

NEWSLETTER



27th April 2015 Term 2 Week 2

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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

On Friday at school and Saturday in the streets of Katoomba, we experienced ceremonies relating to the ANZACs. Our focus on Friday with the students was not only about sacrifice, but respect and peace. We remember those who died, we remember those who are still with us and gave so much, we remember that Peace is always our goal.

During our ceremony on Friday Ms Trish Doyle MP experienced with us the sounds of the last post, one minute silence and then the reveille. The most powerful thing for me that day was the 2 – 3 minutes of complete silence in our assembly space. From the 5yr olds to the grandparents with us, all was silent. That period of time was still. I believe that all the people there knew that this was a special moment. It reminded me when last year Stage 3 went to the War Memorial in Canberra, we sat in the room called the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The domed building that picks up any little noise. We again heard the complete silence of Peace and Respect.

Yesterday the Gospel reading was from John. It too sums up many parts of the ANZAC memorial services. It exemplifies the need for us to be part of a community that cares, respects and loves each other.

I am the good shepherd;

I know my own

and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father;

and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have

that are not of this fold,

and these I have to lead as well. (John 10: 14-16)

If you have a chance to come to the school sometime soon, please look at the displays and posters about ANZAC. Also look in the 2 display windows near the office. Many artifacts from the staff are in there relating to family connections to the war.

Many thanks to Ms Debien, Ms Krawczyk, Ms Benham-Gestal and Mrs Hartnett (and all the other staff) who worked so hard in preparing Friday's ceremony and the day's activities. A special thanks to all the students who spent many hours during their breaks to make the many poppies we have around the school.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish
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

All these poppies will be used again in our Sculpture at School (SAS) exhibition at the end of the term. This Wednesday 29th April, all the students will be travelling to the Scenic Railway to go down into the rainforest and see the Sculptural Exhibition. We will be having our own guides to lead us through the exhibition. Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 will be the first group to go. This will be followed by S3W and S3B. Finally Year 3 and Year 4 will go after their violin lessons. EVERYONE needs to return the permission note to attend. The cost of this excursion is already covered. But a note is essential.

Friday 15th May, Monday 18th May and Tuesday 19th May all students will be working with our *Artist in Residence*, Ms Niki Martignago. Niki works very closely with Terrance Plowright, a famous sculptural artist in the Blue Mountains. The students will be working with aluminium wire and with clay. All these lessons will be in the Parish Hall. Would you like to come along and help or join in? If you create a sculptural piece, it can be included in the SAS exhibition. But there is one condition – *each sculptural piece requires the artist to write about what the sculptural piece means to them.* Another open invitation to you as a parent or carer of student/s at St Canice's - Would you like to learn with the students, to play Violin? Each Wednesday morning we have spare violins which parents/ carers can use during the lesson. Just come along.

Mark Geerligs
Principal

BookClub

All Book Club orders need to be returned by Tuesday 5 May. Please remember it is a cashless system. All orders need to be paid for either by phone or the loop online payment system. Instructions on how to pay are in the Book Club catalogue.



Mothers' Day Stall

Next Tuesday, 5 May, we will hold our annual stall for the children to buy a gift for mum/ grandma.

There will be a variety of gifts ranging from \$1.00-\$5.00.

We thank the crafty group and Sr Colleen for their wonderful work so that the children can buy a special gift for that **special** person in their life.



After being closed for renovations, My School Lunch Box will resume their service to our school on Monday 11 May.

2016 Kinder Enrolments

Enrolment packages are now available at the Office. If you have a child that is ready to begin school in 2016 please call into the office or phone and request a package be sent home.

If you know of any neighbours or friends who are considering sending their child to kinder next year please extend an invitation on behalf of our school to the Kinder Information Night, Monday 4 May.

Lost Property

A number of items have been lost and it is very difficult to track these down if they are not labelled. Please label all clothing and we will be happy to return to your child if it finds its way to our lost property.

Social Media

Follow us on Facebook
St Canice's School,
Katoomba



Skoolbag is also available and can be a very useful tool for up to the minute information.

Please refer to previously posted information. If you do not have this, contact the office for an information sheet.





School Calendar

April

Week 2

Monday	27th	Tai Chi Newsletter	
Tuesday	28th	Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking	
Wednesday	29th	Uniform Shop Open Sculpture Excursion	9am-3pm
Friday	1st May	Soccer Gala Day(Stg 3)	

May

Week 3

Monday	4th	Tai Chi Newsletter Kinder 2016 Info Night	7pm
Tuesday	5th	Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking Mothers' Day Stall Student Banking Parent Body Meeting Cross Country Championships	From 8.30am 7pm 8am-3pm
Wednesday	6th	Uniform Shop Open	
Thursday	7th	Ukelele	
Friday	8th	Soccer Gala Day(Stg 2) Assembly: Kinder Mass & Reconc: S3B	
Sunday	10th	Mother's Day	

School Banking

Don't forget, students who consistently display stellar savings behaviour by making 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically go into the draw to win a family trip to Clifonia's Disneyland. This astronomical prize includes return flights, five nights accommodation, transfers, three days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, plus AUD \$2,000 spending money!



From the Office

Please note that School Fees are now overdue. If you have not received your account please contact the office immediately. If you have made a previous payment arrangement, those will continue.

We thank you for your continued support.



CatholicCare Social Services

Solo Parent Services

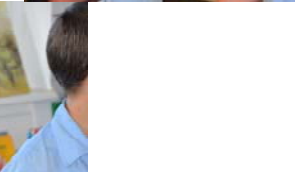
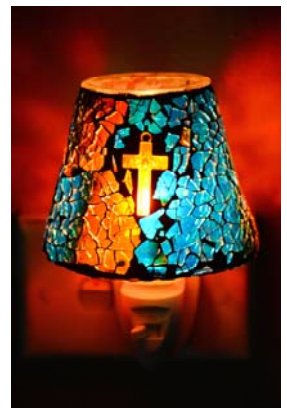
Younger Widowed Bereavement Support Group

We welcome you to our monthly support group.
Venue: CCSS Centre 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown
Date: 3rd Tuesday of each month (Feb-Dec)
Time: 7.00pm-9.00pm
Cost: \$5.00
Registration: Ph: 9933 0205 or soloparentservice@ccss.org.au





25th April 2015



ANZAC Day activities at St Canice's

