

# Christ the King, North Rocks

Term 1, Week 6

8th March, 2019

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#### Term 1, Week 7

#### Monday 11th March

- Sport Program: All Children in PE Uniform
- Cool Kids Music 3pm—4.30pm
- \* Parramatta Netball Trials—Windsor

#### Tuesday 12th March

- Uniform Shop 8am 12.30pm
- \* PE: Year 5, Year 2, Year 4 (Group 1)

#### Wednesday 13th March

- PE: Year 6, Kindergarten
- \* Robotics Workshop
- Literacy Club 1.30-2.00pm
- Chess: 3:00pm-4:00pm

#### Thursday 14th March

\* PE: Year 3, Year 1, Year 4 (Group 2)

#### Friday 15th March

- \* Band 7.45am + groups throughout the day
- National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence
- \* NRMA Road Safety & Science Day
- Year 6 Mass 9.15am

#### Term 1, Week 8

#### Monday 18th March

- \* Sport Program: All Children in PE Uniform
- St Patrick's Day
- Cool Kids Music 3pm—4pm

#### Tuesday 19th March

- Uniform Shop 8am 12.30pm
- \* Parra Rugby League Trials -Blacktown
- \* PE: Year 6, Year 2, Year 4 (Group 1)

#### Wednesday 20th March

- PE: Year 5, Kindergarten
- Literacy Club 1.30-2.00pm
- Parra Touch Trials- St Mary's
- Chess 3:00pm—4:00pm

#### Thursday 21st March

- \* PE: Year 3, Year 1, Year 4 (Group 2)
- \* Yr 5 Reconciliation

#### Friday 22nd March

- Band 7.45 + groups throughout the day.
- Parra Football Trials—St Mary's
- Yr2 Presenting at Assembly 2.15pm

#### **ADVANCED NOTICE:**

#### Friday 15th March

\* NRMA Science & Road Safety Day
Parents welcome—See information
in the Newsletter

Dear Parents.

This week we celebrated Ash Wednesday- the start of the season of Lent as we journey with Christ to the Easter Celebration whereby we celebrate his passion and resurrection. Pope Francis describes Lent as a "joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed...as we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ." During this Lenten journey we are encouraged stay focused on the Easter story and the prospect of salvation and resurrection at journey's end so as not to let greed and self-interest govern our lives. The Holy Father reminds us that "the path to Easter demands that we renew our faces and hearts as Christians through repentance, conversion and forgiveness, so as to live fully the abundant grace of the paschal mystery," The fasting, praying and alms giving undertaken during Lent is a sacramental sign of this conversion, becoming "children of God," as it draws us away from the selfish obsessions of life. Let us all strive to stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them.

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools week in NSW. Today we welcomed to our school new families and visitors who were here for the very first time. Thank you to our Year 6 students who were wonderful ambassadors for our school in conducting school tours with our new families. The feedback from these parents was very positive. Congratulations and well done Year 6. As a Catholic community we are privileged to have come together this morning bonded by our faith as we celebrated the teaching and learning that takes place everyday, by every student, transforming the minds of our CTK children.

Enrolment packages are now available for families wishing to enrol their children in Kindergarten next year. Enrolment packages are available from the school office or school website. Please pass this offer onto any families you know who are considering enrolling their Kindergarten child at CTK in 2020. Please complete the enrolment forms and return to the school office with the relevant requested documentation. Parents will be contacted over the next few weeks to make appointments for enrolment and school readiness interviews in May and June - Term 2. CTK also has vacancies available at present for any interested families wishing to enrol their children from K-6.

Mrs Monica Burley, our Year Two Teacher and Religious Education Co-ordinator, has been seconded by the Parramatta Diocesan Catholic Education Office to work as a Teaching Educator in Religious Education and Mission. This secondment is for the duration of Term Two 2019. We congratulate Monica and wish her every success during this ten week secondment.

Whilst Mrs Burley is away, Mrs Bev Hermens will be working in Year 2 with Miss Ford. Mrs Hermens is an experienced teacher and an ex staff member of Christ the King. We trust Mrs Hermens will enjoy her stay with us next term.

Yesterday we were blessed with a beautiful cool day to run our Cross Country Carnival. Our children from Years 3-6 took to a most challenging course at Don Moore Reserve with the opportunity to qualify for the CTK team to participate in next term's Diocesan event. Our runners gave of their best with many PBs being achieved with all age groups providing us with the maximum number of competitors for the Diocesan carnival. Congratulations to all our runners! A thank you to all our parent volunteers and teachers who assisted with the successful running of the carnival. A special thanks to Mr Debrincat for all his organising and convening a most successful day which was greatly enhanced by our Year 6 Seniors who assisted with set up, pack up and generally encouraged their peers throughout the day to achieve their best. Well done and thank you Year 6!

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In recent weeks it has become most obvious that the congestion from both entering and exiting the site in Statham Avenue has increased leading to several near misses and frustration. The school office has received a number of complaints from passing motorists expressing safety concerns and reporting near misses resulting from vehicles turning right out of the driveway onto Statham Avenue. Keeping in mind that our intention each afternoon is to ensure the safety of all our children and families I have decided to trial a **NO RIGHT HAND TURN** out of the driveway onto Statham between 2:45pm and 3:30pm each afternoon to determine if this will ease the congestion. This trial will run from Monday 18th March till Friday 29th March. During this trial period, I would appreciate your constructive feed back in regards to the easing of congestion, In particular to providing a safe exit from the school site.

I understand that this may be a little inconvenient for some. I do however believe that the safety of all our families takes precedence over being inconvenienced. Your support and involvement in the trial is greatly appreciated by all members of our community. Thank you.

Have a safe and blessed week,

Tony Hughes Principal

#### **SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

In accord with Parramatta Diocesan policy, we will be conducting the parish-based, family centred, school supported method of preparation for baptised Catholic children eligible to receive the next sacrament of initiation (First Holy Communion) into full membership of the Church.



Children who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and whose families reside within our parish boundaries (or who worship regularly at Christ the King) are now eligible to receive the sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion).

In the parish of Christ the King, the sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the three parish masses on the weekend of  $22^{nd}/23^{rd}$  June (the Feast of Corpus Christi).

The program for preparation to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion will commence with an information meeting for parents/guardians (without children) on Wednesday,  $27^{th}$  March commencing at 7.30pm in Christ the King Church, where the program and enrolment procedure will be explained and any questions answered.

This is a significant step in your child's journey of faith. It is **essential** that parents/guardians attend this meeting.

#### **ENROLMENT PACKAGES FOR 2020**

Enrolment packages for 2020 are now available. Sibling enrolments forms have been sent home.

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

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

Please return enrolment forms to the office by Friday 12h April.

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

#### **LIBRARY NEWS**

write4fun Competition 2019

Entry is NOW OPEN in the 2019 Schools Writing Competition! Students all over Australia are invited to enter their poems OR short stories, and battle it out for the great cash prizes on offer.

There is no theme!! Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and get their creative juices flowing to write on ANY TOPIC and in ANY STYLE. Students from ALL GRADES are welcome to enter-Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Entry is FREE and all entries must be in by the closing date of Sunday 31st March 2019. Visit write4fun.net for more information. Students should send all entries to Mrs Cook for feedback throughout the writing process.

Good luck and happy writing!

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENT LEADERS FOR 2019**

School Captains Henry A Emma M

School Prefects Sienna K

Noah G Jasmin C Zane G Sophia M Alec M Zara C Sarah E

**House Captains** 

Darug - Red Kiara P

Olivia S

Maddock - Green Caitlin B

Gianni S

Burton - Blue

Mia F Olivia K

Aylward - Yellow

Tianna B Matthew K

#### Uniform Shop 2018 open every Tuesday from 8am to12:30pm

The Uniform Shop Price List is available on the Christ the King School website.

To access the Uniform Price List and Order Form on the website go to ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au and use the following steps. Go to:

Enrol Now
Uniforms
OR
Community
School Notes
Forms or Uniform

# Happy Birthday for the month of March:

Kindy George L Kiara B Ridhisha S Jayden W Eva B

Year 1 Jake N Lexi W Sophie S

Year 2 Anthony S Scarlett S Ethan H Zachary B Hamish M

Year 3 Isaac R Alibree T Dylan G George L

Year 4 Mackenzie M Marc C Ethan B Filumena L Joseph S Ranbir S Joel A Ben H

Year 5 Grace K Gabriel M Amelia B

Year 6 Mia F Amelia F Zara C



The School Office is open between 8.30am-3.30pm

# **CRAFTASTIC KIDS**

at Parramatta Library

Join us for our monthly craft club for kids! On the first Wednesday of each month we will explore a different themed craft activity.



WED 6 MARCH
WED 3 APRIL
WED 1 MAY

4pm-5pm City of Parramatta Library

Ages 6-10 years Bookings not required, spaces are limited.





# NIGHT TIME STORY TIME

Come along and listen to some of our favourite stories before bed!

Tuesday 12 & 26 March Parramatta Library

4-7 Years

6-6:30pm









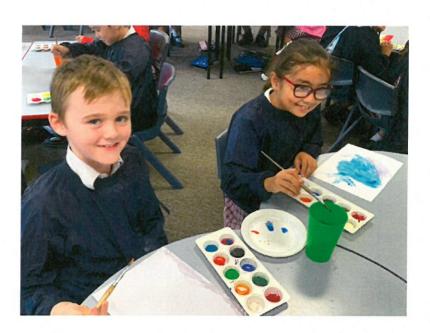


# Year 3 Celebrate Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday we celebrate the beginning of the Lenten season with an Ash Wednesday Liturgy. Year 3 researched the importance of Ash Wednesday as well as learning about the symbols of lent.

We celebrated by doing some art to represent our idea of the Lenten season.









We used water paint to create a cool background using colours that remind us of the season of Lent and the importance of the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.



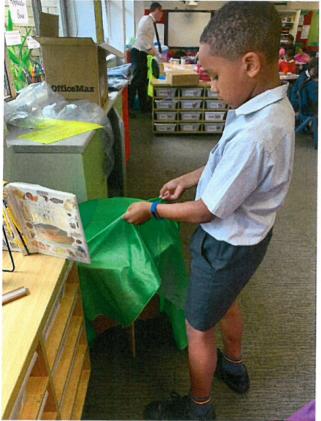


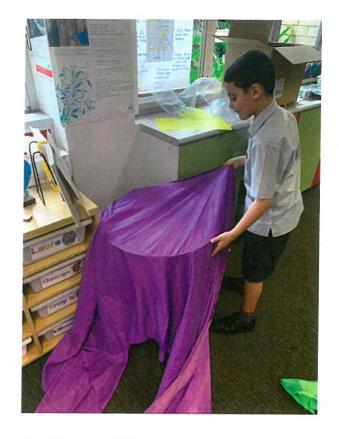
Our Prayer monitors also changed our prayer space to match this liturgical season.













#### **CELEBRATING GIFTS & TALENTS**

Congratulations to Marco S in Year 2 on participating at the NSW Touch Football 2019 Junior State Cup held at Wagga Wagga from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>February 2019. Marco Represented Parramatta in the Under 8's. Parramatta were undefeated over the 3 days and were successful in being crowned the inaugural Under 8's Junior State Cup Champions 2019, Southern Conference. It was a great team effort from all the boys, the result built on a huge defensive effort. Marco was named PLAYER OF THE FINAL.



Congratulations to Isabella Y from Year 6 competed this last weekend in the 1st NSW State Trial Event in the International Women's Pair 12-18 Division and received, 2nd in Balance, 2nd in Dynamic, 1st in Combined and 1st Overall, which was a great start in her step up into the International division and her first step to hopefully gaining a spot on the Australian Team to compete at the World Championships in Switzerland in 2020. Amazing achievement. Well done Isabella!



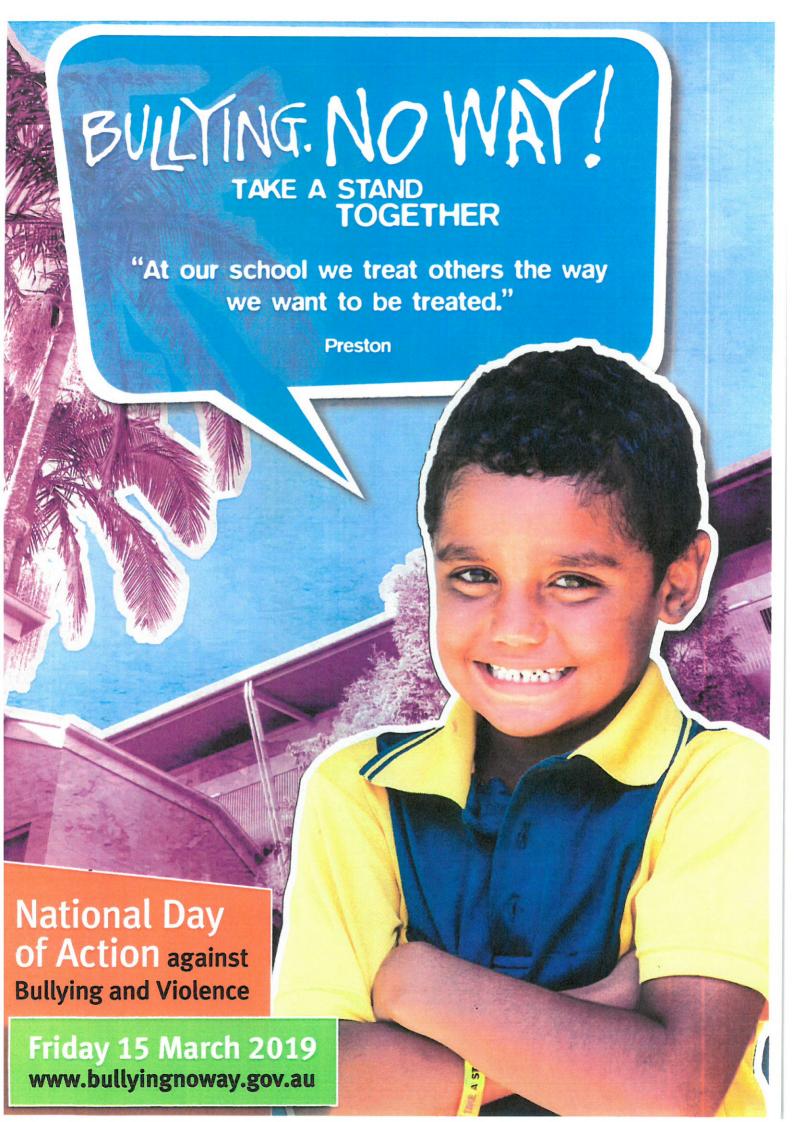


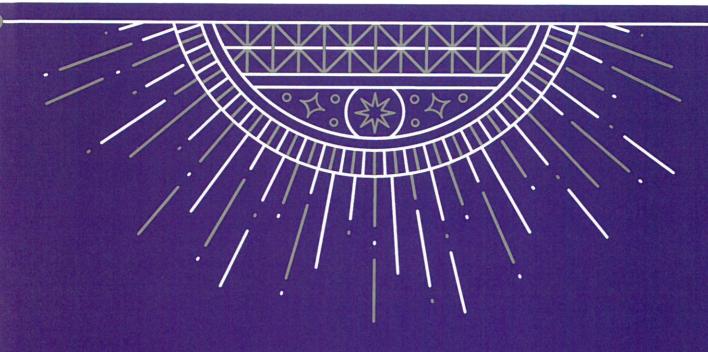


# CTK PLAYGROUP

When: Fridays 10.00am - 11.30am (Term time only)
Where: Mary MacKillop Hall, Statham Avenue North Rocks
Who: For children aged 0-5 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





# CHRIST THE KING NORTH ROCKS PARISH

Adoration Evening

Too often in our busy lives we get caught up in the rush of our day to day, especially at this busy time of the year! Why not start the season of Lent right and take same time to prepare your heart by spending an evening with Jesus. The youth of the parish would like to minister to you in an evening of prayer, worship and Eucharistic adoration which will be followed by a light supper.

MONDAY 11TH MARCH 7:30PM-9PM

#### Morning Drop-Off

Parents are reminded that when dropping off their children in the morning the following guidelines apply:

- Supervision of children begins at 8:15am
- \* Always drive less than 5km per hour within the school grounds
- \* Always have children leave the vehicle on the passenger side only
- \* Always drop off near the first gate of the COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area) in the morning where children can walk directly through the gate into the safety of the school grounds
- \* If you are taking your child to the COHSC, parking under the COLA is prohibited after 8.10am. You must park your car in a designated parking space and walk your child into the COHSC Centre
- \* Morning Drop-Off is exactly that—please do not park your car and get out to assist your child. This causes disruption to the drop-off routine. It is suggested that students hold their school bags on their laps for an easy exit out of the car.

Only park in <u>designated</u> parking spaces around the hall, never on the top playground unless there is a major school function, and only then after 9.00am as latecomers may still be walking across the playground.

#### STUDENT COLLECTION FROM ON-SITE AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Cool Kids Music (Mondays 3-4.00pm) Chess (Wednesdays 3-4pm),

Parent access for collection of students from the above-mentioned after school activities will be from the ramp near the Administration Building. Parents are to safely park in a designated parking space and get out of your car to collect your children.

Children will NOT BE ALLOWED TO WALK OUT ONTO THE RAMP WITHOUT A PARENT.

#### **BOUNDARY GATE CLOSURES**

A reminder that the school perimeter gates (Bowral Street & Buradoo Close) are locked after pick up finishes (3.20pm). Student collection after this time is only through Statham Avenue using the drive-through system.

Thank you for your co-operation.

#### ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION



Friday, 15 March 2019

Sessions:

9:00am - Year 3 & Year 4

10:00am - Kindy, Year 1 & Year 2

11:30am - Year 5 & Year 6

Parents: All Welcome to attend

Venue: Parish Hall

Students: please bring your bike helmet

#### **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 <u>ALL</u> PARENT VOLUNTEERS <u>INCLUDING THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE A CURRENT NSW WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK.</u>

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 <u>all</u> 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 <a href="https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au">www.parra.catholic.edu.au</a>, 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.

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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#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### "YOUNG BEREAVED SPOUSES" SUPPORT GROUP"

The Young Bereaved Spouse (YBS) Support group offers monthly support to men and women whose spouse or partner has died. Age guideline of under 55 years old, whether a parent or not. This group is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. First Gathering for the year: Tuesday 19th March Venue: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta Time: 6.45pm for 7pm start to 9pm. Cost: \$5 Registration Essential: Contact Rita on 8843 2575 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

I appreciate your support for Solo Parent Services and especially any additional assistance you can provide to promote this group.

Take care and God bless you in this Lenten Season,

#### 22 to 24 March - Mind, Body & Soul Retreat

For Mature Catholic Women who feel on the Fringe of the Church.

Facilitator: Andrea Dean

Where: Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa

Time: 5 pm 22nd March to 2 pm 24th March

Cost: \$230 includes two nights private, ensuite accommodation and all meals.

For more information or to book: manager@schoenstatt.org.au or phone Ann-Maree: 4773 8338

#### 29 to 30 March - 24 Hrs for the Lord, 2019

24Hrs of Adoration beginning and ending with Holy Mass at Mt Schoenstatt.

Where: Shrine, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa

Time: Begins with Holy Mass at 6 pm on Friday 29th March, finishing with Holy Mass at 5 pm on Saturday 30th March. Each hour will have reflection and music presented by different groups and individuals. Every half hour the Shrine will be silent for prayer and reflection. Come for 1 hour or 24, no obligation for a particular time period.

Enquires for groups or individuals: manager@schoenstatt.org.au or phone Ann-Maree: 4773 8338 during business hours.

Date: Saturday 16 March 2019

Event name: Public Astronomy Night: Space Junk

Event details:

#### Speaker - Ms Raelene Sommer

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.

IMPORTANT: Parents/Carers are responsible for and must remain with their children at all times. BOOKINGS VIA OUR WEBSITE ESSENTIAL

**Time:** 8pm – 10pm

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

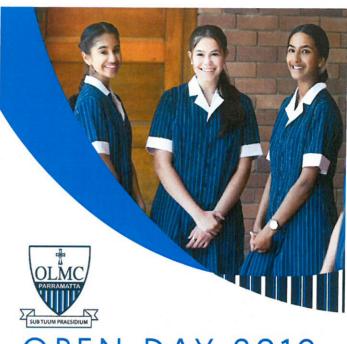
Contact phone or website for public enquiries and bookings:

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith\_observatory/whats\_on

Facebook Event: https://www.facebook.com/events/1972538313043047/

#### **OPEN DAYS**





## OPEN DAY 2019 Sunday 10 March

10am - 2pm

You are invited to join us for Open Day at Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta in 2019, our 130th anniversary year.

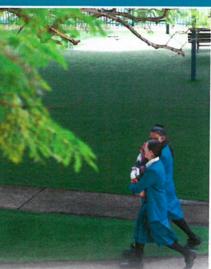
www.olmc.nsw.edu.au

Celebrating 130 years: Honouring the past, Serving the future

## ENROLLING NOW FOR 2020







Catherine McAuley is a Catholic girls' secondary school, located at Westmead. Our broad curriculum encourages young women to pursue independent lifelong learning.





Tuesday 12 March 2019 4.00pm - 7.00pm

This school open event will give visitors the opportunity to tour the school and view facilities as well as meet our School Principal and School Leadership Team.

CONTACT OUR SCHOOL ON 9849 9100 FOR AN ENROLMENT PACK. APPLICATIONS CLOSE 22nd MARCH 2019





Early bird available for the first 100 campers!

GET MOTIVETED DURING THE APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT THE ONE AND ONLY MOTIVESPORTS SUPER CAMP 2019.

Held only once each year Super Camp is a sports festival designed just

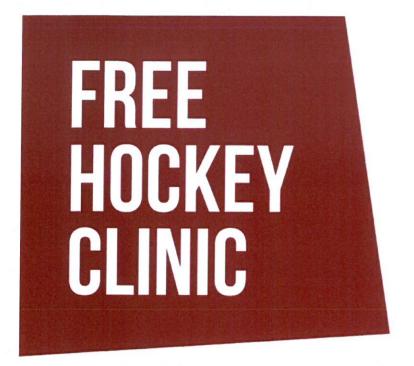
for kids. Super Camp is an energetic mix of sport, music, street culture, art and dance mashed up to create the ultimate atmosphere for kids who love having fun. With a live DJ pumping the beats and multiple prize giveaways, this is an event not to be missed. All camps are 8:30am - 3:30pm daily non-sleep over events.



**Muirfield High School** Camp 1 April 15th-16th Camp 2 April 17th-18th

IT'S OUR FAVORITE CAMP OF THE YEAR. DON'T MISS OUT, BOOK TODAY!

MOTIV8SPORTS.COM.AU



# SATURDAY 9TH MAR 2019 6PM - 7PM

Pennant Hills Park hockey fields

For Boys & Girls Aged 5 to 12

# REGISTER ONLINE NO LATER THAN 8TH MARCH

baulkhamhillshockey.org.au

#### **WHAT TO BRING**

O Hockey Stick

Water Bottle

O Mouthguard

O Hat

Shin Pads

O Sunscreen!

No stick? No problem, we'll lend you one. Mouthguards (\$5) and shinpads (\$10) will also be available



HOCKEY IN THE HILLS SINCE 1968

## come join us!

Hockey is an inexpensive and familyoriented sport kids love. Our annual pre-season hockey clinic is a great way to try hockey and get a feel for our club. We hope to see you there!

For Enquiries, please email: communications.bhhc@gmail.com



