

NEWSLETTER



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Growth through love and learning

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Dear Parents and Carers

With the specialness of Easter and the strong focus on the ANZAC story, I am currently thinking a lot about my mum and dad who passed away a number of years ago. Jesus has been reminding us to remember Him and His message at each of the Sunday masses. Yesterday's Gospel, John 15: 9-17, Jesus asks us to "Love one another as I have loved you".

A reflection from Sr Veronica Lawson hit a very true note with me. She said: -

"Living in the friendship of Christ's disciples is not some abstract goal. Too often we affirm the goodness of our selfless companions on the journey only when we come to lay them to rest. As we approach the end of the Easter season, we might give thanks for the love of our friends and the joy that they bring to our lives." I believe I appreciate and think about mum and dad now possibly more than I did when they were alive. Take the time to be close to those around you and treasure each and every day. Remember to "Love one another". I hope all of our mums had a special mother's day yesterday.

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 2016

Computer Issues

Last week we had a HORROR of a week with the computers at school. My apologies for any inconvenience caused. Thank you for your patience.

Remembrance

Remembrance is the overall theme for the Sculpture At School (SAS) this year. Starting this Friday week 4 (15th May) the Kinder and Year 1 will spend the whole day with our Artist in Residence working on a few sculptural pieces. **Do you want to come along and join in or help?**

Monday 18th will be Years 2, 3 and Year 4 sculptural day, while Tuesday 19th will be the Stage 3 Classes (S3B and S3W). **Again your help and participation is most welcomed.**

There will also be time in the next few weeks for some students to work directly with our writers in residence. The aim is to help our students create written work that will explain their sculptural pieces. When we have a purpose and audience for writing we then create more meaningful work. Ms Morley, Ms Krawczyk and I were asked to present at a Teacher Symposium in Katoomba last week. Our topic was how we integrated the English Curriculum with Art. Our focus was the Sculpture At School project now in its second year.

Last Weeks Assembly

Last Friday morning 8th May, the Kinders presented a very moving prayer with a focus on Mothers' Day. There were many emotional mums enjoying the assembly. The school also presented a large box of T-Shirt we collected last term. Tracey and Ros from "Helping Hands" accepted the donation for the people in Vanuatu. A big thanks was given by Tracey for the kindness of our school community.

St Canice's Autumn Cake Stall



The Cake Stall is being held on Saturday 30th May. A flyer has been sent home today with details about the event. If anyone could assist with the collection on Friday 29th or to assist on the Stall on Saturday

your time would be appreciated.

Ms Magann on Leave

For all parents and students in Year S3W, Ms Magann will be on leave for the next 2 weeks and Mrs. Garrett will be the teacher for this period of time.

Indoor Soccer Competition

The past 2 Fridays has seen the Stage 3 and Stage 2 students take part in the local indoor soccer competition. With great pride and enthusiasm all of our teams played well. Thanks to the many parents who helped manage a team and to Ms Bennett and Ms Krawczyk for their involvement. More news in the Sports News section.

NAPLAN

Tomorrow NAPLAN starts for Years 3 and 5. This will continue for three days and conclude on Thursday. Friday has been booked as a catch-up day.

St Columba's Catholic College Enrolments 2016

Enrolment applications are now due if parents/ caregivers wish to enrol their child into St Columba's High School at Springwood for Year 7 in 2016. Further information is available on the website www.stcolumbasspringwood or by calling the enrolment Secretary on 4754 1022.

Mother's Day Stall

Sr Colleen and her many helpers would like to thank everyone who purchased gifts from their Mother's Day Stall last week. A very impressive \$634.15 was raised. Well done.



Change of Home or Emergency Contact Details

If you have any changes to your home or emergency contact numbers, please contact the school Office as soon as possible. In cases of sickness or emergency, it is important that we have the correct contact details for your child(ren).

Yellow Ribbon Road Safety Campaign

DRIVE So Others Survive

The Drive SOS Yellow Ribbon Campaign asks us to:

- Share the road responsibly
- Actively commit to safeguarding the lives and health of all road users (including pedestrians)
- Protect vulnerable road users, especially those who work on our roads to assist and protect us.
- Honour those who have been killed and stand in solidarity with their families, friends and communities.

In support of the SARAH Group the following items are for sale at the Office

Ribbons	\$2
Wristbands	\$3
Stickers	\$3
Keyrings	\$4

Martin Chatterton Visit

There was uproarious laughter in the Library last Thursday when international author Martin Chatterton visited our school. Martin has written and illustrated a new series of books on Mort, a 10,000 year old boy that is already on the Premier's Reading Challenge.

As well as speaking about the writing process, Martin created caricatures of three of our students, which was the cause of the merriment. Martin, having explained the nature of a caricature, had great difficulty selecting "victims" from the brave students that clamoured for the opportunity. He "read" their minds and then drew their secret identity. They are very privilege to have their "portrait" from an internationally renowned Illustrator.

After he spoke to us on Thursday, he was off to the Sydney Writers' Festival with James Patterson, (yes, THE one) of whom he has illustrated his Middle School series. They were to speak to an audience of 700, but we were fortunate to have him in our Library at Katoomba. Our thanks go to Megalong Books & Random House Publishing for organising the visit.

Oskar: I thought it was very funny and interesting when he was talking about how he wrote a lot of joke books and that he drew and wrote the whole Mort series. Then he drew pictures of everyone. When he drew my picture I thought it was very funny and gross.

Hugo: I sort of didn't want to do it, but I put my hand up. I was very surprised when he picked me. When I saw my picture, I thought it was really funny and it was pretty cool how easily he did it, he didn't even sketch it.



Birthday Wishes for May

Archer Riddle, Holly Garrett, Isabella McKee, Heidi Batterbury, Lara Naess, Joseph Zammit, Jimmy Hale, Georgina Hogan, Alexandra Miller, Jimmy Macklin and Lila Manning

Student Banking

Congratulations to the following students who have received certificates recently.

Bronze Awards

Lachlan Harris Taylor Harris-Jones Jonah Hong
Mikayla - Rose Mezei Oliver Studdert

Maddison Mezei

Silver Awards

Jessica Nguyen

Gold Awards

Kayla Sayers
Darcy Nicholson
Lila Manning
Ashlee Hong
Jack Moseley



Reminder to Parents

Parents are reminded that, if entering the school grounds to attend assembly, classroom activities, etc, they are required to sign in at the Office on arrival, and sign out on departure.

ICAS 2015

Students who have registered to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools are advised that the Digital Technologies, previously known as Computer Skills, will be held next Tuesday 19th May.

Sports News

Athletics Carnival

The School's Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 26th May at Pitt Park Wentworth Falls. The children will be transported to and from the oval by bus. All students have been sent home with a permission slip. Notes need to be returned by tomorrow 12th May at the latest.

Indoor Soccer Gala Day Stage 3

On Friday 1st May Mia Brischetto, Alexandra Miller, Ivy Riddle, Aidee Doyle, Ella-Rose Fisher, Albi Raphel, Molly Jinks, Nina Moria, Scarlett Hay, Alina Hoang, Holly Dirs, Mia Garraway, Estelle Dee, Georgia Hogan, Heidi Batterbury, Chantelle Burke, Maddison Mezei, Kate Tran, Heidi Rennert, Finn Spain, Luke Barker-Swan, Billy Zammit, Danilo Nunez, Ryan O'Kell, Oskar Coghlan, Anthony Chacana, Gabriel Preston, Hugh McNair, Joseph Norman, Oliver Burke, Dominic Mackie, Jimmy Hale, William Garrett, Xavier Nyssen and Hamish Walker-Sawkins represented St Canice's at the Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day.

It was an action packed day and all of the students were so encouraging of one another. Our students were excellent role models for sportsmanship on the day, congratulating other players and thanking the referees. All of our students should be commended for their behaviour on the day and many students were named 'Man of the Match' after their respective games.

All of the games were extremely close and one team was undefeated the whole day. Our Under 12/13 St Canice's Girls Team C made it to the finals. This game was again very close and after a number of penalty shoot outs St Canice's won! Well done to all of the St Canice's students.

A huge thank you to Susan Renkert, Wendy Sawkins, Eamonn Spain, Rod Chacana, Tony Jinks and Sean Hogan who were Team Managers on the day. You all did an amazing job and your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to all the other mums, dads and grandmas who came to support their child at some stage throughout the day.

Lauren Bennett
Sports Coordinator



Dear Parents,

We have an exciting initiative beginning this term!. As we have fantastic writers in our midst, we thought we'd dedicate an area to showcase their work.

We will have a St Canice's Writing Wall where pieces of writing will be displayed. Children who are interested in writing at home and then sharing their work can email their writing to Mrs van der Walle at

stcanices@parra.catholic.edu.au

And it will be displayed on "The Wall". Today we have shared an example of a piece Albi Chalbhagam Raphael (Stage 3 Blue) wrote for a writing competition. Enjoy reading and start creating your own. Can't wait to read them
Mrs van der Walle

The Right Decision

Jets of red fire rocketed into the middle of the glen, sending me reeling back into a cloud of red smoke. Dazed, I swivelled to see red and white fireworks blast through the sky from every direction, ricocheting out of control, like a raining meteor shower. "What's happening?" I ask myself, ears hurting. I get up, legs stinging with pain and run. The streets are filled with chaos as the evil droids raid. I continue and I don't want to turn back. I run through deserted lanes, into alleyways, missing gunshots and dodging craziness. I make it home just in time to see my parents leaving the house to the safest place now, the hall. "Are you ok dear?" asked Mum. "I'm fine." I lie. "Make it there quickly," said Dad as they give me a huge hug. I felt warm and safe in their hands, but I knew I had more responsibilities. "I'll try," I reply, as they left.

Everyone in the world is in the same situation, which is a total massacre! Just then I slammed myself on a wall with my shoulder. Blood ran down my hand and pain shot through. Then, all of a sudden, my vision went fuzzy and then blank.

I wake up, exhausted and famished. I gaze around and I realise that I am at the shops. I get up but I start wobbling, like jelly. I stumble my way inside and grab an orange carrot. I bite in and let the flavour burst inside my taste buds. Within seconds, I finish that and zoom through the aisles eating everything within my sight. I didn't want to stuff myself so I stopped, and headed out.

I found a note near the hall saying 'Look up.' I looked and saw a glint of light, almost striking, as I was elevated off my feet.

Everyone was in a cage and I saw acid on top of a burgundy, leather chair. Droids came one by one to serve him, the evil guy. He had a remote control with a huge, maroon button. "Hello human." A voice boomed "I am pure evil." "That's nice to know." I replied sarcastically. He ignored me and continued "I'm going to destroy everyone and that starts with the people you love." "That's going too far." I said. "For you are being mean to me." He whimpered. I noticed an amplifier nearby so I asked "Why do you have an amplifier if the vilest people are supposed to be loud" He stood up and turned around. He was wearing claret, long cloak. "Why you little" he started and accidentally threw the remote at me. "Oh no..." he said worried. "Droids get her!" The droids ran after me as I climbed up a twine and pressed the button. "No!" he cried as the acid splashed down and dissolved him and the droids. The intensity shook the twine violently. Then the acid and all evil vanished. Soon all people were free and I slid down the twine to find waiting fans.

By
Albi Chalbhagam Raphael





School Calendar

Week 4

Tuesday	12th	Craft Student Banking NAPLAN	8.45am
Wednesday	13th	NAPLAN Uniform Shop Open	
Thursday	14th	NAPLAN Choir	
Friday	15th	Assembly Year 4 Mass S3W Artist in Residence NAPLAN (Catch up Day)	8.45am 12noon

Week 5

Monday	18th	Tai Chi with Sr Colleen Newsletter Years 2, 3 & 4 Sculpture Day	
Tuesday	19th	ICAS Digital Technologies Craft Student Banking Stage 3 Sculpture Day	
Wednesday	20th	Uniform Shop Open	
Thursday	21st	Ukulele	
Friday	22nd	Assembly Year 2 Mass Year 3	8.45am 12noon

Play AFL in Katoomba!!!

After School Auskick For girls & boys aged 5-8.

Starts Friday, 1st May at 3:45 at Katoomba Falls Reserve.

To register go to:

<http://www.aflauskick.com.au/register/>

Under 10's players are still needed to play on Sundays.

Contact David : 0405 249 347




Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to add fruit at brekky

This delish recipe will give your kids' a great start to their day!

Ingredients
 2 eggs
 1 tbsp honey
 2 ½ cups low fat milk
 3 ripe bananas, sliced
 2 cups self-raising flour
 2 tbsp sugar
 2 tsp margarine, melted
 3 medium apples, peeled, cored and grated



Method
 In a large bowl beat eggs, margarine + milk. In a separate bowl mix flour and sugar, stir into wet mixture until smooth. Add apple mix and stir. Heat oil in a pan over medium heat. Add 2-3 tbsp of mixture, flip when bubbles appear and cook until golden. Serve with banana and drizzled honey. Makes 10.

Adding fruit in fun ways can make it more appealing to fussy eaters – for more ideas, visit our website today!

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://www.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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Nepean Blue Mountains
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My School Lunch Box is Back

Order your lunches at myschoollunchbox.com.au

Available Monday & Friday only

Bishops Office Catholic Pastoral Care in Hospitals

Did you know that the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta provides the ministry of a Catholic Chaplain as well as Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist to all major hospitals? Care is given pastorally, emotionally, sacramentally and spiritually following your needs and wishes. So when you are admitted into a hospital, ensure that you inform staff to note on the form that you are Catholic. Please ask the bedside nurse if you want a Catholic priest or pastoral carer. For any queries, please contact Monsignor John Boyle on (02) 9634 2622.

Catholic Outlook May issue

- * First Mass celebrated at new Our Lady of the Angels Church
- * CatholicCare opens new Drop-In Centre at Springwood
- * Year of Consecrated Life: religious in the Diocese gather at Marayong
- * Real care, love and compassion: the alternative to euthanasia
- * Br Bernard Bulfin: bringing Christ's love and forgiveness to those in prison
- * News from our Catholic schools
- Knights of the Southern Cross continue support for seminarians

This month's Faith at Work DWF Appeal

The Diocesan Works Fund Appeal with the theme 'Faith at Work' is being held this month. The appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as a diocesan family to support ministries and services that no single individual or parish can offer. For example, it supports catechists who teach the faith in state schools, seminarians who are preparing for the priesthood, young adults working in youth ministry, prison and hospital chaplaincy, Pre-marriage Education through CatholicCare. Visit the website to see how your donation can make a difference: www.faithatwork.org.au

Nominations for diocesan awards close on 1 May

Don't let this opportunity slip by to nominate someone from your parish. Nominations are now open for three awards:

1. The Diocesan Medal of Honour

The Diocesan Medal of Honour seeks to encourage and recognise outstanding contribution and service by members of the Parramatta diocesan community in work on behalf of the Church and society. The Diocesan Medal of Honour is awarded for outstanding services to parish, Diocese and community.

2. The Diocesan Citation of Merit for Youth

The Diocesan Citation of Merit for Youth seeks to encourage and recognise youth between the ages of 18 and 25 who have shown outstanding contribution and service to the parish, Diocese and community.

3. The Diocesan Certificate of Recognition

The Diocesan Certificate of Recognition seeks to encourage and recognise outstanding contribution by non-Catholic members of the Diocese of Parramatta community, for work supporting the parish, Diocese and community. The overview for how to make a nomination and notations are available from the Chancery office tel (02) 8838 3400 or on the Diocese of Parramatta's website <http://www.parra.catholic.org.au/about-your-diocese/forms/forms.aspx>

The decision for the awarding these honours rests with the Parramatta Diocesan Honours Committee. **Nominations close on 1 May.**

Don Bosco Bicentenary Celebrations at St Marys

During this year's celebrations for the bicentenary of the birth of Don Bosco, the Holy Shroud will be on public display in Turin where Pope Francis will attend next month. On display until 24 June in Our Lady of the Rosary Parish at St Marys is a full-scale facsimile of the Shroud. The church is open for viewing every day during daylight hours. On 4 May there will be a PowerPoint presentation on the Shroud in the church from 7.30pm-8.30pm.

Blackheath Reflection Morning on 16 May

Top: 'Jesus the Man ... Life on the Streets.' Presented by Leonard Blahut. From 10am-1pm in Sacred Heart Parish Hall, cnr Sturt & Wentworth Sts, Blackheath. Entry by donation. No need to book. Morning tea provided. Further details: Carmen Vanny tel (02) 4787 8706.

Journey to Pentecost retreat by Brothers4Soul on 16 May

Come and join other men and journey with the apostles from the Ascension to Pentecost. A time to reflect. At Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. From Saturday 16 May from 8am to Sunday 17 May till 4pm. Cost: \$135. RSVP Jim tel 0432 487 927, b4sij2014@gmail.com

Mission – One Heart Many Voices from 18-20 May

Organised by Catholic Religious Australia and Catholic Mission this multi-sector dialogue on living the joy of the Gospel and leading mission will be held at the SMC Conference & Function Centre, Goulburn St, Sydney. Mission – One Heart Many Voices will explore Pope Francis' vision for mission and is set within the spirit of *Ad Gentes* and *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, documents that celebrate their 50th and 40th anniversaries this year respectively.

Register at <http://www.mohmv.com.au/2015conference/>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from 17-24 May

'Jesus said to her: "Give me to drink".' (Jn 4:7) The Brazilian ecumenical group that prepared this year's celebration invites us to use symbols of the path or journey and water as images of the visible Christian unity for which we pray. There is also a prepared Ecumenical Order of Worship that can be used anytime during the year. For more information contact the NCCA: faithandunity@ncca.org.au or phone (02) 9299 2215.

Holy Hour for Vocations on 21 May

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations from 7-8pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. To find out more about priesthood in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta contact the Director of Priestly Vocations, Fr Warren Edwards, Director: tel 0409 172 700 or send an email to vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

Annual Marian Pilgrimage on 24 May

The Annual Marian Pilgrimage at Mt Schoenstatt begin at 10am with Holy Mass at 10.30am. The Eucharistic Procession and Benediction from the valley to the Shrine will commence at 2pm. There will be an alternative program for the sick and elderly at the Shrine. Please bring your own picnic chairs. Hot food will be available at lunchtime. Mt Schoenstatt is at 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Details: tel (02) 4773 8338 or visit www.schoenstatt.org.au

Christian Meditation Day on 17 May

This Christian Meditation Introduction & Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery includes presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. BYO picnic lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Books & CDs for sale. All welcome. Arrive 10am for 10.30am, concludes about 3pm. Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, tel (02) 9653 1159. Self-catering accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact Br Terry 0438 282 318. Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02) 9498 2625, anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775, atlomas@bigpond.com

Springwood Trivia Night to support East Timor on 16 May

The Springwood East Timor Support Group will hold its 16th Annual Trivia Night on Saturday 16 May, so brush up on Don Bradman's batting average and dig deep to support a better future for East Timor. Why not organise a team and make an occasion of it? The fundraiser will be held at Springwood Sports Club, Macquarie Road, Springwood. To book or make an inquiry, please call (02) 4754 1160.

Spend a day with the Notre Dame Folk Choir on 30 May

Join inspirational musicians from The University of Notre Dame in the US for a day of live singing and workshops! On their first visit to Australia from the US, the Notre Dame Folk Choir's 50 choristers and instrumentalists will come to St Patrick's Cathedral and will demonstrate how good liturgical music can inspire and nurture faith through a day of workshops, prayer and a concert. From 11.30am-4.30pm. Cost: \$5 per person (cash only, to be collected on the day) Register at: www.parra.catholic.org.au

Volunteers needed for Chisholm Cottage, Westmead

Chisholm Cottage provides 'a home away from home' for country families attending hospitals and clinics in Westmead. This low-cost, short-term accommodation is managed by Sisters of Charity Outreach and owned by the Catholic Women's League (Aust), Diocese of Parramatta Inc. The Cottage needs volunteers who assist with house duties, answer the phone and provide a welcoming presence to residents. For more information, please contact Maria McNuff, Volunteer Coordinator & Educator, tel 02 8382 6437, 0404 861 523, mmcnuff@stvincents.com.au

St Philomena Association Holy Mass on 30 May

St John Vianney was very devoted to St Philomena. Pope Gregory XVI called her "the great wonder worker". Mass at noon with Confession from 11.30am. St John Vianney's Church, 17 Cameron St, Doonside (a short walk north from Doonside station, the one after Blacktown). Please bring a snack to share. RSVP Elizabeth tel or text 0423 15 44 63 or epeoples9@gmail.com

Vocation Discernment Afternoon on 31 May

All young men who feel God might be calling them to the priesthood are invited to the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta's Vocation Discernment Afternoon. The afternoon starts at 2pm and concludes with a shared meal at 6pm. Holy Spirit Seminary is at 31-33 Allen Street, Harris Park.

To find out more about priesthood in the Diocese of Parramatta contact the Director of Priestly Vocations, Fr Warren Edwards, tel 0409 172 700 or send an email to: vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

For further information visit:

www.parra.catholic.org.au/vocations

www.parra.catholic.org.au/holyspiritseminary