

NEWSLETTER



26th April 2016 Term 2 Week 1

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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

Welcome back everyone to the start of Term 2. There are certainly many exciting and wonderful things happening at the school this term.

When I have an opportunity to speak about this wonderful school, I usually mention what our school motto means;

Growth through Love and Learning.

Being at this school it is expected that each and every person will grow and change. How this happens is the key to our motto. It is the Love that is the first and foremost element of our growth. We learn through experiences, teaching and most importantly, through Love for ourselves and one another. In the Gospel reading on the weekend, John 13:31-35, Jesus tells us about the importance of Love:

*I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.*

Mark Geerligs
Principal



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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 2017

ANZAC Day

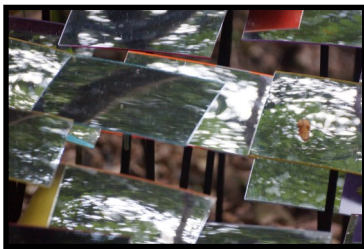
Yesterday the school was involved in 3 parts of the ANZAC Day services in Katoomba. Jasper Luppino from Year 3 read a poem written by an 8yr old from New Zealand. With more than 1,000 people at the dawn service, you could clearly hear Jasper read this emotional poem. Well done Jasper! The other 6 students from St Canice's were also proud to be there at this momentous occasion.

At the 11 o'clock service more than 20 of our students marched down Katoomba Street with Theadora Mahairas carrying our school flag. Then Finn Spain and Alina Hoang laid the Wreath on behalf of the school. At 12 o'clock, Scarlett Hay read the Ode at the formal assembly in the Katoomba RSL Club. What a proud day for St Canice's Katoomba.

SAS 2016

As part of our annual Sculptures at School initiative, all students will be going on an excursion to visit Scenic World Sculptural Exhibition. All students will travel by bus to Scenic World and go by the scenic cableway and scenic railway to access the rainforest. Your annual General Contribution Fee covers all costs for this excursion. A note was sent home late last term. Please complete and send back this permission note by tomorrow (Wednesday), as the excursion is next Monday 2nd May.

In the evening of the last day of school, 8th April 2016, Miss Elizabeth, Ms Morley and I, were invited to the official opening of the Sculptures at Scenic World 2016. We walked around the rainforest, met some of the artists and attended the formal function. At this time Ms Anthea Hammond, one of the owners of Scenic World, spoke about the wonderful opportunity for local, national and international artists to be able to display their work to the many thousands of people who will visit the Sculptural exhibition. She also went on to mention the only school closely involved in the exhibition and how impressed she was with their work. That school was of course St Canice's! It was impossible to muffle a loud "Yahoo" from our St Canice's table.



2017 Enrolment for Kinder

We are now taking Enrolments for our Kindergarten Class 2017. If your child will be ready to begin school in 2017, 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.

Newsletter Changes

Newsletters will now be produced on the odd weeks of term. Hard copies are available by request. The parent calendar is also available online and will be sent to all people who have subscribed to the school's newsletter from the school website.

Mothers Day Stall

The annual Mothers Day Stall will be held next Wednesday 4th May. St Colleen and her many helpers have been working tirelessly for many months making some wonderful gifts for your child to purchase.

Gifts will be available from \$1 to \$5.



Media Team Video Reviews

One aim for the media team is to produce a short video of some of the news items in the Newsletter. Each odd week Thursday the team will work with Caitlin who is our IT Trainee, and create a short 2 – 4 minute news video. This will be posted onto FACEBOOK and onto our website. The team is looking forward to improving their video making skills.

Farewell Ms Gillespie and Welcome Mr McDermott

Friday 6th May will be the final day for Ms Gillespie as she prepares for the birth of her baby. We all wish her many blessings and happiness and look forward to meeting the little one later in the year. Mr Neil McDermott will take the Year 2 class on Thursdays and Fridays for the remainder of the year.

Diocesan Cross Country

Good luck to our Cross Country team who will be attending the Diocesan carnival next Tuesday the 3rd of May with Miss Bennett and I. The last training session will be 7.40am this Thursday 28th April.

Parent Body AGM

Wednesday Morning 18th May (Week 4)
Save the Date

If there is not enough interest in the Parent Body, it will need to fold and alternative arrangements will be made for activities throughout the year.

Enrolling Now for 2017

Reminder to Parents

Parents are reminded that, if entering the school grounds to assist in classroom activities, etc, they are required to sign in in the green Visitors Book at the office on arrival, and sign out on departure. The new Kiosk machine is for Contractors entering the school. Thank you.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2016

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2016 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained. The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 10th till 12th May 2016.

A more detailed letter has been sent home to all Year 3 and Year 5 students today.

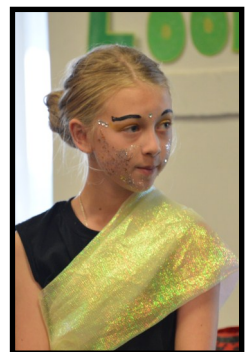
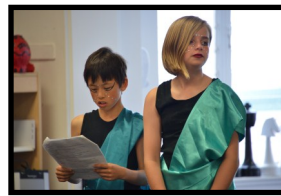
New Heaters in Hall

New flued gas heaters have been installed in the Parish/School hall. The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta paid for this installation.



Stage 3 Greek Myth Readers Theatre

Congratulations to our wonderful Stage 3 students who performed their Greek plays on Thursday 7th April last term. They were extremely well presented and performed. Many thanks to our mums and grandmothers who came in to help with the make-up, it really looked fantastic.





School Calendar



MAKE A DIFFERENCE: BECOME A FOSTER CARER TODAY

Foster carers make a difference to the future of vulnerable children by providing safe, consistent and loving homes.

There is a current need for more foster carers in the Blue Mountains area.

Wesley Dalmar has a long history of supporting carers who provide care to foster children of all ages. We are a service of Wesley Mission who recruit and support diverse people to become foster carers.

We invite you to work with us and welcome your expression of interest to chat further about what you can do to make a difference.

Contact us today for an information package:

P: 45874200

E: dalmaroohcenquiries@wesleymission.org.au

W: www.wesleymission.org.au/dalmaroohc





April

Week 1

Wednesday	27th	Uniform Shop Open	
Thursday	28th	Music and Italian Ukulele	
Friday	29th	My School Lunch Box Prayer Assembly Year 4 Mass & Reconciliation S3B	8.45am 12noon

May

Week 2

Monday	2nd	Scenic World Excursion	
Tuesday	3rd	Diocesan Cross Country	
Wednesday	4th	Uniform Shop Open Mothers Day Stall 	
Thursday	7th	Music and Italian Choir	
Friday	6th	My School Lunch Box Soccer Gala Day Stage 3 Prayer Assembly Year 2 Mass & Reconciliation S3W	8.45am 12noon
Sunday	8th	Mothers Day 	



Weekend Workshop – for children who love to sing!

Ages – 8 to 15 years

Dates: Saturday and Sunday 4th and 5th June 2016

Venue: Mid-Mountains Community Centre, Lawson

Presented by Academy Singers and Blue Mountains Youth Choir

Internationally acclaimed teacher, composer and conductor of music for children Paul Jarman is coming to conduct a weekend workshop especially for Blue Mountains Youth Choir and invited friends! Paul regularly works with Gondwana choirs and is in very high demand both in Australia and overseas, so we are very excited to be hosting this special event for our local children's choirs and their leaders. Paul grew up in the beautiful Blue Mountains and is looking forward to returning and sharing his knowledge, experience and skills with our singers.

Places for this workshop will be limited, so please register early to avoid disappointment.

For further information and registration details, go to
www.academysingers.com.au

Fees: \$50 per participant – for the two days of workshops!

Concert tickets: \$10 per family, \$5 single



Ubuntu: the African Children's Choir high school graduate tour

The African Children's Choir is coming back to the Blue Mountains and Penrith in May — this time with Ubuntu, a troupe of talented high school graduates, presented by the charity Kwaya Australia.

Concerts by 10- to 12-year-olds from Uganda in 2013 and 2015 raised tens of thousands of dollars for the African Children's Choir, which funds their education until they finish university.

Since 1984, this organisation has been taking children on global concert tours, singing, drumming and dancing in huge stadiums and in school and church halls. They have performed for Queen Elizabeth II, Hillary Clinton and the late Nelson Mandela, appeared on Ellen DeGeneres' TV program, and shared the stage with Sir Paul McCartney, Annie Lennox and Will Smith.

Benefits of these tours flow both ways: the children are inspired to aim for possibilities beyond the daily struggle to survive, and the audiences are inspired by the talent, energy, happiness and hope of performers who have grown up in extreme poverty.

The Ubuntu tour takes this concept to a new level. Having graduated from high school, 14 hard-working, highly capable 18- to 20-year-olds from Uganda and Kenya are poised to fulfil their potential and make a difference in Africa. As they prepare to enter university, they are thrilled to share with Australia how their dreams are becoming reality through this tour.



The message they bring — and the meaning of the indigenous South African word Ubuntu — is that all human beings are connected and contribute to each other's lives. This has inspired the theme of the tour, "I AM because we ARE".

Drum and dance workshop: Lawson Public School hall, Adelaide Street, Lawson.

Wednesday, May 18, 7.30pm. Adult \$18, child under 16/concession \$12, family (two adults and two children) \$48.

Katoomba concert: Katoomba High School hall, Martin Street, Katoomba. **Thursday, May 19, 7.30pm.**

Springwood district concert: Springwood High School hall, Grose Road, Faulconbridge. **Friday, May 20, 7.30pm.**

Penrith district concert: Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School hall, 115 Great Western Highway, Emu Plains. **Saturday, May 21, 7.30pm.**

Concert tickets: Adult \$20, concession \$15, child under 16, \$12, family \$50.

Book at www.kwaya.org.
Inquiries: Brendan O'Reilly, ph 0437 347 657.



Joseph's Fine Chocolates of Leura proudly presents :

"Cello & Chocolate" 2016

CONCERT & DESSERT

with Georg Mertens & Friends

Dates & Times

Sat 2 April 7.³⁰ pm

Soiree for Two Cellos with Ella Jamieson

Sat 14 May 7.³⁰ pm

From Baroque to Gypsy with Gustaw Szelski violin

Sat 25 June 7.³⁰ pm

Favourite cello & flute Duos with Phil Braithwaite

Sat 6 August 7.³⁰ pm

From Bach to Brazil with Giuseppe Zangari guitar

Sat 17 Sept 7.³⁰ pm

The "Mellow Cello", Bach, Didgeridoo - cello solo

Sat 19 November 7.³⁰ pm

Vivaldi, Vivaldi for Two Cellos with Trish McMeekin



The Gingerbread House Katoomba

Cnr. Waratah & Lurline St

Tickets include ~ hot chocolate shot on arrival ~ dessert at intermission ~ take home cello chocolate

Tickets: \$55 / child \$45 (concert only \$30 / \$20)

Bookings essential - tel. 02 4782 6958

Programs / online booking - www.georgcello.com

See Georg on Youtube - more than a million hits !

ENTRY FORM

AGREEMENT

I certify that the above information is correct. I have read the terms and conditions for the WASTE TO ART Competition and agree to participate according to the terms and conditions. I agree that my artwork may be photographed, used in promotional materials and displayed in any public exhibition held by the organisers as a result of the competition, and if eligible, in the Regional Exhibition and Competition planned for June 2016.

Name:

Signature:

Date:



Disclaimer: The information you provide is personal information for the purposes of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. This personal information is being collected from you in order to process your application.

WASTE TO ART Community Art Exhibition

Braemar Gallery, Springwood
Saturday 14 May to Sunday 29 May 2016
Opening hours
Friday – Sunday 10am – 4pm

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- All artwork must demonstrate the re-use and recycling of waste;
 - All entries will be photographed and displayed on the online exhibition through the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre and Braemar Gallery websites;
 - Limited to one entry per category per person, but please be considerate of other entrants and limit your entries; the Exhibition Coordinator has final say in placement and hanging of works;
 - Due to space limitations all Primary and High School entries may not be physically displayed. If this is the case they will be photographed and displayed on a rolling projection in the exhibition space;
 - The results of the competition will be announced to local media;
 - All entrants grant permission to the organisers to publish/broadcast the names and photographs of the finalists and the winners through print and electronic media;
 - Entrants will be notified of competition results by email/phone;
 - Judges and their immediate families are not eligible to enter;
 - Judges decision is final, no correspondence will be entered into;
 - Artworks and copyright remain the property of entrant; and
 - Artworks not collected by the collection date of 30 May 2016 will be disposed of unless alternative arrangements have been made.
- There is NO storage at Braemar gallery after 30 May 2016.**

ALL ARTWORK MUST

- Include a brief description about your work, the materials used and your inspiration, please email to roakley@bmcc.nsw.gov.au no more than half an A4 page;
- Be safe for public exhibition;
- Not exceed a size limit: 2D - 2x2 metres & 3D - 10x10 metres;
- Not exceed a weight limit of 10kg for 2D and 20kg for 3D;
- Be exhibition ready, if the artwork is to be hung, an adequate hanging system must be included.

All artwork must be delivered to **Braemar Gallery, 104 Macquarie Road, Springwood on Monday 9 May between 10am and 4pm and collection on Monday 30 May between 10am and 4pm.** For details please contact Rika Oakley on 4780 5415 or via roakley@bmcc.nsw.gov.au. The cost and means of transport to the local exhibition are the responsibility of the entrant. If you are a winner at the local exhibition your work will be exhibited at the NetWaste Regional Exhibition in Condobolin, June 2016. The cost of transport to Condobolin will be covered by NetWaste.

The organisers will take all reasonable care in handling and dealing with works submitted, however the organisers will not be responsible for any loss or damage incurred to any of the artworks or materials during exhibition, storage and transport.



WASTE TO ART is an initiative of NetWaste. NetWaste is sponsored by Regional and Local Government Support and NSW Environment and Protection Authority.



WASTE TO ART
Community Art Exhibition
Braemar Gallery 14 – 29 May 2016

WASTE TO ART

Community Art Exhibition & Competition

CHALLENGE THE WAY WE LOOK AT WASTE!
This exhibition and competition gives aspiring and professional artists from the Blue Mountains the chance to explore and share their waste reduction messages whilst showcasing their artistic ability.

The Blue Mountains WASTE TO ART Community Art Exhibition is open to all community members, artists and schools from the Blue Mountains Local Government Area.

The Blue Mountains competition will offer cash prizes for category winners as well as a people's choice award.

NETWASTE REGIONAL WASTE TO ART COMPETITION

The winning artworks from all four categories within the local competition will be transported to the regional competition to be held in Condobolin, June 2016.

The Regional Competition will offer cash prizes for the most inspiring artwork in each section, for an overall winner and for a people's choice award.



ROMY ROEDER Once Upon an Attic 2015, found objects, 40 x 120 cm

For further information contact Rilka Oakley on 4780 5415 or email roakley@bmcc.nsw.gov.au

Please read the terms and conditions provided before completing your entry form.

Entries accepted from groups or individuals must fit into one of the following categories:

PRIMARY SCHOOL*

- 2 Dimensional
- Poster/Painting/Collage/Drawing
- 3 Dimensional
- Sculpture/Installation/Video/Soundscape**
- Functional
- Furniture/Craftworks & Wearable Objects

HIGH SCHOOL*

- 2 Dimensional
- Poster/Painting/Collage/Drawing
- 3 Dimensional
- Sculpture/Installation/Video/Soundscape**
- Functional
- Furniture/Craftworks & Wearable Objects

COMMUNITY

- 2 Dimensional
- Poster/Painting/Collage/Drawing
- 3 Dimensional
- Sculpture/Installation/Video/Soundscape**
- Functional
- Furniture/Craftworks & Wearable Objects

OPEN (Professional artists included in this category)

- 2 Dimensional
- Poster/Painting/Collage/Drawing
- 3 Dimensional
- Sculpture/Installation/Video/Soundscape**
- Functional
- Furniture/Craftworks & Wearable Objects

* High School & Primary School entries may be displayed on a rolling loop projection

**Entrants need to provide their own equipment if entering a soundscape work

ENTRY FORM 2016

Please include all information and deliver this form with your artwork on **Monday 9 May (10am - 4pm)** to:

Braemar Gallery
104 Macquarie St
SPRINGWOOD NSW
p. 4780 5415
e. roakley@bmcc.nsw.gov.au

DETAILS

Name:

School (if applicable):

School Contact (name):

Age of school entrant and please circle

Primary or High School:

School Phone:

Home Address:

Best contact number:

Email:

Artwork title:

Category:

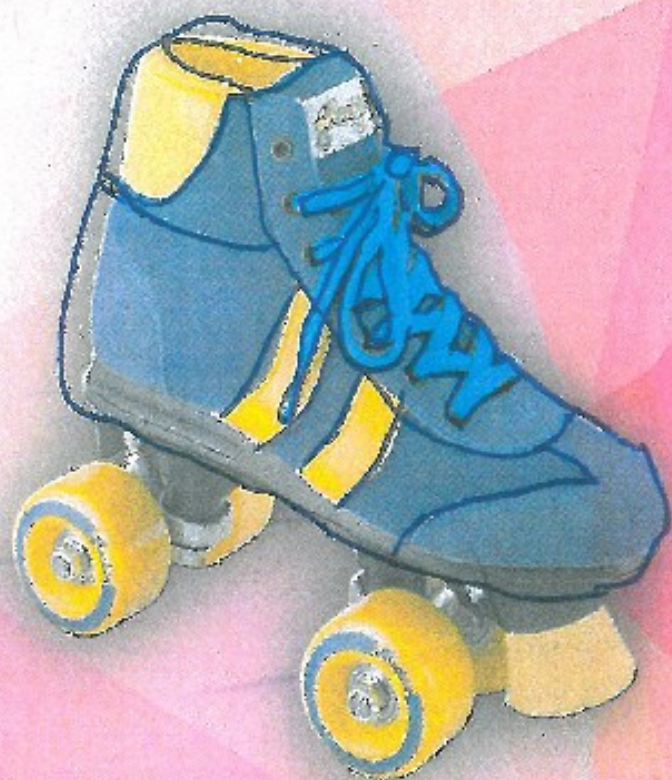
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ROWELLING PROMOTIONS PRESENTS

SATURDAY 30TH APRIL



ROLLER DISCO

3:30PM TO 5:30PM

KATOOMBA SPORTS AND AQUATIC CENTRE
SKATE HIRE AVAILABLE (LIMITED SMALL SKATES)

DJ, LIGHTS AND GAMES

\$12 ENTRY

MORE INFO AT WWW.ROWELLINGPROMOTIONS.COM

The simplest way

...to save time packing lunches.

We know parents are eager to pack healthy, nutritious lunches.

But doing it five times a week, and getting the kids keen on healthy options such as fruit and vegetables, can feel like a chore.



Plan ahead to get organised and save time:

- Make sandwiches at the beginning of the week and freeze, then add fresh salad on the day.
- Cook extra at dinner and use leftovers for lunches - baked veg, stir fry, pasta and rice work well.
- Chop up sticks of carrot, capsicum, celery or cucumber and store in a container in the fridge until ready to use.
- Let the kids help prepare and select, saving you time and getting them interested.

**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.