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Growth through love and learning

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Dear Parents Families and Friends

Welcome to Catholic Schools Week. This is the week all Catholic schools start their enrolment drive for 2020.

Here at St Canice's we have an Open Afternoon from 12:45 - end of day -Tuesday 5th March. It will be an opportunity for all the community to visit St Canice's, eat a pancake (Shrove Tuesday) and walk around the classrooms to see what is happening at our school.

On Wednesday 6th March there will be a mass at noon for Ash Wednesday.

On Friday 8th March we ask for as many helpers as possible at our annual Cross Country event.

At St Canice's we focus on the whole community showing love and care for each other. This is evident in how we deal with issues that arise. Be it involving students, members of the community and the staff, respect for the individual is paramount. In Luke's Gospel last Sunday (Luke 6:39-45), Jesus says that "The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher". This is what we are trying to achieve here at the school. Everyone is valued and everyone is treated respectfully. The School Photographers last week gave me feedback about the school. They said that there was something special about this school "It makes the day work so much better when the students are so well behaved like here at St Canice's". I believe that this is to do with our motto - **Growth through LOVE and learning**.

Mr Mark Geerligs Principal



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

Presbytery Contact Ph: 02 4782 2804 Fax: 02 4782 6090 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.



Camp Yarramundi

Stage 3 will be at school camp Yarramundi next Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th.March It is always a special time for Stage 3 to work together as a team and develop great friendships.

Katoomba Cascades Excursion

Next Monday 11th March, our Year 1 and Year 2 students will be going on an excursion of discovery. With the BMCC, the students will be "exploring the water features of the area" at Katoomba Cascades.

Enrolling Now for 2020

Please contact the Office for an enrolment package.



Harmony Day

On Friday 22nd March St Canice's will be celebrating Harmony Day, Harmony Day is a time to celebrate how all our differences make Australia a great place to live.

During the day's celebration we would like to have an "International Food Picnic" comprising of Finger Food from all around the world.

If you would like to contribute a plate of finger food to this event please return the fill in slip previously sent home or contact the Office .



Opal Card

A reminder to students that at the start of each bus trip, it is important to tap on by

placing your opal card on the opal card reader. Although the opal card is a free pass, students are still required to tap on and off.



Eligible opal cards are automatically updated for a new school year unless otherwise advised.

To apply for an opal card or update details, complete application at transportnsw.info/school-students. Transport NSW will send the opal card to home address given in the application. The application may take several weeks.

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.





Mrs Friend's Friendly Preschool Reading Group

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



S@S Request

Hey - here is a strange request - We need soil samples from around the Blue Mountains and Australia. We would like you to send in a small sample (2 tablespoons) of soil to the school. Please label the sample with your name and the

location found, no more than 2 or 3 different sample for each family.

We would love to have beach sand, rich soil, dark soil, light soil etc. This is for the 2019

S@S - Save our Soil theme. If you are travelling overseas, we ask that you do **not** collect soil and bring to Australia as this is a



S@S

quarantine issue.

Our SAS this year has the theme - Save our Soil. As a school, we will be looking at the impact we make on the soil and how we can help keep this important part of our world rich and active.

Many of the students will be looking at some of the digging animals that help aerate our soil and spread the seeds to be germinated. Wombats, ants, echidnas are part of our focus.

The school will again have a sculptural piece in the Scenic World Sculptural exhibition.

This exhibition opens on 12th April and closes on 12th May. Our piece of work will be called **Seedbed.** All students will be part of the creation of this artwork. This is a piece of artwork that will come alive for us in Spring! The school will again go on an excursion to Scenic World to see the amazing showcase of artwork in the World Heritage-listed wilderness. In term 2 the students will do some fantastic artwork linked to our writing curriculum.

The school's Sculptural Art Gallery will be open for everyone to see from our Grand Opening (Creative Arts Expo) on **Sunday 23rd June at 2 pm, to**

Friday 28th June at 3 pm.

Please keep the date and time for the opening free.

"To forget how to dig the earth and to tend the soil is to forget ourselves" Mahatma Gandhi

Uniform

School Uniforms can be purchased online at www.theschoollocker.com.au.

Your Uniform will also be available from The School Locker Liverpool Superstore. The School Locker

The Grove Homemaker Centre 2-18 Orange Grove Road Liverpool.





Attendance

Why is arriving at School on time important ?

Arriving at school on time:

*Helps your child to learn the importance of punctuality and routine. Valuable skills for all stages of school and working life.

*Reduces classroom disruption by giving students time to greet/play with friends before class.

*Ensures that your child is aware of important learning activities scheduled for the day ahead.

Please note that lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained to the school in the same way as other forms of absence.

If you require assistance with getting your child to school on time, please contact me via the front office so we can work in partnership and help your child to be the best that they can be.

Miss Elizabeth Attendance Family Liaison Officer



Communicating Complaints and Grievances

If you have a concern in relation to your child, please contact your child's teacher first. If you feel that the problem hasn't been sufficiently dealt with after contact with your child's teacher, please contact the Assistant Principal. If you feel that the problem then needs to be taken further than this, contact the Principal. If you would like to raise a concern formally, the Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta Office has procedures for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. Information about how to lodge a complaint and a complaint form are available from the school office or in the Complaint Handling Policy and Procedures. These documents can be accessed on the system website <u>www.parra.catholic.edu.au</u>



School Calendar

March			
Week 6			
Tuesday	5th	Shrove Tuesday Preschool Reading Group Library Cello School Banking Open Day	9am From I pm
Wednesday	6th	Whole School Sport Dance Program Mass Ash Wednesday	I2 noon
Thursday	7th	Italian BMCC Visit Stage I	2pm
Friday	8th	School Cross Country Ensemble	9am 3—4 pm
Week 7			
Monday	llth	My School Lunchbox Violin Camp Yarramundi Stage 3 Katoomba Cascade Excursion Stage I	8.30am 8.50am
Tuesday	l 2th	Preschool Reading Group Library Cello School Banking Stage 3 return from Camp Yarramundi	9am 3.30pm
Wednesday	l 3th	Bubble Day for Mini Vinnies Whole School Sport Dance Program	
Thursday	l 4th	Italian	
Friday	l 5th	Whole School Assembly Mass S2B My School Lunch Box Ensemble	8.50am 12 noon 3—4pm

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

KOOSH

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



Student Banking is Every Tuesday



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... To make Japanese vegie pancakes

Makes: 12 | Prep time: 15 min | Cook time: 10 min

Ingredients

1/2 small cabbage, very thinly sliced 4 medium carrots, grated 2 cups baby spinach, thinly sliced 4 spring onions, thinly sliced 1/2 cup wholemeal plain flour 6 large eggs, lightly beaten Pinch of salt Olive oil spray



Method

Place the vegies in a bowl and mix together. Toss with the flour, coating all the vegies. Stir in the eggs and pinch of salt.

Lightly spray a large non-stick fry pan with olive oil spray and heat over med-high heat. You may need to re-spray between batches. Add heaped tablespoons of the mixture to the fry pan in rounds. Gently press to flatten. Cook until golden, approx 3 minutes, and then turn to cook the other side.

For a video on how to make this recipe, visit our website.

healthylunchbox.com.au



Welcome to your Online School Uniform Store

theschoollocker.com.au

The School Locker is proud to be working in partnership with St Canice's Catholic Primary School

Our goal is to provide great shopping experiences for families and our retail stores are inspired by a simple idea – one store with everything you need for school.

Shop for uniforms and more online

We are delighted to invite you to shop for your school uniforms online. A wide range of technology, musical instruments, sports equipment, footwear and stationery is also available. Follow these steps to get started.

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2. Get the Student Advantage

Generate your Student Advantage Number online once your account is set up by visiting the **Account Dashboard** page or go to *theschoollocker.com.au/customer/account/*

3. Visit your online school uniform store

Click on **Shop by School** or go to *theschoollocker.com.au/schools*. Type your school name in the search area or select your school from the list.

Login each time you shop online to access exclusive Student Advantage Pricing and generate revenue for your school with your purchases.

Payment options

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The School Locker The Grove Homemaker Centre 2-18 Orange Grove Road Liverpool NSW

Mon-Wed & Fri 9am - 5pm Thu 9am - 7pm Sat & Sun 10am - 4pm

For assistance

Please call 02 8796 2100 or email liverpool@theschoollocker.com.au



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 - 2. Download the free SkoolBag app
- 3. Opening the app, and add your school(s) and you're ready to go!

For Google Android Users

- From you Android device, ensure you have an account in the Google Play Store
 Click on the "Get it on Google play" button above or go to the Google Play Store and search for "SkoolBag"
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bat cave for the kids bat talks - bat videos meet a flying fox listen to bat calls rfs sausage sizzle go batty in the library untill 8pm!



FRIDAY 29TH MARCH 2019 FROM 6.30pm

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What's On in Our Comminy

Leura Harvest Festival Sunday 5 May 2019

The Leura Harvest Festival offers a great opportunity for students to engage in activities that support the concepts of sustainability, recycling, culinary skills and creativity. The Festival program includes several competitions that support these themes.

Birches Scarecrow Competition Josophan's Chocolate Cake Competition Jam Making Competition Pet Chook Show

We want to encourage as many Blue Mountains locals to get creative and participate, whether as individuals or as a school.

You may also find it a useful objective for your class activities. Either way, it's a lot of fun, encourages experimentation and creativity, and involves the community.

At this stage, we are simply wishing to alert you to these events so you can include it in your planning. Go to the website for more information: www.leuravillage.com.au/Fairs







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BLUE MOUNTAINS ALL ABILITIES FOOTBALL



Come join the amazingly fun BLUE KANGAROOS football team!

We are an all abilities inclusive football team for children and adults who live in the Blue Mountains. Each Saturday we get together to play football in a non stressful environment where players **learn ball skills**, **make friends**, **have fun and are part of a team**. We finish every week with a sausage sizzle and a chat. Siblings very welcome to join us too!

Our season kicks off on March 23 rain or shine at the mini pitch Gloria Park Hazelbrook at 11:00. We do not meet in the school holidays.

New and returning players can register online at www.playfootball.com.au. Families can choose to use their active kids

voucher- www.service.nsw.gov.au/activekids Please see the Hawks web page for instructions- www.hazelbrookhawks.com.au. Bron and Lisa are able to assist with rego at the pitch too.

Fees $80\ per family.$ It's never a problem if you can't pay but please still register for insurance purposes.

For more information or any questions please ring Lisa-0413548562

All abilities and skill levels welcome and enthusiastically celebrated!

Bishop Office

Join St Patrick's Cathedral Choir

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, Parramatta is recruiting singers! This is an exciting opportunity to join a group of highly talented musicians. Choral scholarships are also available to singers who demonstrate advanced vocal skills and musical leadership qualities. For further information visit <u>stpatscathedral.com.au/music</u> or contact the Music Director, Bernard Kirkpatrick on 0430 431 884.

Dr Laurie Woods

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in the Diocese of Parramatta has engaged Dr Laurie Woods to present on the Gospel of St Luke.

Venue: IFM Marion St Blacktown

Time: 10am - 2pm

Dates: Fridays March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12

All are welcome. BYO lunch.

Please register with Maree on 02 8838 3486

Volunteers Urgently Needed for Visiting Residents of Aged Care Facility

Are you interested in visiting an elderly person in a nursing home who has no or very few visitors? This service is organised through CatholicCare. You would visit on average once every two weeks with CatholicCare providing training and other support. After talking with you about your interests, we will match you with a resident in a nursing home within approximately 10km of your home. The visit is entirely within the nursing home – you do not take the person on outings or shopping etc. For more information, contact Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or <u>deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au</u>.

Communion to the Sick at Blacktown Hospital

We urgently require people to take Holy Communion to patients in Blacktown Hospital on Sundays. Volunteers are currently rostered on every second month (6 times annually). Distribution of Communion takes about 2 to 3 hours. Security checks required and carpark access available. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who can help with this important ministry please contact Deacon George Bryan at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown either via the parish office or via at George.Bryan@parracatholic.org

Time is running out for Plenary Council 2020

Submissions to Plenary Council 2020 close on Ash Wednesday, 6 March 2019. YOUR voice matters! Make a personal submission now or join a small group. Our question is for everyone: "What you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" To make a submission or to find out more visit: <u>parracatholic.org/</u> haveyoursayplenary2020/

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands of Jordan and Israel, escorted by Father Peter Blayney, Parish Priest, St Patrick's Guildford, 30 October – 13 November 2019. Organised by Olive Tree Travel (Melbourne). For details of itinerary, cost etc., please contact the Parish Secretary, Guildford, on 9632 2672 or patricksguilford@bigpond.com or Olive Tree Travel on 03 8488 9696.

The Ephpheta Centre, supported by the Parramatta Catholic Foundation, gives hope, compassion, connectivity and care to the deaf and hard of hearing. Your kind-hearted support will provide chaplaincy and pastoral care for the vulnerable and isolated, in homes, hospitals, prison and aged-care facilities. Please be a channel of hope and give generously via the Appeal envelopes or online at <u>yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal</u>.

St Patrick's Day Picnic in the Northern Deanery: 17 March

Parishes of the Northern Deanery will hold a picnic for St Patrick's Day, on Sunday 17 March from midday-4pm, at St Madeleine's Primary School, 28 Annangrove Rd, Kenthurst. Bring your own picnic and enjoy entertainment and children's activities provided by the youth ministries of the deanery. Enquiries to Wendy on 0427863149 or <u>deanerypc@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au</u>

Fertility Awareness Evening: 19 March

Abnormalities in a woman's menstrual cycle can indicate underlying health issues. Hear about how irregularities to a normal cycle can be addressed and how an awareness of a regular cycle is a sign of good health. You're warmly welcomed to attend this free event. This topic is of interest to women of all ages. For further information please contact Catherine on 02 8838 3460 or 0400 427 605 catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org and www.parralmf.org.au/nfs

Dr Austen Ivereigh: 20 March

You are warmly invited to a public conversation between papal biographer & UK Catholic journalist Dr Austen Ivereigh and Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv as they discuss Pope Francis and becoming a humble, listening and learning Church. Wednesday 20 March at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. RSVP by 13 March to Br Mark O'Connor on <u>mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org</u>.

Positions Vacant

• Director Mission Integration - St John of God Health Care More details at: <u>www.sjog.org.au</u>

Catholic Institute of Sydney

The Catholic Institute of Sydney (CIS) promotes study with a focus on theology and ministry. Courses are open to lay people, religious and seminarians. Award, non-award and audit students are welcome to study at introductory, undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Courses are offered in a variety of modes of study including weekly face to face teaching, intensive (5 consecutive days), extensive (5 days during the semester) and independent guided study. What's on in Semester 1 2019 information is available at <u>www.cis.catholic.edu.au</u>

Healing after Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. Rachel's Vineyard offers a confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555 or email <u>info@rachelsvineyard.org.au</u>. The retreats for 2019 will be held at Varroville, NSW on April 5-7 and Oct 25-27. Brochures are in the church or see the website: <u>www.rachelsvineyard.org.au</u>

Mount St Benedict: 9 March

Mount St Benedict Centre invites you to the last ever Lenten Reflection day prior to the closure of the Centre. The day will include input, time for reflection and conversation on scripture and the themes of Lent in conversation with contemporary issues and spirituality. Saturday 9 March 10am-3pm. Facilitators Sr Catherine McCahill sgs and Sr Patty Fawkner sgs. For information and RSVP <u>mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au</u> or 02 8752 5390.

Affordable Housing Assembly: 14 March

Join 2,000 leaders and citizens on 14 March at Sydney Town Hall to stand together for the common good. Together we will be seeking clear, concrete commitments on affordable housing, household energy and rental reform from both state and federal politicians. The Diocese of Parramatta Social Justice Office, Sydney Alliance, Vinnies NSW and the Everybody's Home Campaign are jointly working on this campaign. For more information: www.sydneyalliance.org.au/housing

Mt Schoenstatt: 22 - 24 March

Mind, Body & Soul Retreat at Mt Schoenstatt for Mature Catholic Women who feel on the Fringe of the Church. Facilitator: Andrea Dean. Where: Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Time: 5 pm 22nd March to 2 pm 24 March. Cost: \$230 includes two nights private, ensuite accommodation and all meals. For more information or to book: <u>manager@schoenstatt.org.au</u> or phone Ann-Maree: 02 4773 8338

Mt Schoenstatt: 29 - 30 March

24 hours of Adoration for the Lord, 2019 at Mt Schoenstatt. Where: Shrine, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Time: Begins with Holy Mass at 6pm on Friday 29 March, finishing with Holy Mass at 5pm on Saturday 30 March. Each hour will have reflection and music presented by different groups and individuals. Every half hour the Shrine will be silent for prayer and reflection. Come for 1 hour or 24, no obligation for a particular time period. Enquires for groups or individuals: <u>manager@schoenstatt.org.au</u> or phone Ann-Maree: 02 4773 8338.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: 26-28 April

This is a marriage enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset - your marriage! 26-28 April at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings at www.wwme.org.au or Adrian and Janet Sullivan on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

Walk the Camino Portugués

Walk the Camino Portugués. Catholic Mission are holding 17-day Pilgrimages: Lisbon, Fatima, Porto, Santiago de Compostela. Two pilgrimages: May 2019 and June 2019. Small group led by Sr Veronica OP, (0451 387 906). See www.catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/immersions/camino-portugues

For more events please go to: parracatholic.org/events