

NEWSLETTER



9th June 2015 Term 2 Week 8

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Katoomba 2014

Growth through love and learning

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Dear Parents and Carers

Last Sunday was the feast of Corpus Christi – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At my Church we spoke about being 'called' to be there in Lawson on that particular day and to do what we need to do. The question arose "when am I doing God's calling and not doing someone else's calling?" A simple way to answer that question, which I felt made sense to me, was that you know that what you are doing is God's calling when you feel at ease with your decision. In other words it just feels right. Not necessarily comfortable all the time, but it feels as though you should be doing what you have chosen according to your beliefs. At times that can be really hard to determine.

I walked away from Mass feeling quite challenged; yet satisfied, that God has given me the inner strength to make decisions. At school we try to challenge students to take responsibilities for their actions. Rather than a simple right/wrong mentality, but more of a why, or what if mentality that challenges them to think more about their actions and whether it fits in with their beliefs. That can take more time, but it is helping the students to see reasons around decisions and allow them the understanding that things are done for a purpose.

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

School Reports

On Friday 12th your child will take home their report for Semester One 2015. 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.

At the beginning of this year we provided an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher at a time called Parent/Teacher Chats. This was a time for you to develop an important relationship with your child's teacher.

This semester's learning report includes written comments and is followed up with another opportunity to meet with your child's teacher at the parent/ teacher meetings next week. (Instructions below). These meetings are the most valuable source of information about your child's learning. At these meetings you will have an opportunity to discuss your child's level of achievement and this will be supported with the use of student work samples. If you require another meeting with the teacher, please arrange a time during the meeting next week.

Information on this learning report is based on the interpretation of valid and reliable assessment information. This information is collected from a variety of assessment experiences.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Notices were sent home last Thursday regarding the on - line booking of the Parent Teacher Interviews. Interviews are being held from Monday 15th June to Thursday 18th June. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow the simple instructions. Event Code is 45CMY. If any parent does not have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friends house or on their phones, bookings can be made at the School Office from today. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date (Monday 15th June at 7am) should contact the school directly on 4782 1260.

Parent Body Meeting Tonight 7pm In the School Library Everyone Welcome

Official Opening of the SAS Exhibition

Saturday 13th June we are officially opening our SAS exhibition. Some of the String Orchestra and Choir will be there to help entertain our guests. The school's Mini Vinnies will also be there selling ANZAC biscuits for \$3 per pack to raise money for our local St Vincent de Paul Society. Parents, children and friends are most welcome,. All Day Monday 15th – Friday 19th June as well as Monday evening 15th June, the exhibition will be open to our school community.



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.

Excursion to the Unknown Soldier

Stage 3 are travelling to Penrith by train this Thursday 11th June to watch the play at the Joan Sutherland Centre "The Unknown Soldier". The children need to meet on the Great Western Side of the station near the Gearin's Hotel by 8.00am. Children are to wear their Winter Uniform and bring their Lunch, Morning Tea and a drink for the day.



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Return of Raffle Tickets

Families are reminded that Raffle Tickets must be returned to School sold or unsold. This is a legal requirement that all tickets are accounted for. The drawing of the raffle will be held on Saturday 20th June, so please return your tickets soon.



Responsible Pet Education Program

Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 will be visited tomorrow by the Responsible Pet Education Program. This visit will show the children about care and safety with and for animals.

2015 Upper Blue Mountains Music Festival

The children who are involved with the Upper Blue Mountains Music Festival had their first rehearsal last week at Katoomba Public School. The next rehearsal is scheduled for Tuesday 21st July

Unexplained Absences

Our school hours are 8.40am school begins and the day finished at 2.50pm. If your child arrives late or leaves early they must be signed in or out by a parent or carer at the Schools Administration Office. If your child is away from school it is a requirement to have a written explanation from the parent or carer. If there are any unexplained absences a report will be sent home on Mondays with your child to be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible.

Absentee Notifications on Skoolbag



On Skoolbag there is an Absentee Notification that can be accessed and submitted to school via the App. Parents are welcomed to use this as notification of absence.

Winter Magic Festival

The Directors have informed the School that the annual Winter Magic Festival will be held on Saturday 20th June this year. There will be temporary road closures prior to and during the festival.

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 or by phone on 4754 1022.

School Photo's

Envelopes are available at the Office if parents wish to purchase the following photos at a cost of \$15.

Year 6 Graduation Muck Up Photo

Whole School Photo

School Leaders

Please return your order by Friday 19th June.

Thai Lunch

Stage One have been studying "Thailand" this term in Human Society and It's Environment (HSIE) and to celebrate they would like to share a Thai Lunch on Friday 19th June. Parents are welcome to come and join the celebration.

My School Lunch Box

Fresh Healthy Lunches for our Students
Monday & Friday only.



Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge has begun!! If your child is participating this year and you cannot remember, or find your username and password, please contact Mrs van der Walle and she will organise it for you. Children in Kindergarten and Year 1 will be registered and validated online here at school

Happy Reading

Chris van der Walle



Kids Can Act

Drama Studio

For Kids Of All Ages



July Drama Workshops

"Springwood Court" 133 Macquarie Road, Springwood. (Next to Domino's)

Puppetry No.1 Tuesday 30th June (9.30am - 2.30pm) (Back by popular demand!)

Children are naturally curious! This is an opportunity to allow them to spark their imagination and feed their curiosity. Children communicate more easily with a puppet on their hand, giving them confidence to express their ideas and feelings. The children have great fun as they try out different types of puppets. They will also make a number of their very own puppets to take home, (sock puppet, pop up puppet and numerous pop stick puppets) They take home a puppet theatre to make as well!

Clowning Around Monday 6th July (9.30am - 2.30pm) **NEW!**

When we think of the word "clown" we conjure a picture of a funny looking character, crazy wig, make-up and a red nose, who does silly things to make us laugh. During this workshop the children will be engaged in drama based games, mime and improvisation in order to explore how comic characters can be created and perform to an audience. The children will go home with their very own wig, nose and tie to continue the fun!

Puppetry No.2 Tuesday 7th July (9.30am - 2.30pm) **NEW!**

During the previous workshops many children have had immense fun learning how to use different types of puppets and making their own to take home and continue the fun. In Puppetry 2 the children also have fun as we work on more advanced techniques and devise their own puppet plays.

The children will also design and make a number of different types of puppets to take home! (hand puppet, felt finger puppet, paper bag puppets and pop stick puppets)

Who's on Trial? - A Play For a Day Wednesday 8th July (9.30am - 2.30pm) **NEW!**

Will you recognise this well-known storybook character on trial today? During this workshop, the group will create a story based on books they have read or heard; develop characters, discuss and devise scenes to build their story and rehearse the short play for performance at the end of the day. This day is designed to develop story writing/telling, drama and improvisation skills and teamwork.

Scenarios & Drama Games Thursday 9th July (9.30am - 2.30pm)

(Back by popular demand!) Great fun day where children get to work in groups or individually and be creative. Working as a team improves friendships and teaches us how to work with, co-operate, develop leadership skills and listen to others. But most important of all get ready to have the best fun ever.

Mache Mask & Mime Monday 6th - Thursday 8th July (2.30pm-4.30pm) **NEW!**

Want the kids to do something interesting, creative and fun over 4 afternoons during the holidays and end up with an amazing mask to take home? Children attend each afternoon for 2 hours and create their own papier Mache mask. While each layer is drying the children will learn mime techniques and play fun drama games.

[Don't miss out! Avoid disappointment and get in early!](#)

www.kidscanact.com.au

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*The owner reserves the right to cancel classes if they do not have a viable number of children enrolled.

AHOY ME HEARTIES! GET ABOARD THE PIRATE SHIP FOR **KIDZARTZ**

June 30th - July 3rd
9.00AM - 12.00 NOON

**4 days of
arts, crafts and
Bible fun for
children in school
years K-6.**

at

St Hilda's Church Hall
68 Katoomba St Katoomba
New crafts every day.
Morning Tea provided.

Costs:-

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

Bookings essential and can
be done online on the St



Slide Show of the week, BBQ and Jumping Castle
Sunday 5th July
10am KidzArtz Church Service



*GKR Karate Classes
In or near your school
Heavily discounted trial memberships available*

*Pay as you go
Increase fitness, Build strength,
Improve concentration, Learn self defence!*

Children 5 years+

*For a timetable or to organise a trial Call Mark
on 0450861018*

MAKE FRIENDS

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School Calendar

June

Week 8

Wednesday	10th	Uniform Shop Open Incursion Responsible Pet Education Program For Kinder Yr 1 & 2	
Thursday	11th	Stage 3 Excursion to The Unknown Soldier Choir	8.00am
Friday	12th	My School Lunch Box Assembly S3B Mass & Reconciliation S3W Reports go Home	
Saturday	13th	Opening of the SAS Exhibition	2pm

Week 9

Monday	15th	My School Lunchbox Tai Chi ICAS Writing Parent Teacher Interviews SAS Exhibition	
Tuesday	16th	Craft with Sr Colleen ICAS Spelling Student Banking Parent Teacher Interviews SAS Exhibition	
Wednesday	17th	Uniform Shop Open Parent Teacher Interviews SAS Exhibition	
Thursday	18th	Ukulele Parent Teacher Interviews SAS Exhibition	
Friday	19th	My School Lunchbox Stage 1 Thai Food Banquet	12.pm



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to eat well and prevent disease.

Did you know that eating the right amount of fruit and veg can lower your risk of cancer by 5-12 percent? Yet most adults don't eat enough of either, particularly veg.



Try to add fruit and veg to every meal:

- Add chopped bananas or strawberries to your brekky cereal
- Add some sliced tomato on your toast
- Munch on some carrot or cucumber sticks at morning tea
- Add legumes like kidney beans or chickpeas to your salad at lunch
- Reduce meat in your stir-fries, curries and pasta sauces – and add more vegies.

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.



Health
Nepean Blue Mountains
Local Health District



Jackeroo Ranch Horse Riding Winter School Holiday 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**

On-Going Used Stamp Project

Helping us to help others

Save your used stamps and send them into school. We collect and send the stamps to be recycled

