

NEWSLETTER

2nd November 2015 Term 4 Week 5

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Katoomba 2014

Growth through love and learning

Yesterday's Gospel Reading

Yesterday's Gospel reading, Matthew 5:1-12, the Beatitudes, (or you may know it as the Sermon on the Mount), is one that resonates with me. As All Saints Day and All Souls Day is celebrated, we are reminded that we are all called to be saints, to live our lives according to the Beatitudes.

The name Beatitudes comes from the Latin 'beatus' which means blessed, and yet the Latin word is not quite an accurate rendering of the original Aramaic that Jesus would have used. The Aramaic 'touvaioun' means it is a good and honourable thing. Jesus is saying that it is good and honourable to be human, to experience weakness, suffering and loss as a human being, to be generous, to reach out to others, to be passionate about justice and to lead lives characterised by goodness.

Jesus is saying that it is OK to be human and to suffer the ills and misfortunes that are part of the human condition. Physical and mental sufferings are not automatic signs of divine disfavour; being human is not a cause for shame. Striving with passionate endeavour for justice and being positive in our lives is not only honourable, but highly desirable.

On All Saints Day and All Souls Day we celebrate the men and women who were portraits of Jesus in their own lifetime. Living the spirit of the Beatitudes, they are for us examples of faithfulness and loving service.



Skool Bag Absentee

If your child is absent from school you can access the Skool Bag Absentee notice and submit online.

St Columba's Year 7 Orientation Day

St Columba's Springwood will be holding their Year 7, 2016 Orientation Day on Friday 6th November. Parents who have enrolled their child should have received a letter outlining the days program.

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 next week, which gives us time to chase up any outstanding books.



With thanks

Mary Hartnett Librarian

School Leadership 2016

The applications for School Leadership roles are available from the Office from today 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.

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

Presbytery Contact Ph: 02 4782 2804

Fax: 02 4782 6090

Website: marymackilloppupperbluemountains.org.au

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.

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.



Head Lice

We have had a number of reports of Head Lice in the school. We ask that you check your children for signs of infestation and if nits or lice are found that you treat them before the children return to school. There are numerous treatments available and your pharmacist will be able to assist you with any questions.

Cake Stall

In Week 6, Thursday 12th November at recess, 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.



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 tomorrow Tuesday 3rd November. Permission notes have been sent home today with the children involved.

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.

Fit for School Photo and Video Permission Slip

Stage 3 Blue and Year 1 were sent home permission slips to have their photo or video taken during gymnastics. This footage would be used for promotional use only. If you have not returned your permission slip and would like your child to participate, please send your note in by this Wednesday.

Letter of Thanks

Mr Geerligs received a letter recently from Mr Maurice Rasmussen on behalf of the Katoomba St Vincent de Paul Society. In the letter Mr Rasmussen expressed his thanks to the school for their wonderful donation of \$3339.45. He thanked the support of the Mini Vinnies Group led by Mrs Alison Morley, our students, parents and staff. Mr Rasmussen felt honoured and impressed by the outstanding commitment we all share in our support of the less fortunate in our mountains community.

KOOSH

KOOSH have advised that they will be open on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December and also Wednesday 27th January. These dates are scheduled Staff Development Days. Please contact KOOSH to make arrangements.

Monthly Family Mass

St Canice's Church are organising a Family Mass on Sunday 8th November at 10 am. All families are welcome to attend this special celebration. Each month there will be a special family blessing followed by a sausage sizzle or morning tea.



**Save
the
date!**

**FRIDAY
11th December**

**6pm - 8pm
St Canice's Hall**

Fancy Dress Christmas Disco

**Fancy Dress
Prizes!
Glow-in-the-
dark fun!
Face painting!**

**Food, drinks
and treats!
Music and
dancing!
Loads of fun!**

More details coming soon!

The simplest way

...to be SunSmart in spring.

Did you know that during spring you need to protect your skin from the sun every day?

In most parts of NSW, the UV level is 3 or above during spring. This means that even on cooler days, you need to protect your skin in five ways: **slip** on sun-safe clothing; **slop** on SPF30+ or higher, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen; **slap** on a broad-brim hat; **seek** shade; and **slide** on sunglasses.



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

How do you know if the UV level is 3 or above in your area?

Download the SunSmart app! The app provides recommended sun protection times, a calculator to check if you're using enough sunscreen, and a tracker to find out if you're getting enough UV exposure to help with your vitamin D levels.





Expand your imagination
by reading this summer and
you could **win** an **iPad mini**

Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and
you could win one of four iPad minis.

The more books you read, the more chances
you have to win*.

Enter online at www.parra.catholic.edu.au
Entries close 5 February 2016.

Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge

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Diocese of Parramatta

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School Calendar

November

Week 5

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 Yr3 Mass Year 3 CSE	8.45am 8.45am 12noon 3pm
Sunday	8th	Monthly Family Mass	10.00am

Week 6

Monday	9th	Tai Chi My School Lunch Box	
Tuesday	10th	Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking Gymnastics	
Wednesday	11th	Uniform Shop Open	
Thursday	12th	Choir Cake Stall First Reconciliation 4th Session	10.40 am 6.15pm
Friday	13th	My School Lunch Box Prayer Assembly Yr 4 Mass Year 4 CSE	8.45am 12noon 3pm

Birthday Wishes for November

*Tallulah Andrews-Wood, Estelle Dee,
Roam Hunter, Felix Cunningham,
Cody Okell-Johnston, Jasper Luppino,
Campbell Walker-Sawkins,
Luke Hronsky,*

*Cohen Hermann, Mikayla-Rose Mezei,
Mia Garraway,
Leo McCrossen,
Paul Thorpe and
Edie Zammit*



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.

World Youth Day

Have you returned your
sold or unsold

Raffle
Tickets
to School?

