

NEWSLETTER



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Katoomba 2014

Growth through love and learning

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Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday the Church celebrated the Feast of Pentecost.

Pentecost marks the beginning of the time of the Church. "Christ sent us in Spirit, defending and guiding us and leading us to the fullness of truth." The second reading was from St Paul to the Galatians (Gal 5:16-25).

St Paul wrote that the Spirit has 9 characteristics and the first of these is love. When you read our school motto "Growth Through Love and Learning", love is number one. It is through the fullness of how we treat others and ourselves, that we truly experience the Holy Spirit.

Mr 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

Sydney's Writers Festival

Stage 2 students travelled to Penrith for their excursion to the Sydney's Writers Festival. They left early in the morning from Katoomba Station. Coming home they boarded the "quiet carriage". When they got off at Katoomba at about 4:30pm, a number of commuters commented on their wonderful behaviour and appreciated the respect the students were displaying. In everyday life we can so share the gift of the Holy Spirit with people around us in very simple ways.

Sculptures at School

Last week all of Year 2 – Year 6 took part in the SAS – Artist in Residence Workshop. All students are now working on their written pieces to complement their sculptural work.

The school hallway and library are being prepared for our SAS exhibition which will be ready for viewing during the interview week – 15th June – 19th June. Our special Grand Opening will be on Saturday 13th June at 2pm.

Helpers Desperately Needed for St Canice's Autumn Cake Stall Saturday 30th May

Can you Help Out?

Friday after school till 4pm or 8am till 10am on
Saturday Morning



Cake plates and ingredients labelling will be sent home Thursday 28th May

Cake boxes and slice trays are available from the Office. If you can please leave your baking goodies at the School Friday or delivered directly to the stall on Saturday.

Raffle Tickets

The Parent Body sent home the raffle tickets for our annual raffle with your eldest child last week. The prizes include the following:

- 1st Prize: Painting of Sea Scape by John Wilson
(Currently hanging in the School Office)
- 2nd Prize: Family Trolley Tour and Scenic World Adventure Pass

3rd Prize: Hamper from Carrington Cellars and a Dinner for two at the Bamboo Box

Tickets are \$2 per ticket

If you would like more tickets please contact the Office and they will be sent home.



Can you help?

If you have a business or know of someone that has that would kindly help to sell raffle tickets please let the Office know and we will get a jar and tickets to them.

Tohby Riddle visit

Today Mr Tohby Riddle (dad to Ivy, Archer and Airlie) spoke with all of Year 1 – Year 6 students about how to produce a good written piece of work. Tohby has just launched his new book called "The Greatest Gatsby" A visual book of Grammar". He then visited all the classes to help individuals with their work. Many thanks to Tohby for his generosity.

School Athletics Carnival

Tomorrow, Tuesday 26th May, will be our School Athletics Carnival. It will be held at Pitt Park Adele Avenue Wentworth Falls. The weather seems to be kind to us – but Pitt Park can be cold so please ensure your children are dressed appropriately.

- ♦ If parents are driving their child/ren please be at Pitt Park no later than 9.15am.
- ♦ All students are required to report to their teacher on arrival and before they leave so that they can be signed in and out.

Uniform:

- ♦ Wear sports uniform with a t shirt of your house colour if you have one.
- ♦ Bring your own healthy snacks, lunch and plenty of bottled water to drink
- ♦ Wear your school hat throughout the day
- ♦ Bring your asthma puffer if you are asthmatic (or any other medications)

Parent helpers are still required on the day so if you can help for a little while it would be greatly appreciated.



Crunch! Crunch! Crunch! Sip! Sip! Sip!

Ever wondered how you can save time and money making healthy meals the whole family will enjoy? We are asking parents to express their interest in attending a workshop where this question, plus other topics about food budgeting, menu planning and fussy eaters, will be covered. **Fruit and Veg Sense** workshops are a NSW government initiative and are free to attend. If you feel you would be interested in attending this type of workshop here at school for 90 minutes after morning assembly could you please let Mrs van der Walle know



Recycling at BP Katoomba

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all those lovely children and their families who went to the trouble of taking our recycling cans/bottles to the **BP Cruncher** machine recently. Your time and effort is much appreciated. THANK YOU AND THANK YOU again.



Bus Pass Inspection

We have been advised by the Blue Mountains Bus Company that there will be surprise inspections on all school buses checking for valid bus passes from Week 6 to Week 10. Children may be asked to produce their pass to validate their journey start and finish as per instructed on

their pass.

Book Club

Book Club pamphlets have been sent home today. Please return your **cashless** orders to school or process your orders online. Orders are to be returned by this Thursday 28th May.

Remembrance Wall

Families have been asked to submit a contribution to the Sculptures at School Remembrance Wall. If you would like to contribute please do so today. Names will be placed on a "brick" and displayed in the Library.

Pyjama Day and Sleep Out Postponed

Due to the overload of activities in Term 2 the Mini Vinnies have postponed their scheduled Pyjama Day and Mini Vinnies Winter Sleep Out until Term 3. Details will follow soon.



Gold Awards

Our Gold Award ceremony will be held this Friday 29th May at our Assembly. Parents of recipients should have received an invitation to attend last week.

St Columba's Enrolments

A reminder to parents that the St Columba's Year 7 2016 enrolments are now due to be submitted. Further information is available on the college website [www.stcolumbasspringwood](http://www.stcolumbasspringwood.com.au) or by phone on 4754 1022.

Notice Period for Leaving Students

In line with the Catholic Education Policy a terms notice (10 school weeks) in writing must be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or a full terms fees will be payable. One exemption is that notice in writing will be accepted at any time during Term 4 in relation to the following year's enrolment, that is, the notice period of 10 school weeks will be waived. Special circumstances that would warrant 6 weeks' notice include moving due to employment or sale of house.

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 details for your child/ren.



Entering the School Grounds

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.

Before School Arrival and Afternoon School Departure

The school is now taking the roll electronically and immediately the class is in the room. Any student late will need to wait with their parent / carer at the front office to complete a late form. Please ensure that your child is here before the bell at 8:40am.

To ensure the safety of all students we ask that all parents / carers report to their child's teacher in order to collect them after school. Each class will have a designated area to go to in the afternoon and it is from that point parents / carers are to collect their child. If you want to spend time speaking with others in the playground, please ensure that your child/ren stay with you. The use of playground equipment and running around the yard is not allowed after school for school children. At no stage will students be allowed to leave the school grounds to meet parents / carers in a car or in the car parking lot as this can be very dangerous at this time.

Please help us make the afternoon dismissal as safe as possible. Thank you for your assistance.



CAPTIVATE Showcase

Don't miss out of purchasing your tickets to the CAPTIVATE Showcase Season, tickets are selling fast. Make your booking online now at www.trybooking.com/ETIN

The Showcase is the culmination of the work of various combined music, dance and drama ensembles, feature primary and secondary school students in the Diocese of Parramatta.

DANCE SHOWCASE - Thursday 12 June

DRAMA SHOWCASE - Friday 13, Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 June

STRINGS SHOWCASE - Friday 13 June

PRIMARY MUSIC SHOWCASE - Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 June

CONCERT BAND SHOWCASE - Thursday 19 June

SECONDARY MUSIC SHOWCASE - Friday 20 June

For more information www.captivate.catholic.edu.au/events/events.aspx/2014-captivate-showcase-season.aspx

Bishops Office

10th National eConference on Pope Francis – Modelling the Ministry of St Peter: 11 June

This FREE eConference is presented by The Broken Bay Institute in partnership with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The eConference will be streamlined live over the internet – all are welcome to participate at no charge.

Presenters: Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth; Sr Monica Cavanagh RSJ, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph; Fr Gerard Kelly, President of the Catholic Institute of Sydney; Selina Hasham, Communications Manager, Archdiocese of Sydney; and Fr Noel Connelly SSC, Head of Mission & Culture, The Broken Bay Institute (BBI). The Apostolic Nuncio to Australia, Archbishop Paul Gallagher, will join the Q&A panel discussion.

The Institute for Mission in Blacktown is a host site. Time: 10am-3pm. Please contact the IFM to register your attendance: tel Donnie (02) 9831 4911, connect@ifm.org.au

For independent registration contact Rhonda Andersen tel (02) 9847 0726, econferences@bbi.catholic.edu.au

Further details: www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/eConference

eConference on The Trinity – A Place of Deep Listening: 12 June

An initiative of the Conference of Spiritual Directors Australia, a professional association of spiritual directors who are committed to a contemplative approach in the ministry of Spiritual Direction. CSD Australia is hosting its 2nd National eConference, The Trinity – A Place of Deep Listening. The keynote speaker is Mary Coloe PBVM – approaching the theme from the scriptural perspective of St John's Gospel. CSD Australia is a professional association of spiritual directors committed to a contemplative approach in the ministry of spiritual direction. Time: 9am-3.30pm. Cost: free for CSD members; non-members may make a \$20 donation. For more information and to register visit: www.csdaust.com

Blackheath Reflection Morning: 14 June

A joint venture of Aquinas Academy and Catalyst for Renewal. This month, 'Poetic Language as Gateway to the Sacred' with Dr Michael Griffith. Come and enjoy the reflection, silence and solitude in peaceful surrounds. From 10am-1pm. Entry by donation, morning tea provided. Sacred Heart Parish Hall, cnr Sturt and Wentworth Sts, Blackheath. Details: Carmen Vanny tel (02) 4787 8706.

10 ways to strengthen your marriage: 21 June

Presented by Ann O'Brien, Director – Marriage Support and Specialist Services with CatholicCare Social Services, Diocese of Parramatta. This is a seminar for married and engaged couples and those interested in making marriages strong and resilient. Ten important principles will be presented with examples and strategies to build on healthy and loving relationships. There will be opportunities for discussion, questions and interaction. From 1pm-4.30pm at St John XXIII Parish School, 160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens. No cost: sponsored and organised by Youth for Christ Australia, a family ministry of Couples for Christ Australia, with the support of the St John XXIII Parish Faith Formation Committee. Details: (02) 9831 4044.

Sacraments – Eucharist and Confession: 21 June

This afternoon workshop to help youth and young adults to grow in love and passion for the sacraments will be presented by Anthony Ndaïra – youth ministry coordinator for the Diocese of St Maroun. From 1pm-5pm in St John XXIII Parish School, 160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens. No cost: sponsored and organised by Youth for Christ Australia, a family ministry of Couples for Christ Australia, with the support of the St John XXIII Parish Faith Formation Committee. Details: (02) 9831 4044.

Australian Catholic Historical Society Colloquium: 15 June

This month's topic is 'Pope Pius XII and the Nazi occupation of Rome'. The speaker is the Hon Tim Fischer AC, former Deputy Prime Minister, latterly Australia's Ambassador to the Holy See. Starts 2.30pm in the Crypt Hall of St Patrick's at Church Hill, Grosvenor Street, The Rocks. Admission free, no membership required. Inquiries: Dr John Carmody, President ACHS, (02) 9417 2082, john.carmody@sydney.edu.au

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: 13-15 June

A Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Invest in your most precious asset ... your marriage! Venue: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Inquiries & bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel (02) 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au www.wwme.org.au Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/WWMEasternUnit

Holy Hour for Vocations: 19 June

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations from 7pm-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 Fr Warren Edwards – Vocations Director: tel 0409 172 700, vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

Vocation Discernment Afternoon: 22 June

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 pizza at 6pm. Holy Spirit Seminary, 31-33 Allen Street, Harris Park. To find out more about priesthood in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta contact Fr Warren Edwards – Vocations Director tel 0409 172 700 or email: vocations@parra.catholic.org.au Visit: www.parra.catholic.org.au/vocations and www.parra.catholic.org.au/holyspiritseminary

Get involved in the School Banking program.

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221, or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver's license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

Thank you for supporting our school and helping to teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.





Jackaroo Ranch Spring Riding Camps



Camp One

Saturday 27th June to Saturday 4th July

Camp Two

Saturday 4th July to Sunday 12th July

Contact Pattie on 6337 7173 for further information

School Calendar

May

Week 6

Tuesday	26th	Athletics Carnival	
Wednesday	27th	Uniform Shop Open	
Thursday	28th	Choir	
Friday	29th	Gold Awards Assembly Mini Vinnies Mass & reconciliation S3B	

June

Week 7

Monday	1st	Tai Chi	
Tuesday	2nd	Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking UBMMF Rehearsal 9am	
Wednesday	3rd	Uniform Shop Open ICAS Science	
Thursday	4th	Ukulele	
Friday	5th	Assembly S3W Mass & Reconciliation Year 4	



My School Lunch Box is Back

Order your lunches at myschoollunchbox.com.au

Available Monday & Friday only



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to work out how
much fruit + veg you
need.

Eating two serves of fruit and
five serves of vegetables
every day will help keep you
and your kids healthy. But what
does a serve look like?



A serve of fruit is 150 grams
or:

- 1 medium fruit (apple/banana) or
- 1 ½ tablespoons dried fruit (apricots/sultanas) or
- 1 cup of chopped or canned fruit (fruit salad)

A serve of veg is 75 grams or:

- ½ cup of cooked veg or
- ½ medium potato or
- 1 cup of salad

Pack fruit and veg every day for school lunches – every bit
counts towards your child's daily total – plus healthy food gives
them extra strength to concentrate longer

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

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