

NEWSLETTER



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Growth through love and learning

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Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday the Gospel reading set a huge challenge for us. "What is your ultimate goal here on earth?" In Mark 10: 17-30, Jesus challenged a man who was following all the commandments but who still was focusing on the wrong thing in life – money. What is your mission in life – to acquire wealth or to follow in Jesus' footsteps and be there for other people? During the times when we remember those people who have passed away, do we remember their acquired wealth or do we remember the person and what they have done in this world. When I think about my mum and dad, I think about my relationship with them and how I miss the opportunity to ask them for advice. May we be filled with the Lord's love so that we will sing for joy (Pslam 89).

I am going on a Pilgrimage in weeks 5, 6 and 7. I haven't been able to join a Principal's Pilgrimage in the last few years and I am very excited that my opportunity has arrived. Fr. Chris De Souza will be the Chaplain for the 22 Principals and CEO staff on this journey. Fr Chris has asked us questions to consider before we journey, which I am trying to find the answer – "Why does God want me to go on this Pilgrimage? What does He want from me?" Our journey begins on Sunday 1st November and I will return to school on Monday 23rd November. The journey will take me to the Holy Land (The Dead Sea, Jordan, Cana, Nazareth, Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, a private Mass floating in the centre of Lake Galilee, Jerusalem, Garden of Gethsemane, Bethlehem, Grotto of the Holy Manger, the Shepherd's field, Calvary and Jericho), then it is off to Rome (the Necropoli, Vatican, St Peter's Basilica and the Colosseum) and finally to Assisi. It will be an amazing trip, but it will be even more amazing because I will be journeying with others on a Pilgrimage. I am planning to take prayer intentions from our St Canice's community. Next week I will be asking for those prayer intentions to be sent to school and collated into a book of intentions, which I will take with me on the journey and use when I am in Bethlehem

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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

Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone to Term 4. We started this term last Tuesday with a Staff Development Day where we looked at our work in Religious Education, Maths and English. We also looked at our data collected to date to determine what our goals for 2016 will be. It was a busy yet profitable day.

Staffing Positions for 2016

The process of determining staffing for 2016 has begun. The decision about which class teachers are teaching will be decided early December. But I would like to welcome Ms Krawczyk and Mrs Clarke, both of whom will be staying with us in 2016 as full time teachers

Upper Blue Mountains Music Festival

This week our Upper Blue Mountains Music Festival choir will be performing on stage. Today there is a matinee concert followed by concerts on Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting from 6.30pm. Children are reminded to be there by 6pm and are to be dressed in their summer uniform, clean and neat with polished black shoes. Ms Kristina Frazer will be in attendance at all performances. Children need to be dropped off and picked up from Mrs Frazer at the evening performances. Please ensure that if your child is going home with another family written permission must be given to Ms Frazer.

Kinder Orientation Day 2016

Our Kindergarten Orientation for 2016 students will be this Wednesday 14th October in the morning. The current Kinder class will work in other classes for the morning



Parent Body Meeting

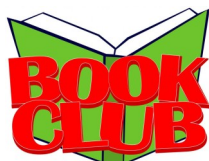
Parent Body Meeting time has changed: - The next meeting will be tomorrow morning Tuesday 13th October from 8:45am – 10:15am. If you haven't been able to attend the night time meetings, we are trialling each term a day time meeting instead.

Parent Planner Calendar

The Parent Planner Calendar for Term 4 is attached to this newsletter.

Book Club

Book Club Pamphlets were sent home last week. Please ensure orders are completed either on line or returned to school by Friday 16th October. Remember Book Club is now cashless.



WYD Raffle Tickets

Notices were sent home last term to families who have not returned their tickets. All raffle Tickets sold or unsold MUST be returned to school. If you have not returned your tickets please do so before the end of the week. If tickets have been lost please send in a note for Audit purposes.



Late Arrivals

Children arriving after the school bell need to be escorted by a parent or carer to the front Office to sign in. This is a child protection issue as we need to be sure that parents are aware of where their children are at all times. Children may arrive at school from 8.20am when staff are on duty. When a child arrives late they cause disruption to the whole class, they miss assembly and morning instructions but more importantly they miss part of their first lesson which in most cases is Literacy. Punctuality is a valuable life skill, please discuss and encourage this with your children.

Absentee from KOOSH

Parents are asked that they inform the school as well as KOOSH if their child is not attending KOOSH on their designated days.

Afternoon Dismissal

If your child is being picked up from school by another parent, friend or relative, a written note must be submitted to the Office prior to the date.

Be Part of the Christmas Disco

The parent body is looking for a coordinator for our most exciting end-of-year event, the Christmas Disco. This disco has been part of St Canice's traditional Christmas celebrations for many years – it's a time for families to get together before school breaks up for summer and the kids love it! By taking on this role, you won't be alone – there are always lots of parents to help you pull this wonderful event together – we just need someone who can take ownership in terms of food, booking the DJ, party bags etc. Assistance from past coordinators is provided! And if you'd like to take it on with a friend, that's fine too. Be part of this important school community event and sign up now! Leave your details at the office if you are interested.



Gymnastics Reminder

Gymnastics begins tomorrow. Please wear your sports uniform. Gymnastics replaces their usual sport day.



School Calendar

Student Banking Certificates

October

Week 2

Tuesday	13th	Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking Parent Body Meeting Gymnastics UBMMF Evening Performance	8.45 am 6.00pm - 7.30 pm
Wednesday	14th	Uniform Shop Open Kinder 2016 Orientation Morning	
Thursday	15th	Choir UBMMF Evening Performance	6.00pm - 7.30 pm
Friday	16th	My School Lunch Box Assembly Kinder Mass & reconciliation Year 3 String Ensemble	8.45am 12 noon 3pm

Week 3

Monday	19th	My School Lunch Box Tai Chi	8.45 am
Tuesday	20th	Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking Gymnastics	
Wednesday	21st	Uniform Shop Open	
Thursday	22nd	Ukulele First Reconciliation 1st Session	6.15pm
Friday	23rd	My School Lunch Box Assembly Year 1 Mass Year 1 String Ensemble	8.45 am 12 noon

Congratulations to the following students who have been presented with certificates for their Student Banking achievements

Bronze Award

Liberty Marshall-Lacey, Emilio Micallef,
William Moseley, Talish Sharma, Arren Shaw,
Kale Rittel-Jones, Bianca Cunningham,
Andrew Jones, Liam Booyens, Liam Lawlor

Silver Award

Lulu Rose, Kate Tran, Jonah Hong,
Ashlee Hong

Gold Award

Kaitlyn Barker-Swan

Outstanding Achievement

Joseph Norman, Mia Garraway, Olivia Mezei,
Heidi Batterbury, Lachlan Harris, Hugh McNair,
Amy Goulding, Prisha Sharma, Matthew Preen,
Erin Doyle, Lorelei Field, Taylor Nicholson,
Renee Cheretis, Luke Hronsky,
Thomas MacNamara, Emma Garraway,
Darius Nicholson, Owen MacNamara,
Alexia Charley, Lila Manning, Leah Taylor,
Luke Barker-Swan

Birthday Wishes for October

Xavier Nyssen, Jessica Nguyen,
Liberty Marshall-Lacey, Thea Mahairas,
Zak Lessing, Noah Stanisic, Kayla Sayers,
Billy Zammit, Zeppelin Clifft, Zahara Clifft,
Alina Hoang, Claudia Dee, Prisha Sharma,
Leo Curry, Emily Pink,
Ella-Rose Fisher,
Tom Hunter,
Tom Bowen,
Abigail Bautista,
Joseph Norman,
Hugo Coghlan
and Lorelei Field.





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Parent Planner Calendar - TERM 4, 2015

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 6 - 9 October	Public Holiday	Staff Development Day	First Day Term 4 Uniform Shop Open	Ukulele	My School Lunch Box Prayer Assembly: Year 3 Mass & Recon: Year 3 CSE 3pm		
2 12 - 16 October	Tai Chi My School Lunch Box UBMMF Rehearsal 9.30am UBMMF Matinee Performance 12.30pm	Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking Gymnastics Parent Body Meeting 8.45 am UBMMF Night Performance 6.30pm	Uniform Shop Open Kinder 2016 Orientation Morning	Choir UBMMF Night Performance 6.30pm	My School Lunch Box Prayer Assembly: Kinder Mass: Kinder CSE 3pm		
3 19 - 23 October	Tai Chi My School Lunch Box	Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking Gymnastics	Uniform Shop Open	Ukulele	My School Lunch Box Prayer Assembly: Year 1 Mass: Year 1 CSE 3pm		
4 26 - 30 October	Tai Chi My School Lunch Box	Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking Gymnastics	Uniform Shop Open	Choir	World Teachers Day My School Lunch Box Prayer Assembly: S3B Mass & Recon: S3B CSE 3pm		
5 2 - 6 Nov	Tai Chi My School Lunch Box Milo T20 Blast Intra School Cricket	Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking Gymnastics	Uniform Shop Open	Ukulele	My School Lunch Box Gold Awards Prayer Assembly: Year 3 Mass & Recon: Year 3 CSE 3pm		
6 9 - 13 Nov	Tai Chi My School Lunch Box	Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking Gymnastics	Uniform Shop Open	Choir	My School Lunch Box Prayer Assembly: Year 4 Mass & Recon: Year 4 CSE 3pm		
7 16 - 20 Nov	Tai Chi My School Lunch Box	Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking Gymnastics	Uniform Shop Open	Ukulele	My School Lunch Box Prayer Assembly: Year 2 Mass & Recon: Year 2 CSE 3pm		
8 23 - 27 Nov	Tai Chi My School Lunch Box	Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking Gymnastics Parent Body Meeting 7pm	Uniform Shop Open	Choir	My School Lunch Box Prayer Assembly: Mark Mass & Recon: S3B CSE 3pm		
9 30-Nov 4-Dec	Tai Chi My School Lunch Box	Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking Gymnastics	Uniform Shop Open	Ukulele	My School Lunch Box Prayer Assembly: S3W Mass & Recon: S3W CSE 3pm		6 th Sugar Plum Work Shop
10 7 - 11 Dec	Tai Chi My School Lunch Box	Christmas Stall Student Banking Gymnastics	Uniform Shop Open Reports Go Home	Choir	My School Lunch Box Gold Awards Prayer Assembly: Year 1 Mass: Year 1 CSE 3pm School Disco		
11 14 - 18 Dec	Tai Chi My School Lunch Box	Student Banking Graduation Mass 5.30pm	Last Day of 2015	Staff Development Day	Staff Development Day		
HOLIDAYS							

School Resumes Thursday 28th January 2016

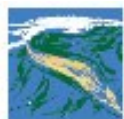


KIDS ARTFEST IS COMING UP

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going to create

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PRIZES

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Saturday 7 November 2015**

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Entry Forms online & at
WFPS Office



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open day

Katoomba Leura Preschool Saturday 24th October 2015



Families and community members are invited to come to Katoomba Leura Preschool's Open Day. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to explore the beautiful centre, meet the educators and connect with parents and children in an informal and relaxed play setting.

Come and enjoy the fun with a bouncy castle, face painting, craft, activities, a BBQ and cake stall.



10am-1pm
32-36 Lett Street Katoomba 2780

School Banking is preparing for touchdown.



As we launch into the final term of School Banking, students are one small step away from completing their savings mission on Planet Savings.

Two new out-of-this-world reward items

For every 10 deposits made through the School Banking program, students can redeem a reward from our Outer Space Savers range. With the withdrawal of the Lunar Light Band this term, we are releasing an alternative reward item in Term 4, together with the new Outer Space Savers Money Box. Students will be able to test their skills with a game of frisbee with the new Galaxy Glider reward item which will be available for order while stocks last.



You could be taking one giant leap to California's Disneyland

Don't forget, students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits this year will automatically go into the draw at the end of the year to win a family trip to California's Disneyland. If you haven't already reached 25 or more deposits, now is the last chance before we touch down!

For more information visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



Things to know before you Can: Conditions apply. Promotion starts 9.00am AEDT 27/1/15 and ends 11.59pm AEDT 18/12/15. Entry is open to all Youthsaver account holders aged 5–13 years who participate in CommBank's School Banking program. Entrants under 18 must have parent/guardian consent. The draw will take place at 12.30pm AEDT on 12/1/16 at the Promoter's office. The first valid entry drawn will win a family trip to California's Disneyland valued at \$22,245. The winner's name will be published in the public notices section of *The Australian* on 26/1/16. Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124 of Level 2, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions available at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking NSW Permit No LTPS/14/09857; ACT Permit No TP14/04345; VIC Permit No 14/5966; SA Permit No T14/2327.



Rewards Program – Available in Term 4

With the withdrawal of the Lunar Light Band this term, we are releasing an alternative reward item in Term 4. Alongside our **Outer Space Savers Money Box**, students' savings efforts can now be rewarded with our new **Galaxy Glider** (available while stocks last). Students will be able to test their skills with a game of frisbee with our new reward item.



Still in stock are the following reward items from our 2015 Outer Space Savers range:

- ET DVD
- Intergalactic Rocket
- Invisible Ink Martian Pens

Plus, we have limited stock available from our 2014 Deep Sea Savers range of reward items including:

- Scented Pencils
- Shark Plush Toy Keyring
- Swimming Bag

The simplest way

...to pack the five food groups!

Follow our easy guide to pack the healthiest lunch box that features the five food groups – and don't forget a bottle of water!

Fruit: It's high in fibre, vitamins and minerals. Serve fruit in fun ways: try fruit kebabs or fruit in small containers, and remember, kids are more likely to eat it if it's cut up into small pieces.



Vegies: Pack carrot and celery sticks with hummus or salsa, or even a veggie slice

Breads + cereals: Try wholemeal bread, wraps and pita, or rice and pasta leftovers.

Reduced-fat dairy: A slice of cheese, yoghurts and custards are all great lunch box items.

Lean protein: cooked chicken, tuna, egg, roast meat, or legumes such as red kidney beans and chickpeas.

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.