



Christ the King, North Rocks

Term 4, Week 9

5th December, 2013

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WEEK 9

Fri 6

- * 7.45am Band
- * Lunch Orders
- * Yr 6 MOTIV8
- * Kinder attending Parish Mass 9.15am
- * ICE BLOCK DAY \$1-00—Year 3 helpers are requested to assist on this day
- * School assembly presented by Yr1 - 2pm.
- * Leadership Voting

WEEK 10

Mon 9

- * Lunch orders
- * DANCE FEVER All students in sport uniform

Tue 10

- * Glee Club 7.50am Senior Vocal
8.20am Senior Dance
- * Junior classes held throughout the day
- * Uniform Shop 8.30am—11.30am

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

*Students are asked to arrive at
6pm for a 6.30pm start*

Wed 11

- * RICE WEDNESDAY FOR TIMOR
Gold coin donation to support
Mr Matthews and the East Timor
Training Program
- * Choir 8am
- * Kinder & Yr2 Mum's Dinner

Thur 12

- * Danceclub 3.15—4.15pm
- * Year 6 Graduation Mass 7.00pm

Fri 13

- * 7.45am Band
- * Lunch Orders
- * Surf Ed Yrs 5 & 6 Dee Why
- * ICE BLOCK DAY \$1-00

END OF YEAR MASS WEDNESDAY, 18th December

ALL STUDENTS IN FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM

We will celebrate Mass to say thank-you for a year full of Faith, Fun and Learning on **WEDNESDAY, 18th December at 9:00am**. At the conclusion of Mass the Student Leadership Team for 2014 will be announced. This will then be followed by our Annual Awards Ceremony. There are four special awards for each class that are selected by the class teacher.

'Catholic Living' Award - to recognize the child who the teacher believes continually demonstrates and lives out our catholic values.

'Academic' Award - to recognize the child who the teacher believes has on average achieved exceptional results across the area of Numeracy.

Academic' Award - to recognize the child who the teacher believes has on average achieved exceptional results across the area of Literacy.

'Consistent Effort' Award - to recognize the child who the teacher believes consistently tried his/her best all year.

Each year we also present a number of other community based awards focusing on citizenship e.g. Lions Club Award—3 award recipients (one from each stage) and Rotary Club Award from Yr 6 who have always demonstrated great citizenship by being helpful, kind and of service to others. The selection process for these awards involves teachers nominating students they feel best suit the criteria and then voting on these children.

The morning will be followed by a community picnic on the oval.

PLEASE NOTE: the children will not be allowed to leave before 1.00pm.

CTK PIZZA DAY—LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Wednesday, 18th December



Parents are welcome to join the children for a pizza lunch together on the oval following the End of Year Mass, Annual Awards Ceremony and School farewell to the Year 6 students. B.Y.O picnic blanket, food etc. and come and spend some time playing with your child at school.

Parents may take their children home at the end of this picnic. *If you are taking your children home after lunch you must inform the class teacher so everyone is accounted for. If children are going home with another family / friend, a written note is needed.*

REMINDER : END-OF-YEAR PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS

Thursday, December 19 and Friday, December 20

In term 4, there will be two Staff Development Days on Thursday, December 19 and Friday, December 20. These days have resulted from the Diocesan work practices agreement. Teachers release from face-to-face teaching has increased and will be taken on these last 2 days of the 2013 School Year in all NSW Government and Non-Government Schools.

This means that school will finish for all children on Wednesday, 18th December.

Annelise Stockey, Principal

FUN'raising NEWS

ICE BLOCK DAY—TOMORROW FRIDAY 6th December \$1.00 each

Year 3 helpers are requested to assist with the selling of ice blocks tomorrow, Friday 6th December. Helpers from other grades most welcome. Can helpers meet in the church hall at 1.15pm.

SPORT NEWS

2014 SWIMMING CARNIVAL The Annual CTK Swimming Carnival for the 2014 year will be held at Parramatta Pool, O'Connell Street Parramatta on Tuesday, 17th December, 2013 (Week 11) starting at 9:30am until approximately 2.00pm.

All grades will be attending the Swimming Carnival this year as it is a normal school day and a compulsory school activity.

Anthony Matthews, Sport Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to Marko Wong, Alyssa Lubrano and Christie Davies who represented Christ the King at the NSW Finals for the Primary Schools One Day Chess Tournament on Sunday 1st of December. It was a team event, which saw the children compete against 56 other top schools in NSW in seven games of chess. The team ranked 26th at the end of the day. Which is a fantastic result considering over 1000 teams entered this competition from over 200 schools.



MORE CHESS NEWS:



On Friday 29th November students from Kindy through to Year 6 participated in the Christ the King School Chess Championships.

The students had a great time and all displayed fair gamesmanship throughout the seven rounds played. Congratulations to Marko Wong who was this year's winner, Alyssa Lubrano and Gavin Sivanathan who came second and third. Congratulations too to Luke Zaraga who received a medal for best K-2 for the tournament.

Sarah Cook, Teacher Librarian/LTST

Grade Events

Kinder & Yr2 Christmas Dinner Wednesday 11th December at Bondi Pizza Parramatta. Invitations coming home today.

***Happy Birthday
this week to***



December

7th	Jeremy Dwayhe
	Mikaela Bourke
8th	Max Wahbe
	Chanel Saab
10th	Milla Elias
	Ray Cook
13th	Mrs. Dympna Collignon
	Sr. Catherine

FOUND AT THE FETE

- * 3 adult umbrellas
- * Pink girls t-shirt: size 3
- * Parramatta Eels child's hooded jacket

UNIFORM SHOP 2013

TUESDAY, 10th December

8.30AM—10.30AM

From 10.30am, the Uniform Shop will be closed for Stocktake

TUESDAY, 17th December
FINAL DAY FOR 2013

8.30AM—10.30AM

1.30PM—3.30PM

UNIFORM SHOP 2014

TUESDAY 28th January 2014
(Staff begin)

8.30AM—10.30AM

WEDNESDAY 29th January 2014
Yrs 1-6 begin

8.30AM—10.30AM

The **School Office** is open
from 8:30am—3:30pm

THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY

Last Friday at the Kindergarten Assembly Mrs Parsons spoke about the incredible journey she and Mrs Barrett made to Wadeye during the October holidays.

Our School community was sent a special message from Sacred Heart Catholic College at Wadeye.

Mr Cowan, Miss Heagney and the children of Wadeye made a beautiful Powerpoint sharing pictures of the faith and learning experienced in their community. Our CTK children were able to get a feel for the similarities and differences we share as a Catholic School community.

You will remember Mrs Cook along with student leaders in our school prepared a powerpoint for us to share with the children in Wadeye. The Indigenous Elders and Mr Young the principal were also very grateful for the beautiful Rosary Beads we sent to their school. They will be placed in a sacred space for all to see.

The Sacred Heart College children in Miss Heagney's class have painted a beautiful Cross as a gift from their school to ours. This painting was presented to our children at the assembly and will be hung in our Holy Faith Library for all to enjoy.

Mrs Parsons & Mrs Barrett



MARK IN YOUR DIARY / TERM 4

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| * Gingerbread Making Night | Monday, 16th December |
| * Dance Fever Challenge Night | Monday, 16th December |
| * 2014 Swimming Carnival | Tuesday, 17th December |
| * End of Year Mass | Wednesday 18th December |

Celebrating Gifts and Talents

Congratulations to Samuel White who received the Parramatta Diocese Sports Medallion at the diocesan sports awards evening last Wednesday.

This award was in recognition of Samuel's efforts in sport for 2013.

He received this award for representing Mackillop in 3 different sporting arenas (cross country, swimming and athletics).

Well done Samuel!





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4th December 2013

Dear Christ the King Families,

The time of the year is here to celebrate as a community for this festive season at our *Christ the King Christmas Family Concert*. This is a whole school event, which is celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

This year we will be celebrating our *Christ the King Christmas Family Concert* with Peter Kearney. Peter Kearney has been called a pioneer in contemporary religious song. From 1982 Peter made music his fulltime work. As well as writing and publishing he has toured throughout Australian and overseas in Ireland, the United Kingdom and the USA to present his workshops and concerts.

Peter Kearney will be leading the whole school community in workshops during the day NEXT Tuesday December 10, 2013 and then leading the community during the night concert. All children will be involved in performing at our *Christ the King Christmas Family Concert*. Peter's CD's will be available to be purchased before and after the concert.

When: **NEXT Tuesday December 10, 2013**

Venue: CTK Basketball Court

Students Arrive: **6:00 pm**



Kindergarten, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 will meet in the Kindergarten classroom.

Year 1, Year 3, Year 5 and the Choir will meet in the Year 1 classroom.

Concert Starts: 6:30 pm

Concert Concludes: Approximately 8:00 pm

Students are to wear: A Christmas coloured top (white, red or green), denim bottoms and closed in shoes (e.g. joggers)

If your child is unable to attend due to extenuating circumstances a formal letter is required addressed to Mrs. Annelise Stockey by Monday, December 9 2013 to explain.

We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas together at our *Christ the King Christmas Family Concert*.

Kind regards,

Monica Vella
Religious Education Coordinator





Dear Parents,



In January Anthony Matthews will be travelling to East Timor to participate in the *East Timor Training Program* for the teachers of East Timor. The joint initiative between the Diocese of Parramatta and Broken Bay has been operating for over ten years. Three times a year, three teachers from Parramatta Diocese and Broken Bay Diocese travel to East Timor to conduct a two-week training program for the teachers of East Timor. This program aims to share our knowledge of good teaching and learning to the teachers in East Timor, so they can ensure the quality of the East Timorese children's education.

In October 2012 Mr Matthews travelled to East Timor as a team member of the East Timor Mathematics-Training Program for teachers of Timor-Leste.

As part of his ongoing sense of mission and involvement with this initiative Anthony Matthews is returning, but this time to facilitate a training program for English Teachers in the township of *Same* in the *Manufahi District*.

This wonderful experience is one, which not only the teachers of East Timor learn from Anthony Matthews' teaching experience, but more importantly an experience where he will continue to learn from the people of Timor. On return he will be able to share his immersion experience and journey towards gaining solidarity from the people of East Timor.

Fundraising

In support of this mission we will be holding a fundraising day for the East Timor Training Program.

On Wednesday **December 11th** will be **Rice Wednesday For Timor**. Anthony Matthews has shared with us that when he was in East Timor that each morning the teachers/ parents would clean and cook rice for the children so they didn't learn on an empty stomach. Anthony Matthews will be conducting a lesson on mission with each grade and following this the students will have an opportunity to have a cup of rice. If you wish for your child to not have the cup of rice please write a letter to your child's classroom teacher.

We ask that in support of this program if your child brings a gold coin donation to support this invaluable mission for the East Timorese community. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,

CTK Leadership Team

A CALL TO SERVE

Listen, the voice of God is calling
Listen, the voice of your God is calling
Listen with the ear of your heart,
The voice of your God is calling.
Monica Brown

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal

This year Christ the King will again be supporting the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal. We can all help St Vincent de Paul spread Christmas cheer this year by donating items for our Christmas hampers.

Below are suggestions of items you might like to include to help us create some delicious hampers.

Please ensure that all food items are within the expiry date.

- ☐ Christmas decorations (e.g. Bon Bons, tinsel)
- ☐ Tins of shoulder ham
- ☐ Christmas cake / pudding
- ☐ Long life custard /cream / milk
- ☐ Tins of fruit
- ☐ Lollies
- ☐ Chips
- ☐ Biscuits (assorted)
- ☐ Salsa
- ☐ Drinks (e.g. soft drink, fruit juice, cordial)
- ☐ Rice
- ☐ Jellies
- ☐ Jam / Honey / Vegemite
- ☐ Coffee / Tea / Sugar
- ☐ Hot Chocolate / Milo
- ☐ Gravox
- ☐ Tins of Vegetables (e.g. carrots, peas, corn, potatoes)
- ☐ Pasta
- ☐ Christmas Plates / Napkins



Please send all items donated to your child's classroom for collection. The St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers will be collected over two weeks, from December 2, 2013 to December 13, 2013

Thank you for your generosity in helping to make this festive season extra special for families in need this Christmas!



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

FINAL Fete Update for 2013

Another fete has been and gone and once again we braved the elements to pull together an enjoyable and profitable evening for the school. Despite the heavy rain and thunderstorms the children enjoyed the rides and activities available and everyone worked extremely hard to make the night a success. We are very proud to announce that the initial calculations show that the fete has raised \$23,500 for the school. This is a wonderful result considering the circumstances and we would like to thank the entire school community for their generous support. It takes many people to make the fete happen so to everyone who co-ordinated stalls, donated items, worked on stalls, helped with set up, pack up, counting the money and those who spent up big on the night we thank you all for making our event a success. We would also like to thank Mrs Stockey, the teachers and particularly the office staff who have worked so hard behind the scene to make the fete happen. If anyone has any feedback about the fete, what worked well, what might work better or any other suggestions please email either Linda Sassine linda@basreporting.com.au or Alison Baxter alisonbaxter@live.com. These will be reviewed, collated and passed on to future fete co-ordinators. Organising the fete for the last 2 years has been a very rewarding experience and we look forward to supporting next years fete committee. The fete is both our major fundraising event and wonderful social event for the entire community, we would encourage everyone to get involved and make sure that this CTK tradition continues.

Linda Sassine Alison Baxter
Fete Co-ordinators

PARISH NEWS



Smooth Sunday CHRISTMAS Brunch

All of the parish and School families are invited to attend the last

Smooth Sunday Sausage Sizzle for 2013.

After 10am mass Sunday 15th December.

A great opportunity for new members and existing to reflect and share the past year.

WHERE: Outside the church, on the parish grounds.

Yummy Freshly cooked Sausages and drinks will be provided.

Kids will have time to do some activities while school parents chat and enjoy free time with other parish-ioners reflecting on the year and just how fast it's gone....again

There will be no charge for this great PARISH event it's **FREE**.

So don't be a Turkey.....COME AND CATCH UP FOR OUR LAST BBQ FOR 2013

CHILD PROTECTION—CEO PARRAMATTA MODULE & THE NEW WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK



The Working with Children Check is now a **three step process** which includes Completion of the CEO Online Child Protection Module and Completion of the 'new working with children check' through the NSW Commission for Children website. Applicants will then need to present the completed documentation at their local Roads & Maritime Service (RMS) Office (formally RTA) for screening which completes the check.

1. It is a Diocesan requirement that any parent volunteering at Christ the King School complete the Child Protection training module.

This training is to be completed online at :

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au>

CTK will receive email notification when you complete the CEO module.

The Child Protection module **MUST** be completed every 2 years.

2. When module has been completed go to: www.kids.nsw.gov.au and follow the links to complete the 'new working with children check'. A Working With Children Check is a prerequisite for anyone in child-related work. It involves a national criminal history check and review of findings of workplace misconduct.

Only paid workers in child-related work are required to pay the \$80 fee for a five year clearance. This equates to \$16 per year, the lowest in Australia (together with Victoria).

The Working With Children Check remains free for:

- Volunteers and students
- Potential adoptive parents
- Authorised carers
- Adults who reside in the home of:
 - an authorised carer
 - a family day care service provider
- a home-based education and care service provider.

3. Once the RMS check has been completed you will receive an email which will state that you have clearance to work with children. A copy of the RMS email will need to be presented to the school office to complete your Working with Children Check. **Only then** will you be cleared to work with the children in the school.

Castle Hill & North Rocks Christmas Sports Days

North Rocks Christmas Sports Day - Thursday 19th December

Venue: North Rocks Public School, North Rocks Rd North Rocks. Time: 9am-3pm. Age: 5-13. Cost: \$40 per child.

Castle Hill Christmas Sports Day - Friday 20th December (Includes Inflatable Soccer Field)

Venue: Samuel Gilbert Public School, Gilbert Rd Castle Hill. Time: 9am-3pm. Age: 5-13. Cost: \$40 per child.

Christmas Sports Days Include: Fun games of Basketball, Cricket, Dodge Ball, Netball, Soccer, Touch Footy, Oztag, T-Ball & Jumping Castle!

January Cricket Clinics & Super Sports Days

Carlingford Cricket Clinic & Super Sports Day - Tuesday 14th January

Venue: Roselea Public School, North Rocks Rd Carlingford. Time: 9am-3pm. Age: 5-14. Cost: \$40 per day.

North Rocks Cricket Clinics & Super Sports Days - Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th January

Venue: North Rocks Public School, North Rocks Rd North Rocks. Time: 9am-3pm. Age: 5-13. Cost: \$40 per day.

Castle Hill Cricket Clinics & Inflatable Sports Days - Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd January

Venue: Samuel Gilbert Public School, Gilbert Rd Castle Hill. Time: 9am-3pm. Age: 5-13. Cost: \$40 per day.

Super Sports Days Include: Fun games of Basketball, Cricket, Dodge Ball, Netball, Soccer, Touch Footy, Oztag & T-Ball! Inflatable sports days include: Inflatable Soccer Field!

Twenty20 Cricket Clinics Include: coaching in batting, bowling & wicket keeping, batting & bowling in the nets, bowling machine, catching & fielding drills, crazy catch, running between the wickets, fun games of hit & run cricket & Twenty20 game!

Bookings: Email your child's name, age, school, parents name & contact number to cricketclinics@live.com.au / sportsday@live.com.au or call Greg 0448 619 543.

For more information visit www.sport4schools.com.au

KIDS COTTAGE EARLY YEARS LEARNING CENTRE UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT—OPEN DAY SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 10AM-1PM.

WWW.KIDSCOTTAGECHILDCARE.COM.AU Face Painting, Petting Farm, New renovated facilities catering for children 0-6 years.

Go4Fun is a FREE program that is run through the local Health Service. The program has been specifically designed for children aged 7-13 years who are above a healthy weight. A parent or carer must attend each session with their child. The program runs for 10 weeks after school. An Information flyer is available in the office.

2014 School Holiday Gymnastics Clinic Sydney Academy of Gymnastics. Seven Hills and Winston Hills. Full / Half day sessions various dates. Bookings essential. Information pamphlet available from the school office.

BUBBLEDOME MINECRAFT & DESIGN COURSES

Students 6-18yrs Summer 2013/2014 Holiday clinics. Information pamphlet available from the school office.

Christmas Trees



SCOUTS AUSTRALIA

We look forward to seeing you!

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

GREAT TREES, GREAT PRICES and you're supporting a great organisation.

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




SATURDAY December 14 and SUNDAY December 15 8am-4pm

NORTH ROCKS ROTARY CHRISTMAS EVENT
CAROLS BY TWILIGHT

Sunday 8 December 2013
5.30pm to 8.30pm approximately
John Wearne Reserve, Farnell Avenue, Carlingford

Sausage Sizzle from 5.30pm

Carols from 6.30pm




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

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

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

Glow candles will be available to purchase.



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