

NEWSLETTER



13th August 2018 Term 3 Week 4

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St Canice's Catholic Primary School
Katoomba 2014

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the start of Week 4 Term 3. There has been a lot happen in the past 3 weeks with many things planned for the next fortnight. Yesterday's readings for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary time strongly links to 2 events this week at school. The focus of these reading's is around being sustained with food from God and food we have here on earth. I read this reflection on the first reading - First Kings 19:4-8

"Have you ever had one of those mornings where you were running a little behind schedule to get to work or school and you just grabbed a piece of toast or maybe skipped breakfast all-together? Then, well before lunchtime, your stomach probably reminded you of the consequences of that decision. You noticed your energy level was drooping; it was hard to concentrate, to be productive, to complete the tasks at hand.

If you are blessed enough to know where your next meal is coming from, then your thoughts likely turned to those for whom real hunger is a constant threat to life. You might have pictured school children struggling in poverty, refugees in tent cities, or subsistence farmers around the world. In such moments of awareness, we are mindful of how essential physical nourishment is to sustaining basic survival and the activities that we think of as life."

This week we are raising funds for two very worthy causes for those who provide food for our table, and those who do not have food for their table. I realise that is 2 fundraisers in one week, but it was felt that these 2 causes are very close to our hearts. See if you can help out.

Mr Mark Geerligs
Principal



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish
Father Carlos Walker & Father Sean Bradley

Presbytery Contact Ph: 02 4782 2804

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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.

Enrolling Now for 2019

A Fiver for a Farmer

Tomorrow, Tuesday 14th of August, all students are encouraged to come dressed as a farmer for the day. We ask everyone to donate what they can, maybe a Fiver or more.

Our Australian farmers are experiencing the worst drought in many years and it is becoming a critical time to help our neighbours out.

Looking forward to seeing all our St Canice's Farmer's on Tuesday!



Mini Vinnie's Pyjama Day & Winter Sleepout

This Friday 18th of August, we ask that all student's come dressed to school wearing their PJ's and make a gold coin donation for the day.

Later that evening many of the Stage 3 student's and Staff



will be sleeping out in the school building to try and raise money for our very needy people in our Katoomba Community.



Stage 2 and Stage 3 Basketball

Congratulations to all students who participated in the 2018 Basketball Gala Day. The student's of St Canice's demonstrated excellent sportsmanship by encouraging each other, congratulating everyone and cheering for our Teams.

Well done to our junior boys coming second and our Senior boys winning the Grand Final.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

A Message from Miss Elizabeth (AFLO)

Winter School Attendance

Winter is well and truly upon us and typically this is a time when students can become sick with colds, influenza, asthma and viruses. Whilst we encourage regular school attendance keeping students home from school until they are well enough to come back to school can help them recover faster and miss less school in the long run. It also helps prevent the spread of viruses to other children and staff in the school.

You can help keep your child healthy this winter by dressing them warmly for the cold weather and by encouraging them to wash their hands. If you require help or advice in getting your child to school so that they can achieve their educational best, please feel free to contact me.

Miss Elizabeth, (Attendance Family Liason Officer)

Working in partnership with students, families and staff to encourage and support regular school attendance .



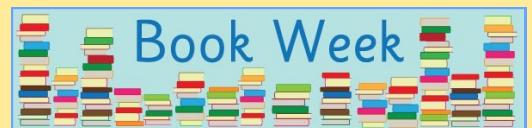
Book Week

On Tuesday 21st of August, St Canice's will be celebrating Book Week.

The theme this year is "Find Your Treasure"

We are encouraging all students to come dressed in costume for the day.

More information about this day will be out tomorrow.



Mrs Friend's Friendly Preschool Reading Group



Preschooler's and parents are welcome to join Mrs Friend's Friendly Preschool Reading Group in the lower part of the library every Tuesday morning for a fun story reading session from 8:40-9:00



Access to Newsletter and Calendar

To find up to date information and gain access to the St Canice's Calendar and Newsletter, please subscribe via our school website at <http://www.stcaniceskatoomba.catholic.edu.au> Select "Current Community" and then click Newsletter this will enable you to enter your email address for your subscription to the Newsletter, latest news, Calendar etc.
Information can also be found through the skoolbag app and our facebook page.

Zone Athletics Carnival

On Friday 10th of August, a team of St Canice's athletes went to the Zone Carnival in Blacktown. Throughout the day, the spirit of good sportspersonship were evident from each and every student. Congratulations to all the students doing their very best at every event.
Well done to both Kayla and Madeline who made it into the finals.
Also a special congratulations to Kayla who is going to the Diocesan Carnival in Long Jump.
A special thanks to all the parents who helped on the day.

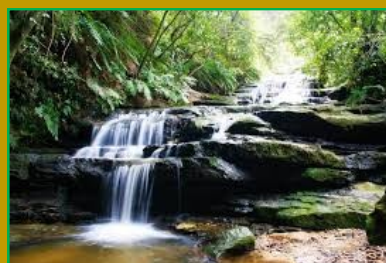


Stage 2 Geography and Science

This term students will examine and explore the Leura Catchment area and Leura Falls. Stage 2 will be working with Jenny Hill from BMCC and a class from Katoomba Primary School. Students will be provided with the opportunity to explore the local environment, examining local plants, animals and microorganisms, as well as their interdependence and interactions with each other and their environment.

The children will research endangered species from the catchment area and will explore ways to engage the community in conservation efforts. This experience links our Science, Geography and Literacy Units.

Students will be sharing their learnings at a **Swamp Fest on Sunday the 23rd September**. Please put this date on your calendar.



Stage 2 Geography & Science Excursion

On Tuesday 31st of July, Stage 2 students went on an excursion with the BMCC Education team to explore our catchment area and the species that live within it.



NSW Premiers Reading Challenge is On!

The NSW Premier's reading challenge has started, so please encourage your child to participate by reading their book quota so they can receive a certificate from the our Premier in Term 4. The Premier's Reading Challenge books for your child are on display in the library for easy access.

All children have been given their own log ons and passwords so they can access them from home as well.

Visit the website at: www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

Closes on Friday 31st August.

Some General Rules:

25 books have to be Premiers Reading Challenge approved books and 5 can be personal choice books.
Your child can only read 2 books per series.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2

Need to read 30 books. These can be read to your child or they can read them on their own.

They can read all PRC books from the K-6 range.

Years 3-4 and Years 5-6

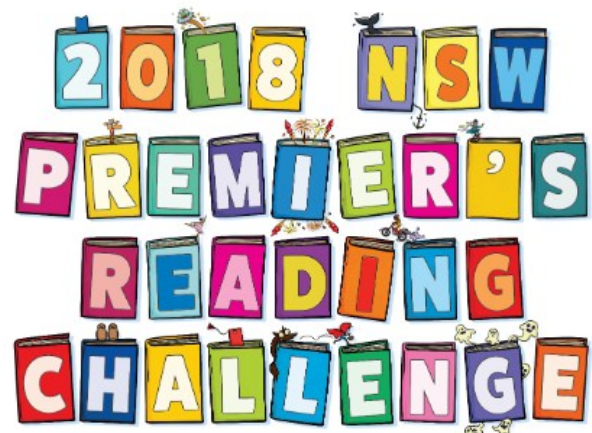
Need to read 20 books. These must be read on their own however someone can help to choose them.

3-4 can read books from the Years 3-6 range.

5-6 can only read books from the Years 5-6 range.

After you child has read their full quota, and if they read a book from home, let us know as they need to be validated by our librarians.

If you have any queries, please come and see our school librarians on a Tuesday.



www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au



School Calendar

August

Week 4

Tuesday	14th	Student Banking Preschool Reading Group Library	9am
Wednesday	15th	Fiver for a Farmer Fundraising	8:40am
Thursday	16th	Ukulele / Choir Italian	
Friday	17th	Pyjama Day Assembly– Mini Vinnie's Mass My School Lunch Box Ensemble Winter Sleep Out	8.50am 12noon 3pm

Week 5

Monday	20th	My School Lunch Box St Columba's Year 7 2019 Transition Visit	
Tuesday	21st	Book Week Celebration Student Banking Preschool Reading Group	9am
Wednesday	22nd		
Thursday	23rd	Diocesan Athletic's Carnival Ukulele / Choir Italian	
Friday	24th	Gold Award's Mass S3W & Kinder Ensemble	3pm

Our School Bell Times

8.40am School Begins

10.40 Recess

1.10 Lunch

2.50 End of Day

My School Lunch Box

The My School Lunch Box supplies healthy and fresh lunches delivered to our school on Mondays and Fridays. Simply browse the menu on the website and select the food and drinks required. Enter the school, child, class and day. Payment can be made via credit card or PayPal. myschoollunchbox.com.au

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



Fundraising Raffle

Would you like to help raise funds for World Youth Day 2019?

Raffle booklets of 10 tickets are available from the Office at a cost of \$20

Individual tickets are also available for \$2 each and can be purchased at the Office.

The raffle will be drawn on 27th October 2018



Subscribe to the Parent Calendar and Newsletter

What's On in Our Community

10TH ANNUAL QUILT SHOW

To be held at:

Blue Mountains Retirement Village

Queens Road, Katoomba

Saturday and Sunday

8th and 9th September 2018

10.00am – 4.00pm

Entry: \$5

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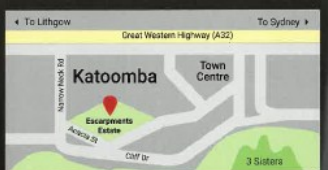
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KIDS 7ASIDE SUMMER SOCCER

Wentworth Falls FC is running its annual summer 7aside competition.

Anyone can enter a Team.

It's lots of fun.

No need for coaches.

Just come along and play.

Age Groups are 8/9, 10/11, 12/13 & 14/15.

Running from 5 Oct 2018 to 9 Mar 2019.

It's on Friday afternoons.

Kick off times being 4pm, 4:30pm & 5pm at

PITT PARK Wentworth Falls.

Cost per player is \$60 and can be paid when you register.

Get your team in asap, as it will fill fast.

We look forward to seeing you all this summer.

For more information please contact Michael Garwood
on 0451 127318 or smichaeldoowrag@hotmail.com






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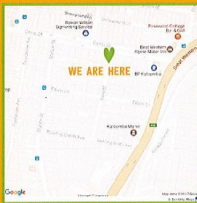
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For children 0-5 years & their parents/carers babies, toddlers & preschoolers are all welcome

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Regular cooking mornings where the young children themselves do the cooking!
Parents can chat with others while kids play.

\$5 per child per week
Any enquiries? Call Robyn ph. 0438401088

Catechesis for young adults

Drug and alcoholism abuse, marriage breakups, home violence and the destruction of the family are realities our community experience. The Parish of Baulkham Hills will be conducting a series of Catechesis for adults and teenagers (14 years onwards) starting on 6 of August until the end of September. These talks will help whoever listens to discover the meaning of life, create a sense of belonging and see the immense love God has for them. The talks are free and will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings from 7.30pm at 1 Canyon Rd, Baulkham Hills. More info from Lucas on 0428 813 256.

We're hiring!

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is seeking a Nurse to attend World Youth Day 2019 in Panama. The role will be responsible for encouraging and coordinating healthy practices and the preliminary identification and assessment of medical, health and wellbeing needs of pilgrims. More information at: <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/positions-vacant>

If you're studying or recently graduated from accounting and looking to get your foot in the door in finance, the Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Development Fund is looking for a casual Trainee Assistant Accountant with an immediate start. For more information contact ddfinance@parraddf.org.au

IFM Reflective Ministry Program

This enjoyable program aims to enrich those involved in service/ministry of Catholic communities – excellent chance for learning and further shaping of faith and purpose. Ten Tuesday evenings and two Saturday mornings are spread out across August 18 to Dec 1 – presenters' inputs, journaling and application to ministry – group size about 35. See ifm.org.au or call the IFM team 9296 6369

ACYMC 2018

Early-bird registration for the Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Convention hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops is now open at www.acymc.org.au. The event will host up to 500 adult delegates who are engaged in ministry with young people in parishes, schools, agencies and ministries of the Catholic Church. Rooty Hill RSL, September 21-23.

Contact James Camden, Director, Catholic Youth Parramatta for more information (02) 8838 3428 or james.camden@parracatholic.org

Save the Date - Liturgy Conference 2018

Date: 10 November 2018. Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams Vicar General from the Diocese of Parramatta. Workshops (still to be finalised): Singing the Psalms, RCIA ritual & symbols, Training Junior Altar Servers and Music and Prayer in the Classroom. To register your interest go to parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018/

Tickets: On sale soon (we'll let you know when).

Concert at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta: 17 August

Sydney Philharmonia - Chamber Singers: TALBOT Path of Miracles - Tickets via www.sydneypilharmonia.com.au – More details at: www.stpatscathedral.com.au

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Migrant and Refugee Week: 20-26 August

Pope Francis has chosen as the theme for the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 'Welcoming, protecting, promoting, and integrating migrants and refugees'. We are challenged by the message of the Holy Father to consider how we can welcome, protect, promote and integrate migrants and refugees in our own Australian context. For more information please visit: parracatholic.org/socialjustice

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 26 August

Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 12.30pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Contact Fr Akamadu tel 0451 174 438, Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

Creating a Safe Church: 31 August - 1 September

The Diocese of Parramatta is co-hosting two days of presentations by Fr Hans Zollner SJ addressing the most significant issues facing the Catholic Church today with respect to harmful behaviour, including the theological and spiritual implications arising from the abuse crisis and their impact on victims and survivors, together with members of the Church. Fr Hans is regarded as one of the leading ecclesiastical experts in the field of safeguarding of minors and on areas concerning sexual abuse both in the Roman Catholic Church and beyond. More information and registration via parracatholic.org/safechurch

Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Catholic Communications Congress

Communicating Hope and Trust: How can we share the message of Christ and his Gospel in contemporary Australia? Speakers from Australia and abroad will challenge delegates at the Australian Catholic Communications Congress to take up Pope Francis' call for Catholics to "communicate hope and trust". September 5-7 in Brisbane. All are welcome. Find out more and register at www.catholic.org.au/accc

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse

This is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26 – 31 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0478599241. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org