



Christ the King, North Rocks

Term 2, Week 1

4th May, 2018

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Term 2, Week 2

Monday 7th May

- * **Sport Program:** All Children in PE Uniform
- * Lunch Orders
- * COOL KIDS MUSIC 3pm—4.30pm

Tuesday 8th May

- * **ICAS Digital Technology 7.45am**
- * **Trashless Tuesday**
- * Uniform Shop 8am—12:30pm
- * **PE:** Yr 6 Yr 2, Yr 1 (Gr 1)

Wednesday 9th May

- * **Writing Club 8am**
- * Lunch Orders
- * **PE:** Yr 5 Kindy
- * **Chess:** 3.00-4.00pm

Thursday 10th May

- * Choir 8am
- * **PE :** Yr 4, Yr 3, Yr 1 {Gr 2}

Friday 11th May

- * Band 7.45 All Students
- * **Lunch Orders**
- * **Mother's Day Liturgy + Morning Tea**

Term 2, Week 3

Monday 14th May

- * **Sport program:** All Children in PE Uniform
- * Lunch Orders
- * COOL KIDS MUSIC 3pm - 4.30pm

Tuesday 15th May

- * **NAPLAN - Years 3 & 5**
- * Uniform Shop 8am—12:30pm
- * **PE:** Yr 6, Yr 2, Yr 1 {Gr 1}

Wednesday 16th May

- * **NAPLAN - Years 3 & 5**
- * **Writing Club 8am**
- * Lunch Orders
- * **PE:** Yr 5, Kindy
- * **Chess:** 3.00-4.00pm

Thursday 17th May

- * **Choir 8am**
- * **NAPLAN - Years 3 & 5**
- * **PE :** Yr 4, Yr 3, Yr 1 {Gr 2}
- * Year 5 Reconciliation

Friday 18th May

- * Band 7.45am All Students
- * Lunch Orders
- * **Year 5 at Mass**
- * **Debating 9.30-10.00am St Michaels Baulkham Hills**

Sunday 20th May

- * **Pentecost Sunday Year 6 at Mass**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our staff, student and the families to the second term of 2018. I trust everyone enjoyed the break and was able to relax, step out of the "school week routine" and enjoy some down time with your families over the two weeks. These next ten weeks are a busy time with a focus on assessment and reporting in the second half of the term culminating in parent teacher interviews in the weeks 9 and 10. I encourage all students to focus on their studies, enjoy their learning and do the very best over the next ten weeks setting goals and striving to achieve them. Best wishes to everyone for a most enjoyable and successful term.

This Sunday's Gospel has a most significant theme - "Love" St John in his writing this week begins with the focus on keeping the commandments and living our daily lives by them. By keeping the commandments, we are assured of being ensconced in God's unconditional love. We are reminded that the greatest commandment of all - **"Love one another as I have loved you"** is the creed by which we are encouraged to live our lives. St John communicates with us, our Lord's ultimate sacrifice through his Crucifixion reminding us that *A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends*. This ultimate sacrifice by Christ is the centre of our faith and tradition as well as the story of the Catholic church that continues to be passed down through time from one generation to the next.

During week three of this term our year 3 and 5 students will participate in NAPLAN assessment tests. These students will complete a series of tests in numeracy, comprehension writing and language conventions over the three-day period from Tuesday 15th May - Thursday 17th. These series of exams are completed by all year 3 & 5 students across the country and are another valuable assessment tool that teachers utilise to evaluate their student's learning and growth in literacy and numeracy as well as assist them in their future planning and programme.

Sunday week the 13th May we celebrate Mothers day across the nation. We too will celebrate this wonderful day on Friday morning [11th May] commencing with our liturgy at 9:15am followed by morning tea and open classroom. ***Any dads, grandpas and uncles free next Friday morning who can assist us with serving morning tea to our mums could you please contact me via email [ahughes@parra.catholic.edu.au] or contact the school office.*** On this special day I believe it is important for our mums to be able "to put up their feet" so to speak and be served morning tea. This is just a small way in which we can say thanks to our "mums" in the community who do everything for us each and every day!

Next Wednesday evening the first parent KLA curriculum workshop for the year will be held in the hall commencing at 7:00pm. These workshop sessions throughout the year are designed to assist parents in key curriculum area and with pedagogical approaches related to your children's learning. Our first session next Wednesday night will outline CTK's action plan learning goals for 2018 in the areas of Literacy Numeracy and Formation [RE] as well as how as parents can we better help our children with their reading at home. All parents and friends are invited to attend. Please RSVP via email [northrocks@parra.catholic.edu.au] or contact the school office by phone 8846-2700. We look forward to seeing you there on Wednesday night

Have a great week!

Tony Hughes
Principal

Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

Year 6 Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

CHESS NEWS

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Christ the King Primary School is held on:

Beginner/Rookie: Wednesdays from 3:00pm to 4:00pm, starting on 2 May 2018

Intermediate: Wednesdays from 3:00pm to 4:00pm, starting on 2 May 2018

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

MARK IN YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 8th May

- ICAS Digital Technologies 7.45am

Friday 11th May

- Mother's Day Liturgy

Tuesday 15th May

- Family Fun Day

Tuesday 15th May - Thursday 17th May

- NAPLAN Year 3 & Year 5

Tuesday 29th May

- ICAS Science 7.45am

Wednesday 30th May

- First Eucharist Practice evening

Saturday -Sunday 2-3 June

- First Eucharist Ceremony

Wednesday 13th June

- ICAS Spelling 7.45am

Thursday 14th June

- ICAS Writing 7.45am

Friday 15th June

- NSWCPSCC Cross Country

Friday 22nd June

- CTK Athletics Carnival



SPRING FAIR

Dear CTK Families,

The Spring Fair is drawing near and we are appealing to our fantastic and generous families for contributions to the Chocolate Wheel.

Over the next few weeks we would love you to start collecting all your "unwanted" gifts and household goods. You may have an abundance of candles, body washes, platters etc left over from Christmas and the kids may have been given loads of toys and clothes that they can't use or have out grown. You may have homewares or electrics that you have purchased and are still in their original box. We are in need of brand new items still in packaging to be collated together into gift baskets and boxes for our Chocolate wheel.

Please collect your donations and we will advise you of a date to drop these goods off over the next few weeks.

FINAL CALL:

If there is anyone out there who would be willing to donate a major prize for the "Hourly Big Spins", we need 5 big ticket items which will raise the excitement of the chocolate wheel and the major spins. Could you please contact Connie Este on 0400 308 570 if you have some great news regarding a prize. **If you are interested in sponsoring the Spring Fair please contact the Parish / School office by May 14th.**

Thanking you all in advance. Looking forward to a great Spring Fair this year.
Connie Este, Catherine Louise, Shalu Cerrone and Caroline Elchaar

CTK WINTER UNIFORM - TERM 2 CHANGEOVER

There will be a grace / change-over period for the first 2 weeks of Term 2 depending on the weather. During this time, at parent discretion, children may wear either their summer or winter school uniform.

Please ensure whichever uniform your child wears, it is the full uniform, i.e. not girls summer uniform with tights or boys shorts with long sleeved shirts. Thank you.



BOOKCLUB - brochures went home Wednesday this week. Please be advised that all **ORDERS** must be placed **online by 14th May**.

Uniform Shop 2018 open every Tuesday from 8am to 12:30pm

The Uniform Shop Price List is 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.

NEXT TRADING DAY : TUESDAY 8th May, 2018

*Happy Birthday for
the month of May:*

Year 1 Rayan K
Alyssa D
Ryan L
Emily K
Paul R
Luke W
Aria S
Emily K

Year 2 Evie W
Sarah D
Benjamin K
Evarose B
Matthew R
John-Paul R

Year 3 Lucas H
Annalise F

Year 4 Daniel W
Max R
Samuel R
Stephanie E
Anthony M
Eden H
Aidan K
Tony S
Amarlie S
Buddy-Ray S

Year 5 Liam A
John N

Year 6 Danielle N
Joshua K
Jason Z
Elle D



*The School office is open
from 8.30am-3.30pm*

COMING HOME SOON

- Term 2 School Calendar

Cross Country

Well done to the following students who represented CTK with pride and passion on Tuesday at the Parramatta Diocesan Carnival at Eastern Creek.

8/9 Boys - Zachary T, Nicholas K, Lucas H, Adrian B, James F and Christian M.

8/9 Girls - Brinleigh G, Mackenzie M, Lara K, Annika M, Claire R and Filumena L.

10 Boys - Anthony M, Matthew K, Christian E, Aidan K, Jack T and Adrian P.

10 Girls - Stephanie E, Keira K, Talia Y, Alanna D, Kessyena O and Ella M.

11 Boys - Alec M, Aidan M, Max M, Gianni S, Max T and Henry A.

11 Girls - Caitlin B, Olivia S, Katya E, Gabriella K, Noa P and Emma M.

12 Boys - Alex D, Luca G, Luca T, Dane G, Josha C and Joshua K.

12 Girls - Hee Soo L, Anisha H, Marie B and Sophie S.

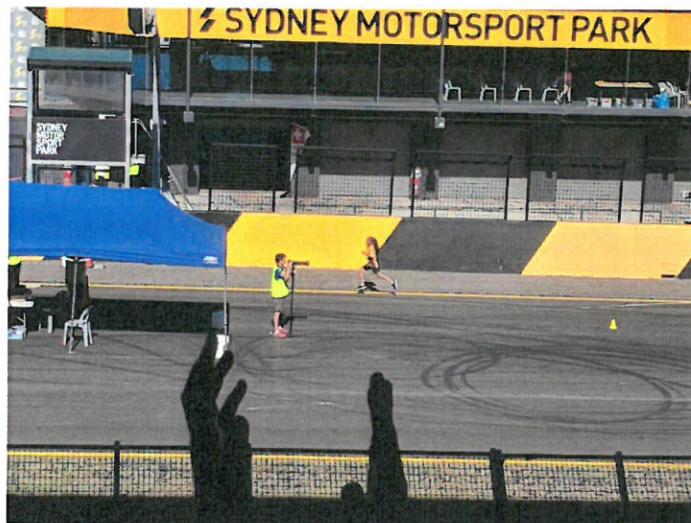
Thank you to those parents who were in attendance who assisted with the running of the carnival.

Congratulations to Brinleigh, Mackenzie, Talia, Caitlin and Olivia who will be moving forward to the inter-diocesan carnival later this term. We wish the girls well on this day.

Rep Trials

Congratulations to Dane and Lucas in Year 6 for being selected to represent Parramatta in Rugby Union.

Congratulations to Isabelle and Talia for their selection in the Parramatta Girls Soccer Team.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
Gospel of Mark — 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 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 Mark.

	April 30, 2018	May 1, 2018	May 2, 2018	May 3, 2018	May 4, 2018
1	Mark 1:1-8 The Preaching of John the Baptist	Mark 1:9-11 The Baptism of Jesus	Mark 1:12-13 Jesus and Satan	Mark 1:14-15 Jesus Begins His Work	Mark 1:16-20 Jesus Chooses Four Fishermen

Please join the Christ the King community in prayerfully reading the Gospel of Mark for Week 2.

	May 7, 2018	May 8, 2018	May 9, 2018	May 10, 2018	May 11, 2018
2	Mark 1: 21-28 A Man with an Evil Spirit	Mark 1:29-39 Jesus Heals Many People	Mark 1:40-45 Jesus Heals a Man	Mark 2:1-12 Jesus Heals a Crippled Man	Mark 2:13-17 Jesus Chooses Levi

We hope you all take this opportunity to join us at a Catholic Community in prayer and reflection of the Gospel of Mark.

Monica Burley, Religious Education Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS

May - National Family Reading Month

Research shows that family reading time is one of the best ways to grow a child's interest in the wonderful world of books.

Kids who read, success!

This May try to make time to read with your children as a family. Maybe sit together for 10 minutes before bed time in the lounge room, everyone reading their own book or reading one book out loud. The benefits of shared language and the time spent together as a family will go a long way to helping your child succeed at school.

Premier's Reading Challenge 2018

Please encourage your children to continue with the PRC throughout Term 2. Our library has hundreds of titles that are on the challenge. The challenge ends late August, so keep reading!

Sarah Cook
Teacher Librarian LTST

"My Mum, My Friend"

Congratulations to Teja F and Katya E.

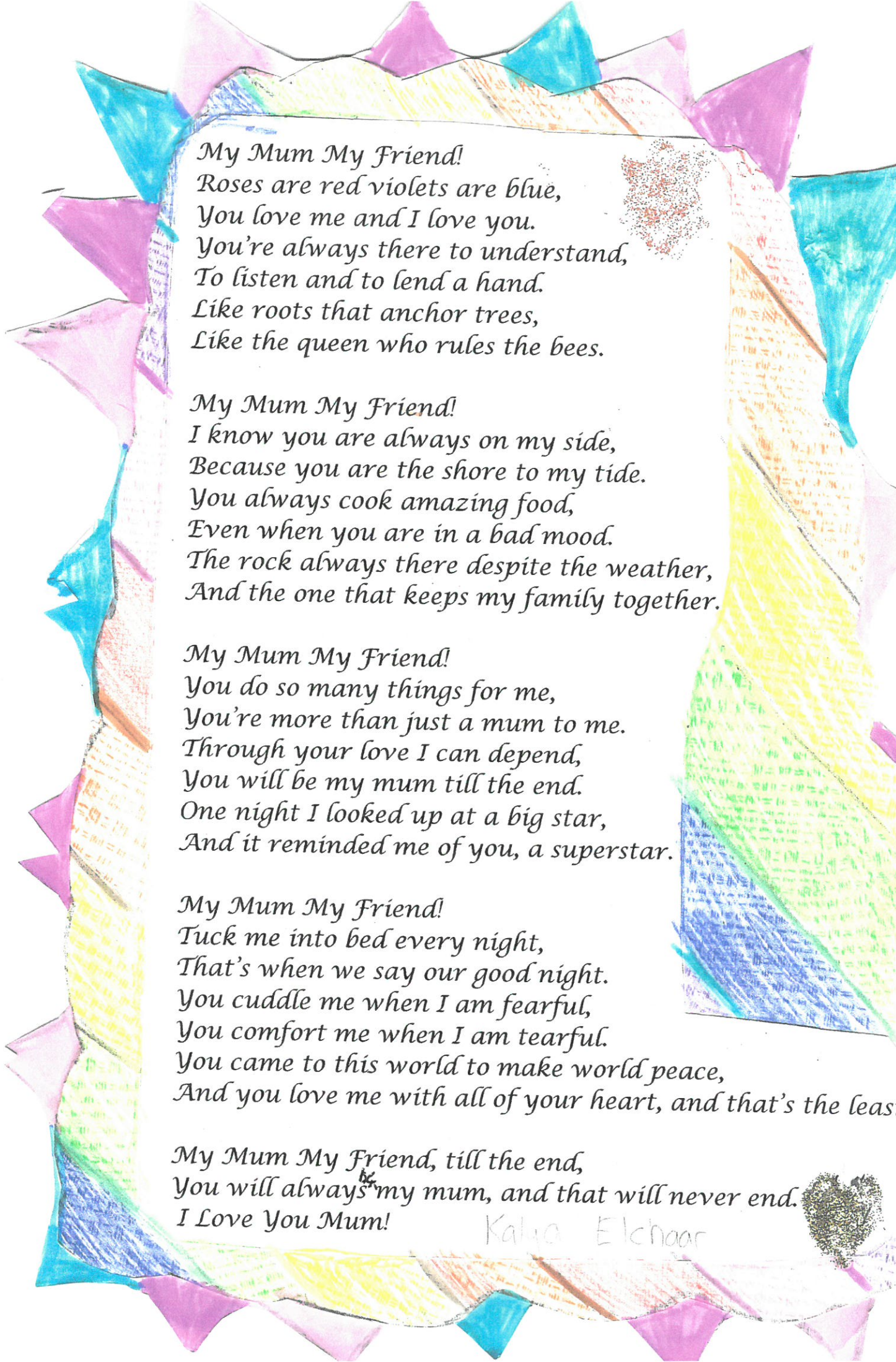
Their poems were the selected winners by The Rotary Club of North Rocks in their recent poetry competition.

Read their lovely poems over the next few pages.....

My Mum My Friend

By Teja Franjesevic

My Mum my friend
I will love her until the end
She is one of my favorite people in life
I can't imagine how lucky my dad must feel to have her as his wife
She always puts others before herself
And teaches me not to care about wealth
Even though we sometimes fight
She always teaches me to do what's right
She reminds me that God sees all
Especially when I make other's hearts sore
Growing up she has been my role model
Even when I was young and use to wobble
My mother is so beautiful and pretty
Especially when she gets dressed up for family dinner in the city
My mum can turn any conversation into a song
For my mum is a rocker from way beyond
She always cares for me
Well beyond the age of three
She always takes care of me when I'm sick
And puts on that smelly stuff called Vicks
She never misses out on any soccer games
Even if she was meant to be at work for her boss Mr James
She never forgets to tuck me into bed
And makes the sign of the cross on my head
If I fall she never hesitates to see if I'm okay
Even though she knows that I'll just get up again and play
If I'm doing something that's wrong
She will teach me what's right and remind me to be strong
Without her I wouldn't be here today
My mother my friend
She will also love me until the end



My Mum My Friend!
Roses are red violets are blue,
You love me and I love you.
You're always there to understand,
To listen and to lend a hand.
Like roots that anchor trees,
Like the queen who rules the bees.

My Mum My Friend!
I know you are always on my side,
Because you are the shore to my tide.
You always cook amazing food,
Even when you are in a bad mood.
The rock always there despite the weather,
And the one that keeps my family together.

My Mum My Friend!
You do so many things for me,
You're more than just a mum to me.
Through your love I can depend,
You will be my mum till the end.
One night I looked up at a big star,
And it reminded me of you, a superstar.

My Mum My Friend!
Tuck me into bed every night,
That's when we say our good night.
You cuddle me when I am fearful,
You comfort me when I am tearful.
You came to this world to make world peace,
And you love me with all of your heart, and that's the least.

*My Mum My Friend, till the end,
You will always be my mum, and that will never end.
I Love You Mum!*

Kalga Elchaar

MOTHER'S DAY

EVENTS

Mother's Day Wrapping Morning

MANY HANDS, MAKE FOR LIGHT WORK!!! And we need many hands please for wrapping **NEXT TUESDAY 8th May (Week 2) from 9:00am** in the Hall. Come for as long as you can as the more helpers the quicker we can work our way through the gifts. Please, no children or students thank you. Everyone's time is valuable so whatever time you are able to give will be most appreciated. Please RSVP to ccassar2@parra.catholic.edu.au if you are able to assist.

Mother's Day Stall

The Mother's Day Stall will be held **NEXT THURSDAY 10 May (Week 2)**. If you are free to help with selling on this day, could you please meet in the hall at 9.30am in the morning. We need roughly 12 helpers to run the payment and gifts tables. The majority of the helpers will be needed between 9:30am—10:45am with approximately 6 helpers needed from 11:15am—12:00pm. We envisage that the stall will be finished by approximately 12pm.

1 gift per student @ \$5.00

We have a large range of fantastic gifts for Mum's special day. Please ensure your child has their money on **THURSDAY**. 1 gift per student.

If there are any presents left over, they will be offered for purchase.

Students absent on Thursday will be able to purchase their gift on Friday morning from the Office.

Mother's Day Liturgy

Friday 11th May 9:15am—10:30am

We all cherish our Mothers. We would like you all to come to celebrate the gift of Mothers with a special liturgy on Friday 11th May at 9:15am in the Hall.

Morning Tea will then be served outside the Staffroom.

You are then invited to your child's classroom/s to share the wonderful learning that is taking place.

PBS4L

Positive Behaviour Support for Learning

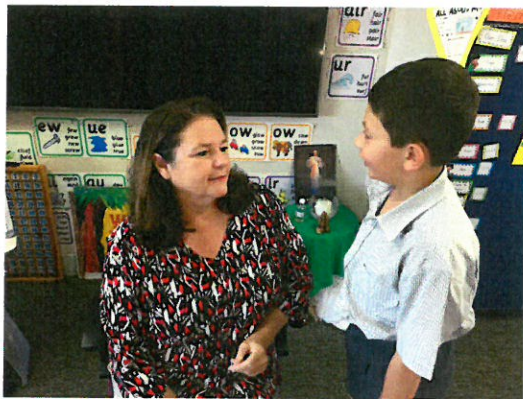


At CTK we speak and act with kindness.

During this week CTK has been learning about ways that we can speak and act with kindness. We have been discussing in our learning groups about how we can be more like Jesus by using kind words when speaking with others and making choices which help others to feel good and happy.



I can speak and act with kindness on the playground with my friends.



I can speak and act with kindness with my teacher.



I can speak and act with kindness by saying 'thank you' to someone who has helped me.



I can speak and act with kindness in the classroom when working.



I can speak and act with kindness by saying 'please' when I ask for something.

I can speak and act with kindness by saying 'excuse me' when I need to interrupt someone.



I can speak and act with kindness by saying 'hello' when I see a friend or a teacher.

If you ever forget to speak and act with kindness...

You can say sorry for what you have said or done.

You can take responsibility for your own choices.

You can have some quiet time to think about how you could make a better decision next time.



Canberra Excursion

On the last two days of Term 1, Year 6 went to Canberra for an educational excursion. It was a very busy couple of days, including visits to Parliament House, The Australian War Memorial, Questacon, The Electoral Education Centre and The Australian Institute of Sport.

Day One:

The students arrived bright and early at school on Thursday morning for a 6:30am departure from school. We travelled into Canberra and headed straight to Parliament House.

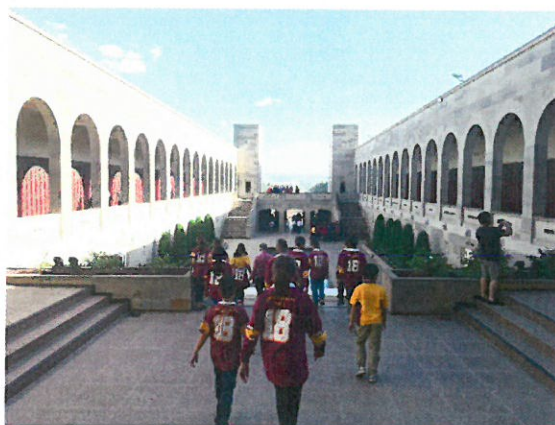


We had a tour of the House of Representatives and The Senate and the students shared their knowledge about Parliament. We also participated in a role play about how a law is created in the House of Representatives. After Parliament House, we had lunch at the park.





We then travelled to the Australian War Memorial where we had a guided tour and were treated to some interesting stories about events of different wars. The students also had some time in the 'Discovery Zone' where they experienced sitting in a helicopter, walking through a submarine and hiding in the trenches.



We left the War Memorial and headed to our accommodation at Leumeah Lodge, where the students settled into their rooms. We had a quick dinner then headed straight back to the bus and to Questacon. At Questacon the students explored each level of the building and tried many interactive activities. The 'free fall' slide was definitely one of the favourites of the night. After Questacon, we headed back to Leumeah Lodge and got ready for bed.

Day Two:

Early Friday morning, the students woke up for breakfast, starting at 6am. We packed up our rooms, packed our bags onto the bus, then went to Mount Ainslie for a great view over the main landmarks of Canberra and some good photo opportunities! We then set off again, straight to the Electoral Education Centre at Old Parliament House.





At the Electoral Education Centre, the students learnt about the history of Australian Parliament. They also participated in a mock election, where they had to vote for their favourite fruit. After the EEC, we had morning tea in the gardens, then drove to the Australian Institute of Sport.

At the AIS, each group was given a guided tour by an Australian athlete. We got to see some of the state of the art facilities; including the swimming pool, the gymnasium, the gymnastics arena, the volleyball courts, and the auditorium.

We then went straight to the interactive activity centre where the students tested their skills in a variety of different sports.



We had lunch outside the AIS, then got straight onto the bus for the long drive home, with a quick stop at Maccas on the way.

Throughout the trip, our Year Six students were wonderful representatives of our school everywhere we went. They were great listeners, participated in all activities with enthusiasm and had positive attitudes towards the whole trip.

Well done to all of our students for demonstrating such excellent leadership.

Thank you as well to Mr Hughes for accompanying us on the trip.

Miss Brady and Mr Mogan.

Student Reflections On Canberra:

Bronwyn K - The War Memorial

On the first day of camp Year 6 visited the Australian War Memorial where we learnt about inspirational stories about war, brave soldiers, nurses, animals, victims and much more. The first thing we looked at was a memorial for those who died in World War 1 and 2. Then we looked at the burial place of a soldier, that no one knows the name of, that people brought back to represent all the people who died in the war. We were taught that not only humans but animals bravely helped the soldiers who fought. They did this by sticking by soldiers' side and tracking some bombs. After looking around, we went to this place called the discovery centre, where we could touch and look at things from wars. There was a real life helicopter, life like submarine, house of what it was like to live in the war and a cave/burrow that showed what the soldiers had to hide or use.



Overall, our trip to Canberra was a fun, learning experience that i won't forget. Staying at the cabin was great as you talked to people you normally wouldn't. Learning about politics was a very interesting subject as was Canberra. Although the bus rides will probably make me hate riding them for the rest of my life, Canberra was a great time.



Alessia G - The War Memorial

The Australian War Memorial was a memorable experience during the year 6 Canberra trip. On the first day of camp, we got to experience the time of the war, shown by videos, pictures and even tools or weapons used in the First World War. We were able to appreciate the soldiers who died for us, and the one soldier who was brought and buried in the war memorial to be remembered. The tour guide was nice enough to let us write a message on a cross that will be sent across to Gallipoli, to be placed in front of the graves of soldiers.

Lucy S - The War Memorial

The Australian war memorial was my favourite place in Canberra because I love learning about history. We first went to the eternal flame our tour guide said that it never goes out and that it runs on gas. We then saw the wall of poppies which has has all the names of everyone who has fought in a war. We then walked into the tomb of the unknown soldier the whole room is made out of tiles there is no paint in the room. We then walked inside and saw all things from actually wars like boats, cannons and guns. Our tour guide told us about the famous sniper battle between Billy Sing and Abdul the Terrible. We then went to the medals and then to the play area where we got to be in a submarine, helicopter and in a trench we got to touch everything. The Australian War Memorial was amazing because I had never been there before.

Canberra was the greatest excursion I have ever been on because I got to learn about three of my favourite things in the world - Sport, Science and History, in a fun way. I also got to spend it with all my friends. Canberra was great because it was a fun, new and exciting trip.

Danielle N - Questacon

Our trip at Canberra was really fun and I learnt a lot of politics and how to govern Australian. Other than Questacon, my other favourite places were the Australian Institute of Sport (A.I.S) and the Australian War Memorial. I liked these places because I learnt about the war and what happened and the types of training areas for Gymnastics and other athletes. At Parliament house I learnt about the Senate and the House of Representatives (H.O.R). I also experienced what it was like to be in a real election and be in a real debate in the H.O.R. In the election I voted on which fruit was the best. The orange team won. Overall I had a really fun time and I enjoyed every activities we did!

Questacon - I learnt a lot there! From the lightning machine to the talking robots, I interacted with changing colours and magnets and I learnt about how to work a robot and different mirrors. My favourite part of Questacon was obviously the steep slide and the games because I could play games with robots and play with other people. The slide was my favourite out of the games because of the way that you just dropped down from hanging off a bar and when you let go you fall straight down! I also liked how the lightning machine went off at a certain time and how the tornado's were real wind! Oh.... how could I forget! The earthquake simulator! This is when you literally were in an earthquake, with different stages! Questacon was really fun and I really enjoyed it!



Giselle K - The Electoral Education Centre

During our year 6 Canberra trip we had the opportunity to visit the Australian Electoral Education Center. To begin the tour year 6 watched a video on voting over the years and about the different voting systems that were used in Australia. Afterwards we studied about how to vote, what is voting about, and the different voting systems through an activity booklet. I enjoyed looking up the different people that had the right to vote in Australia. Finally we were able to watch a live preferential election using the people in our class and voting on our favourite fruits.

Isabelle Z - Australian Institute of Sport

Everything in Canberra was so much fun ,from the Parliament House, War Memorial, Questacon, Old Parliament House and the Australian Institute of Sport. We were able to learn new facts about about soldiers and past Prime Ministers. What I loved about it the most was the Interactive zone in the Australian Institute of Sport, The slide in Questacon and the Discovery zone in the War Memorial.

I really enjoyed the institute of sport because we were able to see the different arenas and sport grounds. We saw women doing water aerobics in the swimming pool and elite athletes in the gym. Later on we went to the interactive zone which is a room with different activities that all challenge your strengths and weaknesses and are all based around sports. I had so much fun and enjoyed everything about it.

Joshua C - Australian Institute of Sport

The AIS was my favourite part of our visit to Canberra. At the AIS there were different facilities used for different things. We learnt about what the facilities are used for and who uses them. There was also a interactive activity centre where you could test how good you are at different sports. My personal favourite one was the soccer one where you would kick the ball at the screen and it would clock how fast you kicked it and on the screen it would show where you kicked it.

Overall Canberra was a great trip and i had a great experience. In Canberra we learnt a lot about the parliament and how it works. We also visited the Senate and House Of Representatives. Canberra was a great experience for us also just to learn how everything in Parliament works and see it all in first person.

Mikayla P - Questacon

At Canberra my favourite place to visit was Questacon because it was a very exciting experience and I learnt a lot. At Questacon I was very fortunate to be able to go on the drop swing and we were also able to go to the shop and buy lots of things that we desired. Our tour of Questacon was amazing because we were able to play with science equipment and we got to see an amazing lightning strike.

My overall experience of Canberra was amazing because we were able to go to The Australian Parliament House, The Australian War Memorial, Questacon, The Electoral Education Center and The Australian Institute Of Sport. The Australian Parliament House was really fun because we were able to act out what it would be like to work in the Senate and The House Of Representatives. In the war memorial we were very fortunate to go in the discovery zone and be soldiers and sailors. At Questacon we were able to explore new things and have lots of fun. At the Electoral Education Center we were able to go in a zone and answer questions that has boosted our knowledge of The Parliament in general. Our last stop off was The Australian Institute Of Sport. We were taken on a tour of the Institute Of Sport and then we were able to play in a interactive zone. I loved the experience at Canberra and I had a lot of fun being able to explore and experience new things with all of my friends.

Sydney Writers Festival

On Wednesday the 2nd of May Year 6 went on a excursion to the Riverside Theatre in Parramatta, for the Primary School Days Sydney Writers Festival. There, world famous writers such as Morris Gleitzman, A.F Harold, Katrina Nannestad and Chris Riddell talked about their secrets behind how to write amazing books and how they wrote their countless award winning books such as Extra Time by Morris Gleitzman, Goth Girl by Chris Riddell and countless others. They also explained why they write books, the countless years they put into the books and how they overcame some of the difficult challenges they faced as young authors and illustrators. They explained how they thought of book ideas and characters and we were also able to ask some questions we had for them. It was a spectacular once in a lifetime opportunity and day that we were so lucky to have and it was great.

By Dane N

At the Sydney Writers Festival I had an amazing time learning about reading and writing and how fun it can be. I never liked reading or writing but after the writers festival I love reading and writing. My experience was amazing because I got to meet three amazing Author's and one outstanding illustrator. Those four people have inspired me to read and write more and more. If I read more it will improve my spelling and reading will almost help me to write better stories. The Sydney Writers Festival was a great experience that I loved and enjoyed.

By Mikayla P

ICAS Processed competition forms have been returned home to registered students together with a reminder competition timeline for your fridge.



CTK Timeline for students sitting for the 2018 International Competitions and Assessments.

2017 Timeline

Subject	Date	Venue	Time	Equipment
Digital Technologies	Tuesday, 8 th May	Year 6	7:50am for 8:00am start	2B pencil, eraser, rubber
Science	Tuesday, 29 th May	Year 6	7:50am for 8:00am start	2B pencil, eraser, rubber
Writing	Wednesday, 13 th June	Year 5	7:50am for 8:00am start	2B pencil, eraser, rubber
Spelling	Thursday, 14 th June	Year 4	7:50am for 8:00am start	2B pencil, eraser, rubber
English	Tuesday, 31 st July	Year 6	7:50am for 8:00am start	2B pencil, eraser, rubber
Mathematics	Tuesday, 14 th August	Year 6	7:50am for 8:00am start	2B pencil, eraser, rubber, ruler

It is important that students arrive on time to sit for the papers so that they may complete the assessments without impacting on their class learning.

IMPORTANT

The assessment paper will be sat for **ONLY** on the allocated day above.

There will be **NO MAKE UP DAY** for students who forget to attend or who are absent from school on the scheduled subject day.

Students need to be punctual, **at school by 7:50am for an 8:00am start**, in order to complete their paper by 8:45am.



COMING SOON...

CTK PLAYGROUP

To begin Term 2 (4th May)

When: Fridays 9.30am - 11.30am (Term time only)

Where: CTK Hall, Statham Avenue North Rocks

Who: For children aged 0-6 and their carers

What: Play, socialise, create friendships

Come every week or come when you can

**To register your interest in coming along or for
further information**

Contact ctkplaygroup@gmail.com

PARISH MASS TIMES

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.





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.*

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.

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.



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

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, 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 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.

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Perfect for beginners



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\$12.50 (+GST) per lesson

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For more information please call or email our friendly staff on:
0457 668 742 or enquiries@coolkidsmusic.com.au

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Weekly homework charts and
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Room usage fee may apply at some schools*
Information and website are subject to change*

COMMUNITY NEWS



Solo Parent Services annual Seminar on Annulments in the Catholic Church will be coming up on the 16th May, so if it's possible, could you please send out the information below for the Seminar and our Support groups in April.

If space is limited, the Seminar is the most important notice for the School Community to know about. Flyers attached.

MARRIAGE ANNULMENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Each year CatholicCare Solo Parent Services present an Information Session to help people understand the process of Marriage Annulments in the Catholic Church. The evening is open to anyone who is interested.

Venue: St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta (onsite parking via Victoria Rd, entrance) Date: Wednesday 16th May Time: 7pm – 9pm. Registration Essential: Call Rita PH: 8843 2575 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

This Support group is held on the last Tuesday of each month for those going through a separation or divorce. At the next meeting we will be speaking about "Identifying Challenging Emotions and strategies for dealing with them." Date: 24th April. Venue: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta Time: 7pm –

9pm. Cost: \$5.00. Registration Essential: call Rita: 8843 2575 or email soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

Solo Parent Services' Younger Widowed Support Group is held on the 3rd Tuesday of this month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age with or without children. Next gathering: Tuesday 17th April. Venue: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta. Time: 7pm – 9pm. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: Rita Ph. 8843 2575 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

GIRLS WANTED TO PLAY SOCCER ON SUNDAYS

Our soccer club, Roselea FC, needs girls turning 8 or 9 this year, to join our club soccer team. Playing on Sundays in Term 2 – no school holiday matches.

Newcomers and experienced players welcome. Great team, heaps of fun, all players welcome.

Ring Jeff Saul on 0418 662 912 or check out <http://www.roseleafootballclub.com/>



Muirfield Golf Club extends an invitation to women to take part in golfing activities on Tuesday 5th June. Our plan is to acknowledge International Women's Golf Day with clinics for ladies with little or no experience. Time on course will also be available for those with a little more skill. There is no cost involved and equipment will be provided if needed. So, bring a few friends, come along and try something new while enjoying a morning of fun. Refreshments will be provided. Don't delay, call and book now as numbers are limited.

Venue: Muirfield Golf Club, Barclay Rd, North Rocks

Date: Tuesday 5th June

Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Book: Call the Pro Shop now – 9871 1389

COMMUNITY NEWS

What's On at Penrith Observatory in May

Date: 12 May

Event name: Astronomy Night: Space Junk

Event details:

Speaker – Ms Raelene Sommer Old satellites, discarded rocket stages and the fragments they leave when they break up. Orbital debris is circling around our planet. How did it get there, why do we care and what can we do about it?

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 VIA OUR WEBSITE ESSENTIAL

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Venue Address: Penrith Observatory (Building AO), Western Sydney University, Werrington North campus, Great Western Highway, Werrington 2747

Contact phone or website for public enquiries and bookings:

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith_observatory/whats_on

Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1590835530993204/>

Date: 23 May

Event name: World Record Stargazing Attempt 2018

Event details:

In 2015 Penrith Observatory participated in an Australia wide event, breaking the world record for the number of people observing across multiple locations in one country.

In 2018 the aim is to break our own record but this time smash it in a bigger and better way.

Penrith Observatory will be hosting a star party on the night for everyone that wants to attend.

This event is free but if you don't own a telescope or binoculars you will need to buy a souvenir telescope (\$7.15) when you register to attend this event.

REGISTRATIONS VIA THE EVENTBRITE LINK FROM THE FACEBOOK EVENT ARE ESSENTIAL

Time: 7pm – 10pm

Venue Address: Penrith Observatory (Building AO), Western Sydney University, Werrington North campus, Great Western Highway, Werrington

Contact phone or website for public enquiries and bookings:

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith_observatory/whats_on

Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/225509981517761/>

Date: 26 May

Event name: Astronomy Night: Is anybody out there? The search for extraterrestrial intelligence: A how to guide

Event details:

Speaker – Dr Ain De Horta

If you've ever wondered if there are other intelligent beings in the universe that are looking out from their home planet wondering the same, then this is the presentation for you. We will look at how we are currently searching for evidence of other intelligent beings in the universe and how we might search in the future.

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

Find out what is “authentic manhood” and discover the true meaning of your role, the way GOD meant it to be!

Challenges of being a man of God and what is required (for single and married men)

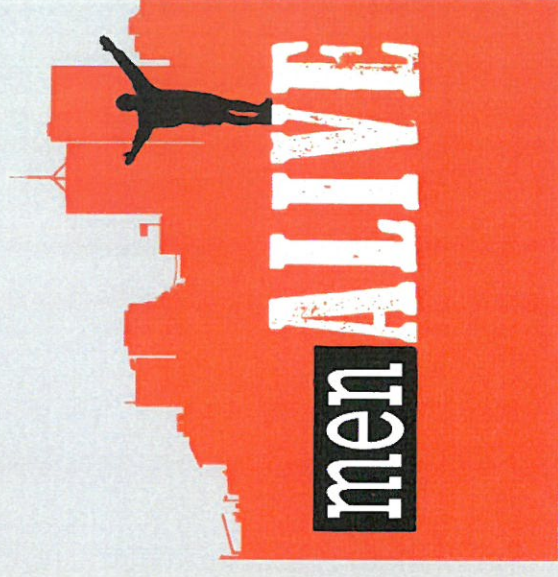
Monday 7th MAY

7:00pm to 9:00 pm

Cost: \$20 per person
(cost includes food and drink)

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Mary MacKillop Hall

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Guest speaker
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Rugby Connect – Trytons

A specialised Rugby Union program designed to allow all boys and girls to be involved in our great game!

What is Rugby Connect?

Rugby Connect is a rugby union program developed for special needs boys and girls between the ages of 5 – 17 years. The season is run by Sydney Junior Rugby with the assistance of the Australian Rugby Union and NSW Rugby.

The participants are professionally coached by staff or trained volunteers with an understanding of the limitations that each child with special needs may encounter.



All activities are non-tackling rugby simulated games with a focus on ball handling, kicking, catching and passing.

All children are grouped according to their ability and will participate in skill-based activities aimed at improving their skills, coordination, fitness and team work.



Registration will include:

- Australian Rugby Union player Insurance
- Coaching from qualified coaches
- Full playing kit including new jersey, shorts, and socks
- Welcome gift pack
- Post season presentation and celebration for all players
- Participation in the futuretahs Junior club march past at a Waratahs match

Registration will cost \$90.00 per child or \$50 for returning players (no uniform)

Where and when is it run?

Rugby Connect takes to the field on the weekends during Terms 2 & 3 of the school calendar for a one hour session commencing on 5-6 May 2018. The Trytons take to the field at the following locations and times:

Saturday

Nagle Park, Walsh Ave Maroubra at 9am

Sundays

Koola Park, Koola Ave, East Lindfield at 9am



Information on how to register a player for the Trytons can be found on the Sydney Juniors website. If you would like more information, please contact Adrian Larson alarson@nswrugby.com.au or 9323 3401



Trytons Rugby would like to thank the following for their support and contribution to Rugby Connect

