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Growth through love and learning

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we begin our term, I think of Miss Bennett and all the other pilgrims who have left for their spiritual journey to the Philippines and Krakow, Poland. We keep them in our prayers and ask that they travel safely and come back with a heighten sense of justice, tolerance, compassion and mercy.

God of mercy, transform me, that my eyes may be merciful, That I may marvel at the beauty of my neighbour's heart. Transform me, O God. That my ears may be merciful, That I may be attentive to those in need. Transform me, O God, that my tongue may be merciful, That all I proclaim is love and peace. Transform me, O God, that my hands may be merciful, That I use them to serve my neighbor. Transform me, O God, that my feet may be merciful, That my pilgrim journey leads me to compassion. Transform me, O God, that my heart may be merciful, Ever open to the joy of your presence. May Your mercy, O God, rest upon me and transform me into Yourself, For You are my all. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us. You might like to watch this video clip to put a smile on your face. You Tube: Poland: the dancing nuns Mrs Christine van der Walle Assistant Principal Blessed are 'HE MERC

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

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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.

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Messages from the Assistant Principal Welcome Back

Welcome back to a new and exciting Term 3. The children and staff have returned to school relaxed and re-energised, ready to commence another busy term with great enthusiasm. It's never easy coming back to work after a great holiday, spending quality time with your family and friends, but coming back to a community such as ours makes it so much easier. Looking around this morning it was lovely to see the smiling faces of the children playing so well together and sharing their holiday adventures with me. It was also beautiful to be warmly greeted by parents and what a blessing it is to work alongside a supportive, happy staff.

World of Maths

To start the term off, we had a visit from 'World of Maths'. The children were engaged in a number of 'hands on' Mathematical problem solving activities. They had to work out shapes that were hidden by the rebound pattern of a marble; the quickest way to get a ping pong ball down a maze and Alison's post box number by working out clues, just to name a few.

Friday Visit

On Friday Costa Georgiadis and John Dee will be visiting Stage 2 to talk about sustainability.

Mary Aikenhead Feast Day

We will be celebrating Mary Aikenhead's Feast Day on Friday 22nd July by dressing up and participating in olden day style education classes. A gold coin donation will go towards the St Vincent de Paul fundraiser. Wow! Never a dull moment here at St Canice's!

Other Matters

Election BBQ

The Federal Election Day BBQ on Saturday 2nd July was held on a sunny if not chilly day. I would like to thank our volunteers Peter Lawlor,



Adam and Rachael MacNamara, Kim Garraway, Carolyn Armstrong and Arlo Kenna, Ted Taylor and Jordan Nicholson, Sara Nyssen, Kate Micallef, Saskia Everingham, Wayne Marvin, Rick and Chris Sayers for your tremendous effort and support. Your help on the day was truly appreciated. A total of \$702 was raised on the day.

Upper Blue Mountains Music Festival

A reminder to all the children involved in the UBMMF that our next rehearsal on Tuesday 26th July from 9.30am till 12.30pm. The children will be walking to Katoomba Public School with a teacher to attend the rehearsal.

My School Lunch Box

My School Lunch Box provides a fresh healthy lunch delivered to school. Available Monday and Fridays by ordering online at *myschoollunchbox.com.au*

Dropping Off Children in Driveway

If parents could please be aware of the dangers of dropping their children off in the mornings at the school driveway in Katoomba Street. Not only for your child but for pedestrians who are using the crossing. There is sufficient parking in Studleigh Place (car park next door) to ensure your child is safe to enter the school grounds by the side gate. An alternative is to use the back entrance on Lurline Street.

School Calendar

Our school calendar is a LIVE calendar. This calendar will not be printed out. To see what are our coming events please look at the school calendar. Here is the link to the calendar, which you can connect to your own calendar.

http://www.stcaniceskatoomba.catholic.edu.au/ calendar-of-events

Mini Vinnies Winter Sleep Out

The 2 stage classes have been invited to attend the School's Winter Sleep Out on Friday 5th August till Saturday 6th August at school. Students participating in this event will be asked to experience a little of the hardship that some members of our community live through in these cold winter months. The participants who accept this challenge are asked to raise money through sponsorship to help support the St

Vincent De Paul's Winter Appeal. Permission slips are due to be returned by this Friday 22nd July.



Sponsors for Mini Vinnies Winter Sleep Out

Whilst the students are encouraged to source sponsorship, the staff who take part are also encouraged to seek sponsorship. If you would like to support the teachers a sponsorship form is available at the school Office.

Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival

Students who have qualified for the Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival received a permission slip today. Notes are to be returned by Monday 1st August.

School Calendar

July

Week I

| Wednesday | 20th | Uniform Shop Open | |
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| Friday | 22nd | My School Lunch Box Visit by Costa Georgiadis and John Dee Stage 2 Mary Aikenhead Feast Day Dress up | |



Week 2

| Monday | 25th | My School Lunch Box Tai Chi Life Education Van Visit | 8.50am |
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| Tuesday | 26th | Craft with Sr Colleen Life Education Van Visit | 8.45am |
| Wednesday | 27th | Life Education Van Visit | |
| Thursday | 28th | Grandparents Visit | 1.10 pm till 2.40 |
| Friday | 29th | My School Lunch Box | |

Student Banking

A reminder to students that the Flying Snake Tail and Mud Splat Handball are now out of stock. Congratulations to the following students who recently received a certificate

Bronze

Alex Miller, Tara Kondek, Annabelle Kondek, Taylor Oltersdorf and Serena Gillon

Gold

Mikayla Rose Mezei and Liam Lawlor

Outstanding Achievement

Leah Taylor, Campbell Walker Sawkins, Olivia Mezei, Amy Goulding, Prisha Sharma, Kaitlyn Barker-Swan, Taylor Nicholson, Thomas MacNamara, Zac Lessing, Emma Garraway, Owen MacNamara, Benjamin Goulding, Liberty Marshall-Lacey, Jonah Hong, William Moseley, Oliver Studdert, Talish Sharma, Arren Shaw and Ashlee Hong



Gold Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received their Gold Award Certificates last term

Marleah Geopano, Oliver Studdert, Billy Zammit, Carlia White, Theadora Mahairas, Jonah Clarke, Arren Shaw, Marley Harrison, Hugh McNair, Olivia Mezei, Blake Rasho, Elliot McCrossen, Mia Garraway, Noah Clarke, Matthew Preen, Taylor Harris-Jones, and Patrick Rasho



Bishop Office

WYD2016 In-Synch: 31 July

You thought WYD was just for those on pilgrimage to Krakow? No way! It's for those back home as well. Young people, students, pilgrim parents and anyone interested in WYD is invited to attend WYD2016 In-Synch. Special WYD Mass with Bishop Vincent Long at 6pm followed by food, live stream to the Closing Mass with Pope Francis in Krakow, testimonies from past pilgrims, great music, Filipino and Polish flavours all round and video messages from our pilgrims in Krakow. Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. **RSVP 25 July** to Fr Paul Roberts:connect@ifm.org.au

Take part in our Way of Mercy

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, a large Cross and Relics will be journeying around our Diocese from August to November. We are seeking special Mercy Representatives and enthusiastic people to be part of the travelling team and/or offer their gifts of prayer, music and faith sharing. Please contact the Way of Mercy office tel (02) 9831 4911 or send an email to pastoralplanning@parra.catholic.org.au

Positions vacant

Bookshop Manager, Mustard Seed Bookshop: Applications are being considered for the position of Bookshop Manager, Mustard Seed Bookshop in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. For further information visit <u>www.catholicjobsonline.com.au</u> or contact Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, tel 0402 210 055. Applications close **Sunday 24 July**.

Donor Relations Officer: The Development and Fundraising Office is seeking applications for the role of **Donor Relations Officer** for the Archdiocese of Sydney.Further details about this position are available at <u>www.catholicjobsonline.com.au</u>Applications close **Friday 5 August**.

Table Talk: 28 & 30 July

Join a new conversation about asylum seekers, focused on respect, relationship, story and values. By the end of our time together we want to: hear the story of an asylum seeker as we share our common values, identify potential new leaders and foster actionfor our mission, ask questions and hear input from an expert in the area of refugees and asylum seekers.

Venue: Institute for Mission, I-5 Marion St, Blacktown, plenty of parking.

28 July: 7pm-9pm (downstairs). 30 July: 2pm-4pm (upstairs).

RSVP: Sr Louise McKeogh FMA, Social Justice Coordinator, Imckeogh@parra.catholic.org.au

The Church in the World: 29 July

Prof Richard Lennan renowned speaker and author, will address issues such as Church mission, ministry, and ecumenism under the care and guidance of Pope Francis and explore the 'church in the world', as described in Vatican II. Presented by The Broken Bay Institute tel (02) 9847 0030. Register at http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/news-events/Events

The Nature of Change in the Catholic Church: Ecclesiology, Vatican II and the Vision of Pope Francis: 30 July Assoc Prof Massimo Faggioli is a theologian, political scientist, church historian and papal expert. He and Prof Richard Lennan will deliver a study on the leadership of Pope Francis from their own interpretation; exploring the possibilities and limits for change in the Church. Presented by The Broken Bay Institute tel (02) 9847 0030. Register at<u>http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/news-events/Events</u>

Reflection Day, Mount St Benedict Centre: 4 & 6 August

Centring Prayer, as taught by Thomas Keating & William Menninger, is the silent prayer of consenting to the presence & action of the Divine Indwelling. This day will provide an opportunity to deepen your practice of prayer in a supportive group experience. From 10am-3.30pm, BYO lunch, cost \$25. Facilitator: Sue Barker SGS. Bookings close 29 July tel (02) 9484 6208: mtstbenedict@bigpond.com

Celebration to honour God the Father, Ist **person of the Holy Trinity: 7 August** From 1.30pm with concelebrated Mass at 3.30pm. St Andrew the Apostle Parish, 40 Breakfast Rd, Marayong. Holy Octave of Consecration: 31 July 11.45am, 1-3, 5 August 9.30am; 4 August 8.30am; 6 August 10.15am. Details: <u>ludypapa@live.com.au</u>

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses: bookings close 8 August

Liturgical Ministry formation courses will commence on 15 August. The formation sessions are for parishioners interested in serving at the altar as Ministers of the Word, Communion and Communion to the Sick and Dying. Sessions are held at 7pm at the Diocesan Assembly Centre, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Please download an application form from the diocesan website: <u>http://parracatholic.org/office-for-worship/</u> For more information, send an email to: <u>ofw@ifm.org.au</u>

Sacred Heart Parish Shopping Coach Trip: bookings close 12 August

The inaugural Sacred Heart Parish Shopping Coach Trip on Saturday 27 August will visit more than 15 factory outlets on a shopping extravaganza that includes morning & afternoon tea, bistro lunch, on-board raffle and lucky door prizes. Departs 7.30am from Sacred Heart Parish, 14 Ralph St, Westmead. Cost: \$62 adults, \$52 concession, \$22 children 5-17.

Bookings: Virginia Knight tel (02) 9635 9262, office@sacredheartwestmead.com.au

Life on Earth Wonderful World Weekend: 13-14 August

This course aims to explore the wonder and significance of various aspects of the natural world, to bridge the gap between science and religion, to increase our awareness of the harmony of all creation, and to motivate ourselves to care for it. Program includes: presentations, excursions, reading, reflection, journalling, discussion; a broad approach embracing modern science, religion and the arts. Full attendance \$255, day attendance \$190. Next course: Life in Air from 12-13 November. Venue: 'Winbourne' Edmund Rice Retreat & Conference Centre, 1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa. Course inquiries: Kevin McDonnell CFC tel 0419 765 353, <u>klmcdonnell@edmundrice.org</u>

St Philomena Association Holy Mass: 13 August

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 past Blacktown. Please bring a snack to share. Elizabeth tel or text 0423 15 44 63, epeoples9@gmail.com Facebook: Libby Peoples (events)

12th National eConference on Mercy – A Way of Being in the World: 20 September

The Broken Bay Institute, in partnership with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, delivers the eConferences to people across Australia and the globe. The next eConference will commemorate the Jubilee Year of Mercy and take up Pope Francis' invitation to explore this central element of our faith. Speakers: Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane and Member of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications; Sr Veronica Lawson RSM, Scripture scholar and author of the highly praised book, *The Blessing of Mercy*; Phil Glendenning, Director of the Edmund Rice Centre and President of the Refugee Council of Australia. The Institute for Mission at Blacktown will be a host site, from 10.30am-2.45pm, to book send an email to:<u>connect@ifm.org.au</u> For more information and individual registrations visit:<u>http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/eConference2016</u>

Holy Hour for Vocations: 18 August

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations from 7pm-8pm for adoration, prayer, music and quiet time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral, I Marist Plc, Parramatta.

Catechesis & Formation Day: 20 August

Confirmation for Adults will take place on Thursday I September with Bishop Vincent Long in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for candidates interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. From 9.30am-2pm at the Diocesan Assembly Centre, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Light lunch provided. All sponsors must attend. **RSVP 17 August**:ofw@ifm.org.au

Christian Meditation Introduction & Renewal Day: 21 August

Presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. BYO picnic lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Arrive 10am for 10.30am, concludes about 3pm. St Benedict's 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, <u>anniebergman@hotmail.com</u> or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775,<u>atlomas@bigpond.com</u> Love In Action – Social Justice Ideas: 25 August

Catholic Youth Parramatta (CYP) invites young adults aged 18-35 to the next Parra-Matters! Roaming Formation for Youth Ministry. From 7pm-9pm at Mary Immaculate Catholic Church, 125 Barnier Dve, Quakers Hill. For



BLUE MOUNTAINS YOUTH CHOIR

BMYC is now accepting enrolments for Term 3 2016

For children 8 – 15 years of age who love music, singing and performing in a group, this is a great way to enhance vocal technique! Also a fun way for instrumentalists to improve sight reading and aural skills in preparation for music exams, a great way to make friends and an enjoyable after-school group activity.

Sessions in two Blue Mountains locations:

Katoomba: Wednesdays 3.45pm – 5pm

Springwood: Thursdays 3.45pm - 5pm

Further information at <u>www.academysingers.com.au</u> Apply online now!

Date Friday 22nd July

Time: 6 – 9 pm Mecting Point: Katoomba High School, Hall

Cost: \$5 (per person, please pay at the door)

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Discover Astro Photography

Explore Aboriginal Astronomy

Use telescopes

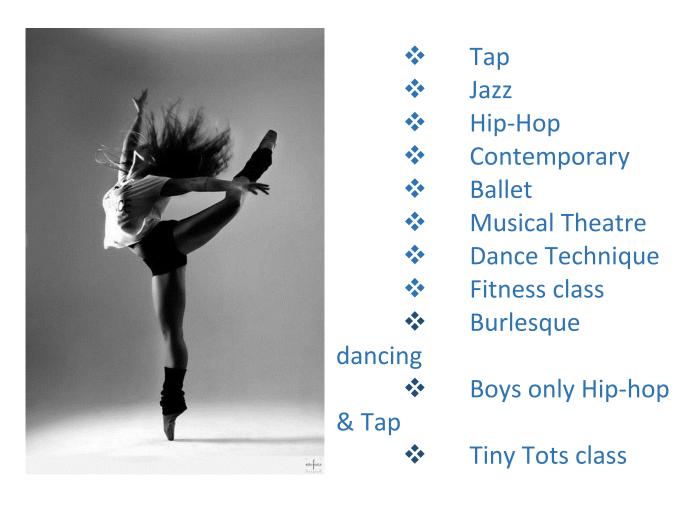
Hopefully see Jupiter and Saturn

Enquiries to Carolyn Jeffery

Expertise provided by:

Western Sydney University, Western Sydney Amateur Astronomy Group (WSAAG) members, Alexander Long, Aboriginal elders and local community.

TM DANCE



Boys and Girls classes from ages 2-adults. Classes are held at St Bonaventure's Catholic church hall (Hartley esplanade & Railway Parade) and CWA Leura (135 Megalong St Leura)

For enquires please contact Georgia Kondek on 0412918171 or georgiakondek01@gmail.com

Like us on Facebook and Instagram Tm Dance Studio

Rewarding regular savers with spectacular prizes.

We're bringing the exciting news that Prize Lights have appeared in the Outback sky, and the Dollarmites are giving students, who demonstrate regular savings behaviour the chance to win spectacular prizes.

How to enter

Students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and megazine packs.

What's more, students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more school Barking deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of the Supernova prizes – a PlayStation 4 pack. Students can complete the Stargazing activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting commbank.com.au/prizelights

Win a bag of sports equipment for your school

We're also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 bags full of sports equipment, valued at \$200, when students make three School Banking deposits during Term 3.

To complete the Stargazing activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights





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CONCERT & DESSERT

with Georg Mertens & Friends

Dates & Times

Sat 2 April 7.³⁰ pm Soiree for Two Cellos with Ella Jamieson

Sat 14 May 7.³⁰ pm From Baroque to Gypsy with Gustaw Szelski violin

Sat 25 June 7.³⁰ pm Favourite cello & flute Duos with Phil Braithwaite

Sat 6 August 7.³⁰ pm From Bach to Brazil with Giuseppe Zangari guitar

Sat 17 Sept 7.³⁰ pm The "Mellow Cello", Bach, Didgeridoo - cello solo

Sat 19 November 7.³⁰ pm Vivaldi, Vivaldi for Two Cellos with Trish McMeekin





The Gingerbread House Katoomba

Cnr. Waratah & Lurline St

Tickets include ~ hot chocolate shot on arrival ~ dessert at Intermission ~ take home cello chocolate Tickets: \$55 / child \$45 (concert only \$30 / \$20)

> Bookings essential - tel. 02 4782 6958 Programs / online booking - www.georgcello.com

> > See Georg on Youtube - more than a million hits !

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



"feel the difference of belonging to our Community"

Join us at 32-36 Lett Street, Katoomba