Catholic Schools Week
celebrated in the Illawarra, Macarthur, Shoalhaven & Southern Highlands
10 - 16 March 2013

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Please inform your Principal if attending
RSVP essential for seating & catering

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Students simply record a 20 second clip on 'why every child counts'

Be as creative as you like
**Food recall of product which may be sold in school canteens: Anaphylaxis Alert**

Principals have previously received advice regarding an urgent product recall issued by the NSW Food Authority for *Koala popcorn*. Principals are requested to ensure that all School Canteen managers are provided with this Anaphylaxis Alert advice.

Please inform your school canteens of this recall as soon as possible, as the product contains an undeclared allergen, milk solids.

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**Catholic Principals Association**

At their recent AGM the CPA elected their Executive Officers for 2013. Amanda Wilson (President), Neil McCann (Vice President), Toni Sillis (Secretary), Jennie Werakso (Treasurer). The Association will be conducting their Conference 22 & 23 August 2013 with the theme ‘Stewardship and Sustainability’ and their Annual Mass and Dinner on 6 December. Congratulations to the new Executive and best wishes to the Association for their initiatives during the year.

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**2013 Harmony Day – 21 March 2013**

Principals and schools are advised that Thursday 21 March is Harmony Day. Harmony Day is managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship and coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. It is a day of cultural respect, widely celebrated across schools, childcare centres, community groups, churches, businesses and federal, state and local government agencies. For more information, go to [http://www.harmony.gov.au](http://www.harmony.gov.au).

Catholic school students are encouraged to enter the Harmony Day Poster Competition. Several students in NSW Catholic schools won prizes in 2012. The theme for 2013 is ‘Harmony. What can I do?’ For more information, go to [http://www.movingforwardtogether.com.au](http://www.movingforwardtogether.com.au). This site also has details on the 2013 Harmony Day Songwriting Competition. Entries for both competitions close on 12th April 2013.

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**Reminder: 2013 National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence**

NSW Catholic Schools are reminded that they can still register for the 2013 National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence on Friday 15 March 2013. Schools across the country are called to Take a Stand Together and register to be part of the National Day of Action. Details about the National Day and practical resources and information for teachers, parents and students are available on the website [http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au).

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**NSW Schools State Constitutional Convention**

Please find attached information regarding the NSW Schools State Constitutional Convention. This is a cross-sectoral activity conducted by the NSW Parliament. Schools should ensure that applicants’ supporting statements comply with the requirements listed in the third paragraph. Note that the closing date and time is 5.00pm 2 April 2013. Enquiries about the Convention should be directed to Daniela Giorgi, Civics and Citizenship Officer on 02 9230 2334 or by email at Daniela.Giorgi@parliament.nsw.gov.au.

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**2013 Census At School Questionnaire**

The CensusAtSchool Questionnaire is hosted annually by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. The Questionnaire is a simple and innovative way for students to have hands-on experience with data collection and usage. In 2012 over 21,000 students from across Australia participated in the questionnaire.

- Questionnaire closes 19 July 2013
- Is free and voluntary for Years 5-12 students
- Has 31 questions about students, lifestyles, preferences and opinions
- Takes about 20 minutes to complete

To complement and support the questionnaire, ABS Education web pages provide an extensive range of free lessons, activities and assessments to help enhance and build students’ understanding of data collection and statistical analysis. These activities are all aligned with the Australian Curriculum.
Future Justice Prize 2013
Nominations are invited for the Future Justice Prize this year. Nominations close on 1 July 2013. The Prize is awarded to Australian individuals or organisations for leadership and initiative in the advancement of future justice. Future justice is concerned with what those living today leave behind for future generations.

The Future Justice Prize is awarded for research, publications, projects or programs in various categories. These include: Human Rights, Indigenous, Health, Environment, Climate Change, Population & Intergenerational Debt.

Attached is information about the Prize and a nomination form. Further details at: http://www.futurejustice.com.au/

CatholicCare Family and Sibling Support Program
As part of its program, CatholicCare is conducting a ‘SibsMatters’ workshop in March for 8-12 year olds who have a sibling with a disability. Please see the attached information fliers about the Family and Sibling Support Program and the Workshop. An intake form for the use of schools is also attached.

World Congress of Families – Sydney 15-18 May 2013
The 7th World Congress of Families will be held in Sydney in May 2013. The World Congress of Families is an inter-religious gathering with the family as its focus. It will bring together many of the world’s leading pro-family advocates from a wide range of disciplines and will include workshops and seminars of interest to parents - the backbone of a healthy society. The theme of the Congress is “Happy Families – Healthy Economy”. Please see the attached flier or visit the website at www.wcfsydney2013.org.au.

Autism Spectrum Australia – Blue Lighthouse Dinner
To celebrate World Autism day, there will be a special Blue Lighthouse Dinner on Friday 5 April. Further details in the attached flier.

Autism: Help for Picky Eaters
Please find attached an information flyer about an interactive and practical workshop for parents delivered by an accredited dietician.

Riding the Wave of Change – Primary Mathematics Conference 18 May 2013
This Conference explores the NSW syllabus for the Australian Curriculum and is presented by the Mathematics Association of NSW in conjunction with The University of Wollongong. Please find attached an information flier about the Conference. Please contact Shirley Brady at CEO for further information. shirley.brady@dow.catholic.edu.au

Key Dates in Term 1
March
Sun 10 Sat 26 Catholic Schools Week (NSW/ACT)
Tue 12 Diocesan Education Mass at St John Vianney’s, Fairy Meadow
Thurs 21 2013 Harmony Day
Thurs 28 Holy Thursday
Fri 29 Good Friday
Sun 30 Easter Sunday

April
Mon 1 Easter Monday
Wed 3 - Fri 5 ACU Symposium - Religious Education
Fri 12 Last Day Term 1

Schools are asked to regularly check the CEO Website or InfoPoint for updated calendar information.
THE NEW SOUTH WALES SCHOOLS STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Principals are invited to nominate one Year 11 student for consideration as a delegate to the New South Wales Schools State Constitutional Convention to be held on Monday 17 June 2013 at Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney.

The program will begin at 9:45 am and conclude at 2:30 pm. It will include a keynote address and the opportunity for students to discuss the topic: The role, composition and powers of the Senate.

Places in the convention will be open to up to 100 students selected from all regions and all 3 school sectors in NSW. To express interest in participating, each student is asked to submit a supporting statement, no longer than one A4 page, that:

- outlines their understanding of the role, composition and powers of the Senate as shown in the Australian constitution;
- gives examples of their civic participation in the community, e.g. involvement in school and community groups;
- outlines the relevant skills they would bring to the convention, e.g. public speaking or organisational skills;
- states that their school principal supports the application to attend.

Please be sure to include the name of the student and the school on the supporting statement as well as on the fax back form.

A fax back form is attached for the purpose of submitting the application. This form together with the supporting statement must be completed and returned no later than 5:00pm on Tuesday 2 April 2013 to Daniela Giorgi on Fax no: 02 9230 3033

Schools will be notified as soon as possible, whether the application of the student they have nominated has been successful. Unfortunately there is no funding available to support travel by students from non-metropolitan schools. Non-metropolitan schools will wish to consider this before nominating students.

One of the outcomes of the New South Wales Schools Constitutional Convention will be to select thirty delegates to attend a National Schools Constitutional Convention to be held in Canberra in early 2014.

The thirty delegates to the National Schools Constitutional Convention will also have the opportunity to express interest in attending the Regional Youth Parliament, to be held in Honiara, Solomon Islands from 24 September to 1 October, 2013. Five students will subsequently be selected to attend the Regional Youth Parliament.

Inquiries about the Convention should be directed to Daniela Giorgi, Civics and Citizenship Officer, Secondary Education on 02 9230 2334 or by email at Daniela.Giorgi@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Non-Government School
NSW SCHOOLS STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
Parliament of NSW, Monday 17 June 2013
FAX BACK NOMINATION FORM

This form and the supporting statement must be returned to
FAX NUMBER: 9230 3033
by 5:00pm on Tuesday 2 April 2013
Late applications may not be considered.

Please be sure to include the name of the student and the school on the supporting
statement as well as on this fax back form.

School name: ____________________________________________
School address: ________________________________________
School phone no: ___________________ School fax no: ________

Name of Year 11 student: __________________________________
Student’s home suburb or town: ______________________________

Student’s contact email (Please print clearly): __________________________________________________________________

Name of Principal: ________________________________________

Principal’s contact email (Please print clearly): __________________________________________________________________

Signature of Principal: ___________________________ Date: ____________
FUTURE JUSTICE PRIZE 2013

NOMINATION FORM

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Nominations
Please include detailed information about the nominee’s future justice activities with the nomination form and send to:

    Future Justice
    5 St Vincent Place
    Albert Park VIC 3206

Nominations close on 1 July 2013.
The 2013 Future Justice Prize recipient/s will be announced in November.

Selection of the Future Justice Prize recipients is the responsibility of the Future Justice Executive – Justice Susan Kenny, Ms Alison King, Dr Helen Sykes AM and Professor Spencer Zifcak.

Future Justice is a joint initiative of Future Leaders and the Faculty of Law, ACU. It takes as its starting point the UNESCO ‘Declaration on the Responsibilities of the Present Generations Towards Future Generations’.

Further details are at: www.futurejustice.com.au

Nominator Details

Name ........................................

Position ......................................

Organisation ................................

Address ......................................

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Telephone ...................................

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Nominee Details

Name ........................................

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Serving the whole community
CatholicCare is the Social Services agency of the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong covering the Illawarra, Shoalhaven, Macarthur and Southern Highlands regions.

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Call

(02) 4227 1122

Our locations:
Illawarra 25-27 Auburn Street Wollongong 2500
Macarthur 35A Cordeaux Street Campbelltown 2560
Shoalhaven 55 Worrigee Street Nowra 2541

Email: enquiries@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au

www.catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au

Family and Sibling Support Program

My sibling has a disability

support for children and families living with disability

www.catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au
What is the family and sibling program?
A unique support program designed by Catholic-Care for families who have a child with a disability. Placing a special focus on the siblings “sibs” and providing much needed social and recreational time-out.

Supporting families through:

**Sibs Saturday Club:** fun outings for children aged 5-12 with trained staff to supervise. Activities include bowling, movies and indoor or outdoor recreational facilities

**Family Fun Days:** family inclusive outings

**Coffee Club:** for parents and carers to relax and socialise in child friendly locations across our service areas

**Annual Camp:** for the whole family held towards the end of each year. Enhance friendships, network and enjoy a fun-filled family weekend away

**Workshops:** educational groups covering a range of topics and themes for adults and siblings

**Information:** receive relevant resources, newsletters and articles

“*The program offers not only support, but some well earned time-out for the siblings.*”
- Parent

Why ‘siblings’?
Research shows children who have a sibling with a disability often feel isolated and under considerable stress at home. This program provides creative interventions allowing sibs to benefit from meeting and socialising with other children in similar life circumstances.

“It’s great to see my daughter independent and enjoying the activities with her peers.”
- Parent

Is this service for me?
If you have a child with a disability (such as Down Syndrome, Autism or other intellectual or physical challenges) and other siblings, contact Catholic-Care on 4227 1122.

Speak with our Family and Sibling Support Coordinator to learn more and receive an application to join our program.

Sibs activities are available for children aged between 5-12 years. Workshops are available for children aged 8-12 only.

Coffee Club mums
This congress will feature many high profile international and Australasian speakers who are experts on the family, including leaders in business, finance, politics, religion, sociology and culture:

- Brad Wilcox
- Janice Shaw Crouse
- Ian Harper
- Patrick Parkinson
- Ted Baehr
- Pat Fagan

(See over page for more information. Go to wcfsydney2013.org.au for full list of speakers.)

The World Congress of Families 7 will explore how business, government, education, law, health and the media can strengthen families for the benefit of society.

Being held at the state-of-the-art Australian Technology Park conference centre - the aim of the World Congress of Families is to promote the natural family as the fundamental social unit and the 'seedbed' of civil society. It was founded in 1995 by Dr Allan Carlson of the Howard Center for Family, Religion and Society in the US. Since then, congresses have been held in Prague (1997), Geneva (1999), Mexico City (2004), Warsaw (2007), Amsterdam (2009) and Madrid (2012).

The Congress seeks to engage, explore and shift certain key public debates worldwide regarding the natural family:

- From 'the family as an obstacle to development' to 'the family as the source of social renewal and progress';
- From 'overpopulation' to 'underpopulation' as the demographic problem facing the 21st century;
- From 'the small family and voluntary childlessness as good' to 'the celebration of the large family as a special social gift';
- And from religious orthodoxy as a 'threat to progress' to 'religious orthodoxy as the source of humane values and cultural progress'.

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see over page for details
Bradford Wilcox  Ph. D.
Bradford Wilcox is Director of the National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia, Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Virginia, and a member of the James Madison Society at Princeton University. Dr. Wilcox’s research focuses on marriage, parenthood, and cohabitation, and on the ways that gender, religion, and children influence the quality and stability of marriage and family life.

Dr. Janice Shaw Crouse  Ph. D.
Dr. Janice Crouse is Senior Fellow at the Beverly LaHaye Institute, and serves on the board of The Howard Center. She speaks widely on topics, including cultural, family, children’s and women’s concerns, including sex trafficking, the United Nations, and U.S. domestic issues. She is the author of *Children at Risk* (2010) and *Marriage Matters* (2012).

Ted Baehr
Ted Baehr is the Founder and Publisher of Movieguide® and Chairman of the Christian Film & Television Commission®. He is also a noted critic, educator, lecturer, and media pundit. His desire is to redeem the values of the media while educating audiences on how to use discernment in selecting their entertainment. Ted has written, edited and contributed to numerous books, including *How To Succeed In Hollywood (Without Losing Your Soul)* and *The Culture Wise Family.*

BOOK EARLY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SPECIAL DISCOUNTS

Early Bird registration closes 28 Mar 2013
GET AN ADDITIONAL 20% OFF advertised registration fees by using the following promotional codes when you register.

**WCF01** for 20% off full registration

**WCF0S** for 20% off spouse registration.

Professor Ian Harper
Ian Harper is one of Australia’s best known economists. He has worked closely with governments, banks, corporates and leading professional services firms at the highest level. As a member of the celebrated Wallis Inquiry, he was at the forefront of financial market reform in Australia. More recently, he joined Deloitte Access Economics as a Partner when Deloitte acquired Access Economics in March 2011.

Professor Patrick Parkinson  AM
Patrick Parkinson is a specialist in family law, child protection and the law of equity and trusts. His books include *Australian Family Law in Context; Family Law and the Indissolubility of Parenthood;* and *Tradition and Change in Australian Law.* Prof. Parkinson served from 2004-2007 as Chairperson of the Family Law Council. He is President of the International Society of Family Law.

Patrick F. Fagan  Ph. D.
Patrick F. Fagan, Ph. D. is a Senior Fellow at the Family Research Council and Director of the Marriage and Religion Research Institute, Washington, D.C. His work examines the relationship between sexuality, marriage and religious practice and America’s social and economic strengths and weaknesses. In November 2012, Dr Fagan was awarded the Society of Catholic Social Scientists’ Pope Pius XI Award.
You are invited to join friends and supporters of Autism Spectrum Australia, the not for profit organisation that operates the Aspect South Coast School, to celebrate World Autism Awareness Day.

Date: Friday 5th April 2013
Time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm start
Venue: City Beach Function Centre, 1 Marine Drive, Wollongong

Cost: $110 per person
Dress: Semi-formal (wear something blue to show your support for autism)

The Aspect South Coast School provides schooling and support to families in the Illawarra region, from Helensburgh to Kiama. We hope you can join us for our Second annual “Blue Dinner”. This event will be both a celebration and an opportunity to raise funds for the school to provide resources and equipment for the students; upgraded playground facilities and future additional buildings. This is your chance to make a real difference to children and families in the South Coast region.
Ticket price includes gourmet three course meal with wine, beer and soft drinks; live band and dancing; auctions, balloons prizes and the launch of our raffle.

To avoid disappointment return the booking form below or call 4285 2393 to secure your seat/s.

☐ YES, I would like to book a table of ____ seats @ $110pp
☐ YES, I would like to book _____ seats @ $110pp

Contact name
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Suburb     Postcode
Phone (Daytime)     Email

Payment details:
Credit card (please circle)  VISA  AMEX  DINERS  MASTERCARD
Card number     Expiry date
Name on card
Signature

OR  Cheque made payment to Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect)
Autism: Help for Picky Eaters!

Despite their parent’s best efforts children on the Spectrum are notoriously difficult to feed. They can be very selective about their food choices often influenced by sensory processing difficulties. Their diets can become very limited, leading to nutrient deficits. This will impact on their physical health, mental wellbeing and brain function. Nutrition is instrumental in supporting children with Autism Spectrum Disorder make positive gains in their development.

This nutrition workshop will be informative, practical and interactive in nature. Paula Tazzyman, Accredited Practising Dietician, will share her insights to help you widen your child’s food choices and identify what nutrients are missing from your child’s diet and how to best correct nutritional imbalances.

**When:** Monday, 6 May 2013, 10am – Noon

**Where:** CatholicCare  25-27 Auburn St Wollongong

**Cost:** $15 includes morning tea

**Bookings Essential:** Kath on 4254 9332 (Mon/Wed/Thurs) or via email kath.walsh@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au

**About Paula:**

Paula graduated from the University of Sydney in 1995 with a Masters in Nutrition & Dietetics. Paula has worked with children on the Autism Spectrum for over 16 years assisting with management of symptoms and behaviours seen on the Spectrum via dietary modifications.

Paula has an active role in educating parents and health care professional regarding the function nutrition plays in children's health and cognition. She is a regular speaker at different forums including national conferences.

Find out more about Paula at [www.paulatazzyman.com.au](http://www.paulatazzyman.com.au) or on her professional Facebook page [http://www.facebook.com/pages/Paula-Tazzyman-Dietitian/180866515360313](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Paula-Tazzyman-Dietitian/180866515360313)
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PRIMARY MATHEMATICS CONFERENCE
Exploring the NSW syllabus for the Australian Curriculum

Date: SATURDAY, 18th May, 2013
Time: 8.15am.—3.30pm.
Place: THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG
Cost: $110 members
      $165 non members
      $80 students

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