

# NEWSLETTER

14th July 2015 Term 3 Week 1

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St Canice's Catholic Primary School  
Katoomba 2014

Growth through love and learning

### Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone to the beginning of Term 3. I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday break.

### Congratulations

I know that Mrs Nicol (Year 2 teacher last term) is certainly celebrating a wonderful time in her life. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Nicol and to the proud grandmother Mrs MacPherson (Jennie in the office) on the birth of little Ally Anne Nicol. All is going very well.



### RE News

In the Readings from last Sunday, Jesus gave his 12 Apostles a clear message on how to act and behave as missionaries on a journey. The message was "that actions speak louder than words and that people will listen to what the Twelve say only if they live and act in a manner that wins respect" (Our Sunday Celebration). This message is very true for us as well. Our own integrity is seen through what we do more than from what we say. What actions will you do today that will be an example of what you believe? At each Friday assembly we acknowledge students for their visible signs of respect in the ordinary things they do each day. If we are to "Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus", then the verb walk can be substituted for all the actions we do for others.

### Snow Policy

The weather is certainly getting colder. Below is our policy for emergencies such as being snowed in. If the snow fall is before school opens and the Police and SES close the roads and access to school, then students will be asked to remain at home. Staff will endeavour to be at school to ensure that all communication and safety of the students is maintained. The Skoolbag App and Facebook will be used predominately to communicate with families during these emergency times.

### St Canice's Snow Policy

In the event of snow fall during school hours the following procedures must be followed.

When heavy snow falls throughout the Mountains, the emergency personal (Police and SES) provide advice to the school in respect of road conditions and closures and evacuation notice.

Once a decision has been made for the school to evacuate, the school will take the following measures.

- ◆ Students who normally catch buses will be assembled ready for the buses.
- ◆ Students who live close to the school and normally walk will be given permission to do so unless otherwise advised by parents.
- ◆ The school will attempt to contact parents where children are unsure if anyone is home and if they live a long distance from a bus stop.
- ◆ Students who do not catch buses or walk will remain at school until parents collect them.

It is impossible to telephone every family as the time frame for this operation is short. However, every avenue to contact parents will be sought. Communication will also be placed on Facebook and an alert sent via Skoolbag.

The school will remain open and therefore parents of bus travellers and walkers who require their child to stay at school can make that choice. At all times the children's best interests will be paramount. Parents are asked to discuss arrangements they require with their children so that students know what is expected of them.

### Thank You

A big thank you to Rick and Daniel Sayers as well as Eamonn Spain and Anthony Micallef for the concreting completed during the holidays. Your wonderful support is greatly appreciated. Also a huge acknowledgement of thanks goes to Allan from Metromix in Katoomba. Allan has been very supportive of the school.



**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish**

**Parish Priest Fr. Ted Tyler**

Presbytery Contact Ph: 02 4782 2804

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Website: [marymackilloppupperbluemountains.org.au](http://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.

# School Calendar

## Birthday Wishes for July

Joel Peters, Jack Moseley, Holly Dirs,  
Alexia Charley, Birdie Lines, Aidee Doyle,  
John-Paul Toniza, Arlo Kenna, Ashlee Hong  
and Erin Doyle



## Primary Learning Support Centre

This Centre is situated in Katoomba at 142 Katoomba Street opposite St George Bank and Bendigo Bank. It provides extra tuition in basic skills for Primary students on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons after school.

The Centre to open on 15th / 16th July for Term 3.

Wednesday vacancies exist for students in Years 1,2 and 3.

Thursday vacancies exist for students in Years 4 and 6.

Cost for the term is \$20.

For further information ring the coordinator  
Miss Betty Allen AM on 4757 3435.

## My School Lunch Box

Fresh Healthy Lunches for our Students  
Monday & Friday only.



## Change of Home or Emergency Contact Details

If you have any changes to your home, mobile 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).

## Supervision at School

A reminder to parents that morning supervision at school commences at 8.20am. At afternoon dismissal children remaining will be taken to the Office, at which time parents will be contacted.

## July

### Week 1

<b>Wednesday</b>	15th	Uniform Shop Open	
<b>Thursday</b>	16th	Ukulele	
<b>Friday</b>	17th	My School Lunch Box Whole School Assembly Mass & Reconciliation S3White	8.45am 12noon

### Week 2

<b>Monday</b>	20th	My School Lunch Box Colonial Tales permission slip due Tai Chi	8.50am
<b>Tuesday</b>	21st	Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking UBMMF Rehearsal	
<b>Wednesday</b>	22nd	Uniform Shop Open	
<b>Thursday</b>	23rd	Choir	
<b>Friday</b>	24th	My School Lunch Box School Assembly Year 1 Mass & Reconciliation S3Blue	8.45am 12noon

# LAST CHANCE TO COMPLETE THE PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE.



The 2015 Premier's Reading Challenge is drawing to a close, the final date to submit your list is Friday 21st August 2015

I am always surprised that students do not enter. We have so many of the recommended books in each category in our Library. Our students have been reading them all year. The only thing they fail to do is GO ON LINE AND ENTER THE TITLE or number.

Ms Catherine always puts the official PRC number on the front page, when we purchase a new book.

We have yellow dots on the cover for the K-2 books, Orange dots for the 3 & 4 books and Blue dots for 5 & 6 books.

WANT TO FAST TRACK to complete the challenge?

I am currently reading 10 picture books a week for my Kindergarten granddaughter.

Kinder students can borrow 2 books a day. Return them Tuesday, borrow another 2, bring them back and they can do that every lunchtime, so they end up with 10 books a week.

Meanwhile Year 1-Year 6 can borrow 4 a day!

FAST TRACKING OLDER STUDENTS. We have Big People Picture Books – that are housed in the fiction section not down with the K-2 books. They have mature concepts and will make them think.

**THERE IS STILL TIME TO COMPLETE THE PREMIER'S READING  
CHALLENGE AND GET THE CERTIFICATE!**





# **"MADE FOR EACH OTHER" series**

## **Explore the beauty of married love**

- ◇ Discover how you complement your wife/husband
- ◇ Get to know your fiancé/fiancée, wife/husband better

**Sunday,  
July 19th**



- ◇ Based on 6 thought provoking videos on the nature of marriage, family and society
- ◇ Deepen your knowledge and appreciation of marriage

**Sunday,  
July 26th**

*In a society where the definition of marriage is being debated, it is important that we are clear on what is unique about marriage. These sessions will involve a combination of short videos, group discussion, etc...*

**Who is it for? Married and engaged couples**

**Where: St. Canice's Church hall, 158 Katoomba Street, Katoomba**

**When: 2 sessions: July 19<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: after Sunday 10am Mass**

**RSVP required by: July 10<sup>th</sup> & July 17<sup>th</sup> to: Family and Life Office, Catholic Diocese of Parramatta, (02) 8838 3440 or email [famlife@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:famlife@parra.catholic.org.au)**

***If child minding is needed please let us know a week earlier, when you ring or email your RSVP.***

# The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta wants to hear from you

If you or someone close to you has suffered **ANY** abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church (school, parish, other Catholic group) in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains we invite you to contact us.

Our professional staff will listen to your experience, respect your confidentiality and discuss all available options.

## You can contact us on:

Phone: (02) 9933 0233

Web: [www.parra.catholic.org.au/safeguarding](http://www.parra.catholic.org.au/safeguarding)

Email: [safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au)

Mail: PO BOX 3066 North Parramatta, NSW, 1750

For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to  
contact **NSW Police on 1800 333 000**