

# NEWSLETTER



4th June 2019 Term 2 Week 6

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St Canice's Catholic Primary School  
Katoomba 2019

Growth through love and learning

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### Dear Parents Families and Friends

As the season of Easter is drawing to a close, we try to remember why we have this season each year. Why we try to be better people and make a positive change in our lives.

Each year at this time we celebrate at school the special time when some of our students and other people from the community make their First Holy Communion. The first time when they share in the meal as Jesus did at the last supper.

On Sunday 23rd June at 10 am, some of our St Canice's students will be taking part in the Eucharist for the very first time. It is a very special time for these students and their family and friends.

Later that day at 2 pm, the school will have the Grand Opening of the Sculptures at School Creative Arts Expo. This will be the highlight for our school's SAS work for Term 2.

Please see if you can be part of one or both of these special celebrations.

Currently, we are accepting enrolments for 2020 Kindergarten class. The main way people hear about our school is through word of mouth. Your help to let people know about this fantastic school is invaluable. Please help us spread the word and invite people you know to come to school and have a look around. I am available for school tours any day that I am at school.

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](http://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.



## Invitation to join the Photography Exhibition

Outside Mr Geerligs' office, there is a corridor of photos from last year's exhibition.

We are asking for new submissions for 2019.

The style of photo this year will be.....

### Photojournalism.

Submit a photo that tells a story.

The theme is "An Environmental Story in the Blue Mountains".

Some people will take to this task very naturally and others will have to work at it, but for the most part, it's simply a case of confidence and willingness.

Photojournalism is all about capturing something (people, animals, trees, scenery, objects etc) in its natural environment.

What will your photo say about the Blue Mountains environment?

## Be creative!!

Up to 3 entries per person, however only one photo will be used unless there is room on the wall for more and then one or both of the others will be used.

But if we get lots of entries, then the first 90 people will be selected.

The closing date is Friday 14th June

Happy snapping!



### Succulent Donations

Do you have succulents or existing plants in your garden that you could donate cuttings from? If you do, we would love to grow them here at school



### Reminder to Parents

We appreciate the assistance given by parents and carers that can help in the classrooms. If entering the school grounds for classroom activities, we ask that you sign in at the office on arrival and sign out on departure.

All parent helpers and volunteers at St Canice's are required to complete the volunteer training module that can be found at <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>

VOLUNTEERS



## 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



## Thank you

A sincere thank you to everyone that assisted at this year's Athletics Carnival.

The day was a success with student's running, jumping, throwing and cheering through a spectacular day of high participation and even higher school spirit.



Thank you to the parents who assisted in the running of the hot chocolate stall, who raised an incredible \$130 for our school.

And a huge thanks to Ms Clarke for her coordination of the day and to the house captains for motivating everyone.

## Winter Weather Reminder

Winter is officially here and the weather is getting rather cold.

We ask that children come to school prepared for the Mountains chilly season



Congratulations to Andrew Jones who has become a big Brother!

Peter, Sam, Lachlan, Taylor and Andrew Welcomed to the World Baby  
Phoebe Melody May Jones  
On 26/5/2019  
5lbs





# Athletic Carnival 2019





### Expression of Interest

Would you like to host a **student from Japan** between the 27th of July until the 4th August? Students are aged between 14—15 years and speak some English.

If you are interested please let the Office know.



### Woolworths Earn & Learn

St Canice's are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program.



You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers if you shop at Woolworths between Wednesday 1st May and Tuesday 25th June 2019.

We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

Simply pop them into the St Canice's Woolworths Earn & Learn collection Box at either Katoomba or Leura Woolies or the collection box located in the Library at School.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at the school Office.

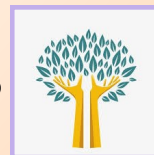
### Happy June Birthday Blessings to

Eva Marcal  
Leah Taylor  
Thomas MacNamara  
Callum Hargraves  
Sam Everingham  
Talish Sharma



Ms Honeyman  
Ms Magann  
Mrs MacPherson  
Mr van der Walle

### Attendance Matters



#### End Of School Day Student Pick-Up

Punctuality is very important at the end of the school day. Whilst we recognise that there are often circumstances in life that are unavoidable and impact on punctuality children often get distressed if parents/ carers are late picking them up. Teachers often have other commitments after school such as preparing for the next day's lessons or meeting with parents.

If you are delayed please notify the school as soon as possible on 4780 6800.

Thank you for working in partnership with the school.

Attendance Family Liaison Officer, Miss Elizabeth.



#### TTFM Survey

Within the next 2 weeks we will be inviting Years 4 – 6 students, teachers and parents/ carers to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process. We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Canice's Catholic School Katoomba.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent/ carers survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

**[www.tellthemfromme.com/j893n](http://www.tellthemfromme.com/j893n)**





## At Home Numeracy Challenge

### Race to 100

This card game is a fun way to practice addition. Compete for the highest score as you flip over cards. Add up your cards until you reach 100 points. The first one there wins!

Ready for a challenge? Check out the variations at the bottom of the page!

Skills:

Addition

Subtraction (see variations)

#### What You Need:

Deck of cards

Pencil and paper for every player (to add up scores)



#### What You Do:

1. Place a well shuffled deck of cards, face down, in the centre of the playing area.
2. Each player begins by drawing one card and placing it face up in front of themselves. Players write the value of this card down at the top of their papers. (Aces are worth 1, and face cards are all 10.)
3. When all players are ready, everyone draws a second card. They add the value of these cards to their totals.
4. Keep playing until one player reaches 100.

Variations:

Play until the deck runs out. The player closest to 100, without going over, wins.

Add jokers into the deck. If a player draws a joker, their score drops back to zero.

Start with 100 points, and subtract your way to the finish (Race to Zero).

Need a challenge? Use multiplication to reach 1000 (great for Yr 4 upwards).

**St Canice's**  
PRIMARY KATOOMBA

**ENROLLING NOW  
FOR NEXT YEAR**

**CALL FOR A PERSONALISED SCHOOL TOUR**

P: 4780 6800

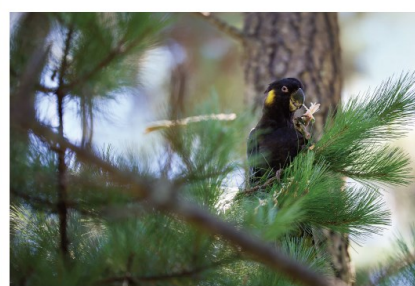
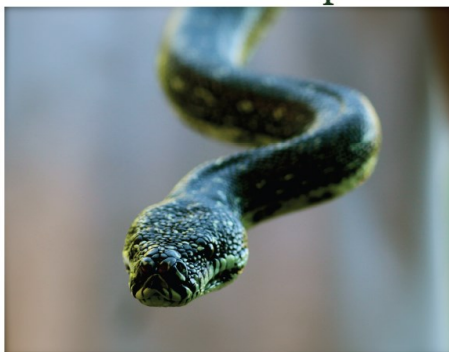
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Some of the 2018 photos



## St Canice's s@s Photography Exhibition 2019

Style: - Photojournalism

Please enter a photo that tells

### An Environmental Story in the Blue Mountains

Entries Close

2pm Friday June 14th

Send in up to 3 photos.  
However only one will be used  
unless there is spare space.

First 90 entries will be  
displayed

If less than 90 first entries are  
received, other photos will be  
chosen.

Category 1: St Canice's students (present/ past)

Category 2 St Canice's school community

Include your **name**, **category** and **what you are naming  
your photo.**

Send photos as a jpeg to [stcanices@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stcanices@parra.catholic.edu.au)

or

on a named thumb drive

**Happy snapping**





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# Invitation

Sculptures @ School (S@S) 2019

*Save our Soil*



On behalf of the community at St Canice's Catholic school in Katoomba, I would like to invite you to our:

Grand Opening of the S@S exhibition and Creative Arts Expo

Sunday 23rd June, 2019

2:00 pm in the Parish/ School Hall

St Canice's Catholic School

158 Katoomba St (behind the Catholic Church)

Every year, every student at St Canice's works very hard to create a wonderful exhibition of sculptural and written pieces, which are engaging, enriching and evocative. The exhibition closes Friday 28th June.

The Creative Arts Expo Grand Opening will feature students from our String Ensemble, Choir and Drama group. Special food will also be provided at our Cafe. All money raised will help support our local wonderful Katoomba St Vincent de Paul Society. We also will be revealing the wonderful stained glass window that connects us to our Totem - The Three Sisters.

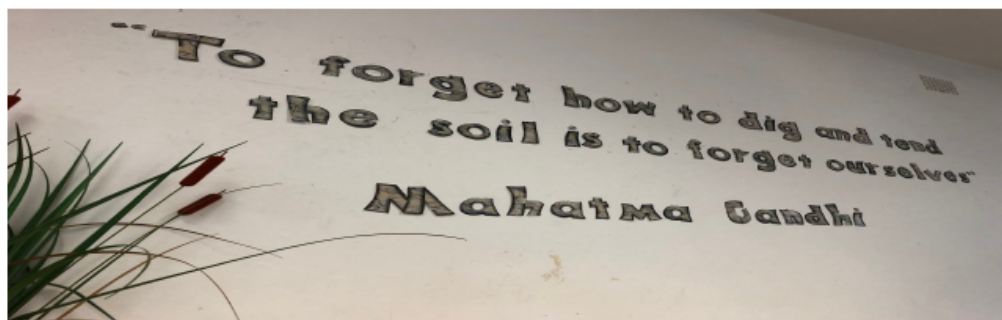
Please RSVP by Friday 14th June

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Yours sincerely,

*Mark Geerligs*

Principal



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# School Calendar

## June

### Week 6

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>Snow Day</b>  <b>No School</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5th</b>	Strings Program Stage 2	12pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6th</b>	Italian Music	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7th</b>	My School lunchbox Gold Awards Mass Ensemble	3—4pm

### Week 7

<b>Monday</b>	<b>10th</b>	No School Queens Birthday	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11th</b>	Preschool Reading Group Library Cello School Banking	8:40am
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12th</b>	Strings Program Stage 2	12pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>13th</b>	Italian Music	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>14th</b>	Stage 2 & 3 Sport Assembly Year S2W Mass 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](http://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



**For the safety of staff and students there is no School on Tuesday 4th June. Happy Snow Day!**



Subscribe to the Parent Calendar and Newsletter  
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# What's On in Our Community



**Kidzartz 2019  
RESCUED!**

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

ST HILDA'S  
ANGLICAN CHURCH  
K - 6 | July 16 - 19  
9am - 12 noon

Cost: \$12 per child per day  
Family and Healthcare card discounts available till 30th June

Art, wood working, sock monsters, model making, felting, clay modelling, paper craft and much more...

Optional Afternoon activities:

- Bushwalk yrs 4-6
- Movie yrs K-3

Register online: [sthildas.net](http://sthildas.net)



**YOUR VOICE MATTERS** 

## Join Lantern League

Lantern League is a global network of public speaking clubs for kids ages 8 - 16 years old.

**THE SPIRIT OF LANTERN LEAGUE IS ABOUT SHINING YOUR BRIGHTEST. IT IS A NON COMPETITIVE SPEAKING CLUB WHERE YOUNG MEMBERS ARE COACHED TO OVERCOME PERFECTIONISM, POWERFULLY BUILD THEIR VOICE & RADICALLY ACCEPT THEMSELVES FOR WHO THEY ARE.**

**NEW CLUB STARTING 20TH MAY!**



Contact Club President  
Lindsey to join -  
0406788785  
[steepedinmeaning@gmail.com](mailto:steepedinmeaning@gmail.com)  
[www.lanternleague.com](http://www.lanternleague.com)

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FROM OUR ADULT DRAMA & SPECIAL TALENTS CLASSES

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68 KATOOMBA ST, KATOOMBA

TICKETS \$20 | \$15 CONC.

CALL 0401 969606 OR  
EMAIL [tracy@tshdrama.com](mailto:tracy@tshdrama.com)

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# Bishop Office

## Positions Vacant

- Liturgy Administrative Support Assistant - Office for Worship
- Fundraising Campaigns Executive - The Catholic Foundation
- Parish Coordinator of Ministries (Part-Time) - Parish of Richmond

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

## New Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards Website:

The Diocese of Parramatta's Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards (OSPS) has launched a new website, strengthening their ability to deliver advice and support to parishes, agencies and ministries to ensure the Diocese is safe for all people. Visit the website at [www.safeguarding.org.au](http://www.safeguarding.org.au)

## Rest and Inspiration for the Journey Retreat Day: June 8

Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection present a Pentecost Retreat Day on Saturday 8 June from 9am to 4pm at Mt Schoenstatt, Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Join Bishop Vincent as we reflect and share. Registrations are essential by 4 June with indicated dietary needs. Register at <https://register.eventarc.net/e/42849>, call Sr Louise McKeogh 8838 3460 or [lmckeogh@parracatholic.org](mailto:lmckeogh@parracatholic.org)

## Emmaus Prayer Community Pentecost Celebration: June 9

The Emmaus Prayer Community invites you to the yearly Pentecost Sunday celebration at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Joyful praise will begin at 11.30, with Fr Tony Alex MGL concelebrating Mass at 12 midday. A BBQ lunch will be provided, and Fr Tony will give a talk in the afternoon. For enquiries, contact Barbara Stenning on 0413 055 511 or [mandbstenning@optusnet.com.au](mailto:mandbstenning@optusnet.com.au)

## Feast of St Anthony Triduum: June 11 – 13

St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie, is hosting a Triduum in honour of St Anthony of Padua between June 11 and 13. There will be Mass, Novena and Fellowship from 7pm on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday, there will be Mass and all-day veneration from 9.30am and Mass, Novena and a procession with the Relic of St Anthony from 7pm. For enquiries, contact the parish office on 9631 3316.

## The Jewish Jesus in the Eucharist: June 12

The Northern Deanery Pastoral Council is hosting a presentation from the Institute for Mission on The Jewish Jesus in the Eucharist on Wednesday June 12, at St Michael's School Hall, Baulkham Hills from 7pm to 9pm. A light supper will be provided. To RSVP for catering purposes, contact Wendy on 0427 863 149 or [deanerypc@parishofbaulkhamills.org.au](mailto:deanerypc@parishofbaulkhamills.org.au)

to Sr Paula – [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com) or 0449 656 406.