

NEWSLETTER



29th February 2016 Term 1 Week 6

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St Canice's Catholic Primary School
Katoomba 2014

Growth through love and learning

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Dear Parents and Carers

From the Principal

Last week I spoke about opportunities of inspiration. On Friday at the school prayer assembly, a group of our students led by Ms Morley, helped us, as a school community, realise that people look to us for inspiration. Maurie and Colleen from St Vincent de Paul could not speak more highly of the inspiration they obtain from the generosity, the commitment and the selflessness shown by our school community. They presented us with a certificate of appreciation, but more the story of unbelievable gratitude from those who are the recipients of our gifts, food and money. One of the families who received a hamper of food and a toy all donated by this community, wanted to say a sincere 'Thank you for helping them through this difficult time'. The face of Jesus is certainly present with each of us here at this wonderful family school. Our challenge is to keep seeing Jesus present amongst us even in the difficult times.

Sport News

Nepean Zone Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday last week Campbell Walker-Sawkins, Julian Brischetto, Hamish Walker-Sawkins, Alexandra Miller, Mia Garraway, Emma Garraway and Luke Hronsky represented St Canice's at the Nepean Zone held at Glenbrook Swimming Pool. It was a wonderful and exciting day. All of the children demonstrated excellent sportsmanship on the day and they were so encouraging of one another.

A huge thank you to Liz Durnam, for being our Team Manager on the day and to Kim Garraway, Laura Hronsky, Wendy Sawkins and Susan Renkert for assisting on the day.

Congratulations to Alexandra Miller for qualifying for the Diocesan Swimming Carnival, which was held on Friday 26th at Blacktown Swimming Pool.

Lauren Bennett
Sports Coordinator

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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.

National Young Leaders Day

This morning our Student Leaders caught the 6:24am train to be at Allphones Arena in Olympic Park for the National Young Leaders Day. "The National Young Leaders Day is an annual event founded in 1997 to develop strong leadership values amongst young Australians. The Program consists of keynote talks, multimedia presentations and interactive learning that seeks a range of specific outcomes for young people who aspire to lead themselves & others well." Some of the speakers are Commissioner Andrew Scipione, Mr Ben Austin (Australia's most successful Paralympian in swimming) and Mr Scott Tweedie (ABC 3).

TRIVIA Night

Trivia Night 4th March

This Friday night is our Trivia Night. Have you booked a table yet? It isn't too late. Come and join in the fun. There will be a raffle on the night with some wonderful prizes to win thanks to the support of our local community. Please return the slip to book your table.

All Raffle Tickets need to be returned by Wednesday 2nd March.

Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra

All Stage 3 are embarking on an exciting trip to Canberra on the 9th, 10th and 11th March.

It is a full agenda and will be a great opportunity for the students to experience many of the highlights of Canberra such as Parliament House, Voting, Old Parliament House and Questacon.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is next week.

At St Canice's we will celebrate CWS on Monday 7th March. Our day will begin with a prayer at 9am in the Open Area. Each class will then present a short creative item related to Literacy and Embodied Learning. Parents are welcome to join us for a morning tea in the Library after the presentations.



Cross Country

On **Friday 18th March** Kinder to Year 6 will participate in the annual Cross Country Carnival. The Cross Country will be held at Katoomba Falls Reserve. It will be a wonderful day where the children can participate in a range of activities to earn points for their house. If you are able to assist on the day please indicate on the entry form. Entry forms need to be returned to school by **Friday 4th March**.



Colour to win

Easter is fast approaching and Top End Newsagency Katoomba invite all children to participate in the 'colour to win' colouring competition. All participants work will be displayed in the newsagents for all students, family and friends to see. Each entry will go into the draw to win a prize staedtler pack valued at \$60. Please return artwork to school by **Wednesday 10th March**.



Daily Attendance

It is important for all students to attend school each day. School attendance for the whole day is a legal requirement. I ask that any appointments etc, for your child are made outside of school hours which is between 8.40am—2.50pm. Unless there is an urgent matter requiring your child to leave school early, we require a written request to the Principal in advance of the leave.

Student Data 2016 Notification



Notifications were sent home late last year. Thank you to those families who have returned their forms. If however you have changed any details such as address, home phone, mobile, emergency contacts, please let the Office know. In cases of sickness or emergency, it is important that we have the correct contact details for your child.



School Calendar

Week 6

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| Tuesday | 1st | Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking | 8.40am |
| Wednesday | 2nd | Uniform Shop Open Strings Yr 3 & 4 Sport K, 1 & 2 | |
| Thursday | 3rd | Music & Italian Choir First Communion Program | 6.15pm |
| Friday | 4th | My School Lunch box Sport 3,4, & Stage 3 Assembly S3Blue Mass & Reconciliation Year 2 String Ensemble Trivia Night | 8.40am 12noon 3-4pm 6.30pm |

Week 7

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| Monday | 7th | Catholic Schools Week Prayer and creative items My School Lunch box | 9:00am |
| Tuesday | 8th | Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking | 8.40am |
| Wednesday | 9th | Stage 3 Canberra excursion Uniform Shop Open Strings Yr 3 & 4 Sport K, 1 & 2 | |
| Thursday | 10th | Stage 3 Canberra excursion Music & Italian Choir First Communion | 6.15pm |
| Friday | 11th | Stage 3 Canberra excursion My School Lunch box Sport 3,4, & Stage 3 Assembly Kinder Mass & Reconciliation Year 4 String Ensemble | 8:40am 12noon 3-4pm |



Skoolbag
Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile app that communicates directly to parent smartphones. It provides access to key school information via one single Communication Centre for both parents and students. Ideal for:

- > School free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parent smartphones



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone Users


Simply search for your school name in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.

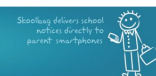


Android Users

Simply search for your school name in the Google Play Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook! 
Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au



Primary Learning Support Centre

Situated in the former Uniting Church building at
142 Katoomba Street, Katoomba.

Students in Years 2 & 3 will be catered for on
Wednesday afternoons commencing 3rd February

Students in Years 4,5 & 6 on Thursday afternoons
commencing 4th February. Hours are 3pm til
4.30pm

Application forms need to be complete and brought
to the centre. Cost is \$25 for the term for each
child.

NEW in 2016

Our Cello Teacher - Mr Georg Mertens and
Ella Jamieson joins "cello & chocolate" in the first
concert on April 2nd at the Gingerbread House! - See
us playing the wonderful Vivaldi Duo of this
program (attached link)!

Booking ph 02 4782 6958

or online <http://www.georgcello.com>

This program will also be performed at the tiny

Ilford church on April 3rd

CELLO WORKSHOP

April 9 & 10 (Sat & Sun)

Did you ever want to have a try on the cello?

Take the opportunity at the workshop weekend, take
just one lesson !

This workshop also caters for beginners and
advanced students focussing on improvement of
cello playing (bow - sound - vibrato) or go through spe-
cific pieces like for exams and performances.

<http://www.georgcello.com/cello.htm#ws>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUNul-IFU8U>



ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Year 7, 2017 Information Evening

Wednesday 23rd March, 2016

Session 1:

4.00pm Tour of the facilities

5.00 - 5.30pm Address by the Principal

Session 2:

6.00pm Tour of the facilities

7.00 - 7.30pm Address by the Principal

- Tours will begin at 4.00 and 6.00pm sharp to enable visitors to view all of the College facilities.
- Prospectus and enrolment application forms will be available on the night.

Enquiries: Sandra O'Brien, Enrolments Secretary 4754 8907

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Bookings are
not required.

Please register at the
College Library
upon arrival.



The simplest way

...to serve dinner in a flash.

A stir fry is a quick and easy dinner, perfect on school nights for busy families.

And it includes a range of colourful, healthy vegetables.



Pick and choose your favourite combination of sliced fresh veg – capsicum, zucchini, sugar snap peas, green beans, bok choy, celery, mushroom, onion, carrot and cabbage work well. Go vegetarian and add tofu, or add sliced lean chicken, pork or beef.

Mix 2 tsp reduced salt soy sauce, 1 tbsp honey, 3 tbsp water and 2 tsp cornflour in a jug for the sauce.

Prepare noodles according to packet directions.

Cook veg in a hot pan or wok, add sauce and stir to thicken. Remove from heat and serve over noodles.

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.