

# NEWSLETTER



6th November 2018 Term 4 Week 4

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St Canice's Catholic Primary School  
Katoomba 2014

Growth through love and learning

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## Dear Parents Families and Friends

Our Principal, Mark Geerligs is currently on long service leave with his family, so it is my pleasure to be able to write this message for this fortnights newsletter. Today I would like to take this opportunity to share with you my understandings pertaining to the foundation of Catholicism - **LOVE**. *Many a morning as I dismiss students and class groups to go forth and have a wonderful day of learning I make sure to remind students that no matter how hard or frustrating the learning or things might get during the day; they must try their very best to always do what they do **with LOVE in their hearts.***

Fr. Suresh Kumar is my Parish Priest where I worship at Padre Pio Glenmore Park. This week he wrote the following about **LOVE – the foundation of Catholicism.**

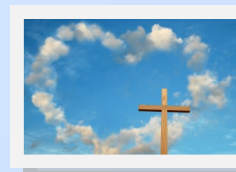
*Love describes who is God to us and who are we to God. Love is an invitation as well as our response to that invitation. Love is a mystery to which all of us are part of it. Our entry into heaven is depending upon the Commandment of God on love, that is, Love for God and love for one another. Jesus is the expression of God's love for us. He invites us to have love for one another. The death of Christ is a tangible evidence of God's love for us. The very purpose of our lives is to know God and to love Him with all our heart, soul, understanding and strength. Love is pure, sacrificial, forgiving, selfless, understanding and Divine. Love is the greatest gift from God.*

*Let us express it, live it and celebrate it. God Bless. Fr Suresh*

To make God's love visible, present and real we must continue to support and nurture our students in understanding that is **ALL** of us who are **Jesus' (God's) hands and feet.** It is through our kind words and our loving actions that the love of God will remain alive and present in our..... community and our world.

***With LOVE in our hearts - Let us be Jesus' hands and feet!***

Assistant Principal  
Mr Coley White



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

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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.

## Kinder Excursion

On Friday 26th October Kindergarten headed off for a big day down on the farm! We chatted away on our bus trip, and arrived at Calmsley Hill farm about 10am. We met farmer Jackie who showed us around the farm- the cows, pigs with little piglets feeding, ponies, horses, koalas and even a peacock! We had a very fast and bumpy ride on the tractor, and milked a cow. During the whip cracking show Alex, Harry and Lana were all able to give the whip a good crack. Mrs Clarke was not so good at it and needed some help. One of our favourite parts was going into the nursery and patting the baby animals. We saw the sheep dog show and then very tired we came back to school. We had a fabulous day! Many thanks to Kate Micallef, Karissa Rana and Rochelle Barnes who came along and helped to herd children!



## Kinder 2019

The Kinder 2019 Transition Days begin this Thursday and will run for three consecutive Thursday mornings between 9am and 10:30am. Positions for Kindergarten 2019 enrolments are still available. Please contact the Office if you or anyone you know are interested.



## Uniform Sale

We would like to apologise for the issues we have had regarding our school uniforms. We have now changed companies to The School Locker. All uniforms will be available to order online from mid January. We have been assured that delivery will be in time for the start of the 2019 school year. In the meantime, we do have a large number of school uniforms for sale. They are all brand new and will be on sale at drastically reduced prices on **Tuesday 13th of November** in the hall. Order forms have been sent out. **After this date, it will not be possible to purchase uniforms at the school.**



# Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

One of the greatest gifts you can give a child is an education. Coming to school every day ensures continuity of learning.

Missing school means missing out on play, laughter and the social bonds that help children feel fulfilled in their school life. You can help your child be the best that they can be by getting them to school and on time every day.

Please let us know if you require assistance with getting your child to school on time, we are here to help.

Miss Elizabeth

Attendance Family Liaison Officer

## Early Birds

Need to get an early start to your day? Student's will be supervised from 8:20am. Once office staff arrive and the glass reception doors are opened, student's are required to sit in the hallway directly in front of the Sunshine room. The student's are then escorted out onto the playground by the designated Teacher on duty at that time. Here students can enjoy some playtime before the morning assembly at 8:40am. Thank you to all the recent "early birds" who enjoyed their morning catch up with their friends and who's behaviour whilst waiting was exemplary!



## Mini Vinnies

On behalf of the St Canice's community, the Mini Vinnies group handed a cheque for \$4307.15 to Maurice from the Katoomba branch. All the money raised will directly assist people in our local area. Well done!



## Stage 2 Excursion

Stage 2 will be heading to **Hyde Park Barracks this Friday 9th of November**. Students are to wear sports uniform. The bus will leave School at 7:30am. Students are to bring their hat, drink bottle, morning tea and lunch in a small backpack.



### 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.



### Opal Cards

School student applications for 2019 are open from Monday, 15th October 2018.

Students progressing to Year 3 and Year 7 **do not** need to re-apply **if** they

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement.

If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31st December 2018 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31st of December 2018, the system will automatically cancel a card and a new one will need to be issued.

### A Reminder to Families

On occasion students borrow uniform from sick bay. We ask that the borrowed uniform be returned to the Office after being washed as we have limited supply.



### Happy November Birthday to

Alex Micallef, Roam Hunter, Jasper Luppino,  
Jonah Clarke, Noah Clarke, Cohen Hermann,

Edie Zammit, Mikayla-Rose Mezei,

Tallulah Andrews-Wood, Audius Mtawarira,  
Lily Bull, Leo McCrossen, Cody OKell-Johnston,  
Luke Hronsky, George Fang

### The Blue Mountains Australia Day Awards

The Blue Mountains Australia Day Awards recognise and reward those citizens who have a consistent record of excellence, who have made outstanding achievements in their field and have contributed in a significant way to the Blue Mountains Community.

Nominations are sought for the :

Citizen of the Year (25 years+)

Young Citizen of the Year (24 years and under)

Community Achievement of the Year

For more information, nomination guidelines, selection criteria or to nominate go to [www.bluemountainshaveyoursay.com.au/citizenawards](http://www.bluemountainshaveyoursay.com.au/citizenawards) .

Closing date: Sunday 9 December 2018.

**Need help?** Please contact Mikaela Sherlock, BMCC Communications Officer on [msherlock@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:msherlock@bmcc.nsw.gov.au) or call 4780 5760.

### Gymnastics

A reminder that all students have gymnastics on **Tuesdays.**

Please remember to wear sports uniform



### 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



# School Calendar

## October

### Week 4

<b>Tuesday</b>	6th	Uniform Sale Student Banking Preschool Reading Group	8:15am 9am
<b>Wednesday</b>	7th		
<b>Thursday</b>	8th	Kinder 2019 Transition Day Ukulele / Choir Italian	9am
<b>Friday</b>	9th	Gold Award Mass Year 1 & S3M Stage 2 History Excursion My School Lunch Box Ensemble	8.50am 12noon 7:30am  3pm

### Week 5

<b>Monday</b>	12th	My School Lunch Box Remembrance Day liturgy	11am
<b>Tuesday</b>	13th	Uniform Sale Student Banking	8:15am 9am
<b>Wednesday</b>	14th	Creation Liturgy	9am
<b>Thursday</b>	15th	Kinder 2019 Transition Day Ukulele / Choir	9am
<b>Friday</b>	16th	Assembly S2W Mass S2W & Year 2 My School Lunch Box Ensemble	8.50am 12noon  3pm

## UNIFORM SALE

Tuesday 13th of November

## 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](http://myschoollunchbox.com.au)

### KOOSH

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



**Term 4 will conclude  
for students  
Wednesday 19th of  
December**

The St Canice's Newsletter  
is available every fortnight  
on Tuesday's



Subscribe to the Parent Calendar and  
Newsletter

# What's On in Our Community



## MAKE IT A REAL CHRISTMAS

FILLED WITH JOY.

Too many Australian families are going without the very things that make Christmas special.



YOU CAN HELP VINNIES PROVIDE FOOD, SUPPORT AND A HOME TO PEOPLE IN NEED.

Get involved with the Vinnies Christmas Appeal through your school or visit [vinnies.org.au/getinvolved](http://vinnies.org.au/getinvolved)

Vinnies Christmas Appeal  
St Vincent de Paul Society  
your friends

## JOIN US FOR THE BEST DAY IN THE MOUNTAINS ESCARPMENTS ESTATE

### • Foot Golf

This worldwide craze has come to the Mountains!

### • Driving Range

Enjoy the peace and serenity while you practice your swing at the Blue Mountains only driving range.

### • Bike Hire

Explore our parklands or the many nearby trails.

### • Functions & Events

Exclusive venue hire available for weddings, birthday parties or that special occasion.

- 57 Acres of Parkland to Explore!
- BBQ Facilities Available

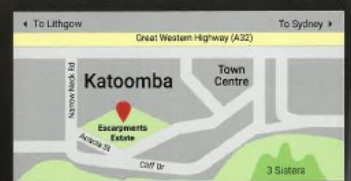


Bookings Call: 0407 116 278

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Katoomba

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## Blue Mountains City Council Australia Day Awards

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*Nominate today!*

Citizen of the Year



Young Citizen of the Year



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How to nominate [bluemountainshaveyoursay.com.au/citizenawards](http://bluemountainshaveyoursay.com.au/citizenawards)





**Enrol Now**

## Katoomba Leura Preschool

Excellence in Community Run Preschool Education

**\$10 per day for low income, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander families**



4782 1639  
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[www.katoombaleurapreschool.com.au](http://www.katoombaleurapreschool.com.au)



Cherry Blossom Early Learning Centre 4784 2472  
16A Grose Street Leura




**OPEN : Monday - Friday 7.30am - 6pm**

Nurturing Environment		Natural Playgrounds
	Whole Food Menu	
Online Parent Portal		Friendly Staff

Cherry Blossom is located on Grose Street behind Leura Mall.  
We are open 52 weeks of the year from 7:30am to 6:00pm.

**Early bird deals are available if you Enrol now for 2018. Call or e-mail us to book your tour now.**

Please contact Shery on: 02 4784 2472 or  
Email us on [Cherryblossomcleura@gmail.com](mailto:Cherryblossomcleura@gmail.com)  
Find us on Facebook Cherry Blossom Early Learning Centre  
Instagram [CherryBlossomcleura](https://www.instagram.com/CherryBlossomcleura)



**GREENWOOD**  
Early Education Centres

**COME IN FOR A TOUR TODAY & SEE OUR MASSIVE VEGETABLE GARDEN!**

OUR CENTRE FOCUSES ON IMPLEMENTING A "PADDOCK TO PLATE" PRACTICE, ALL PRODUCE GROWN AT THE CENTRE IS EITHER USED IN OUR ON-SITE KITCHEN OR DISTRIBUTED TO FAMILIES TO TAKE HOME & ENJOY!

## GREENWOOD KATOOMBA

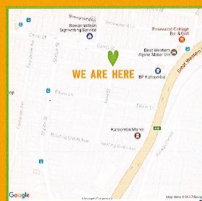
- Two large natural outdoor environments for your child to learn and grow
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- Meals prepared fresh, daily by our qualified Chef
- Extra-curricular activities: Yoga, Language, Music & Sports Programs
- Nappies, wipes & toilet training assistance provided
- Greenwood custom online portal called Leaf, with real time feeds & updates on your child's daily progress
- Access to all current childcare fee subsidies



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## CENTRE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK TOUR PLEASE CONTACT

P. 02 4782 4997  
E. [katoomba@greenwood.com.au](mailto:katoomba@greenwood.com.au)  
A. Dora St, Katoomba NSW 2780



**EXTENDED HOURS 7AM-6:30  
CARE PROVIDED FOR 0-6 YRS**

# KIDZPLAY

Fridays 9.30-11.30am  
St Hilda's Church Hall, Katoomba

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

Come and have fun! We have a jumping castle, slippery dip, exciting Bible story time and craft. Morning tea is provided for kids & adults.

**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

# Bishop Office

## Positions Vacant

- Communications Officer – Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

- Parish Secretary (part-time, maternity leave role) – Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair

More details at: [holyspiritstclair.com.au](http://holyspiritstclair.com.au)

- Media and Community Liaison Officer – Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations

## Liturgy Conference 2018: 10 November

The Diocese of Parramatta Liturgy Conference will be held on 10 November. Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams Vicar General from the Diocese of Parramatta. Tickets are now on sale. For tickets and a full list of workshops go to [parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018](http://parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018). Cost \$30 - includes lunch.

## Our Lady of the Nativity Parish, Lawson: 11 November

Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv will preside at our 90th Anniversary Mass at 8.30am on Sunday, 11 November followed by Morning Tea. There will be a Photographic, Memorabilia, History display.

## Sacred Heart Westmead Shopping Trip: 11 November

Come shopping with us on a Full Day, Fundraising Shopping Trip on Sunday 11 November 2018. Raising funds for Sacred Heart Parish Westmead. Includes: coach travel, tea & bistro lunch, lucky door & raffle prizes. Tickets: Adults \$62, Seniors/Students \$52, Children (5 – 17 years) \$22. Tour departs: 7.00am Seven Hills Train Station & Sacred Heart Parish Westmead (14 Ralph Street). For Details, Individual or Group Bookings: 9635 9262; [office@sacredheartwestmead.com.au](mailto:office@sacredheartwestmead.com.au). Bookings are essential & close: 28 October 2018

## Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 2019: Thirsting for Justice

A wonderful opportunity for a faith formation experience for parishioners, leaders, teachers, catechists ... all people in ministry and all people who would like to enrich their faith! Join this pilgrimage group to attend the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 18-30 March 2019. Cost of pilgrimage \$4350 for 12 days with some additional expenses. Please contact Lisa Bright on 9622 1125 or [lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au) for an information pack.

## Australian Catholic Historical Society Lecture: 21 October

Fr Peter McMurrich sm - Their Eminences, an éminence grise, and ruffled feathers: the sometimes rocky voyage of St Patrick's, Church Hill, within the Archdiocese of Sydney. Visit the ACHS website [www.australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au](http://www.australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au) for more information.

## Holy Hour for Vocations: 1 November

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (ages 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday, 1 November at 7:00 pm. Join us also for pizza at 8:00pm, Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula on [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com) or 0449 656 406.