

NEWSLETTER



18th June 2019 Term 2 Week 8

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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

Each day we start our morning assembly with the Sign of the Cross. "The sign of the cross is a beautiful gesture which reminds the faithful of both the cross of salvation while invoking the Holy Trinity.

Technically, the sign of the cross is a sacramental, sacred sign instituted by the Church which prepares a person to receive grace and which sanctifies a moment or circumstance.

Along with this thought, this gesture has been used since the earliest times of the Church to begin and to conclude prayer and the Mass."

Last Sunday was the day we celebrated "The Most Holy Trinity". A time when we remember the significance of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We are not alone in this world if we reach out for guidance and help.

At this mass on Sunday, I took away the challenge to be open, forgiving and loving to all those around me, even if it is difficult.

Maybe put the negative thought and opinions of the past behind and look towards a new start. This is difficult at times.

Here at the school when students have a conflict with other students, we work towards being able to put things behind into the past and make the future more positive.

Mr Mark Geerligs
Principal



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.

S@S Grand Opening Sunday 23rd June 2pm

This Sunday is the Grand Opening of our S@S, and Creative Arts Expo.

This event will see the unveiling of our new stained glass window and is a time to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students.

At the Grand Opening, there will be the "Dig it out" cafe where all money raised will go towards the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

We hope to share the day with many student's, family and friends.



St Canice's Giant Raffle

We have had a massive amount donated to our Giant Raffle prize pool, now totalling over \$1000, with more prizes still coming.

Due to the amazing generosity from our local community we have decided to extend our Giant Raffle.

We will be selling tickets at the S@S Creative Art Expo Grand Opening this Sunday 23rd June, and continue selling until our Open Day on 27th July where the prizes will be drawn.



Tickets are available now and if you feel you could sell some at work, or to family over the holidays, please ask at the office for a book to take with you.

Tickets are 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5, and 7 for \$10 and with more than 30 prizes, we will simply keep drawing winners until the prizes are all gone. All money raised in this raffle will be helping our school fund projects like: Shade Structures, Books, Music Resources, and Library Furniture.

Thank you to all the donators and all those who sourced them.



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



Diocesan Athletics

If you participate in Little Athletics on the weekend and you would like to be considered to enter the Diocesan Athletics carnival in SHOT PUT, HIGH JUMP OR DISCUS, please print out your latest distances and have them authorised by your club.

Then pass these along to Mrs Clarke who will see if you are eligible for entering the Diocesan Athletics Carnival.

Please note that this is quite competitive and the qualifying distances are non negotiable.

Please have these to Mrs Clarke by the end of term.



Attendance Matters

St Canice's will begin to trial an automated student absence system to monitor student attendance.

This system will alert parents of their child's absence and provide an opportunity to explain absence via sms. To avoid multiple responses, the system is set to send an instant text message to the primary number for mother contacts on all student files.

If you would like to adjust this contact to an alternate number, please contact the office on 4780 6800



Parent / Teacher Interviews

The Term 2 Parent Teacher Interviews will commence on Monday 24th of June until Friday 28th June.

You can book interview times that best suit your family at www.schoolinterviews.com.au

The event code is **9jx9p**

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically.



First Holy Communion

This Sunday the 23rd June at 10am the following student's will make their First Holy Communion.

**Caeden Shaw
Arren Shaw
Oliver Parrott
Javier Diaz
Benny Goulding**



Please keep these student's in your prayers.

Expression of Interest

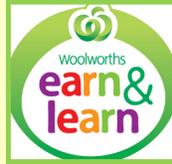
Would you like to host a **student from Japan** between the 27th of July until the 4th August? Students are aged between 14—15 years and speak some English.

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.

Attendance Rates

As part of my role as Attendance Family Liaison Officer I monitor the attendance of each and every student within our school community.

The target attendance rate for all students is 90% and above and is set by The Education Department.

Whilst we realise there are times when students are genuinely ill or absent for family other reasons, we ask that as parents/carers you make attending school each and every day and being on here on time a priority. If a child is not at school they cannot learn, they miss out on forging friendships and often struggle to fulfil their potential.

If you are experiencing difficulty getting your child to school or to school on time, please contact me so that we can work together in helping your child be the best that they can be.

Miss Elizabeth

Attendance Family Liaison Officer, Miss Elizabeth.



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to make baked vegie chips

Serves: 4 | Prep time: 15 min | Cooking time: 20 min

Ingredients

1 sweet potato, peeled
2 carrots, peeled
2 parsnips, peeled
1 large beetroot, peeled
Sprigs of fresh rosemary or thyme
Olive oil spray
Sea salt



Method

Pre-heat oven to 190°C. Slice all the vegies into thin rounds. Spread them out on paper towels and blot dry, ensure they're as dry as possible.

Line a baking tray with foil and lightly spray with olive oil. Spread the vegies and herbs on the tray and spray them with olive oil and add a dash of salt. Bake for approx. 20 minutes, checking every 5 mins. to ensure they're not burning. Remove any that are brown and crispy before the others.

For more recipes, tips and ideas visit our [website](http://healthylunchbox.com.au).

healthylunchbox.com.au

Too Sick for School?

We have had multiply cases of gastroenteritis and children suffering flu like symptoms reported.

We ask that children be kept away from school for 48 hours after the last loose bowel movement or vomit to prevent the spread of illness.

To Help Prevent Spread of Illness

Please encourage children to wash hands especially before handling food and after using the bathroom.



At Home Numeracy Challenge

What do you notice?

What do you wonder?

What do you think is going to happen to the yellow ball? Why? What else could happen?



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School Calendar

June

Week 8

| | | | |
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| Tuesday | 18th | Preschool Reading Group Library Cello School Banking | 8:40am |
| Wednesday | 19th | Strings Program Stage 2 | 12pm |
| Thursday | 20th | Italian Music | |
| Friday | 21st | My School lunchbox Assembly S2B Mass Ensemble | 3—4pm |
| Sunday | 23rd | First Holy Communion S@S & Creative Arts Expo | 10am 2pm |

Week 9

S@S Expo Parent / Teacher Interviews

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| Monday | 24th | My School Lunchbox Violin | |
| Tuesday | 25th | Preschool Reading Group Library Cello School Banking | 8:40am |
| Wednesday | 26th | Strings Program Stage 2 | 12pm |
| Thursday | 27th | Italian Music | |
| Friday | 28th | Stage 2 & 3 Sport Assembly Year I 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

KOOSH

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



Student Banking is Every Tuesday



**S@S
&
Creative Arts Expo
open throughout
Week 9**

Subscribe to the Parent Calendar and
Newsletter
www.stcaniceskatoomba.catholic.edu.au

What's On in Our Community



HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Kidzartz 2019
RESCUED!

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

FUN **COMMITMENT** **SAFETY**
RESPECT **CONFIDENCE**

TRYTIME RUGBY
SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP BLUE MOUNTAINS

WHO: Rugby players aged between U6-U14yrs (Age group split sessions)
DATE: Mon 8th & Tues 9th July 2019
TIME: 9am - 3pm (both days). Drop off available from 8am
VENUE: Lapstone Oval, Lapstone, NSW 2773

WHAT: Players of all levels are encouraged to attend this camp. Specialist coaches will work with all players to further enhance their specific skills, whether they are new to game or have played for a number of years.

Players receive:

- Trytime training top
- Specialised team and individual positional coaching from highly qualified coaching staff
- Nutritious morning & afternoon tea (please supply lunch for your child)
- A great enjoyable and fun experience

For more information and to register, please go to:
www.trytimerugby.com/camps

Mike Cross
0416 142 451
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Special Thanks To Our Sponsors

Sunday 30th June 2019
Tee Off at 3.00pm

Junior Golf Putting Competition

Come & join the fun!
ALL WELCOME

There will be 2 age groups competing;
Junior members 15 to 18 years &
Sub Juniors 15 years & under.

Its Free!

Trophies given to the winners.
Parents can also enjoy the fun or visit our club house

Free golf clinic for Juniors every Thursday afternoon from 3.45pm!

Contact DARRIN'S PRO SHOP to participate or for more information on 02 4787 5643 or email: proshop@blackheathgolf.com.au

Term 3 - 2019
Go4Fun is coming to South Windsor!

GO4FUN
HEALTHY ACTIVE HAPPY KIDS
NSW GOVERNMENT

A **free** after-school health program for 7- 13 kids who are above a healthy weight and their families.

- Weekly games and activities for kids in the pool
- Fun, interactive discussions and activities about healthy foods, physical activity, behaviour change and self-esteem
- Practical skills such as meal planning, label reading and a supermarket tour!

Tuesdays, 4:30 - 6:30PM
(starting 23 July 2019)
Hawkesbury YMCA Indoor Stadium, South Windsor

REGISTRATIONS OPEN - CALL 1800 780 900

KU Bilya Gulyangarri Preschool

Enrolling Now

KU Bilya Gulyangarri provides high quality, community-based preschool education for children aged 3 - 5 years old, including:

- ▶ An educational, play-based curriculum
- ▶ Qualified, caring and experienced staff
- ▶ A focus on engaging with the local Indigenous community
- ▶ A large outdoor environment promoting sustainability
- ▶ Located next to North Katoomba Primary School
- ▶ Rated as **'Exceeding'** the National Quality Standard

To learn more, visit www.ku.com.au or contact:

KU Bilya Gulyangarri Preschool

Cnr Verdun and Barton Streets, North Katoomba

T 4782 5847

E ku.bilyagulyangarri@ku.com.au



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

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

CYP LIFTED Retreat 2019: July 5 – 7

CYP invites young adults aged 18 – 35 to attend the annual LIFTED Retreat from July 5-7 at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale. You can expect great guest speakers, stimulating discussions, adoration, daily Mass, Reconciliation, soul-stirring music and delicious food. The theme is inspired by Pope Francis – 'Dare to be Different' Register now @ <https://parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat/>

Australian Catholic Youth Festival, Perth: 7 – 11 December 2019

ACYF19 is a biennial national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Bishops of Australia. The event involves three days of exciting, large scale Plenary's, tens of workshops, concerts, prayer experiences, fun, expos and concludes with an outdoor mass with the City of Perth. Bishop Vincent and Catholic Youth Parramatta will be leading an expected 200 participants. Free twin-share hotel accommodation is being offered now. For more information and to register visit www.catholicyouthparramatta.org

Women in Leadership: 4 - 7 July

The Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo invites women of any age and any experience in formal leadership positions, and for those who exercise leadership without a formal title in business, schools, homes, offices, parishes, anywhere to the Women in Leadership workshop. The aim is to support women to explore their unique gifts – as people, as women and as leaders. 4-7 July. 02 4236 0533 or cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au for more information.

Renaissance of Marriage 2019: 26 – 27 July

Renaissance of Marriage 2019 – Building a Catholic Marriage Culture – will be held on 26 and 27 July at the University of Notre Dame Sydney. Keynote Speakers include Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and Kevin Donnelly. Registrations open at www.ROM.org.au

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