

NEWSLETTER

1st June 2015 Term 2 Week 7

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St Canice's Catholic Primary School
Katoomba 2014

Growth through love and learning

Sculptures At School

The Arts is a very important aspect of life in our local area and therefore an important part of the curriculum for our students at St Canice's. We believe that students learn best when they are immersed in a learning culture that encourages risk taking and embraces opportunity.

SAS – Sculptures At School, is an initiative which started last year and has expanded in 2015. Providing an authentic purpose and audience for the students to develop their writing skills can be a challenge. Engaging students in their learning is a secret to success.

Official Opening of the SAS Exhibition

Saturday 13th June we are officially opening our SAS exhibition. Some of the String Orchestra and Choir will be there to help entertain our guests. The school's Mini Vinnies will also be there selling ANZAC biscuits to raise money for our local St Vincent de Paul Society. Parents, children and friends are most welcome, however it could be very busy. All Day Monday 15th – Friday 19th June as well as Monday evening 15th June, the exhibition will be open to our school community.

This year the SAS theme is Remembrance and it lends itself to a direct link to ANZAC 100 years. The students have been reading stories and doing research about the Great War. Some classes are focusing on the animals in war. They discovered how important horses, dogs, pigeons, cats and even glow worms were during the war.

Athletics Carnival

Athletics Carnival was last Tuesday – what amazing weather we had that day. Congratulations to all of our competitors. Thanks to all parents who helped on the day it really made for a successful event. A big thanks to the teachers for their work that day and especially to Miss Bennett who put so much work into making the event run so smoothly.

Cake Stall

The Cake Stall held last Saturday was a tremendous success. Thank you to all the families who baked such delicious and tempting cakes, biscuits and treats. Over \$700 was raised which will go towards completing some playground improvements.



Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge has begun!! If your child is participating this year and you cannot remember, or find your username and password, please contact Mrs van der Walle and she will organise it for you. Children in Kindergarten and Year 1 will be registered and validated online here at school

Happy Reading
Chris van der Walle

Sr Colleen on Leave

Sr Colleen has taken leave during week 7 and will return next Tuesday 9th June.

Mass Times

Friday: Katoomba 12 noon Mass

Saturday: Katoomba 9.30 am Mass Saturday Vigil: Leura 5pm Mass

Sunday: Wentworth Falls 8am Katoomba 10am Leura 5pm

Rosary: Monday Katoomba 8.30 am, Tuesday Leura 4.45pm,

Wednesday Wentworth Falls 9.30 am, Friday Katoomba 11.30 am.

Saturday Katoomba 9 am.



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish

Parish Priest Fr. Ted Tyler

Presbytery Contact Ph: 02 4782 2804

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Gold Awards Postponed

Please be advised that the Prayer Assembly and Gold Awards Presentation previously advertised for Week 9 has been postponed until Week 10 Friday 26th June.

Public Holiday

Next Monday 8th June, is a public holiday.

School Reports

On Friday 12th your child's school report will be sent home.



English Corner

In this small space I hope to supply you with a whole lot of ideas that will help you spur your child's literacy skills along. This week we look into oral language development. Oral language is such an important skill for the children to develop and plays a significant role in the development of childrens' reading and writing.

TALK! TALK! TALK! SOME EASY POINTERS FOR YOU TO IMPLEMENT

Are you one of those parents thinking of ways to support your child's oral language development? Read on.....

- Model a rich vocabulary - You will be surprised how quickly children pick up words and then use them in their writing.
- play games and have fun with words - Games like scrabble, boggle, charades, hangman, making words up from car number plates.
- provide the time and place for imaginative play - Pretend play is strongly linked to language, narrative language, abstract thought, problem solving, logical sequential thought, creation of stories, social competence with peers, understanding a social situation, integration of emotional, social and cognitive skills, and the ability to play with others in the role of a 'player'.



Bus Pass Inspection

We have been advised by the Blue Mountains Bus Company that there will be surprise inspections on all school buses checking for valid bus passes from Week 6 to Week 10. Children may be asked to produce their pass to validate their journey start and finish as per instructed on their pass.

St Columba's Enrolments

A reminder to parents that the St Columba's Year 7 2016 enrolments are now due to be submitted. Further information is available on the college website www.stcolumbasspringwood or by phone on 4754 1022.

Winter Magic Festival

The Directors have informed the School that the annual Winter Magic Festival will be held on Saturday 20th June this year. There will be temporary road closures prior to and during the festival.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Notices were sent home last Thursday regarding the on line booking of the Parent Teacher Interviews. Interviews are being held from Monday 15th June to Thursday 18th June. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow the simple instructions. Event Code is 45CMY. If any parent does not have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friends house or on their phones, bookings can be made at the School Office from today. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date (Monday 15th June at 7am) should contact the school directly on 4782 1260.

Excursion to the Unknown Soldier

Stage 3 are travelling to Penrith by train this Thursday 11th June to watch the play at the Joan Sutherland Centre "The Unknown Soldier". The children need to meet on the Great Western Side of the station near the Gearin's Hotel by 8.00am. Children are to wear their Winter Uniform and bring their Lunch, Morning Tea and a drink for the day.



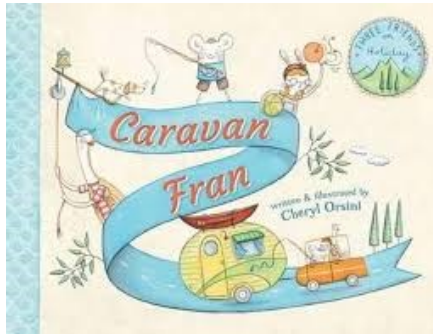
Zone Athletics Qualifying Distances

If any child participates in athletics outside of school and would like to submit their personal best distance for Shot Put, Discus and High Jump, please send in your entries in to me. This is not a guarantee that they will qualify for Zone, as there are qualifying distances. Please put in writing your child's name , DOB, class and their PB distance for one or all of the events listed above.

Visiting Author: Cheryl Orsini

This May has certainly seen St Canice's being part of the Sydney's Writers Festival with a visit from Martin Chatterton (illustrator to James Patterson's Junior books), Tohby Riddle and at the Joan Sutherland Centre to see Andy Griffiths and other authors.

We also had a visit from author Cheryl Orsini, a prolific illustrator who has just published her own book *Caravan Fran*. Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 were delighted to hear the story and have a chance to play "Pin the Ham in the Van" and other activities that complemented the book. Cheryl also spoke to Years 3, 4 and 5 describing the writing and publishing process and answering questions. The students were even able to hold and study her original paintings, and we were all amazed that her fine black outlines were painted with a brush rather than drawn by pen. This was Cheryl's very first visit to a school and she wrote back to say how much she enjoyed her time with us, and that she now feels confident to book school visits in the future. Because the students were so fascinated with her illustrations, she plans to incorporate her brushes and paints in her school visits.



Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday last week St Canice's held the Athletics Carnival at Pitt Park in Wentworth Falls. We were blessed with beautiful weather and we had an excellent day filled with cheering, novelty events, long jump and running events. It was so great to see everyone participating in the events and earning points for their house colours.

House Colour Points:

Wentworth = 264
Kedumba = 207
Lawson = 205
Blaxland = 204

House Colour Effort Points:

Kedumba = 424
Wentworth = 364
Blaxland = 304
Lawson = 232

Congratulations to all of the competitors for their efforts on the day. The children who will be competing in the Zone at Blacktown early next term will be announced shortly and a note will be sent home.

Age Champions:

Junior Boys: Gabriel Preston

Junior Girls: Olivia Mezei

11yr Boys: Hamish Walker-Sawkins

11yr Girls: Alina Hoang

Senior Boys: Joseph Norman

Senior Girls: Mia Brischetto

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents who volunteered their time on the day to assist with setting up, time keeping, starting, novelty events and packing up. You all helped the day run so smoothly and we wouldn't have been able to have such a successful carnival without your assistance. Also thank you to all the teachers and Mr Geerligs for all your help on the day.

Lauren Bennett

Sports Coordinator



School Calendar

June

Week 7

Tuesday	2nd	Student Banking UBMMF Rehearsal 9am	
Wednesday	3rd	Uniform Shop Open ICAS Science	
Thursday	4th	Ukulele	
Friday	5th	My School Lunch Box Assembly S3W Mass & Reconciliation Year 4	

Week 8

Monday	8th	Queen's Birthday Holiday	
Tuesday	9th	Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking Parent Body Meeting	7pm
Wednesday	10th	Uniform Shop Open Incurion Responsible Pet Education Program For Kinder Yr 1 & 2	
Thursday	11th	Stage 3 Excursion to The Unknown Soldier Choir	8.00am
Friday	12th	My School Lunch Box Assembly S3B Mass & Reconciliation S3W Reports go Home	



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to eat well and prevent disease.

Did you know that eating the right amount of fruit and veg can lower your risk of cancer by 5-12 percent? Yet most adults don't eat enough of either, particularly veg.



Try to add fruit and veg to every meal:

- Add chopped bananas or strawberries to your brekky cereal
- Add some sliced tomato on your toast
- Munch on some carrot or cucumber sticks at morning tea
- Add legumes like kidney beans or chickpeas to your salad at lunch
- Reduce meat in your stir-fries, curries and pasta sauces – and add more veggies.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.



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Birthday Wishes for June

Marley Harrison, Samuel Everingham,
Juan Nunez, Molly Jinks, Talish Sharma,
Leah Taylor, Albi Chalbhadgam Raphael,
Estella Semenetz and Thomas MacNamara



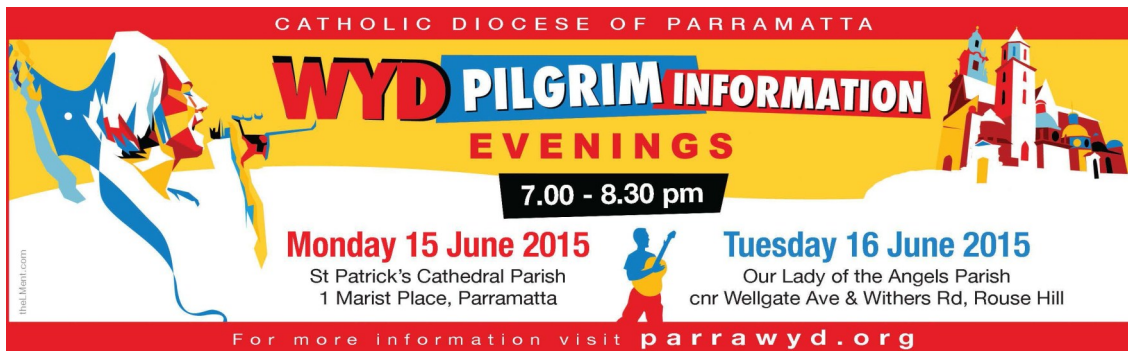
Jackeroo Ranch Horse Riding Winter School Holiday Camps

Camp One
Saturday 27th June to Saturday 4th July

Camp Two
Saturday 4th July to Sunday 12th July



Contact Pattie on 6337 7173 for further information



From the Bishops Office

SAVE THE DATE

3rd Annual Faith in Marriage Conference: 23 August

This year's conference has the theme: Marriage – A Culture of Love & Life. Speakers include the Diocesan Administrator, Very Rev Fr Peter G Williams, Jonathon Doyle and Lara & Tim Kirk. Brought to you by Catholic-Care Social Services and Australian Catholic University. From 9am-3pm at Our Lady of Mercy College, Victoria Rd, Parramatta. On-site child minding. To register your interest tel CatholicCare Parramatta (02) 9933 0222, marriage@ccss.org.au

Next World Youth Day 2016 Krakow Pilgrimage Info Night: 15 June

Our Diocese plans to accompany more than 400 young people and students to World Youth Day next year. Two itineraries will take us through Poland and the Philippines before the week-long celebration in Krakow. Information nights will be held in different parts of the Diocese for interested young people, their parents, teachers and clergy. They will run from 7pm-8.30pm.

- Monday 15 June at St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta;
- Tuesday 16 June at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill.

For more information visit our diocesan WYD website: www.parrawyd.org or contact James Camden – Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta: jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend from 19-21 June

Keep the chill out of your relationship this winter with a weekend together. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a marriage enrichment experience – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Give the greatest gift, that of your time alone – invest in your most precious asset ... your marriage. Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Contact Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel (02) 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au www.wwme.org.au Join us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/WWMEEasternUnit>