

NEWSLETTER



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Katoomba 2014

Growth through love and learning

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Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday's Gospel reading was a very interesting one. It was the story of Jesus healing the blind man, Bartimaeus (Mark 10: 46-52). "Go your faith has saved you". What makes this reading so interesting is the connection with previous Sunday readings when Jesus asked James and John "What do you want of me?". Their reply was to ask for a seat on the right and left of God. Jesus also said to his disciples to let the children come to him. But to Bartimaeus Jesus, cures him and invites him to join him on his journey. Our challenge is to throw away our cloak of protection and security and follow Jesus. He challenges us to be like children and follow him. Jesus asks us not to be selfish or greedy but follow him.

I was privileged to be asked to speak after mass at a function for a teacher who was retiring at the end of this year. Mrs. Helen Minol has taught at Our Lady of the Rosary St Marys for 51 years. She has given her life to the school and to the students she taught. What an inspiration, what dedication, what an example of throwing away one's coat to follow Jesus. With more than 300 people gathered at this occasion, I was in awe of the expressions of gratitude poured onto Helen. I told a story of Helen's first day teaching kindergarten in 1965. She asked the Sister in charge what she should do with the 102 little kinders looking up at her. Sister's reply was "You have 102 students this morning, make sure you have 102 this afternoon". And that is exactly what she did. She cared and nurtured each and every child in her care for the past 51 years. By helping and working to help others we are following the call of Jesus.

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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

Crazy Sock Day

Last Friday we had our "Crazy Sock Day". The school helped 'sock it to poverty'. \$198.55 was raised on Friday to be sent to the Catholic Mission to help provide clean fresh water for the children in Madagascar. Thank you for reaching out and helping others. These acts of kindness are examples of following in Jesus' footsteps.

Pilgrimage

It is with great excitement and some apprehension, I prepare to travel on the pilgrimage next week. The excitement relates to being in the same place where Jesus lived and died. It's about journeying with others and sharing a spiritual experience that has the potential of being a life long memory. However I am apprehensive about being away from my wife and family for so long as we have never been apart for more than consecutive 5 days in the past 34 years. I am hoping to keep you up to date with my journey through the school Facebook account. I will take the prayer intentions and an old school crucifix from the 1940's with me. Thank you for your kind words of support..

Library Stocktake

We will be stocktaking our library and school resources. If you have any of our books at home please send them in as soon as possible.

How do I know they belong to St. Canice's Primary School?

There is a barcode on the front of each book or inside on the title pages (older books)

Not sure? Send them in and we will check them.

Don't forget the little Home Readers. They cost us \$12 each, and yes they do become a bit tattered going home in school bags, but we still need them returned to continue our excellent Reading Program Borrowing will stop for the year in Week 6, which gives us time to chase up any loses.

With thanks

Mary Hartnett Librarian

Request from Sr Colleen

Sr Colleen is asking for small jars for her Christmas Stall. Small jars like Vegemite and Infant jars are required. Please leave your donations at the Office.



St Columba's Year 7, 2016 Orientation Day

St Columba's Year 7, 2016 Orientation Day will be held on Friday 6th November, 2015. Parents of students who have enrolled at St Columba's will receive a letter soon outlining the day's activities.

School Leadership 2016

The applications for School Leadership roles will be available on:

Monday 2nd November (Week 5) and will close Friday 20th November (Week 7).

The speeches for School Leaders will be on Wednesday 25th November in the Open Area at 11:30am.

Years 3-6 will be attending. All parents are welcome.

Captivate

St Canice's have been asked to participate in the Captivate String Concert Program. This involves all the children who are in the St Canice's String Ensemble to attend the performance at Penrith on Tuesday 3rd November. Permission notes have been sent home today with the children involved. Please return by Friday 30th October.

No Dogs on School Premises

Parents and carers are reminded that dogs are not allowed on School premises.



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.

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.

Cake Stall

In Week 6, Thursday 12th November Stage 3 are hosting a cake stall to help raise money for Miss Bennett when she attends the World Youth Day 2016 as a pilgrim.

There will be cakes, popcorn, jelly cups and more. Items will range from 50c to \$2

There will also be a guessing competition running during Week 6. Guesses will be 20c for infants and 50c for Primary.



Whooping Cough

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/Information-for-childcare-and-schools.aspx>

World Youth Day

Have you returned your sold or
unsold
Raffle Tickets
To School?





School Calendar

October

Week 4

Tuesday	27th	Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking Gymnastics	
Wednesday	28th	Uniform Shop Open	
Thursday	29th	Choir First Reconciliation 2nd Session	6:15pm
Friday	30th	World Teachers Day My School Lunch Box Prayer Assembly S3B Mass S3B CSE (3pm-4pm)	8:40am 3:00pm

November

Week 5

Monday	2nd	Tai Chi My School Lunch Box Student Leadership applications available Milo T20 Blast Intra School Cricket	8.45am
Tuesday	3rd	Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking Gymnastics	
Wednesday	4th	Uniform Shop Open	
Thursday	5th	Ukulele First Reconciliation 3rd Session	6.15pm
Friday	6th	My School Lunch Box Gold Awards Assembly Prayer Assembly Year 3 Mass Year 3 CSE	8.45am 8.45am 12noon 3pm

Student Banking

Certificates

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

Bronze Award

Kale Rittel-Jones & Cohen Hermann

Silver Award

Mikayla Rose Mezei

Calling Young Cricketers!

Any young boys or girls wishing to play cricket with Blackheath Cricket Club on Saturday mornings are welcome to join.

There are vacancies in our under 12s teams (for 10-11 year olds) in particular. Training is at Blackheath oval on Wednesdays from 4.00 – 5:30.

Games are held Saturday 8:30 – 11:30 on ovals from Hazelbrook to Mt Victoria (plus rarely Lithgow).

Please contact Dominic Burke on 0408415027 for more information, or visit us at training.

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.



The simplest way

...to create a healthier brekkie.

Choose these simple, tasty swaps for your family's brekkie: they're fruit and vegie rich and will give you the energy to get through the day!



Swap this Breakfast	For these Healthier Options
White toast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Choose wholemeal - Add fresh tomato or avocado - Spread ricotta and top with sliced fruit for a sweet treat
Flavoured milk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make a fruit smoothie: blend frozen raspberries + honey + reduced fat milk + yoghurt
Rice bubbles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Porridge or wheat biscuits topped with banana + a small amount of honey

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.

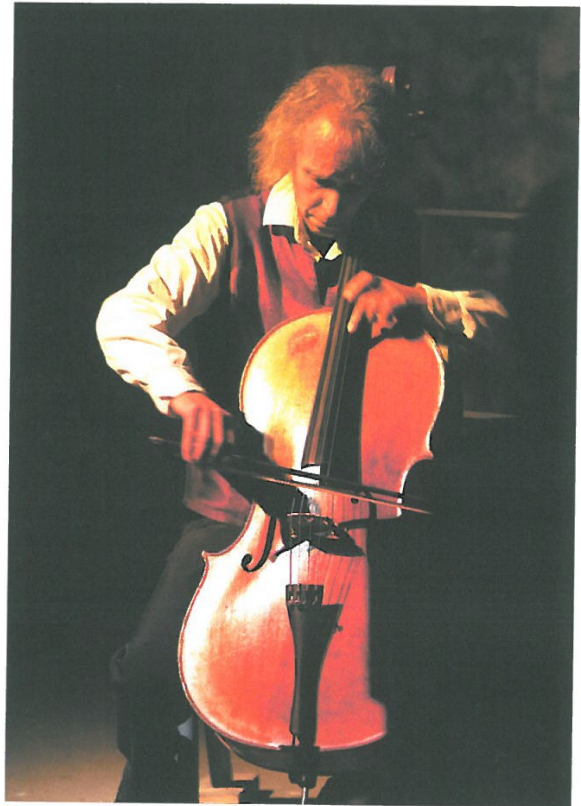
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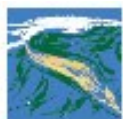
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