

NEWSLETTER



6th June 2016 Term 2 Week 7

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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

Yesterday's Gospel reading teaches us about compassion and reaching out to others. In Luke 7: 11-17, Jesus was moved by compassion for a grieving mother. Our challenge is to reach out and help others in our own way. What do we do for others? How do we reach out?

Messages from The Principal

Mini Vinnies

St Canice's strongly supports our local St Vincent de Paul society. Our school has a group called "Mini Vinnies". This group of Stage 3 students, work hard to raise money for SVdP. All money, all food and all gifts donated to the Mini Vinnies are given directly to our Katoomba Branch of St Vincent de Paul. This is then shared with those less fortunate than ourselves in our local area. The Mini Vinnies first started a number of years ago with about 10 members, now we have well over 30 students. It is an authentic way of showing compassion and reaching out to others. Many thanks to Ms Morley who runs this group at the school. Also thanks to the many students who join this group and to you for your kind donations.

Japanese Visitors

For the week 8th August – 15th August, St Canice's will be hosting 10 Japanese students for Nagasaki Girls High School. These students are all 15 – 17 years old. These students will stay with a host family and attend their own lessons in the hall here at St Canice's, but spend most afternoons with our students. To ensure this happens, the school needs to find host families for these students.

This would be an exciting and wonderful experience for your family.

Requirements:

1. The Host Registration Form (Pick up from the school).
2. Each person who lives at the home of the Host family and are over the age of 18yrs, must supply St Canice's with their Working With Children Check (volunteer number) and their date of birth.

These documents need to be returned to the school ASAP.

All host families will be paid \$50 per day to care for the student. The student will need to be transported to and from school each day. On the weekend the student will be with the host family.

An information afternoon will be conducted by the organisation outlining what host families need to do. This will be closer to the date.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish
Parish Priest Fr. Ted Tyler

Presbytery Contact Ph: 02 4782 2804

Fax: 02 4782 6090

Website: marymackilloppupperbluemountains.org.au

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

S@S invitation

On Sunday 19th June from 1pm, the official Grand Opening of our S@S exhibition will take place. Members of the String Ensemble, choir and drama group will also perform. Everyone is invited to this opening. It will be held in the Parish/ School hall and the exhibition will be able to be viewed after the opening. There will be tea & coffee available for a donation and the Mini Vinnies will be selling cup cakes – the sort that the Very Hungry Caterpillar would enjoy.

Every student at St Canice's is working very hard to create a wonderful exhibition of sculptural and written pieces, which are engaging, enriching and evocative. See Noah's Ark, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, read stories about a nest, spiders and fish. There will be a "White Room", many beautifully woven chairs and other creative pieces. Each sculptural work is accompanied by a piece of writing by the artist. "Providing an authentic purpose and audience for the students to develop their writing skills, can be a challenge. Engaging students in their learning is a secret to success"

(Mr M Geerligs)

You can see and listen to what some of the students have done by scanning the QR code next to a piece of work using your phone or iPad. **(The QR Reader is a free app for both Apple and Android devices).**



Our Totem

St Canice's has been given, by the local aboriginal group, the Totem of the Three Sisters. This is a very special privilege for the school that also comes with great responsibility.

As part of our responsibility, the Stage 3 and Stage 2 students from St Canice's will go twice a year to the Three Sisters to help clean up the area.

This Friday, Stage 3 will walk to the Three Sisters with Aunty Carol. The Tourist Information centre will provide us with rubbish bags and each student will have a pair of suitable gloves to use during this time. In Term 3 or 4, Stage 2 will have their turn.



Reports

Your child's school report will go home Tuesday 14th June. The learning report is for you to discuss and read with your child. It is designed to give you an indication of their progress over the semester. Many assessment tools are used for your Teacher to determine your child's grade.

Assessment of your child's learning and the accurate reporting of this is a complex process. Your child's achievement is a product of their effort, their approach to learning and their involvement in class activities.

This learning report is only one way of gaining information about your child's learning. The best source of information about your child's performance and how it can be improved will still be through direct contact between you and the Teacher. Please complete the online booking of your time to meet your child's teacher during the week 20th June – 24th June.

World Youth Day

There are only 38 days left until I leave Australia with 210 fellow pilgrims from the Parramatta Diocese. This will be a once in a life time experience and I am very lucky to have the support from everyone at St Canice's as well as the Parramatta Diocese.

My WYD journey will begin in Bohol, Philippines, where I will spend 5 days helping rebuild local parishes who were affected by an earthquake in 2013. I will be involved in many activities like planting vegetable gardens, painting walls in local schools and teaching. After this Mission experience, I will then be flying to Poland. Krakow where WYD began in 1986 with St John Paul II. Some highlights from Poland include:

Travelling to Auschwitz and visit the remains of the former CONCENTRATION CAMP as well as the MARTYRDOM MUSEUM and ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE'S CELL. We then visit and celebrate Mass at KALWARIA ZEBRZYDOWSKA, one of Poland's most famous shrines, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which played a pivotal role in the Pope's spiritual life.

Taking part in morning Catechesis with Bishops from around the world.

Pilgrim's will encounter with the Holy Father during the Papal Welcome. It is a time of particular joy and pilgrims will have the opportunity to pray together with Pope Francis. During the service we listen to the Word of God and the first speech of the Holy Father.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in the St Canice's community for all your support towards me attending WYD this year. Without the support of local businesses, parents, staff and students the wonderful fundraisers like the cake stall, Crazy Sock day and the Trivia Night would not have been possible.

I look forward to being able to share my WYD experiences with everyone at St Canice's next term.

Lauren Bennett



Crazy Sock Day

Congratulations to everyone for wearing their Fun socks and crazy shoes last Thursday. The Mini Vinnies raised \$205.90 in support of Miss Bennetts World Youth Day fundraising trip.



Student Banking

We have been advised by the Commonwealth Bank that the Flying Snake Tail is no longer available.



Library News

If your child has any outstanding Library books they need to be returned very soon.

The Librarians are due to begin a stock take and all books will need to be accounted for.



Colouring—In Competition

Congratulations to the following students and staff who were the winners in the Mini Vinnies Colouring in competition.

Kinder Amelia Palmer

Infants Mikayla Mezei

Stage 2 Holly Garrett and Thomas MacNamara

Stage 3 Liam Booyens

Staff Mrs Garrett



Athletics Carnival Notes

All students need to return the Athletics Carnival Notes. Permission slips were due last Monday 30th May.





School Calendar

Week 7

Tuesday	7th	Student Banking Craft with Sr Colleen	8:40am
Wednesday	8th	Uniform Shop Open	
Thursday	9th		
Friday	10th	My School Lunch Box School Assembly S3W Stage 3 Totem clean up Mass Year 4 String Ensemble	8.40am 10am 12noon 3pm

Week 8

Monday	13th	Queen's birthday Public holiday	
Tuesday	14th	Student Banking Craft with Sr Colleen Reports	
Wednesday	15th	Uniform Shop Open Parent Group meeting	8:50— 9:50am
Thursday	16th		
Friday	17th	School Athletics Carnival My School Lunch Box unavailable String Ensemble	3pm

Come down to **The Joan Sutherland Performing Art Centre** and **Penrith Regional Gallery & The Lewers Bequest** this winter for some great fun and stay warm with our winter program filled with shows, exhibitions and workshops.

The Moon's A Balloon 17 & 18 June

The Moon's a Balloon is a moving and eloquent story that explores childhood play, invention, friendship and connection in a highly visual performance that is beautifully complemented by magical lighting, digital imagery and a stunning soundscape.



The Little Prince 1 & 2 July

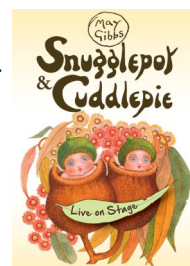
For more than 70 years this timeless story has brought joy to adults and children alike with its beautiful insights and humour. Join the Little Prince and discover for yourself that those things which are essential are invisible to the eye.



Snugglepoot & Cuddlepoot 5 – 7 July

CDP's *Snugglepoot and Cuddlepoot* production is adapted from a series of books by May Gibbs.

The much loved characters come to life on stage in this funny and charming contemporary adaption of childhood stories introducing today's children to the wonderful world of May Gibbs.



Penrith Regional Gallery & The Lewers Bequest School Holiday Workshops

Kids 11 – 14 July & Family 15 July

Kids, come along to our Art Making Workshops in the July School Holidays and have fun using a range of art materials to create colourful animal faces, human portraits and even cartoon 'selfies'. Choose from drawing, cartooning, clay relief sculpture and a fruity, fun, family collage.

penrithregionalgallery.org/

The Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre School Holiday Workshops

Performing arts school holiday workshops will be announced soon, stay tuned thejoan.com.au/series/school-holiday-workshops/.



SEMINAR

Dealing With the Legal System

PRESENTED BY:

Mr. Richard Brading

Principal Solicitor at Wesley Community Legal Service, Castlereagh Street, Sydney

At this Seminar you will learn

- How the Legal Process Works
- How to choose the best lawyer for your situation
- How best to prepare for and communicate with your Lawyer so as to minimize your legal fees,
- How to protect your rights regarding family assets.
- Options if you can't afford a lawyer or Representing yourself

DATE

Tuesday 7th June 2016

TIME

7.30pm—9.30pm

VENUE

CCSS Centre
38 Prince St, Blacktown
(Cnr First Ave)



COST \$7.00



Further Details and Bookings
Solo Parent Services

PH: 8822 2222
Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

TM DANCE STUDIO

*St Bonventure's



Catholic hall (Railway

Parade & Hartley

Esplanade Leura) Tues & *TAP DANCING

*JAZZ

Weds 3:30-8:30PM

*HIPHOP

*CWA Hall (137

*CONTEMPORARY

Megalong St Leura)

*MUSICAL THEATRE

Thurs 3:30-7:30

*BALLET

Contact Georgia Konddek on

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BOYS AND GIRLS

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CLASSES FROM

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE!
A ROYAL INVITATION TO ALL CHILDREN IN SCHOOL YEARS K - 6

KIDZARTZ

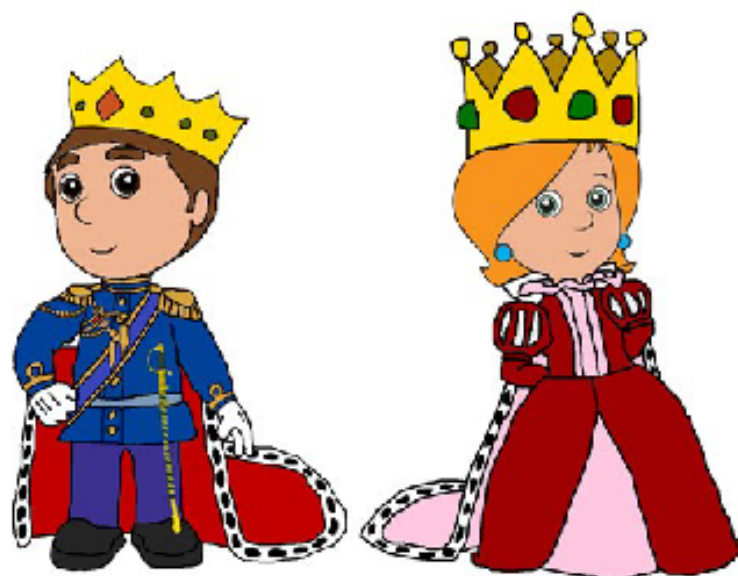
**JOIN US FOR 4 DAYS OF ARTS, CRAFTS AND BIBLE FUN
AT**

**ST HILDA'S ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL
68 KATOOMBA STREET KATOOMBA**

ON

TUES 12 JULY TO FRI 15 JULY 9.00 AM - 12.00 NOON

**SUN 17 JULY 10.30AM KIDZARTZ CHURCH SERVICE
WITH SLIDE SHOW OF THE WEEK, BBQ & JUMPING CASTLE**



*****BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL*****

REGISTER ONLINE: www.sthildas.net

PHONE ENQUIRIES: CHURCH OFFICE 4782 1608

**COST: DONATION \$10 - PER DAY PER CHILD \$35 - FOR 4 DAYS
DISCOUNTS FOR FAMILIES! (MAX \$80 - PER FAMILY FOR 4 DAYS)
FURTHER DISCOUNTS FOR HEALTHCARE CARD HOLDERS.**

All our leaders have complied with Child Protection requirements.

Cocoa and Cinnamon Winter Fair

Sunday 24th July 2016

10am – 1pm

Everyone Welcome

- ◆ **Fantastic Live Music from the Blue Mugs**
- ◆ **Stalls – craft, organic food, plants, candles, skin product, jewellery, jams, kombucha and vegan delights**
- ◆ **Free Classes and Workshops – drumming, origami, gardening, yoga and dance**
- ◆ **Competitions – raffles and races**
- ◆ **Sausage Sizzle and wholesome organic soups**
- ◆ **Petting zoo**
- ◆ **Devonshire teas, decadent treats and steaming hot drinks**



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Join us at 32-36 Lett Street, Katoomba

16-27 June
2016

The annual CAPTIVATE Showcase presents the culmination of the work of the various combined Parramatta Diocesan Catholic schools' ensembles in music, dance and drama.

SHOWCASE

Dance Showcase THURSDAY 16 JUNE 7.00PM

Drama Showcase FRIDAY 17 JUNE 7.00PM
MONDAY 20 JUNE 7.00PM

Music Showcase TUESDAY 21 JUNE 7.00PM
WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE 7.00PM
THURSDAY 23 JUNE 7.00PM

VENUE: NAGLE COLLEGE 58A Orwell Street Blacktown Sth

Best of Showcase MONDAY 27 JUNE 7.00PM

VENUE: JOAN SUTHERLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE 597 High Street Penrith

tickets on sale now

Adult (\$15) Concession (\$10) Family (\$40)
Showcase Season Pass (\$50/\$35) Annual Passes Available

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Parent Line is a unique telephone and online counselling and support service for parents and carers. We cover issues with babies, children and young people up to 18 years of age, all over NSW. Our counsellors are professionally trained and specialise in working with families.

Only the best will do

Parent Line counsellors use research-based understanding of children and families together with proven parenting strategies to help parents develop more positive relationships with kids. We support parents to find strategies that best work for their family and we provide thousands of referrals every year to services all over New South Wales.

TOP 5

concerns in 2015

Last year we were most often asked about:

- 1 Child anxiety
- 2 Reducing parent/child conflict
- 3 Managing challenging behaviour
- 4 Managing parents' stress
- 5 Impact of parental conflict and separation on kids

Child development and learning

Many parents have concerns at times during the primary school years about their child's social development or learning skills. **Talking over concerns with a parenting counsellor can identify where problems might be occurring and we can offer referrals and/or parenting strategies to assist.** We can also talk about changes in a child's behaviour or character to help parents understand what may be happening for their child.

Tough conversations

The primary school years are filled with tough conversations parents need to have with kids. Some of these include:

- * Strangers and safety
- * Using technology
- * Sex education
- * Bullying
- * Grief



5 signs of a healthy family

Whilst every family is unique, researchers find there are common signs of healthy families:

- * Members are committed to one another
- * Families engage in positive communication
- * The family spends significant time together
- * Members show affection to one another
- * The family actively engages together to resolve crises (Patterson 1999).

Our counsellors can help families develop these ways of being together.



Parent Line counsellors are very familiar with these conversations and can help parents find the best ways to communicate concerns without making kids distressed or defensive. **Call us or jump online at www.parentline.org.au to chat to a counsellor.**

"I just DON'T want to go!"

Our counsellors receive many calls from parents with this issue, and there are many reasons why children may not want to go to school. Our counsellors can discuss your family situation and what your child may be experiencing so that we can help you find some strategies that work.

1300 1300 52

7 days a week

www.parentline.org.au

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Education Health Wellbeing of Children in the Wireless Age

Presentation by Dr Priyanka Bandara

Thursday, 9 June at 7pm—Entry \$5

Blue Mountains Steiner School Library, 83 Clearview Parade, Hazelbrook

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL—Call 4758 6044 or email admin@bluemountainssteiner.nsw.edu.au



DR BANDARA WILL ANSWER IMPORTANT QUESTIONS:

- Is the radiation emitted by mobile phones and W-Fi devices harmful to our health?
- How can you minimise exposure to RF-EMR? (radiofrequency electromagnetic radiation)
- How are radio frequency exposure levels set in Australia and are they based on outdated science?
- What is the electromagnetic nature of life on Earth and why do we need to be concerned about interference with basic biological functions?
- Does too much technology hamper student learning?
- The evening will conclude with a Q&A.

DR PRIYANKA BANDARA, Health Researcher, former academic clinical research/molecular biologist, Advisor to Environmental Health Trust USA and Doctors for Safer Schools.

Pri holds undergraduate and post graduate degrees from UNSW in biochemistry and molecular genetics where she also did post-doctoral research in molecular pharmacology. She then pursued academic clinical research at Westmead and RPA hospitals through USyd Medicine. Her current interest is in the cytotoxic effects of various environmental pollutants.

