

# NEWSLETTER



10th October 2016 Term 4 Week 1

## St Canice's Catholic Primary

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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 story invites us to reflect on the potential goodness of everyone - Jesus heals ten men with leprosy Luke 17:11-19. We all have gifts, we all have talents and we all have a contribution we can make.

At the last school assembly Week 10 Term 3, Mr Maurie Rasmussen accepted on behalf of the Katoomba St Vincent de Paul Conference, a cheque from the school.

Our Mini Vinnies here at St Canice's raised \$3511 for our local St Vincent de Paul Society. Why do we do this? – Every person has a right to basic life needs. "We all have gifts, we all have talents and we all have a contribution we can make".

Jesus gave us an example of how to help our fellow man, St Canice's community truly lives this example. The school is just so proud and thankful to our Mini Vinnies group and to all of you for helping us make everyone count here in Katoomba.

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.

# Messages from the Principal

## Assistant Principal Position 2017

During the break interviews were conducted for a new Assistant Principal for St Canice's in 2017. It was so heartening to meet 3 very talented, motivated and passionate educators who wanted to work in this wonderful community. Only one person could be employed and I am delighted to announce that Mr Coley White will be with us next year. Currently Mr White works at St Michael's Primary School Blacktown South. He has been an acting Assistant Principal, Acting Religious Education Co-ordinator and a stage co-ordinator for many years. We look forward to Mr White joining our staff next year.



## UBMMF

Today a number of our Primary students will be performing at the Upper Blue Mountains Music Festival. The Matinee starts at 12.30pm and tonight's performance is at 6.30pm. Tomorrow will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> show starting at 6.30pm. Congratulations to all of our singers on the work they have done. Also thanks to Ms Frazer for doing such a great job leading our choir.

## School Planner Calendar

To keep up to date with school events please subscribe to our school calendar. This can be done through our school website: [stcaniceskatoomba.catholic.edu.au](http://stcaniceskatoomba.catholic.edu.au)

## Kindergarten 2017 Orientation Day

Kindergarten orientation for our 2017 students will be held this Wednesday morning from 9:00am. We welcome to our school our younger siblings and their family and we also welcome our new families to our community.

## New Students

We warmly welcome 2 new students to our school today. Samuel is joining Year 5 and Jessica will be joining Year 3. We welcome the Kennedy family to our community.

## Parent Body BBQ

The Parent Body held a BBQ on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> September. Outside Big W. The BBQ was a great success with \$578.95 being raised.

Thank you to the following helpers for your time and support.

Jeff Hubbard, Carolyn Armstrong, Geoff McNair, Peter McNair, Wayne Marvin, Keyton Marvin, Rick Sayers and Chris Sayers



## Performance by the Ensemble

A dedicated and wonderful group of Ensemble students, parents and staff performed at the Leura Uniting Church Fete. What a great chance to share back with the community.



## Staff Development Day

Just a reminder that our next Pupil Free Day will be Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

## Gymnastics

A reminder that in Term 4 we are again doing Gymnastics on Tuesday's. Children are reminded to wear their sports uniform on this day. The fee for Gymnastics is covered by your General Contribution Fee.

## Tree Removed

During the holidays the tree behind the church / in front of the school Office, was removed due to a report we received regarding its deterioration.

## Before and After School Care

Over the past 3 - 4 months I have been investigating the possibility of running before/ after school care here at St Canice's. Unfortunately the Diocese has decided that at this stage it is not a viable option.

## Signage

As you may have noticed, the framework for our new school sign has been installed. It is hoped that in the next month or two we will be able to complete the sign so that it will be operational.

## Plastic Bottle Tops and Toothbrushes

Thank you to everyone for the great start to our collection. If you have gathered tops and toothbrushes during the holidays please bring them into school soon. We have a large green container near the front office to collect your donations.



# School Calendar

## The School Opal Card

A reminder that students in Year 2 must apply for a new School Opal card for next year. Pamphlets have been sent home as a reminder. A flyer from Transport NSW is also included later in the newsletter.

## My School Lunch Box

My School Lunch box exists to ensure kids receive the healthiest, freshest lunches in the most convenient way. They deliver to our school on Mondays and Fridays. [myschoollunchbox.com.au](http://myschoollunchbox.com.au)

## KOOSH

Katoomba Out of School Hours operates at 10 Station Street Katoomba .  
Phone 4782 2533 or 0478 166 352

**KOOSH have offered care on Monday 24th October, our next Pupil Free Day.**

**If you would like your child/ren cared for on this day please contact the centre. Bookings are essential.**



Birthday  
Wishes for  
October

**Xavier Nyssen, Jessica Nguyen,  
Liberty Marshall-Lacey,  
Theadora Mahairas, Zak Lessing,  
Noah Stanisic, Xavier Pono,  
Kayla Sayers, Serena Gillon, Max Trad,  
Billy Zammit, Zeppelin Clift,  
Zahara Clift, Alina Hoang, Claudia Dee,  
Prisha Sharma, Emily Pink, Tom Hunter,  
Hugo Coghlan, Leo Curry  
and Lorelei Field.**

## October

### Week 1

<b>Tuesday</b>	12th	Craft with Sr Colleen Gymnastics Feast of St Canice's Liturgy UBMMF Performance	8.50am 6.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	13th	Uniform Shop Open Kinder Orientation	9.00am
<b>Friday</b>	15th	My School Lunch Box School Assembly Mass Year	8.45am 12noon

### Week 2

<b>Monday</b>	17th	My School Lunch Box	
<b>Tuesday</b>	18th	Craft with Sr Colleen	
<b>Wednesday</b>	19th	Uniform Shop Open	
<b>Thursday</b>	20th	Reconciliation Meeting	5.30pm till 7pm
<b>Friday</b>	21st	My School Lunch Box School Assembly Mass Year	8.45am 12noon



BLUE  
MOUNTAINS  
BASKETBALL



**Blue Mountains Basketball Summer Competition;**

Registration day; Saturday 17 September 2016, 10am – 1pm, at Katoomba Sports and Aquatic Centre.

For more information on Blue Mountains Basketball Association visit;

<http://www.bmbasketball.com.au>

**Term 4 Aussie Hoops Program – “Learn to Play”**

Contact; Angela Martin, 0439842645 or Email: [bluemountainsbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:bluemountainsbasketball@gmail.com)

Tuesdays (commencing 11.10.16) 3:30pm – 4:30pm

OR

Saturdays (commencing 15.10.16) 8:30am – 9:30am

To Register for Aussie Hoops visit;

<https://reg.sportingpulse.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=59739&programID=4073>



# Fund Raising Bus Shopping Trip

## Saturday 29th October

Cost is \$60

This covers your pick up, bus driver dropping us off outside the outlets, morning and afternoon tea, lunch and return to original pick up point.



Departure points will be Hazelbrook Shops from 7am and Panthers at Penrith about 7.30am.

Contact Janet McLachlan

[jkmac62@gmail.com](mailto:jkmac62@gmail.com) or [jmclachlan@scu.net.au](mailto:jmclachlan@scu.net.au)

or

mobile and leave a message 0421 978 161



All proceeds will be donated to the Avner Nahmani Pancreatic Cancer Foundation in the help towards research for Pancreatic Cancer

# St Columba's College



In the last 2 years sport at St Columba's has undergone wonderful improvements that have enabled many more of our students to move to representative levels (pre 2015- 650 students per year and post 2015- over 1000 students per year), in addition, our students have had professional coaching from GWS Giants, WS Wanderers, Netball NSW and the RFS where students have worked to become trained cadets to protect our mountains community. We are extremely proud of the increased opportunity and how sport is thriving at our college.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr. Greg Malone  
Head of PDHPE and Sport





*Joseph's Fine Chocolates of Leura proudly presents :*

# **"Cello & Chocolate" 2016**

## **CONCERT & DESSERT**

with Georg Mertens & Friends

### *Dates & Times*

**Sat 2 April 7.<sup>30</sup> pm**

Soiree for Two Cellos with Ella Jamieson

**Sat 14 May 7.<sup>30</sup> pm**

From Baroque to Gypsy with Gustaw Szelski violin

**Sat 25 June 7.<sup>30</sup> pm**

Favourite cello & flute Duos with Phil Braithwaite

**Sat 6 August 7.<sup>30</sup> pm**

From Bach to Brazil with Giuseppe Zangari guitar

**Sat 17 Sept 7.<sup>30</sup> pm**

The "Mellow Cello", Bach, Didgeridoo - cello solo

**Sat 19 November 7.<sup>30</sup> 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](http://www.georgcello.com)**

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

# Transport for NSW

## Fact sheet: The School Opal card

### Who's eligible?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:

- Years K-2 (Infants) there's no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
- Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students).

A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

### Who needs to apply?

Most students or parents won't need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student's school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016. However, a new application is required if:

- The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
- The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
- The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
- The student's personal details have changed (e.g. address).

Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

### How to apply

**Step 1** Complete the application at [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students).

**Step 2** Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.

**Step 3** The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.

The application may take several weeks and the applicant's email address is required.

### If the student doesn't qualify for free travel

They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

Apply at [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students)

### Find out more

For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students).



Transport  
for NSW