

Vocation Discernment Afternoon: 23 August

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 a shared meal at 6pm. Holy Spirit Seminary is at 31-33 Allen Street, Harris Park.

To find out more about priesthood in the Diocese of Parramatta contact the Director of Priestly Vocations, Fr Warren Edwards, tel 0409 172 700 or send an email to: vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

Notre Dame Open Day: 29 August

Experience this 5 star national Catholic university in the heart of Sydney. Check out The University of Notre Dame's courses, meet academic staff and current students, enjoy entertainment and take a tour of the Broadway Campus. Saturday 29 August from 9am-3pm. Personalise your Open Day at: www.notredame.edu.au/opensday

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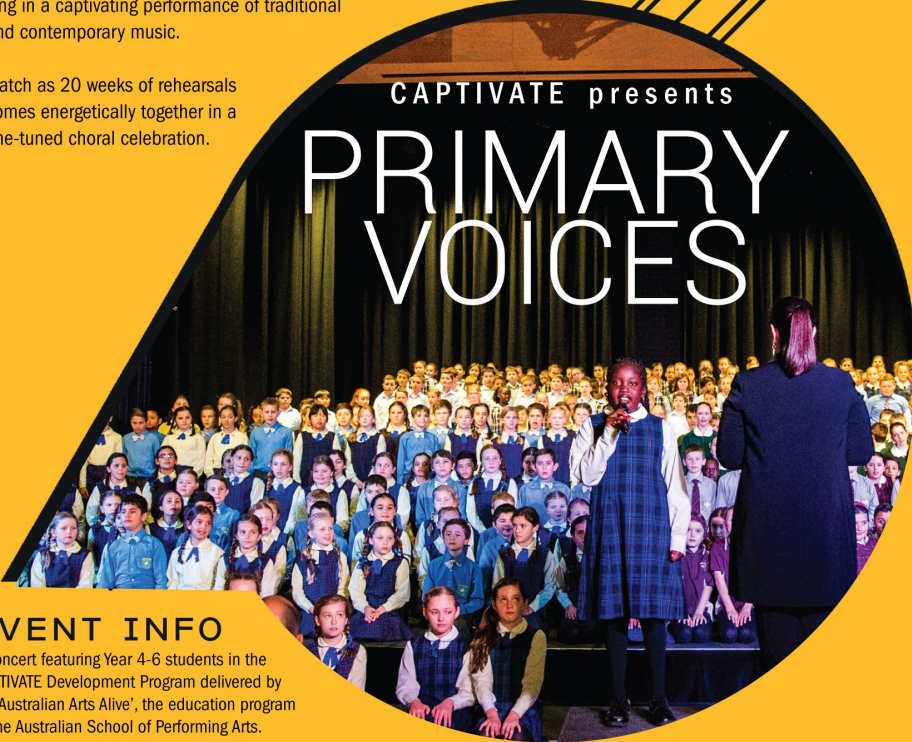
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EVENT INFO

A concert featuring Year 4-6 students in the CAPTIVATE Development Program delivered by 'a3 Australian Arts Alive', the education program of the Australian School of Performing Arts.

Monday 7 September 7pm
@ ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE
54-97 Gascoigne St, Kingswood

Tuesday 8 September 7pm
@ ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE
54-97 Gascoigne St, Kingswood


Our Lady of the Rosary Primary KELLYVILLE
Mother Teresa Primary WESTMEAD
St Oliver's Primary HARRIS PARK
Corpus Christi Primary CRANE BROOK
Trinity ---Primary KEMPS CREEK

St Bernadette's Primary DUNDAS VALLEY
Holy Trinity Primary GRANVILLE
Mary Immaculate Primary QUAKERS HILL
Our Lady of the Angels Primary ROUSE HILL
St Matthew's Primary WINDSOR

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

\$15 Adults
\$10 Concession
\$40 (2 adults & 2 concessions)
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NEWSLETTER

3rd August 2015 Term 3 Week 4

St Canice's Catholic Primary

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Website: stcaniceskatoomba.catholic.edu.au

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Growth through love and learning

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Dear Parents and Carers

On Friday the whole school participated in the Pyjama Day to raise money for St Vincents de Paul. Later that night the Mini-Vinnie students (35 in total) and many staff shared time together playing games (nothing electronic), viewing the planets (thanks to William and his dad Troy) and creating light paintings through digital photography. The students also had soup and a bread roll for dinner. To conclude the night we all went upstairs and prayed together. The Gospel yesterday, John 6:24-35, speaks about our body and souls being fed by God and that we would never be hungry. The students from St Canice's are certainly experiencing the gifts from God through the dedication and love from the staff and each other. Mini-Vinnie sleep out is a wonderful experience for students to feel the presence of God amongst all who were there. The care, concern and the love for one another was certainly an experience of God's food from heaven.

However the Gospel never said anything about certain students who kept talking ALL night!! The "SHHHH" sheriff was kept busy, but I think all in vain. On Saturday morning we all had a cereal breakfast and finished by playing some more games while awaiting to be picked up. Thank you to everyone for their kind donations and to all the staff who gave up their Friday night and Saturday morning to support the students. All money goes to the Katoomba St Vincent de Paul chapter.

Mr Mark Geerligns
Principal

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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.

Enrolling Now for 2016



World Youth Day

In 2016 the World Youth Day will be in Krakow Poland.

"World Youth Day is open to all young people who want to take part in a festive encounter with their contemporaries centred on Jesus Christ".

We are very lucky here at St Canice's to have Miss Lauren Bennett willing to experience the WYD opportunity. The school community will be raising money to send Lauren to WYD 2016. There is a raffle for this event and all tickets sold through this community will remain here to support Lauren. The raffle first prize is a new car. Please help us support Lauren to attend this amazing opportunity. Tickets will be distributed soon.

Voice of Youth

Tomorrow Tuesday 4th August the school will be running its own Voice of Youth competition. 3 students and one reserve student will be chosen from Year 6 to represent St Canice's at the cluster final next week.

The speeches will be presented in the open area from 11.15am. Parents are welcome to join us.

All Stage 3 Students will be attending the cluster final of the Voice of Youth at St Finbar's on Tuesday 11th August. Permission notes have been sent home today and need to be returned by Wednesday 5th August.



Catholic Outlook

Today the children have brought home the Catholic Outlook magazine. There is an article on page 14 about our Sculptures at School Exhibition. It is inspiring to have our small school recognised for its hard work. Also on page 10 there is an article on the Holy Year of Divine Mercy, due to start on 8th December with our local parish, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop taking steps in preparation of the event.

Mini Vinnies

Congratulations to our Stage 3 students who have made a tremendous effort in raising monies for St Vincent De Paul. A total of \$2720.80 was raised during the Winter Sleep Out, Pyjama Day, Anzac Day Cookie sales at SAS and staff and community donations.

Fundraiser

One of our families close relative has been struck down with a brain tumour called an acoustic neuroma. There will be a fundraising night held at the Victory Café Blackheath on Friday 7th August at 6pm All proceeds will go towards the cost of the operation. The night is \$50 per head plus raffles being held on the night.

To book call 4787 6777. To find out more about Laura's cause please go to www.gofundme.com/Laurascause

Sport and Fitness Timetable for Term 3

The Sport and Fitness Timetable has been changed for classes for Term 3 to the following days.

Tuesday	Year 1 and 2
Wednesday	Stage 3 Blue and Stage 3 White
Friday	Kinder, Year 3 and Year 4

Sport News

Good luck to all our students listed below who will be participating in the Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday 7th August. If children are being transported by their parents they need to arrive by 7.50am. Students being transported by bus will need to be at school by 6.10am.

Kaitlyn Barker-Swan,
Oliver Burke, Trevor Clines,
Oskar Coghlan,
Bianca Cunningham,
Aidee Doyle, Sam Everingham,
Marleah Geopano, Jimmy Hale,
Alina Hoang, Georgia Hogan,
Luke Hronsky, Keyton Marvin,
Thomas MacNamara,
Olivia Mezei, Alex Miller,
Bodhi Miller, Nina Moria, Joe Norman,
Xavier Nyssen, Gabriel Preston,
Isabella Preston, Albi Raphael, Ivy Riddle,
Kayla Sayers, Hamish Walker-Sawkins and
Billy Zammit



Catholic Education Office

Bishops Office

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 tel (02) 9933 0233, email safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au or write to Safeguarding Response, PO Box 3066, North Parramatta, NSW, 1750. For more information, please visit: www.safeguarding.org.au For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact NSW Police tel 1800 333 000.

Year of Consecrated Life Solemn Mass and Vocations Fest: 9 August

To celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life, there will be a Mass at 11am in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, followed by a Vocations Fest. The program includes lunch, religious sharing their stories, Q&A and entertainment for all the family. The afternoon will conclude with a Holy Hour for Vocations. Everyone is welcome.

Public Forum on *Laudato Si'*: 15 August

A forum on the new encyclical from Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* - 'Praise be to you', will be hosted by the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) and Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt. Speakers: Fr Gregory Jacobs SJ, Parish Priest of Holy Family Parish; Prof Neil Ormerod, Professor of Theology at Australian Catholic University; Dr Hamish Clarke, Senior Climate & Atmospheric Scientist, NSW Office of Environment and Heritage; and Thea Ormerod, ARRCC President. From 10am-4.30pm at Loyola Senior High Hall, 91 North Pde, Mt Druitt. RSVP: Thea tel 0405 293 466, chair@gmail.com

Made for Each Other Youth Day: 15 August

The diocesan Family & Life Office is hosting a day for youth and young adults aged 16 to 35 centred on the complementarity of man and woman. Discover the beauty and mystery of how marriage was designed "in the beginning". Based on six short films that unpack the different dimensions of the complementarity between man & woman. The day will include: group discussion and sharing, Q and A, Mass for the Assumption, panel discussion. Rego at 8.30am, starts 9am, ends 4pm. Cost: \$10 students, \$20 non-students (incl. morning tea and lunch). **RSVP 7 August** at www.trybooking.com/IIME (credit card required) or famlife@parra.catholic.org.au (cash payment at event). Inquiries: Family and Life Office (02) 8838 3440 or famlife@parra.catholic.org.au

PRIVACY NOTICE

Information required to determine the *Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA)* for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child's school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the *ACARA Act 2008* for one or both of the following purposes:

- formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au.

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP PARADE

Tuesday 25th August 2015

Time: 1.30pm

BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD

Think of books that impacted on your life

Think of characters that jump off pages

*Anne of Green Gables / Gandalf / Toad / The Cat in the Hat
Zac Powers / The Grinch / George (George's Marvellous Medicine)
The Queen of Hearts / Daisy Headed Maisie / Paddington Bear / The Twits
Alice in Wonderland / Peter Pan / Tinkerbell / Mildred Hubble / White Witch
Red Riding Hood / Cinderella / Sleeping Beauty / Rapunzel / How to Train your Dragon*



Wear most of the costume to school
Make sure you can sit, work & be comfortable - add the extra bits at Lunch time

Chilling spate of winter home fires

A spate of fires in homes over the past week and another forecast cold snap over coming days has prompted Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) to warn NSW residents to take every precaution to avoid a fire in the home.

Firefighters have been called to more than 70 home fires since the weekend when temperatures started to drop.

Acting FRNSW Commissioner Jim Smith said people needed to take the risk of a fire breaking out in their home seriously.

“Since the recent spate of cold weather across NSW, FRNSW has attended numerous fires and concerns for welfare resulting from the increased use of heaters, electric blankets, and improper use of unsafe heating methods,” Acting Commissioner Smith said.

“Many people don’t realise that winter is the worst time of the year for home fires.

“Home fires in the cooler months are often far more serious and are more likely to result in injuries and deaths. Only last weekend a man tragically died in a unit fire at Hamilton South.”

“I appeal to families not to put themselves or their families at risk. Keep looking when cooking and do not leave heaters, dryers, electric blankets, or any other electrical device unattended. Always turn them off when leaving home or going to bed. Also remember to check the electrical cords for fraying and other damage.”

Firefighters also want you to remember that outdoor heating and cooking appliances must not be brought indoors. This includes appliances that use ‘heat beads’ or LPG as a fuel source.

More firefighter home fire safety tips:

- Keep clothing and other flammable materials at least one metre from your heater
 - Clean out the clothes dryer filter after every load
 - Don’t overload your powerboards
 - Never use wheat bags in bed
 - Ensure you have a working smoke alarm and a practised home escape plan
 - If a fire does occur, get out, stay out and call Triple Zero (000)

Further information is available on the following website

Operation Cold Snap

Winter Fire Safety

www.fire.nsw.gov.au



School Calendar

August

Week 4

Monday	3rd	Tai Chi	8.50am
Tuesday	4th	Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking Voice of Youth School Final	8.45am 11.15am
Wednesday	5th	Uniform Shop Open	
Thursday	6th	Choir	
Friday	7th	My School Lunch Box Prayer Assembly S3W Mass & Reconciliation Yr 3 Nepean Zone Athletics	8.40am 12noon

Week 5

Monday	10th	Tai Chi My School Lunch Box	
Tuesday	11th	Craft with Sr Colleen ICAS Mathematics Voice of Youth St Finbar’s Glenbrook Stage 3	8.40am
Wednesday	12th	Uniform Shop Open	
Thursday	13th	Ukulele	
Friday	14th	My School Lunch Box Gold Award Assembly Prayer Assembly S3B Mass & Reconciliation Yr 2	8.40 am 12noon

National Disability Insurance Scheme

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is an important innovation by the federal and state governments and its support is far reaching.

Break Thru is a not for profit organisation that is available to assist parents and carers of children and youth with disabilities and your contribution would be very much appreciated to distribute this message. If you require alternative sizing for the advertisement please let me know.

Links to the NDIS website and Break Thru’s *I am able* website are provided below for additional background and information:

<http://breakthru.org.au/iamable/>

<http://www.ndis.gov.au/>



My School Lunch Box
Fresh Healthy Lunches for our Students
Monday & Friday only.



Birthday Wishes for August

Mia Brischetto, William Garrett, Marleah

Geopano, Kate Tran, Madeline Chacana,

Emma Garraway, Oliver Studdert,

Roman Hay, Bethany Field,

Dominic Mackie, Lily Hale, Shalom Bevan,

William Moseley, Kale Rittel-Jones,

Ivy Riddle and Nina Moria

