. Booking information will be sent home soon.*

**Students from Year 1 to Year 6 will begin full school days on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January.** For this day, the children will need 'fruit break', 'recess, a drink and 'lunch'. Lunch orders will NOT be available on this day.

**Kindergarten :** For the first three days of school, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January and Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, the children will be invited to attend an individual assessment session at the school. *Please note: your child will only need to attend one session on one day. Booking information will be sent home soon.*

**Kindergarten will begin full school days on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### TERM DATES FOR 2018 are :

#### **Term 1**

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January – Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Years 1-6 Assessment days
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Years 1-6 begin school
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January – Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Kindergarten assessments days
Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Kindergarten begin full school days

Good Friday,	Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> March	}
Easter Sunday,	Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup> April	}
Easter Monday,	Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	}
Public Holidays		

Last Day Term 1 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April

<b>Term 2</b>	Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May	to	Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Term 3</b>	Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> July	to	Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> October	to	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December

### Life Education - Healthy Harold Visit

Life Education empowers our children and young people to make safer and healthier choices through education. Next Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, Healthy Harold, Life Education's favourite mascot will be visiting Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. Following are the modules each of the grades will learn about.

#### **Kindergarten - My Body Matters**

Harold and his friends want to look their best for photo day at school, but discover that things don't always go to plan. This module focuses on things children can do to keep themselves healthy including: • the importance of personal hygiene • choosing foods for a healthy balanced diet • benefits of physical activity and sleep • ways to keep safe at home, school and in the community.

#### **Year 1 - Ready Steady Go**

Harold and his friends are ready for their big race at the school athletics carnival. Or are they? When one member of their relay team doesn't show up, what will they do? This fun, engaging narrative provides opportunities to discover: • benefits of physical activity • safety strategies in different environments • how our body reacts in new situations • what our body needs to be healthy including a nutritious diet, water and sleep

#### **Year 2 - Growing Good Friends**

Harold battles to figure out what to give his grandma for her birthday, until his friends, Boots and Red step in and offer some good ideas. This animated story takes us to familiar surroundings where students can: • explore what health messages mean • identify safety signs • recognise how physical activity and nutrition contribute to a healthy lifestyle • explore how positive relationships benefit our health and wellbeing

### Life Education - Parent Session

Following the grade sessions next Monday, there will be a parent session for those who are able to attend between 12.30pm and 1.00pm.





## **Band News**

**Congratulations** to Ciara M. from the Performance Band and Lucas H. from the Concert Band for receiving Band Member of the Week.

**Just a reminder that band rehearsals start at 7:45am** so students will need to arrive at 7:35am to set up and commence on time.

**Is your child interested in joining Band in 2018?** The CTK Band is open to students from Year 3 to Year 6.

A **Demonstration Concert** will be held TOMORROW, Friday November 10 at 2pm on the COLA. Current Year 2 students (Year 3, 2018) will be attending this demonstration concert as will any interested students from Year 3 to Year 5. Performance Band students should practise the same pieces as the Battle of the Bands competition.

### **Coming dates:**

- November 10: CTK Demonstration Concert 2pm
- November 17: Blow testing for the year 2's and any other interested children from grades 3-5 (see information below)
- December 8: CTK Christmas Concert, band to play at 6pm sharp

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## **BRING YOUR OWN LEARNING TOOL (BYOLT)**

**Information was sent home to Year 4 families earlier this week**

Christ the King will continue with the ***Bring Your Own Learning Tool (BYOLT) program*** in a **voluntary** capacity in 2018 (for Year 5 2018).

**An INFORMATION NIGHT will be held NEXT TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER @ 7PM for current Year 4 parents in the Year 5 Learning Space. We hope you can join us.**

With overwhelming support from our Christ the King parents, there has been extraordinary success with the ***Bring Your Own Learning Tool BYOLT*** initiative in Year 5 this year (2017). We are bringing our students into 21st Century learning and extending their multimodal learning.

This means that students, with parental permission, will bring an ipad to school for learning purposes **only**. Once a decision has been made as a family that your child can bring an iPad to school, a policy will need to be signed by both the students and the parents that explains the procedures and the protocols around bringing a personal device to school.

To help make this process smoother for parents, students and teachers, an information night will be held ***NEXT Tuesday 14th November at 7:00pm in the Year 5 Learning Space***. We hope you can join us.

This information night will include:

- Discussing the policy and expectations of the BYOLT program
- The expectations of the students
- The intended outcome for the students
- How this will look and run in the classroom
- Using the iPads at home as well as at school
- Safety around the use and storage of the iPads
- Using google drive
- Creating Apple ID's that are safe for students (there is a procedure in creating these for the children. Please do not create one until you have attended this information night).





# Crazy Sock Day at CTK



Christ the King  
raised \$468 for  
Catholic Mission's  
'Crazy Sock Day'





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Thank you for your  
generosity and please  
continue your prayers  
for those that Catholic  
Mission support  
throughout the world.



This week our PBS4L Focus is to use:

# Safe and Caring Hands!





In Year 3 we DON'T hurt each other:



In Year 3 we DO show each other how much we care:





In Year 3 we DON'T push each other in handball:

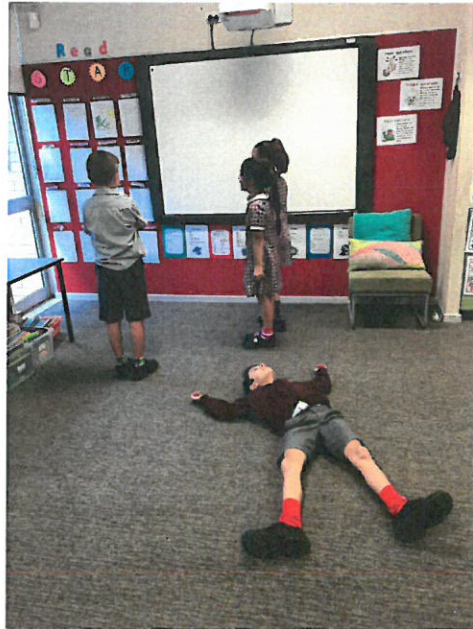


In Year 3 we DO use safe and caring hands when playing games:





In Year 3 we DON'T ignore others when they are hurt:

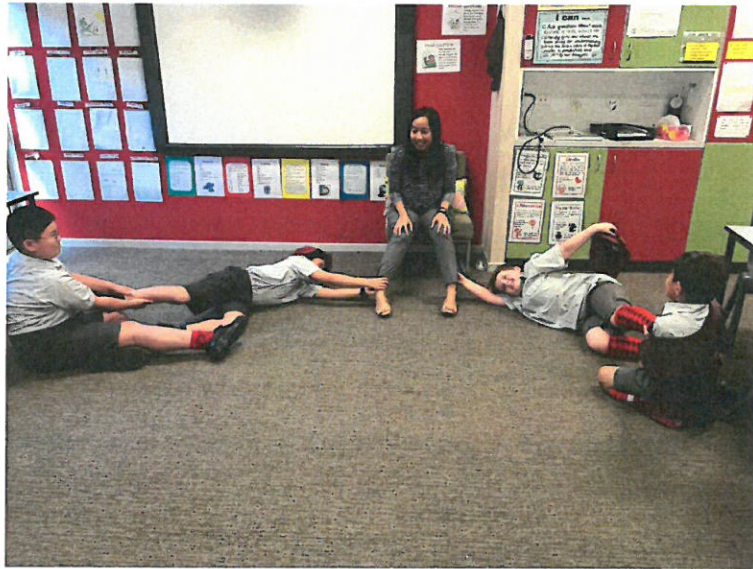


In Year 3 we DO use safe and caring hands to help others when they are hurt:





In Year 3 we DON'T get the teacher's attention by using our hands:



In Year 3 we DO put our hands up to share our ideas:





In Year 3 we DON'T set the wrong example for others:



In Year 3 we DO take care of each other with our hands:







## **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.



## **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 on the Skoolbag App is not to be used for extended Family leave.**

- Request for Family leave (1-5 days) must be emailed to the Principal. *If travelling overseas, an itinerary must accompany this application.*
- For Family leave over 5 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.*

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## **STUDENT LEAVE APPLICATIONS (any leave other than student sick leave) COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

The Catholic Education Office Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) has procedures and guidelines in place to achieve high standards of student attendance in collaboration with parents. Parents are required by law to ensure that children aged between 6 and 17 attend school.

Schools are required to monitor and keep a register of student attendance and explained absences.

### **Requirements for Exemption from attendance for student absence and travel**

**1-5 days absence:** Parents must notify the school principal by mail or email (written) at least 2 weeks before leave date. **If this travel is Overseas, an Application for Extended Leave form must be completed.** Copies of travel documents must attach Overseas applications.

**5-100 days absence (whether travelling in Australia or Overseas) :** Parents must complete and submit the Application for Extended Leave form at least 2 weeks prior to commencing leave (Copies of travel documents must accompany this application whether travelling in Australia or Overseas). If approved the Principal issues a Certificate of Extended Leave. If the principal declines this application (i.e : it is not within the best interest of the child to take leave and be absent from school), a letter notifying parents that the application has been declined would be forthcoming.



## **SPORT NEWS**

**Term 4 Week 5— Registrations for Winter Sport Trials close on Friday 2nd February 2018**

### **2018 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials—Current Year 4 & Year 5 Students**

**WINTER sport registrations for 2018 trials will open on MONDAY, 13th November.**

**Registrations for Winter sports will close on FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2018.**

**NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2018 are invited to register to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials which will be held during Term Four in 2017 (Summer sports—Registrations have closed) and Term One in 2018 (Winter sports). In some sports students in Year 4 **MAY** nominate. **SUMMER SPORT REGISTRATION HAS CLOSED.**

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 2018 be invited to attend.**

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

\*AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), & 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

[www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au)

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2018 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.***

**Margaret Thornton**  
**Primary Sport Committee**  
**Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta**

Please see following pages for detailed registration information.

*Aaron Debrincat*  
Sport Coordinator





Catholic Education  
Diocese of Parramatta

# 2018 Team Sport Trials

## Parramatta Diocese 2018 Information For Parents of **current Year 4** and Year 5 students – Registration window open only for Basketball & Tennis ONLY

All correspondence to:

**PDCPSSC**

Aengus Kavanagh Education & Equity Centre

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Mobile 0408 278 918

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[www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au)

Facebook: Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese

Dear Parents,

Parramatta Diocesan Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2018 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2017 and Term One in 2018. 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 2018 be invited to attend**. To facilitate this, Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

Sport	Age Group	Trial Date	Registration closing date
AFL	Open boys & girls	Term One 2018	Friday 2nd February 2018
<del>Basketball</del>	<del>Open boys &amp; girls</del> <b>CLOSED</b>	<del>14<sup>th</sup> November 2017</del>	<del>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017</del>
Cricket	Open boys & girls	Term One 2018	Friday 2nd February 2018
Diving	10/11yrs girls & boys & 12/13yrs girls & boys	Term One 2018	Registration via CSSS in 2018
Football (Soccer)	Open boys & girls	Term One 2018	Friday 2nd February 2018
Golf	Open boys & girls	Term Three 2018	Registration via CSSS in 2018
Hockey	Open boys & girls	Term One 2018	Friday 2nd February 2018
Netball	Open girls	Term One 2018	Friday 2nd February 2018
Rugby League	Open boys & 11yrs boys - NB. No State team selected for 11 yrs	Term One 2018	Friday 2nd February 2018
Rugby Union	Open boys	Term One 2018	Friday 2nd February 2018
Softball	Open boys & girls	Term One 2018	Friday 2nd February 2018
<del>Tennis</del>	<del>Open boys &amp; girls</del> <b>CLOSED</b>	<del>20<sup>th</sup> November 2017</del>	<del>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017</del>
Touch	Open boys & girls	Term One 2018	Friday 2nd February 2018

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](http://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 2018 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.**

**\$8.00 trialling fee is payable on the day for after school trials & \$10.00 trialling fee is payable on the day for half day and full day trials.**

**– This is to be paid upon registration at the trials once your child has been approved 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.**

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 NSW PSSA 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 N.S.W. P.S.S.A. 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 NSW PSSA 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 NSW PSSA 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](http://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"**.

**NOMINATIONS close Friday 27th October 2017 for the sports of Basketball & Tennis**  
**and entries close Friday 2nd February 2018 for all other sports.**

Kind Regards,

*Margaret Thornton*

Teaching Educator Primary Sport ~ CEO Parramatta

WEBSITE: [www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au)



This is the message that appears once the registration has been submitted correctly and a NO-REPLY email should be received within 24 hours.

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"**.



# PARENT VOLUNTEERS WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

New directive from the Diocesan Office 25<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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](http://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

If you have any issues with this form opening, please try a different browser; Chrome, Firefox, Explorer



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

[www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://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.

Communities page.

Click on the green Volunteer tab (left hand side)

Click on Step 2—Complete the Online Training Module

If you have any issues with this Module opening, please try a different browser; Chrome, Firefox, Explorer

**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](http://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.



## COMMUNITY NEWS



OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

### College Open Morning Tour

Wednesday November 15, 2017

*expanding beyond what we know we can be*

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on **Wednesday, November 15, 2017** - the last tour of the year.

Tour the College and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

Visit [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) to reserve your place or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can become a Mercy Girl.

**WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY PENRITH OBSERVATORY** Penrith Observatory (Building AO), Western Sydney University, Werrington North Campus, Great Western Highway, Werrington **Enquiries and bookings ; [https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith\\_observatory/whats\\_on](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith_observatory/whats_on)**

**Date:** 11 November **Event name:** Volcanoes of the Solar System **Event details:** Dr Andrew McGonigle Whilst earth is volcanically active, the real volcanic wonders of the solar system lie far beyond our planet. Indeed, volcanoes on Mars, Venus, The Moon and Io, to name a few locations, outstrip those of Earth in scale and vigour. This talk will provide an overview of our growing understanding of extra-terrestrial volcanism and different it is to that on Earth.

Includes presentation, short 3D movie, tour of the dome and viewing of the night sky through a range of telescopes (weather permitting). \$18.00 Adult \$12.00 Child/Concession \$50.00 Family (2 adults + 2 children) Children under 3 years of age free. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** **Time:** 8pm – 10pm

**Date:** 25 November **Event name:** From Conventional Rockets to the Warp Drive **Event details:** Mr Nicholas Ralph Trekking Kilometres on Earth might seem like a task, but in the vast empty void of space we face far greater distances. Beginning with our fight against gravity, voyaging to distant planets has become a dilemma of money, time, and critically, energy. Join us in exploring humanity's journey from conventional rockets to nuclear propulsion and take a peek at the real science behind the fabled warp drive.

Includes presentation, short 3D movie, tour of the dome and viewing of the night sky through a range of telescopes (weather permitting). \$18.00 Adult \$12.00 Child/Concession \$50.00 Family (2 adults + 2 children) Children under 3 years of age free. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** **Time:** 8pm – 10pm



**North Rocks**

**Uniting  
Preschool**

**Date:** 9 December 2017 **Event name:** You Are Here Part Three, The Universe **Event details:** Dr Nick Tothill Leaving our own Galaxy behind, we travel out into the Universe, looking for the biggest objects of all. Clusters, superclusters, walls of galaxies and voids full of nothing, all pushed and pulled around by mysterious dark matter and even-more-mysterious dark energy. As we travel outwards, we travel back in time towards the beginning of the universe, and ask, 'what happens

now...?' It doesn't matter if you missed the first parts in this series. Includes presentation, short 3D movie, tour of the dome and viewing of the night sky through a range of telescopes (weather permitting). \$18.00 Adult \$12.00 Child/Concession \$50.00 Family (2 adults + 2 children) Children under 3 years of age free.

Please Note: Parents/carers are responsible for and need to remain with their children at all times **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** **Time:** 8pm – 10pm

**After 14 years Phil Swain and his family are leaving our church to minister at Turramurra Uniting Church.**

We invite all Preschool families past and present to join us for a **Farewell Afternoon Tea.**

**Tuesday the 14th of November 2017. Time: 3-5pm**

Please bring a nut free plate of food to share.

RSVP to the Preschool by email [preschool@northrocks.org.au](mailto:preschool@northrocks.org.au) or by calling the preschool on 9630 4283

**Northmead Uniting Netball Club** Northmead Uniting Netball Club is a member of the Gooden Reserve Netball Association. This is a local community competition held on Saturday afternoons at Gooden Reserve in Baulkham Hills. We are committed to maintaining a low-cost competition that has a friendly, safe and welcoming environment where girls (and boys under 12) of all skill levels can participate.

**2018 Registration Fees :** These fees are a one-off payment which covers the **entire season. Fun Net: \$55 Up to Year 7: \$75 Year 8 and above: \$80** Season starts 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018. All enquiries **Email: [northmeadnetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:northmeadnetballclub@gmail.com)**

**Register online now at: [www.goodenreservenetball.com](http://www.goodenreservenetball.com)** Go to Northmead Uniting tab. Registrations close 16 February 2018

**Fun Net:** For ages 5 – 7 (Kindy and Year 1) we have Fun Net, which teaches basic ball skills, the rules of the game and teamwork. Fun net is held every Saturday at 12.30.

**Junior Competition:** Years 2 to Years 12 at school. Our junior competition is open to everyone, including those who have not played previously. Games are held every Saturday between 12.30 and 3pm.

**Adult Competition:** Our adult division is a social competition with a fun, friendly atmosphere. We have players who join after not playing for years and even those who have never played. This is the perfect competition to join with a group of friends for some exercise and fun! Teams and individual registrations welcome.





# **FUTURE SCHOOLS! FUTURE READY! WHERE TO NEXT?**



**Monday, 13 November 2017**

**The Parent Representative Council Diocese of Parramatta  
welcomes**

**Mr Mark Holyoake**

**DIRECTOR OF ENTERPRISE – CATHOLIC EDUCATION DIOCESE PARRAMATTA**

**Term 4 PRC Meeting**

**Where: Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe Rd and Marion St, Blacktown NSW**

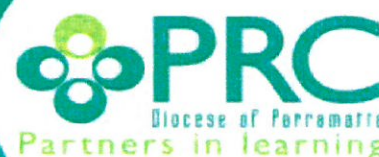
**When: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start**

**( PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session)**

**Register FREE at PRCParra on Facebook or at  
<https://goo.gl/forms/m7vK9Tv210A0ogLf2>**



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Join us for a family night with your picnic basket and blanket to enjoy an evening of live music and Christmas festivities!

**December 1<sup>st</sup> - 5.30-7.30**

***All Proceeds of the event go to Ronald McDonald House***

Face painting, sausage BBQ  
&  
of course a visit from Santa!

**Free ticketed event**  
**Get your tickets at [Trybooking.com](http://Trybooking.com)**  
**'Christmas@Oakhill'**