

NEWSLETTER



5th December 2016 Term 4 Week 9

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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 was the second Sunday of Advent. We are invited to slow down and spend a little more time in preparing ourselves to receive Jesus coming again in our hearts. It is a time to repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. The Holy Spirit is the voice of one crying out in the desert — 'prepare the Way of the Lord'.

As this is a busy time leading up to Christmas, stop and think about what Christmas is really about.

Today the Stage 3 students are going to Bodington Aged Care Nursing home. They will sing those beautiful Christmas songs we have been listening to for the past fortnight as they rehearsed. Reaching out to others is a great way to "Prepare the Way of the Lord".

A Song Was Heard At Christmas

A song was heard at Christmas
To wake the midnight sky:
A saviour's birth,
and peace on earth,
And praise to God on high.
The angels sang at Christmas
With all the hosts above,
And still we sing the newborn
King
His Glory and His love.

(Written by Timothy Dudley-Smith)

Mark Geerligs
Principal



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

Presbytery Contact Ph: 02 4782 2804

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Website: marymackillopupperbluemountains.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.

Messages from the Principal

Special Thank you

I would like to take this time to say a special thank you to some staff who are changing roles, leaving or will be away for 2017.

Thank you to Mrs van der Walle for her work as the Assistant Principal. She has made a significant contribution to this role over the past 3 years. Thank you to Mrs Garrett for her work in kindergarten for 2016. She is a dedicated and capable teacher.

Thank you to Mr McDermott who worked in Year 2 for two days per week this year. He certainly has many talents that he shared with us throughout the year.

Finally thank you to Mrs Stansfield who will be taking leave for the whole of 2017. She is an amazing teacher experienced in many areas but especially in the area of literacy.

Final Newsletter

As this is the final newsletter for 2016, I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas break. I hope that you have time with your family and create many enjoyable moments. Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful school. Take care, drive carefully and (as my mum use to always say to me), make good decisions.

2017 Student Leaders

Our student leadership team for next year was announce last week. Congratulations to our new leaders for 2017

Marleah Geopano
Keyton Marvin
Theadora Mahairis
Liam Lawlor

Qualities of School Leaders - Qualities critical for any leader to have are:

1. Yes I can!

Positive Attitude.

2. 'It's not a problem, it's a Challenge!'

Overcoming Adversity.

3. 'Never give up, never give up!'

Perseverance.

4. 'I may fail or make mistakes BUT I always learn and move ahead!'

Commitment

5. 'I will always do my best!'

Excellence

LEADERS

Stage 2 Classes 2017

Do you have questions about how the Stage2 classes will be run next year? Mr Geerligs will be holding a short afternoon meeting to help answer any questions you might have. The Stage 2 classes will be conducted the same way we have been running the Stage 3 classes for the past many years. The meeting will be this Wednesday afternoon 7th December in the school library from 2:20pm to bell time.

School Disco

Friday 9th December

6 – 7:30pm.

Santa's Workshop

A big school Fundraiser for the school will be the Santa workshops on the weekend of :

Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th December
from noon to 4pm.

Please tell your friends and families to come along to support the school.

Talent Quest

To all students who want to show their talent. The Talent quest will be held next Tuesday 13th December in the hall from about 1:20pm. Every act will need to audition. The next 3 days will be the audition dates for our great show next week.

Audition times: 1:20 – 1: 50 upstairs:

Tuesday 6th Kinder, Year 1, Year 2

Wednesday 7th Year 3 and Year 4

Thursday 8th Stage 3

Stage 1 Play

Snow White and the 12 1/2 Dwarfs

Stage 1 will be performing in the hall on Friday 9th December at 2pm Everyone is invited.

End of Year Mass

End of year mass is this Friday 9th at Midday. At this mass we will celebrate the end of the school year and award the Platinum Awards as well as the Mary Aikenhead Awards.

Year 6 Graduation Mass

The Year 6 Graduation Mass will be on Thursday 15th December starting at 5:30pm. This will be followed by a lovely evening in the hall where there will be a light supper provided. The Year 6 will present a liturgical dance and a slideshow showing the history of our Year 6 students will be displayed.

CHRISTMAS
STALL

Wednesday 7th December

From 8.15am in the library

Gifts from \$1 to \$5

Parents are most welcome

Other Matters

Blackheath Carols

Saturday 10th December 4.30pm

Please join us for the Blackheath Carols at Blackheath Community Hall on Saturday 10th December at 4.30pm. The Carols actually go from 6pm -7.30pm, but the children need to be there for the sound check from 4.30pm. I will meet the children outside the hall on the park side.

The children have learnt 2 songs and will be performing on stage representing St Canice's. Please dress in bright, festive attire. There will be an appearance from Santa and lots of other great activities in the adjoining park from 3.30pm. It's a great fun, family afternoon. Hopefully we can get as many St Canice's students as possible to make our choir sound fabulous!

Music and Italian Christmas Concert

Wednesday 14th December 9am

Let the students of St Canice's entertain you all! Please come along to our annual music showcase in St Canice's Hall on Wednesday morning from 9am-10.30 on 14th December. There will be singing, dancing, percussion, original pieces and orchestra! All welcome!

Hope to see you all to celebrate the festive season, the end of the school year and of course, MUSIC at St Canice's and your wonderful children.

Kristina Frazer
Music Teacher



Meet the Classroom Teacher

The children will meet their classroom teacher for 2017 on Monday 12th December.

New Website

The school has just launched an updated school website. Have a look to let the school know what you think.

End of Year Reports

The End of Year reports will be sent home on this Friday 9th December.

Overdue Library Books

Students are reminded that any books overdue are to be returned to the Library soon. Overdue notices have been sent home to students. Year 6 students ensure all your books are returned as the system is connected with St Columba's and if you have any overdue books, they will carry on to Year 7.



Uniform

We have just completed a business agreement with Abel Schoolwear that will see our uniform being processed online. Information and details were sent home. Please refer to the attached flyer regarding the process to purchase Uniform.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Some amazing costumes and dress ups were on display last Thursday. Congratulations to everyone with a total of \$214 collected for Missions.

Change of Pick up Arrangements

Parents are reminded to inform the Office if your child's afternoon arrangements have been changed ie KOOSH or an alternative aren't/friend or family member is picking up your child.

Plastic Bottle Tops and Toothbrushes

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



Used Stamps

If you have collected any used stamps from home could you please send them into school soon to be sent away. The organisation is called "The On-Going Used Stamp Project" Our stamps are weighed and the commission is sent to a charity.



Building Child Safe Communities

"Building Child Safe

Communities" is a new initiative developed by the Catholic

Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. It is now a requirement that all volunteers

complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering at school. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

Webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>

Then click on "Child Protection Training forms" (halfway down page on the right hand side)

This is mandatory for all parents and carers who wish to help in the school or attend school excursions.



School Calendar

December

Week 9

Tuesday	6th	Student Banking Craft with Sr Colleen Gymnastics Auditions Kinder Year 1 & Year 2	8.45am 1.20pm
Wednesday	7th	Christmas Stall Auditions Year 3 & 4 Stage 2 Class Question time	8.15am 1.20pm 2.20pm
Thursday	8th	Ukulele Auditions Stage 3	1.20pm
Friday	9th	My School Lunch Box End of Year Mass Stage 1 Play Reports sent home Ensemble School Disco 6pm till 7.30pm	12noon 2pm 3pm
Saturday	10th	Blackheath Carols	4.30pm

Week 10

Monday	12th	My School Lunch Box Meet the Teacher	
Tuesday	13th	Student Banking Gymnastics Talent Quest	1.20pm
Wednesday	14th	Italian and Music Performance	9.00am
Thursday	15th	Choir Year 6 Graduation Mass	5.30pm
Friday	16th	My School Lunch Box School Assembly Kinder Ensemble	8.45am 3pm

Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th

Santa's Workshop
12noon to 4 pm

Carols on the Bus

Would you like to do some carol singing this Christmas?



There are seats available on the Big Red Bus that will be touring the upper mountains and stopping to sing carols at a number of venues on Saturday 24th December 2016. We'll be visiting a retirement village, singing to the tourists at Echo Point and dropping by a street party. There is no charge and you don't have to be a great

singer to join in the fun. The event starts at 3pm at the bus stop in front of the Carrington, Katoomba and ends at the Carrington Bus stop at 5pm. You will need to confirm your seat on the bus by ringing Carol on 0450 660 740.

The Combined churches of the upper mountains are organising the event with the support of Fantastic Aussie tours. At 5pm please join us for our 'Family Carols' service at St Hilda's Anglican church across the road from the Bus stop.

Birthday Wishes for December

Leanna White, Lachlan Harris, Taylor Nicholson, Hugh McNair, Holly Hale, Amelia Palmer, Lulu Rose, Beau Hoang, Jordan Sok, Patrick Rasho, Sonja Naess, Jayden Crye, Isabella Preston and Kevin Momoh.



Banking Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who received certificates recently.

Bronze

Xavier Pono

Silver

Liam Booyens

Gold

Caeden Shaw



Outstanding Saver

Mia Garraway	110
Trevor Clines	130
Amy Goulding	160
Kayla Sayers	50
Renee Cheretis	110
Leah Taylor	80
Luke Hronsky	130
Thomas MacNamara	130
Emma Garraway	90
Darcy Nicholson	90
Benjamin Goulding	60

St Canice's Catholic Primary School Katoomba



How to access the School Newsletter and information

The school has multiple ways to access the Newsletter and information.

Website: stcaniceskatoomba.catholic.edu.au
and or [Skoolbag](#)

Also information and event updates are available on our Facebook page.

[St Canice's School Katoomba](#)

If you wish to receive the Newsletter as a hardcopy, please advise the Office Staff.

My School Lunch Box

My School Lunch Box exists to ensure kids receive the healthiest, freshest lunches in a convenient way.

myschoollunchbox.com.au



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone Users

Simply search for your school name in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.

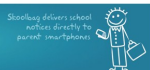


Android Users

Simply search for your school name in the Google Play Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook! Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au



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Online Uniform Ordering Information

Abel Schoolwear are the new Uniform provider for St Canice's Primary.

Uniforms may be purchased at any time throughout the year by visiting their secure webstore as set out below

1. Go to www.abelschoolwearshop.com
2. Select "Shop" from the menu page
3. Select St Canice's Primary School
4. Start shopping.

Goods will be delivered directly to home for a small delivery fee.

Abel Schoolwear will be closed for the Christmas Holidays from
4.30pm Wednesday 21st December and will re-open
8.30am Wednesday 11th January 2017.

Orders may be placed during this period but will not be processed until 11th January.

You may visit the shop to try-on items at Unit, 5 Coombes Dr, Penrith or at school by appointment.

Phone 4731 2388
Fax 02 4731 2263
PO Box 1920 Penrith
NSW 2750

If you do not have access to a computer order forms are available from the school Office.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

STUDENT ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

-EVERY DAY COUNTS-

- ✓ The CEDP Attendance Guidelines are based on current legislative requirements, research on attendance and best practice. The key points are:
- ✓ Attendance affects a child's academic achievement and their overall wellbeing.
- ✓ There is NO safe threshold of absence – every day counts.
- ✓ School attendance patterns are established early in a child's schooling – research shows Year 1 attendance is a predictor of future attendance patterns.
- ✓ The effects of school absenteeism accumulate over time and affect children's development now and into the future.
- ✓ Daily punctuality is important. The early part of each day is critical. Important learning is scheduled during this time when children are rested and receptive. Key concepts are built up in the time.
- ✓ Sporadic absences can affect academic achievement as much as absences over consecutive days.
- ✓ We ALL need to work together with our children's best interest in mind to ensure that students are at school every day that they are well enough to attend – they only get one go at this part of their education and every day counts.

Below is a table showing the thresholds established across the Diocese for student attendance and the accumulated effects over 10 years of school time lost.

Attendance Rate	Student Absence	Educational Risk	Days absent per year	Cumulative Absence over 10 years of school
90% or more	Regular	Low or zero	20 days or less	Adds up to 1 year or less schooling missed
80%-89%	Emerging	Medium	Between 20-40 days	Adds up to 1-2 years schooling missed
70%-79%	Chronic	High	Between 40-60 days	Adds up to 2-3 years schooling missed
69% or lower	Complex	Severe	60 or more days	Adds up to 3 years plus schooling missed

The following information outlines the procedures for all schools in our Diocese in regard to attendance. Guidelines stipulate that attendance below a certain level, must be followed up in a formal way.

- ✓ Firstly, if your child has an **Attendance Rate of below 90%**, i.e. more than 5 days absent out of a 50-day term, a note will come home letting you know that that is the case. This note will include the number of days your child has been absent.
- ✓ For children whose **Attendance Rate is below 80%**, i.e. 8 or more days per term, as per the guidelines parents will be contacted and invited to school to attend an *Attendance Planning Meeting*. The ultimate aim is to improve attendance in order to improve student's learning outcomes.
- ✓ We are very aware that some children have chronic medical conditions or have had surgery, resulting in prolonged periods of absence. Please be assured this will be taken into account. Thank you for your support in this vital area.

Christmas-gift-making Workshop for Kids!

**Affordable
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and girls!**

- ★ **Build a birdhouse!**
- ★ **Decorate a bowl!**
- ★ **Make jewellery!**
- ★ **Make magnets !**
- ★ **Make lemon bath scrub!**
- ★ **Make pet gifts!**
- ★ **Christmas-themed photo booth!**



**FREE
gift wrapping
included!**



~Santa's Workshop 2016~

Sat 17 & Sun 18 December, 12-4pm
St Canice's Church Hall, 158 Katoomba St, Katoomba



Find us on Facebook!
Facebook.com/Santas-Workshop-Katoomba

Bishop Office

Catholic Outlook

- Bishop Vincent's Christmas Message
 - Emilio Martinez rising star with the Wanders
 - Parish Profile: St John's at Riverstone
 - Mercy reps gather with Bishop Vincent for close of Way of Mercy
 - News from our Catholic schools
 - German Catholic community still welcoming the stranger
 - House of Welcome supporting asylum seekers & refugees
- <http://catholicoutlook.org/>

Christmas at St Pauls Books & Gifts Centre

Visit St Pauls Books and Gifts Centre for a great range of gifts that capture the true spirit of Christmas. Books for children telling them the story of the first Christmas, liturgical diaries and religious calendars, nativity sets, candles, beautiful icons, Christmas cards with religious themes, statues and framed pictures of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and the saints. At 238 Church St, Parramatta, tel (02) 9126 8912, email bookcentreparr@stpauls.com.au or shop online at www.stpauls.com.au/book-centre

The Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral: 8-25 December

Experience the joy of Christmas with sound and light projections on St Mary's Cathedral. Bring the whole family to view the Fantasia-style animation of the classic Christmas favourite The Nutcracker Suite, Christmas carols and beautiful visions of the Madonna and Child as painted by the great art masters. Starts 7.30pm with a choir performance. The light show comes on just after dusk and stays on until midnight. Each night until, and including, Christmas Night.

A Christmas Celebration at St Mary's Cathedral: 16 December

Celebrate the Christmas season with a concert featuring the St Mary's Cathedral Choir and The Orchestra of The Antipodes, performing a selection of your favourite carols and Christmas reflections. Two performances: 11.00am and 7.00pm. For all details and to purchase tickets, please visit www.achristmascelebration.com.au

Christmas Carols at the Schoenstatt Shrine: 17 December

The Schoenstatt Sisters would like to invite you to join them for an evening of carol singing at the shrine. Please bring a blanket or chairs and some snacks if you wish. Children are encouraged to come dressed as angels and shepherds. You are welcome to enjoy a picnic dinner in the grounds before the carols commence. From 7.30pm-8.30pm at Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. This is a free event – everybody is welcome.

Music & Readings for Christmas: 18 December

Spectacular annual Christmas concert with massed choir, Penrith Symphony Bass, harp, handbells, solo artists, Amy Johansen organ and Robert Ampt conductor. Join in congregational carols, experience the thrill of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus with choir, organ, brass and timpani on this night of Christmas joy. Suggested minimum donations: families \$30 & individuals \$10. Starts 7.30pm in St Finbar's Church, 46 Levy Street, Glenbrook.

Noel! Noel! Christmas Concert: 19 December

New Zealand soprano Madison Nonoa will join the voices of the Brandenburg Choir for this year's performance of Noël! Noël! in St Patrick's Cathedral. The program includes choral folk melodies, much-loved carols, rousing 16th Century hymns, and other rare musical delights from around the world. Starts 7.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Plc, Parramatta. Book online: www.brandenburg.com.au

Mass of the Holy Innocents: 28 December

The principal celebrant for the 23rd annual pro-life Mass will be Sydney's Bishop Richard Umbers. Mass at 11am at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, 8 Diana Ave, Kellyville, followed by a rosary procession to the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents for devotions and benediction. Everyone is welcome to pray for the protection of all human life (especially the unborn) from conception to natural death. A luncheon will be provided – please bring a plate to share. Inquiries (02) 9629 2595.

Girls' Camp at Mount Schoenstatt: 11-14 January 2017

Girls aged 10-12 are invited to a three-day camp at Mt Schoenstatt. We will explore how our faith connects with our everyday lives. Program also includes prayer, craft and fun activities. From 4pm on Wednesday 11 January to 4pm on Saturday 14 January. Venue: Home of Light, Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Cost: \$110 (includes food and accomm). **RSVP: Monday 12 December** (registration form and deposit required). Inquiries: Sr M Luka 0439 537 843, sr.m.luka@bigpond.com

Mass for World Day of the Sick: 9 February 2017

Everyone is welcome to this annual Mass in acknowledgment of carers and those for whom they care. Includes the Sacramental Rite of Anointing of the Sick and Prayers for Healing. Bishop Vincent Long will be the principal celebrant for Mass at 10.30am in St Patrick's Church, 51 Allawah St, Blacktown. Plenty of parking – refreshments to follow.

For more events please go to: <http://parracatholic.org/events/>

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www.leurachildcare.com.au

Cnr 103 Railway Pd & Hartley Av, Leura – walk to shops, train

Phone 0432 571 362

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.

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.

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

Find out more

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



Transport
for NSW

Dehwa Mission presents

A FUNDRAISING EVENT

AFRICAN CULTURAL NIGHT

Concert & Supper | 7pm | Saturday 17th December

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LIBERIA MISSION TRIP JAN 2017



performance by:

Harrison Layweh

Enjoy traditional Liberian song and dance by acclaimed artist and songwriter, Harrison Layweh. Married with 3 children, Harrison is also a minister at Harvest Church, Sydney. Harrison works with Rev Lindgren Farley to provide aid for the Dehwa Mission in Greenville, Liberia. This African Culture Night will assist in funding many projects including digging wells, establishing schools, and medical clinics.

| 68 Katoomba St, Katoomba |

Entry Price: Adult \$30 - Concession \$20 - Child \$5

KOOSH PUPIL-FREE DAYS December 2016

Monday 19th Dec

Excursion

Walk with us to the Edge Cinema to see **TROLLS**



Extra Cost: \$18

Includes Snacks & Drinks

DEPARTING: 9am

Tuesday 20th Dec

CHILLAX

Tuesday

Bring a device and chill.

X-Box - Who will be the Sega all star racing champion???



Wednesday 21st Dec



A visit and a present from **Vasanta!**

Extra Cost: \$6

KOOSH is limited to a maximum of 45 children. Limits apply to excursions

As well as the main activities on the program, each day at KOOSH there will be a variety of indoor and outdoor activities including free play options

PLEASE NOTE: CLOSED FOOTWEAR MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES DURING VACATION CARE! CHILDREN MUST BRING A HAT AND LOTS OF WATER AND FOOD TO LAST THEM THE WHOLE DAY!

FULL FEES

\$48 PER DAY

BOOKING SHEET & PERMISSION FORM

Pupil-free days in December

Family Name of Child/ren: _____

Parent/Carer Contact Name: _____

Phone: H: _____ M: _____ W: _____

Email: _____

Pupil Free days in December

Child's Full name:	Mon 19th Dec	Tues 20th Dec	Wed 21st Dec
1.			
2.			
3.			

IF ATTENDING EXCURSIONS, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

I _____ give permission for my child/ren

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____

TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING EXCURSION:

Mon 19th December – The Edge Cinema—Walking. (Extra \$18 per child) ☐

I acknowledge that children will be travelling to and from the excursions by walking and/or public bus and/or public train and/or chartered bus.

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

Date: _____

WE WILL BE OPEN DURING THE JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FROM THE 9TH JANUARY

**DEC
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**A FREE
CHRISTMAS
DAY LUNCH
EVERYONE
WELCOME!**

THE 2016 KINSHIP AT CHRISTMAS FREE CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Blackheath Community Centre

**Crn Great Western Highway & Gardiners Cres.
Blackheath**

Christmas Day - doors open from 10:30 am

**There is no charge - no strings and everyone is welcome to attend.
Enjoy good food with good company - Don't spend Christmas Day alone.**

For more information call

0414 993 873 or 0451 462 966 or visit:

www.kinshipatchristmas.com.au

facebook.com/KinshipAtChristmas

For train times call 131 500 or check transportnsw.info

The Kinship At Christmas Foundation is not affiliated with any church or other organisation.

CULTURESCAPE

A FESTIVAL OF PROJECTED ART FROM THE BLUE MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY

The Culturescape project is supported by the 2016-2017 Blue Mountains City of the Arts Trust Grants Program.



FAMILY FRIENDLY - FREE ENTRY
FEBRUARY 17TH & 18TH, 8PM
THE CARRINGTON HOTEL, KATOOMBA

ARTIST ENTRIES CLOSE DECEMBER 31ST
WWW.CULTURESCAPEBLUEMOUNTAINS.COM



Culturescape 2016-2017 Event Sponsors & Supporters



School Photography Guidelines for Parents and Carers

Information for Parents and Carers

We recognise that parents and carers enjoy photographing and recording the progress of their child at school and on school activities. We recognise that many of you like to share these personal memories online and on social media.

We ask for your cooperation and care concerning the use and distribution of photographs of other children at our school. Some families have very real legal and safety issues which could put a child at risk if an image is made public online. More generally, it is respectful of the privacy of other members of the school community to ask permission before posting an image online. Even if your social media settings are private, it is easy for images to become public, particularly if they are tagged or shared by others.

Best practice guidelines

The following best practice guidelines have been adopted by our school to keep our students and school community safe, and to ensure respectful practices concerning the use of social media. When taking photographs or recordings at school or at school events and your images include other identifiable persons please follow these guidelines:

- Crop out other students or seek the permission of the student or (for students under 16) his or her parent/carer before posting online.

- Do not tag or name the person without permission.

- If a parent or carer requests that you do not circulate an image of their child to others, please comply with the request.

- Please seek the permission of our staff to photograph or record their activities at school. Photography of staff presenting or receiving awards is permitted.

The school will periodically review these best practice guidelines.

Mandatory policies:

The school may from time to time determine that photography or recording at school events or on school grounds is restricted. Where restriction is notified, failure to comply may result in your exclusion from school premises or activities. There may also be consequences as set out in the enrolment agreement.

Under no circumstances may you photograph or record in private areas such as change-rooms, or in school offices or staffrooms, or at meetings, without express permission.

Queries and further resources

The following resources provide further information about safety online, privacy and avenues for complaints about privacy online. If you wish to discuss an issue further with the school, please contact Mr Mark Geerligs

FURTHER RESOURCES

Please see our following policies on our School Website.

(school complaints policy and school student use of digital devices policy)

Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner

<http://esafety.gov.au>

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, FAQs about social media

<https://www.oaic.gov.au/individuals/faqs-for-individuals/social-media-ict-identity-security/social-media>

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Staying safe when the UV is three or above:

- Download the SunSmart app or use the online widget (www.sunsmart.com.au/uv-sun-protection/uv/uv-widget) to find out the exact hours to use sun protection.
- Generally, the UV levels will be above 3 throughout the day from October to March. So minimise time outside from 11am – 3pm (DST) and use sun protection when outdoors (Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide).



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MONDAY 16/01/2017 LITTLE WHEELS DAY Bring your bike, bring your scooter, bring your skateboard! 	TUESDAY 17/01/2017 CRAZY DINOSAURS WORKSHOP Dig your own fossils & learn all about ancient beasts. EXCURSION 	WEDNESDAY 18/01/2017 THE AMAZING RACE Find the clues, solve the puzzles & race all the way. 	THURSDAY 19/01/2017 INDOOR ROCK CLIMBING Show off your skills at climbing every mountain. EXCURSION 	FRIDAY 20/01/2017 HOLLYWOOD DAY Walk the red carpet, take a selfie and dress like a star! 
MONDAY 23/01/2017 FUNKY PAMPER DAY All things fancy for boys & pampering all day for girls. EXCURSION 	TUESDAY 24/01/2017 ANCIENT CITIES DAY Learn all about the ancient Greeks & build your own models. 	WEDNESDAY 25/01/2017 AUSTRALIAN DAY Cricket, BBQ lunch and all things Aussie. 	THURSDAY 26/01/2017 PUBLIC HOLIDAY Also known as sleep in day. 	FRIDAY 27/01/2017 AQUA GOLF DAY Fancy hitting golf balls into the water? Then today is your day! EXCURSION 