

NEWSLETTER



30th March 2015 Term 1 Week 10

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St Canice's Catholic Primary School
Katoomba 2014

Growth through love and learning

Dear Parents and Carer's

Palm Sunday was yesterday. It was the day that marked the beginning of Holy Week. Below is some more information about Palm Sunday.

"In ancient times, palm branches symbolized goodness and victory. They were often depicted on coins and important buildings. Solomon had palm branches carved into the walls and doors of the temple (1 Kings 6:29). Again at the end of the Bible, people from every nation raise palm branches to honor Jesus (Revelation 7:9).

Palm Sunday commemorates the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-9), when palm branches were placed in his path, before his arrest on Holy Thursday and his crucifixion on Good Friday. It thus marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent.

In the Roman Catholic Church, as well as among many Anglican and Lutheran congregations, palm fronds (or in colder climates some kind of substitutes) are blessed with an aspergillum outside the church building (or in cold climates in the narthex when Easter falls early in the year). A solemn procession also takes place.

In the Catholic Church, this feast now coincides with that of Passion Sunday, which is the focus of the Mass which follows the service of the blessing of palms." (from Catholic Online)

Mark Geerligs
Principal



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Parish Priest Fr. Ted Tyler

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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.

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2016

RE News

First Holy Communion

Yesterday was also a special day for 2 of our students. Taylor Harris-Jones and Kayla Sayers made their First Holy Communion. This is a special event for the Parish.



Holy Week Liturgies

On Friday Kindergarten started our Holy Week Liturgies with an enactment of Palm Sunday. A series of prayerful reflections on the events of Holy Week will be held this week in preparation for the joyful celebration of Easter.



Monday 30th March

Years 1 and 2 will be recalling the events of the Last Supper. This will take place in the upstairs Open Area at 2.20pm

Tuesday 31st March

Years 3 and 4 will be recalling the events from Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane to his Sentencing to death by Pilate. This will take place in the Upstairs Open Area at 8.50am

Thursday 2nd April

Stage 3 will be recalling the events of the Death of Jesus on the Cross. This will take place in the Hall at 8.50am Everyone is welcome to attend.

2016 Enrolment for Kinder

We are now taking Enrolments for our Kindergarten Class 2016.

If your child will be ready to begin school in 2016, or you know of anyone that may be interested in enrolment please contact our School Administration Office for an enrolment pack.

We also have some spaces available in other classes.

Pupil Free Day Monday 20th April

Reminder: Day one of Term 2 is a Pupil Free Day.

The first school day for students in Term 2 is Tuesday 21st April.

**PUPIL-FREE
DAY**

Election BBQ

On Saturday morning more than 40 people visited the school to a "Have a free cuppa". The people who visited all had stories to tell. We met a teacher who works in Thailand and was interested in keeping in contact with the school. There were past students who looked through our old photos and found pictures of themselves at their First Holy Communion and a photo of their mum. The general vibe was very positive. Comments were— "this is a lovely school", "it feels really nice and welcoming". Eight staff were here Saturday morning welcoming and serving tea/ coffee. The volunteers who were working for the polling booth, greatly appreciated the tea/ coffee as well. At one stage they said to me that we had more people visiting our school than they did handing out the "How to vote information". We should have suggested people to vote one for St Canice's school!

A big thank you to Rick Sayer and Kayla Sayer, Wayne, Gaynor and Keyton Marvin who manned the St Canice's BBQ at the polling booth here at St Canice's. Rick said that the Bacon and Egg rolls were the hit of the day. Well done team!

New Fencing

Our new fencing should be completed by this afternoon. Thank you to the Parent Body for paying for all of this new work.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Lena and Huy Sok and now big brother Jordan (Kinder) on the birth of their baby Caeden born on Wednesday 25th March weighing 2.78kg.



Daylight Saving Ends

Just a reminder that Daylight Savings Ends on Sunday April 5th (Easter Sunday). Put the clock **BACK** 1 hour!



Parent Planner Calendar

The Parent Planner Calendar will be sent home later on this week for Term 2

Milo Cricket

Wednesday is also the bonus Milo Cricket clinic Day. The organisation has offered a 5th day free of charge – thank you

My School Lunch Box

My School Lunch Box, would like to inform you that the service will be closing from the period of the 31st of March, and resuming again in Term two on the 11th of May. In this time the business will be relocated and renovated.

News from Mini Vinnies

Anti Bullying wrist-bands can still be purchased \$1 each

Please remember to return your Easter colouring competition sheets in by tomorrow. Winners will be announced on Wednesday Week 10.

Our Easter Egg raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 1st April in week 10.

Tickets are 50c each OR 3 for \$1.

ALL MONEY RAISED IS FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S WINTER APPEAL.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Crazy Hair, Sock, Hat Day

This Wednesday 1st April will be Crazy Hair/ sock/ hat day to collect new T-shirts to send to Vanuatu to help the communities after the cyclone. Please send a new T-shirt on the day. This is NOT a mufti day - normal school sports uniform needs to be worn for the Milo Cricket.



Camp Yarramundi

Stage 3 recently embarked on an adventure to Camp Yarramundi. It was an exciting new experience for most of the students. We enjoyed every bit of it. We stepped out of our comfort zones on the giant swing, used lots of team building skills in Alpine Rescue (a mega obstacle course) and bruised up our legs in the perilous Cave Maze! We also pushed our skills in rock climbing. In our night activities we learnt lots of new games to play in fitness such as Golden Ball, Zombie Apocalypse and Knee Tag. The weather was perfect and we had an absolutely amazing time. Everybody learnt so much and we would love to go back.

The Student Leaders and Stage 3



GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with their Gold Awards last Friday.



Term 1 2015 Summary

“WOW” What a term it has been. This term has just flown by and there have been so many exciting activities that we are struggling to fit them all into this one summary. We have warmly welcomed 20 new kindergarten students and their families as well as multiple students in other years.

The Bush Dance was a fun and enjoyable night that brought us all together to get to know each other.

Sport this term was a blast because Colin and his team of expert Cricketers from Milo in2 Cricket came and taught us all the skills to play in the Cricket World Cup. We had a ball learning new skills and were thrilled for the experience. While were talking about sports, in Week 4 Miss Bennett accompanied 9 fantastic swimmers to the Zone Swimming Carnival and Alex & William even made it through to Diocesan!

Year 3 & 4, with the help of Mr Rooke have learnt many new tunes with the violin, cello and double bass in their new Captivate program. 2 weeks ago, 6 extraordinary vocalists had the opportunity to sing at the Acknowledgement of Country for the opening of the Blue Mountains Music Festival. Ms Frazer cheered along these fabulous performers at their musical debut.

At the cross country the 4 rival house teams competed against one another. it was a day of excitement and sportsmanship with Green taking home both the Effort and Championship shields.

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On Monday, Miss Bennett and the rest of the school captains had to wake up at 5am to get a very early train down to Sydney to attend the National Young Leaders 2015. We heard some amazing guest speakers such as Bindi Irwin, The Hon. Mike Baird and Dylan Parker & James Norton, the inspiration for movie Paper Planes. We had an absolutely amazing day and at the end everyone was throwing paper aeroplanes around the arena!

St Canice's has also launched a Facebook page this year which keeps you up to date with all of the school events. Please feel free to follow and like the posts. Mr Geerligs is always uploading pictures and videos from what's happening in classrooms and around the school.

You can also read the newsletters on our website and on the Skoolbag app.

What a term it has been! It has been exciting for all of the students and staff but we can't wait for the holiday! We are so excited for next term and I hope everybody has a fantastic Easter break.



Anthony Chacana speaking on behalf of the Student Leaders

ANZAC 100 Year Anniversary
Special events here in the Upper Blue Mountains



Rotary has organised a special ceremony to celebrate the 100 years of ANZAC. In July 1919 a pine tree was planted to honour the people of Leura who served in the Great War 1914 – 1918.

Mr Tom Colless said “An old gentleman by the name of Charles Dash – who was once the local mayor and had a relative, Frank Dash, that was killed at Gallipoli in August 1915 – told me that the memorial pine was planted from a cone (seedling) brought back from the battlefields of Gallipoli”. This tree can still be found in Leura at the memorial location on the corner of Malvern Rd and Balmorial Rd. The 2 large sandstone pillars are at the entrance to this location. One of the pillars has the names of all the Leura soldiers. A “handshake for peace” ceremony will take place here in Leura and also in Turkey to help remember that the war is ended and our nations are at peace with each other.

At this ceremony the Turkish Council General, The BMCC Mayor and councilors, our Federal Member of Parliament and our State member will be present. There will be a band and hopefully many other people.

This day will be a historical day for the mountains. Mr. Terrance Plowright has created a sculptural plaque called “Handshake for Peace”. This will be unveiled at the ceremony. Also two young pine trees will be planted near the old pine tree to continue the story for years to come.

I am asking for as many St Canice’s students to attend this important event.

Date: 18th April
(last Saturday of the holidays)

Time: 10:30am

Location: Cnr Malvern & Balmorial Roads
Leura.

All students are to wear their school uniform.

A special medallion will be presented to each student at the ceremony.

I received the following letter from the Katoomba RSL.

Can you come along? **ANZAC Day**

Commemoration Service 2015

Dear Principal

The President and Members of the Katoomba RSL Sub-Branch cordially invite you, your staff and students to participate with us at our Anzac Day Commemoration Services on Saturday 25 April 2015.

Your School’s participation in the following activities would be most welcome:

11.00am

The Commemoration March will form up at Carrington Place at 10.50am and proceed, via Katoomba, Waratah and Lurline Streets to the Memorial, situated at the Katoomba RSL Club, in Lurline Street.

A wreath laying ceremony will then take place at the Memorial at 11.30 am.

11.45am A Commemoration Service will be held in the Auditorium of the Katoomba Public School, Merriwa Street Katoomba.

Your staff and students are also very welcome to attend our other Services on Anzac Day, which will be duly advertised in the Blue Mountains Gazette prior to 25th April 2015.

This year’s commemoration services will, of course, be held in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the 1915 Gallipoli landing, and any assistance you can give us in making the commemoration a success will be greatly valued by the Sub-Branch.

Yours sincerely

David White
Secretary

We hope to have a large number of our students attend.

Please consider marching with our school to help make this a very memorable event.





School Calendar

Birthday Wishes for April

Liam Lawlor, Millie Harris,
Julian Brischetto,
Taylor Harris-Jones, Isabella Crye,
Keyton Marvin,
Finn Spain
and Arren Shaw




March

Week 10

Monday	30th	Holy Week Story "Last Supper" Stage 1 Tai Chi	2.20pm 8.50am
Tuesday	31st	Holy Week Story "Jesus Agony in the Garden" Stage 2 Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking	8:40am 8.45am

April

Wednesday	1st	Uniform Shop Open Easter Raffle Drawn Colouring Competition Judged	
Thursday	2nd	Holy Week Story "The Crucifixion" Stage 3 End of Term 1 	8:40am

Term 2

Monday	20th	Pupil Free Day	
Tuesday	21st	1st Day Term 2 Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking	
Wednesday	22nd	Uniform Shop Open	

Mobile Blood Service The Edge Cinema

225 Great Western Highway Katoomba

Tuesday 31st March 9.30am—2.30 pm

Wednesday 1st April 12.30 pm—6.00 pm

Thursday 2nd April 9.30 am—2.30 pm

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 ID with you

Call 13 95 96 or visit donateblood.com.au

Katoomba Devils Rugby League 2015 registration is still open

Are you looking for a great sport to play?
Fun, Fitness, & Friends?
Then you need to come and join Katoomba Devils

Join us at the Devils Den located at Katoomba Showground (opposite hospital) and Register to play, open all ages, girls welcome up to under 12's Starting from under 6's

Passport photo & birth certificate required.

Hope to see you there!!

Contact:
Bruce - 0405 210 942
or
Jane - 0405 039 090



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The WORLD Celebrates
**The Feast of
Divine Mercy**

Come & Celebrate God's Mercy



Jesus I trust in You

WHEN: SUNDAY 12 APRIL 2015
WHERE: ST BONAVENTURE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
RAILWAY PARADE & HAITLEY ESPLANADE,
LEURANSW 2780
TIME: 1.00PM - 4.30 PM
Followed by Divine Mercy Holy Mass
EMAIL: epc@catholicpaperconnection.com.au
CONTACT: Susie Vary **0425 286 649**
Geraldine St George **0414 536 234**

You do not have to carry those burdens any more
NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT



Saint Faustina

In 1931, Jesus appeared to St Faustina and gave her a **Message** to be given to the whole world. The message was **"to make known to all humanity the Great Mercy of God and to return to his fount of mercy while there is still time"**.

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, may infinitely open us and increase your mercy in us, so that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.



**PENRITH
REGIONAL
GALLERY**
& THE LEWERS BEQUEST

EASTER KIDS WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Bookings essential 47 35 1100
All materials supplied
Pay by credit card over the phone
Wear old clothes and **BRING A SNACK**

Easter Family Workshop

Sunday 29 March, 1pm – 3pm \$12pp or \$40 for a family of four

Get ready for Easter festivities with a creative and fun family workshop. The workshop includes decorative egg painting and floral-crown making, capped off with a garden egg hunt.

Fan Workshop

Thursday 9 April, 10am – 12 noon, 8 – 12 yrs \$20

In this workshop you will paint and decorate a wooden fan, then mount it ready to hang on your wall at home.

Tutor: Naomi McCarthy

Clay Animal Workshop

Friday 10 April, 10am – 12 noon, 6 – 10 yrs \$20

Animals that can be tamed such as horses, camels, dogs and pigeons have played an important role in the development of the world. In this workshop participants will hear stories about iconic animals and make clay models inspired by these stories.

Tutor: Paula Perugini

Inspired by the current exhibition:

***Home/Front* 100 year commemoration of the Gallipoli campaign**

Tank and Plane Drawing workshop

Wednesday 15 April, 10am – 12 noon, 8 - 12 yrs \$20

Students will do a series of small sketches, learning how to capture the shape of a WWI fighter plane and a tank and then using graphite, pen and water colour students will complete a final drawing which will be mounted ready for display at home.

Tutor: Naomi McCarthy

Mini-Submarine Sculpture Workshop

Thursday 16 April, 10am – 12 noon, 7 – 10 yrs, \$20

Have fun putting together a cardboard submarine, add some cardboard furniture and then create tiny characters ready to inhabit your vessel.

Tutor: Naomi McCarthy

Crafts of the Home Front Family Workshop

Friday 17 April, 10am – 12 noon, \$40 per family of four

Those not directly involved in the battlefield still made important contributions to the war effort by sending sentimental items to soldiers abroad. In this workshop parents and children work together to create commemorative wreathes using dried Australian natives. As an added bonus participants will learn to make edible poppies to adorn delicious sugar cookies.

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Penrith Regional Gallery & The Lewers Bequest, 86 River Rd Emu Plains NSW 2750



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KATH'S Miracle



The Josephite Associates wish to extend an invitation for you to attend a Talk given by Kathleen Evans. Kath's miraculous recovery from terminal lung cancer led to the canonisation of Mary MacKillop and the declaration of Mary MacKillop as Australia's first saint. Kath and her husband Barry are on a continuous pilgrimage around Australia as Kath shares her story. Even with this extraordinary event in her life she is a very ordinary woman and we now have been given this rare opportunity to meet her and listen to what has happened and how it has changed her life.

When: Monday, 4 May at 11.30am or Friday, 8 May at 7pm.

Where: Our Lady of the Nativity School Hall.
(Behind the church at Lawson.)

Donation: Kath and Barry do not ask for any money, however, to help them in their ministry and as a way of showing our gratitude there will be a small donation box in the hall if you would like to make a donation.

Please indicate your expression of interest by **Friday, 27 March** by phoning Lorraine on: 0403523353 or emailing on lph72811@bigpond.net.au
(Places are limited).

Also, If you are interested in learning more about this extraordinary story there is a book written by Kathleen Evans and published by Penguin Books called "Kath's Miracle". Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the talk. We welcome Kath and Barry to Lawson and look forward to their visit.

Easter Sunday Funday

Sunday 5 April, 10am-4pm

EVERGLADES HOUSE AND GARDENS

37 Everglades Avenue, Leura (02)4784 1938

Live Entertainment and Old fashioned games for the kids

Yummy food and coffee | Magical face painting

Easter Hat Parade (BYO or make on the day)



Entry Fee: \$10 for Kids, \$5 for Adults (\$25 for family of 4). Transport info & program visit www.everglades.org.au



Present an ALDI or Hudson Home
Timber and Hardware docket and receive
ONE FREE ENTRY for one adult*

*One docket per family and only for the 5th April

