



The Dove

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Week Seven

Tue 2 Jun 2015

- Year 11 Information Evening 2016 for current Yr 10
- Years 11 & 12 HSC Music master class

Wed 3 Jun 2015

- Yr 12 Retreat Group Two at Winbourne
- Year 9 2016 Information Evening for current Yr 8

Thu 4 Jun 2015

- Yr 12 Retreat Group Two at Winbourne

Fri 5 Jun 2015

- Yr 12 Retreat Group Two at Winbourne

Week Eight

Mon 8 Jun 2015

Queen's Birthday Holiday

Tue 9 Jun 2015



School Photos

- Year 7 2016 Interviews

Wed 10 Jun 2015

- Year 8 Japanese Culture Day
- Year 8 & 10 Subject Market Evening for Yr 9 and 11 choices2016

Thu 11 Jun 2015

- Year 7 2016 Interviews

Fri 12 Jun 2015

- Years 9&10 NSW State Touch Footy Carnival Kingsway, Werrington
- NSWCCC Cross Country Carnival

"IT'S ALL ABOUT LEARNING

AND HAVING HIGH EXPECTATIONS

OF OURSELVES AND EACH OTHER"

Dear members of the St Columba's community

"Every lesson, students embark on a journey. The fact that they begin their journey from different places, travel at different speeds, in different directions and on different modes of transport presents a considerable challenge for their guide – not least because the education system demands that they all arrive at the same destination at the appointed time."

~Tweak to Transform, Mike Hughes with David Potter

The key principles of learning:

- Learning involves making sense of information.
- Learning involves building on existing understanding.
- Learning takes place at a level just beyond current understanding.

Learning occurs when the penny drops, the light comes on and the learner exclaims, "Ah, I get it!"

The "ah, I get it!" moment involves each individual learner incorporating new information into, and making connections with, their existing understanding and view of thy world. Learning is therefore an active process – a product of doing rather than receiving.

As teachers, part of our role is to create an environment in our classrooms where learning is valued by the learners, your sons and daughters. Our goal, is to ensure that all our students are given the opportunities to experience the "ah I get it!" moment in every lesson throughout the day and in as many different learning contexts. However, the **responsibility** for learning rests with each student.

School Photos

On Tuesday 9th June, the College will take part in their Annual College Photo Day. The expectation on this day for students is that they dress in full College winter uniform. All College expectations regarding make up, jewellery, hair etc will be enforced throughout the day. Girls must have their hair tied back and off their face. All boys must wear their shirts tucked in, ties done right up and socks must be black, navy blue or grey. All students must have their blazers.

National Reconciliation Week

At our Assembly this week we acknowledged that just over eight years ago the Commonwealth Government apologised on behalf of previous Australian Governments and the Australian people, for the policies and

practices of discrimination and hurt that have ultimately resulted in an entrenched sense of racism in many Australian people, toward our indigenous brothers and sisters.

This is a brief excerpt of my address to the students.

“When thinking about this historic moment in our recent history, I found myself wondering, whether anything has really changed?” Are we any further along the path to true reconciliation? Have we changed as a people? Or are we still clinging to the beliefs and prejudices passed onto us from past generations, about a people that few of us have ever really known?

I don’t claim to have the answers to these questions, because in truth, they can only be answered by each person individually.

Reconciliation is not a one off experience, but something that each of us must constantly challenge ourselves to be true to, in every relationship we form, not only with those we call friends, but with every single person who lives on this wonderful planet we call earth.

Reconciliation is a heart response to the world we live in. It requires each of us to open ourselves to learn from others and to listen without judgment to someone’s understanding and experience of life. This requires great patience and time, to allow all the mysteries of life to unfold, for as it is written in a Nigerian proverb, ‘It is the heart that gives, the fingers just let go.’

If there is one lesson that must be learned and reinforced each year that we commemorate, our need as a Nation to reconcile with our indigenous brothers and sisters, it is best summed up in the words of Mother Teresa, “It’s easy to love people far away, it’s not always easy to love those who live right next to us. There are thousands of people dying all around the world for a bit of bread, but there are thousands more dying for a bit of love, or a bit of acknowledgement. The truth is, that the worse disease today is not leprosy, tuberculosis or aids, it’s being unwanted, it’s being left out, it’s being forgotten.

At St Columba’s Catholic College today, our commitment to our indigenous brothers and sisters should be, that we will never forget them.

Paul Ryan
Principal

From the Office



Change of Details?

If you have changed address or telephone numbers, or if there has been a change of family circumstance, please call or send a message to our Enrolments Secretary, Mrs Sandra O’Brien (02) 4754 8907 or sobrien@parra.catholic.edu.au

Calling All Mini-Bus Drivers

Can you or a friend/relative/neighbour spare a few hours to volunteer a month / a year? We wish to create a pool of drivers that we could ask to drive our mini bus for excursions. These excursions usually occur during school hours and we generally have weeks, if not months notice prior to an event. We expect this may only require someone to drive once or twice a year. This will greatly ease the load on the number of staff required to attend an excursion. The driver will not be responsible for replacing a teacher in terms of supervising students at an event.

If you have a 1C NSW driving licence and want more information or would like to be added to our list, please contact Mr Greg Malone on 4754-1022 or gmalone@parra.catholic.edu.au

All drivers will be subject to a "Working with Children Check" and will need to supply a copy of their driving record from Service NSW on 13 22 13.

Mr Greg Malone
Head of PDHPE and Sport



School Photos – Tuesday 9th June, 2015



PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

1. Go to www.advancedlife.com.au, enter the 9 digit Online Key Code found on your envelope* in the box available and hit **SUBMIT**. * PTK GTW KXG

2. Select ORDER PHOTOS from the menu.

3. Enter first student details you wish to order for and hit **PROCEED**.

4. Use the **SELECT** Check Box for the package/s you wish to purchase.
List quantity required and **ADD TO CART**.

NOTE: If you have entered incorrect student details select **EDIT STUDENT DETAILS**.

5. If you only wish to order for one child please proceed to **CHECKOUT**.

6. Check that the item in your cart is correct and click **CHECK OUT** to finalise your order or click **CONTINUE SHOPPING** to add an order for another student.

7. Check your order carefully as refunds will not be given for incorrect choice.

8. Enter your payment details and hit **PAY**. A \$1 handling fee is applicable to this service.

9. A receipt for payment and order will be sent to the email address provided.

10. Your package will be dispatched to your school approximately 25 working days after final photographs are taken.



OTHER PAYMENT METHODS

Cash - Please enclose the correct money as no change is available.

Cheques/Money orders – Make payable to advancedlife. Complete bank name and cheque number on the Order envelope. Write your name and address on the back of the cheque. Please allow 60 days for your cheques to be finalised.

If paying by Cash, Cheque or Money order the **ORDER ENVELOPE MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL**.

Our guarantee to you

Refund policy

Every care and attention is taken to provide you with the very best in quality and presentation. However, if you're not completely satisfied please post your unwanted photographs to your nearest advancedlife office within 7 days of receipt for a full refund on the returned portion.



PARENT ENQUIRIES

Please direct all enquiries to **advancedlife** rather than the school via enquiries@advancedlife.com.au or call direct on 1300 728 972 between 9am and 3pm week days.



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www.advancedlife.com.au

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Web: <http://www.stcolumbasspringwood.catholic.edu.au/>

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Student News

National Art School Program

Congratulations to Caitlin Neill from Year 11 who has been selected to participate in the prestigious National Art School's 2015 HSC Intensive Studio Practice.

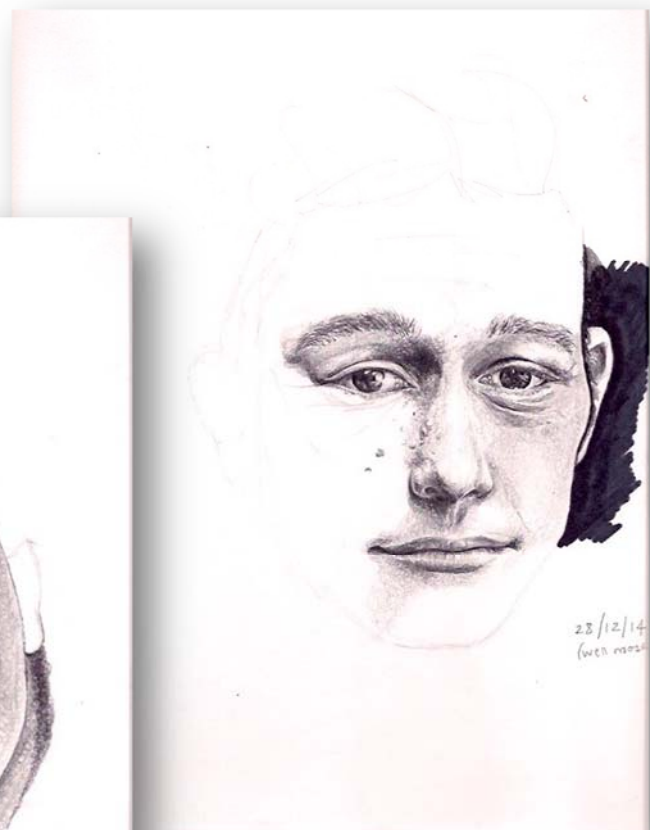
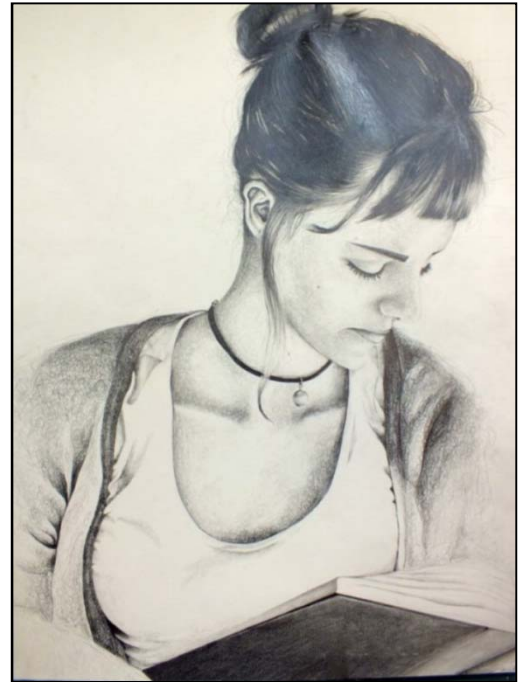
This program is designed to extend students' technical skills and conceptual practice through a number of workshops taught by experienced and practicing artists.

To be considered for this program, the student needs to be "achieving at the highest level of excellence in their Preliminary Course."

Caitlin has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to developing and extending her considerable artistic talent. She is certainly one of our most gifted students, as evidenced by these drawings she submitted as part of the application.

Caitlin will be attending life drawing classes over a number of days during the Term 2 and 3 holidays. This will be a wonderful experience for her and we wish her success in the upcoming workshops.

Mrs Margaret Rust
Creative Arts Leader of Learning



The NADO Great Wall of China Challenge Hero – Mitchell Drew-Rugg



Mitchell is one of the brave souls to become a NADO fundraising Hero. Mitchell is taking part in the NADO Great Wall of China Challenge on the 12th of May to the 22nd of May 2016, a fundraiser organised in cooperation with Inspired Adventures.

What is the Great Wall of China Challenge?

The NADO Great Wall of China Challenge is a fundraising adventure. Every step taken by our fundraising Heroes along the Great Wall, through the Forbidden City, in bustling Beijing, and elsewhere along the way - bring us one step closer to raising \$50,000 to upgrade our new centre. The challenge isn't just about the physical nature of an 11-day trek through China. It's about the challenge to inform and involve family, friends, and community peers in fundraising for the event. The Great Wall of China Challenge invites wider engagement with NADO. Our Heroes become a voice for our cause, and share our mission and ambition for people with demanding care needs.



Mitchell's challenge is to raise funds of \$3,500.00.

Part of Mitchell fundraising strategy is to hold a series of BBQ'S at Bunnings, the first of which is on the 4th of July at the Valley Heights Bunnings, as well as selling chocolates.

Visit <http://www.inspiredadventures.com.au/nado/china2016/> to find out more, and get involved.

Follow our adventurers on social media: #NADOChinaChallenge

Become a Friend of NADO: join our local business community support program. Visit

<http://www.nado.org.au/donate-now/friends-of-nado/>

Sports News

Athletics Carnival

Venue: Tom Hunter Park, Faulconbridge **DATE:** Friday 19/6/15

Uniform: House colours – House Captains will be seeing each homeroom about themes (MUST be appropriate for a school function). Keep in mind the cold weather.

Transport:

MORNING:

All students will travel to school as normal, and then be taken up to the carnival by bus

Only students who live in the Grose /Chapman Rd areas are permitted to walk to/from the carnival. Year 12 students are permitted to drive to and from the carnival. Any passengers travelling with a year 12 student to the carnival must have the *College passenger permission note* filled out and given to their homeroom teacher. **Consequences** will be enforced for students who do not fill in the passenger permission note. These forms can be found at student services or on the school website.

AFTERNOON

All students will travel back to school for normal buses. Parents will be permitted to pick up their child from the carnival provided that a note is given to their homeroom teacher in the week leading up to the carnival. Students must be signed out through their homeroom teacher, and the teacher at the gate prior to being collected.

In the case of an emergency, parents can collect their child from the carnival. Students must speak directly to their Leader of Mission and be signed out by the teacher at the gate before leaving.

Cost: The cost has been covered in the College Sports Levy.

Food: Students will need to bring their own food and drinks on the day. There will be a sausage sizzle on the day and limited numbers of soft drinks, chips and chocolates will be available to buy. (\$2 per item).

Competitive runners:

The 1500m championship event will begin at 9:00am sharp. All runners competing in this event need to be at Tom Hunter Park by 8:45am. Please note that buses coming from school will not be at the park by this time. If you wish to run in this event you will need to arrange transport to the park by this time.

Wet weather:

1. An SMS will be sent to each family by 6.15am.

Or you may

2. Check the school website from 6am

An announcement will be made if the carnival is postponed. School will be on as normal if it's too wet. The back-up day for the carnival is Tuesday 23/6/15. In the event of bad weather on the date of the back up carnival, we will hold a 'competitor only' carnival for students trying for selection to PDSSSC. School will be held as normal for all other students. Transport to the 'competitor only' carnival will need to be organised by parents.

Miss Lisa Nyburg

Assistant Leader of Learning PDHPE

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2015 St Columba's Catholic College Carnival Permission

(Return to homeroom teacher by 8/6/15)

Student's name: Date: Homeroom:

I hereby give permission for my son/daughter to attend the St. Columba's Catholic College

Athletics Carnival

YES/ NO

I give permission for my son/ daughter to receive emergency medical treatment if required.

YES/ NO

Please indicate if your son/ daughter is taking any form of medication

I understand that in any case of emergency, every effort will be made to contact me as soon as possible.

Signed:

Parent/ Guardian

Western Sydney Wanderers Schools Cup Gala day

Last Monday, 70 boys and girls from years 7 and 8 represented our College at the Western Sydney Wanderers Schools Cup Gala day. All students were wonderful ambassadors for our school both on and off the field.

There were 3 boys' teams and 2 girls' teams coached by Year 10 PASS students. The St Columba's Boys' Red Team coached by Zac Comfort won the Gala Day, beating Katoomba High School 1-nil in the final. This team will go on to compete against all other Regional winners at a finals day in September.

The Daily Telegraph has shared an article from the Penrith Press that gives an overview of the Gala Day and summary of results. A couple of our boys feature in the article's main photo with Western Sydney Wanderers player Shannon Cole. Here is a link to the article.

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/west/wanderers-schools-cup-highlights-stars-of-nepean-football-association/story-fngr8j33-1227364976406>

The boys' team go on to compete against all other Regional winners at a finals day in September.

Finally, a huge thank you to Mr G Watson and Miss Thompson for all their assistance on the day!!

Miss Lisa Nyburg
Assistant PDHPE Leader of Learning



Winners of the Giant's Cup Regional Final

Congratulations to our U15's Girls AFL team on winning the Giant's Cup Regional Final and progressing to Sydney Final early in Term 3. The regional final between St Columba's Catholic College and John Edmondson High School on Thursday 28th May was a very physical and entertaining game. Great 17-12 victory to St Columba's.

Mr Greg McDonald
PDHPE Teacher

From the Library



SpineOut, the sister magazine to **gr**, is for young adult readers. It recently published this fabulous poem by Grace, who is in Year 7 at St Columba's Catholic College, Springwood NSW. The poem was inspired by her school library.

We enjoyed this poem so much that we thought we'd share it with **gr** readers.

The Library

Calm, serene,
tranquil, magical
Laden with shelves full
of glorious books
My favourite place in the
whole entire colossal school,
The Library of course!

There I've met fairies,
mermaids, wealthiest royals,
Exhilaratingly ridden the
back of a majestic Pegasus,
Sucked so willingly into
the delicate pages,
So many evil villains'
plans to foil
Goodness, is that the time?

There I've studied for
upcoming tests,
Gather here for precious,
priceless knowledge,
Treasure it,

For knowledge is the greatest gift
(also the strongest weapon)
In the whole world ...



POETRY



There I've hastily escaped too,
From the loud and busy world,
to the magnificence of the library,
To sit in my special corner
with a l o n g novel,
So carefully sorted in their wondrous
categories ...

Every book has its own beauty,
So NEVER judge a book by its cover,
It's the inside that truly counts,
The same for humans.

But all too soon, the thrill of
the quest is over,
I find myself crowned a hero
Who would imagine, me, a hero?

I can be whoever I want to be
Next thing, I am battling once again
in the sequel!

Do not forget your magic ID card,
For without it, you shall remain bookless,
For the remainder of the
tedious day ...

Calm, serene,
tranquil, magical

Laden with never-ending
shelves full of glorious books

My favourite place in the whole entire
colossal school,

The Library of course! **gr**

Good Reading, June 2015

<http://digital.goodreadingmagazine.com.au/global/print.asp?path=/djv...>

Mrs Belinda Sefton
Librarian

Careers

Students who are leaving school in the near future might be interested in an exciting trade career in Landscaping.

To give you a rough overview our organisation has been operating since 1993, we employ just over 300 staff and we have operations in NSW, ACT, QLD and VIC. Of those 300 staff approximately 70 of those are apprentices, so as you can see we truly believe that apprentices are the future of the organisation. We provide genuine career paths for all of our apprentices, for example we have many success stories of people completing their apprenticeship with us and are now in supervisory/management positions.

We have 3 separate divisions in our organisation known as 'Construction', 'Maintenance' and 'Exterior'. The Construction division specialise in large scale commercial landscaping and civil works and have worked on projects such as the construction of Wet and Wild Sydney. Our Maintenance division specialise in commercial maintenance and horticultural services and service clients such as golf courses, private schools, universities, aged care facilities and large commercial properties. Our Exterior division specialise in high end residential landscaping and also build decking, pools and many other outdoor structures. As you can see we have quite a diverse range of careers to offer students, all with equally impressive career progression opportunities.

The link to the website below is also a great tool to get a visual perspective on the works we perform.

Jamie Taylor | People & Culture
Landscape Solutions Australia Pty Ltd
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www.landscapesolutions.com.au



CONTACT US

• Phone: [\(07\) 3040 9324](tel:0730409324)

• Email: info@powerofengineering.org

• Web: <http://www.powerofengineering.org/>

Welcome to the Power of Engineering!

You will find information about the Power of Engineering and how they work with to achieve their vision. Have a look at their news page event calendars and galleries from events to see what they have been up to and what is next!

Their Vision

Their vision is to inspire young people, particularly females and regional students, to consider a diverse and creative career in engineering and to transform the community perceptions of the profession.

To achieve this vision they work in partnership with local communities, universities, industry and professional bodies across Australia to deliver a sustainable program of events targeting year nine and ten students (before they make senior subject selections). Their programs are run by young people with the support of their team of experienced Advisors



Dr John Taccori, Careers Advisor.

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Diocesan News

You can read the latest Council of Catholic School Parents
Newsletter at: <http://www.ccspp.catholic.edu.au/2015/20150528/>

Grand Opening of the Sculptures at School (SAS) exhibition.



Saturday 13th June, 2015
2pm in the School Library
St Canice's Catholic School

158 Katoomba St (behind the Catholic Church)

Our theme for 2015 is Remembrance.

The students are working very hard to create a wonderful exhibition of sculptural and written pieces, which are engaging, enriching and evocative. See Flanders Field, how animals were important in WWI, the "White Room", the Remembrance Wall and many other pieces.

Some students from our string orchestra and choir will provide entertainment. Home baked ANZAC biscuits will be sold to raise money for our local St Vincent de Paul Society.

**FAST TRACK YOUR TRADE CAREER
WHILE YOU FINISH YOUR HSC**

**McCarthy Catholic
Trade Training Centre**



ENROLLING NOW

Combining learning and work

McCarthy Catholic Trade Training Centre offers students in Years 11 & 12 a flexible school experience for those wanting to pursue a career in a vocational field through a traineeship or an apprenticeship. Training is available for many vocational areas: hairdressing, electrician, chef, brick layer, carpenter, metal fabricating, early childhood educator, business and financial services and several others

DON'T MISS OUR INFORMATION NIGHT

When: Wednesday 3 June 6 - 7.30pm

Where: McCarthy Catholic College 75 MacKellar St Emu Plains

ATTEND OUR INFORMATION NIGHT TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT TRADE FOR YOU.

Talk to our experienced trade teachers and see our state-of-the-art facilities.

Call 47353211, email mccarthycttc@parra.catholic.edu.au

or visit www.mccarthycttc.catholic.edu.au

ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND GIVE BLOOD



Mobile Blood Service visiting: **Springwood Car Park**

175 Macquarie Road, Springwood

Tuesday 30 June	9:00am – 2:30pm
Wednesday 1 July	12.30pm – 6.00pm
Thursday 2 July	12.30pm – 6.00pm
Friday 3 July	9.00am – 2.30pm

Drink up! Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate

Eat! Have a good sized breakfast or lunch

Please bring photo I.D. with you

To make an appointment call **13 14 95**
or visit donateblood.com.au



Players WANTED

Want to **get fit**, **have fun** and
make **new friends**



Are you a girl born 2003 or 2004?

Springwood United Football Club need another
four players to join our U12G teams.

It is not too late - with all this rain you have not
missed much.

Contact girls@springwoodunited.com.au for
more information.



Wouldn't it be fun to go to work on a unicorn?

Build-A-Mind workshops provide children with an outlet for their creative genius; a chance for them to learn and develop key skills for their future, whilst playing and having fun.

We are looking for energetic, imaginative and fun “edutainers” to get down with the children and build a Kronkiwongi, design robots, pretend to be a turtle and a whole bunch of other crazy and weird stuff. Of course, you also need to support and encourage STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics) learning, but if you can do that whilst riding a unicorn, AWESOME!

Our school holiday workshops are launching on the 29th of June and will run for two weeks. This is a great opportunity for students who have a genuine interest in childcare or teaching as a career and want to get some work experience in this field to aid them in their chosen field of study.

Please send your resume and an email explaining why you would be the perfect edutainer to kerry@buildamind.com.au A great attitude is mandatory, the unicorn is optional.

Noun

edutainer (plural [edutainers](#))

1. One who [edutains](#), who [educates](#) in an [entertaining](#) manner.



OUTDOOR EXPLORE

A PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR AMAZING YOUNG PEOPLE

Outdoor Explore is a ten-week adventure based youth development program. Eight participants are carefully selected to participate in a tailored series of adventure based activities combined with personal development group work session.

Outdoor Explore has been designed especially for young people by an awesome team of experienced youth workers and outdoor experts. The program will encourage you to push your limits, from canoeing to abseiling, mountain biking to Yoga.

Think your up for it ?

What will you get out of it ?

- Understand & learn to deal with your emotions in a healthy way
- Develop positive communication skills
- Control your thinking and begin to change negative patterns
- Understand respectful relationships and learn how to become more assertive
- Be a part of group discussions on topics such as sex, social skills and making a plan for the future
- Learn how to build self-confidence and personal boundaries
- Build close relationships with other young people
- Take time out to focus on you
- Spend time doing awesome activities in the bush

What do we want from you?

One day per week for ten weeks all we ask is that you turn up on time, ready for action!

Over the course of the 10 weeks, through shared experiences and overcoming challenges, participants develop new friendships, increased confidence and new understandings of their own limits and abilities.

All snacks, lunches & gear will be provided



Mountains Youth Services Team
183 Macquarie St, Springwood
PO Box 99 Springwood NSW 2777

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PENRITH CITY COUNCIL

Family & Community Services
Ageing, Disability & Home Care

People with a disability and their families and carers are invited to attend:

"Have a go"

FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday 31st May 2015

Promoting sport, recreation and leisure activities for people with a disability



Date: Sunday 31 May 2015

Time: 11am-2pm

Where: Thorndale Foundation, 47-49 Rance Rd Werrington

(within walking distance of Werrington Train Station)

Cost: Free - Sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch

New Venue

Activities and stalls include:

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| • Ball Games | • Swimming centres |
| • Toy Library | • Wheelchair sports |
| • Music | • Arts & crafts |
| • Face Painting | • & Much more |
| • Petting Zoo | Over 20 services |



Please RSVP by Monday 25th May 2015 to 4734 9417

Please leave a voice mail with the following information:

- The names and ages of those attending
- Your phone number

If there is wet weather, please call the information line 4734 9417 to see if the event has been cancelled.

People attending that need support are to have their carers with them at all times.

Please bring your own drinks and sun protection. Some drinks will be available for purchase on the day.

Limited seating available.

Photos will be taken on the day—please see staff if you are concerned about your photo being taken and its use.