

NEWSLETTER



14th August 2017 Term 3 Week 5

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St Canice's Catholic Primary School
Katoomba 2017

Growth through love and learning

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Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday's Gospel reading was from Matthew 14: 22-33, Jesus calms the sea. The beginning of this reading has Jesus spending some time in the hills by himself in prayer. Many people have experienced God in the solitude of being in the mountains. Many tourists to the Blue Mountains are looking for just that experience. Finding a place that is quiet, private and so very close to nature is a great time to think, pray and contemplate. I remember on my pilgrimage to the Holy Lands in 2015, walking in the area where Jesus stopped and prayed. We had time with very few distractions. As I gazed over the Sea of Galilee, I wondered about life 2,000 years ago.

The challenge for us today is to also find that time in our lives. Attending Mass can not only be a community celebration but also a time for solitary prayer and reflection.



This Tuesday is a Feast day called "The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary". It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 are going to the 12:00noon mass.

Mr Mark Geerligs
Principal



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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.

Enrolling Now for 2018

Other News from the Principal

In our Prayers

Our St Canice's community sends our deepest sympathy to Mr Coley White and his family. Mr White's Father passed away on Saturday the 4th of August. Please keep them in your prayers at this very sad time.



Pyjama Day

St Canice's pyjama day was fun and successful with both students and staff wearing their comfy pyjamas to School and raising \$239.50 to donate to St Vincent de Paul's Winter Appeal.



Mini Vinnie's Winter Sleep Out

Thank you to all who participated in and sponsored this year's Winter Sleep Out. An incredibly generous \$1311.50 has been raised to donate to St Vincent de Paul's Winter Appeal.



Sport News

Zone Athletics Carnival

On Thursday 10th August, 23 students represented our school at the Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival. We were blessed with perfect weather and our team were full of energy and excitement. You could hear our school cheering others on throughout the stadium. All students tried their very best and many students even did some personal bests. Marleah qualified for the 200m Final and came 5th overall.

Thank you to Mr Geerligns for being Team Manager on the day and another huge thank you to all the parents and grandparents who attended.



Miss Lauren Bennett
Sports Coordinator

Basketball Gala Day 2017

On Wednesday the 2nd August 19 students represented our school at the Blue Mountains Basketball Gala Day. We had a fabulous day cheering and playing lots of games of basketball. Congratulations to all students who attended. Our Stage 2 Boys won the competition! A huge thank you to all the parent helpers, we couldn't do it without your help and support.

Miss Lauren Bennett
Sports Coordinator



School Disco

St Canice's School Winter Disco will be held on Friday 25th of August 6pm—7:30pm in the Hall. Orders for the pre-sale combo deal are to be returned to School by Friday 18th of August. Extra order forms have been sent home today.



Donations for Fathers Day Stall

Sr Colleen is collecting gift donations for the upcoming Fathers Day Stall. A donation from each family would be appreciated. Some suggestions for donations include socks, pens, hankies, small lollies. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.



Preschool Storytelling

Miss Sally invites all Preschooler's to hear fun and exciting Storytelling on Tuesday's from 9 am in the Library. Everyone welcome.



Seussical

Congratulations to Hugo Coghlan for being selected to participate in the musical "Seussical", based on the works of Dr. Seuss. Hugo performs as one of the Who's, and his sister Isabella plays Yurtle the Turtle.



Calmsley Hill City Farm Excursion

Kindergarten will be going to investigate animals and their habitats at Calmsley Hill City Farm on Friday 8th of September.

Please ensure permission slips are returned to the Office by Friday 1st of September.



Voice of Youth

Congratulations to our 4 winners of the Voice of Youth Year 6 speeches. Zahara, Theadora and Leo will represent the school this Thursday, at the cluster final with Marley as the back-up. Well done everyone



St Canice's New Phone Number

St Canice's Primary School has a new digital phone number. The number **4780 6800**, is now replacing 4782 1260.

A redirection will be in place for 18 months to allow time for our community to update and familiarise.



NAPLAN

During the week starting Monday 4th, September all Year 3 and Year 5 will be involved in an online school readiness test. It is designed to determine the needs of schools to be able to do the NAPLAN annual assessment online rather than with pen and paper.

"The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment."

For more information see go to the following website.

<https://sites.google.com/parra.catholic.edu.au/2017cednnaplanonlinereadiness/information-for-parents>

All Year 3 and Year 5 students will receive extra Information this week.

Grandparents and Book Parade Day Tuesday 22nd August 2017



*Story Book Fair: 8:30am– 3:30pm
(School Library- \$Cash only)*

Preschool Storytelling: 9am

Storytelling: 11:30 – 12:30pm

Barbeque Lunch: 12:40pm - 1:10pm

Book Parade: 1:20pm

Grandparents Celebration & Special

Performance: 2:00pm

Afternoon Pack up: 2:30pm – 2:50pm

*All welcome to come dressed in the Book
Week Theme “Escape to Everywhere”
And share in the celebration of Book
Week and showing our appreciation for
the role Grandparents play in our lives.*



HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY!



Keys found

A set of keys have been found in the playground. If you own a set of keys with a Star Trek Las Vegas Hilton key ring, please see the Office.



Blue Mountains Basketball Association

Registration Day

When: Saturday 16th September 2017

Where: Katoomba Sports and Aquatic Centre

Time: 11:30am—1:30pm

All Ages Welcome

You can also nominate online at

www.bmbasketball.com.au under “contact us”.



Free Family Event

A program of spiritual enrichment for families on the theme of the World Meeting of Families 2018. Sunday 27th August 1pm—3:15pm. Mass available 11am BYO Picnic lunch. Mt Schoenstatt family hall—230 Fairlight road, Mulgoa.

Register: 8838 3460 or imf@parra.catholic.org.au

 **Cancer Council NSW** Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to swap out sugary lunch box snacks.

Did you know that out of more than 260 kids' packaged snacks available on the market only three scored a top rating of five health stars?*



With plugs like 'real fruit,' and 'no artificial colours or flavours' you could unknowingly be serving six or more teaspoons of sugar in one lunch box snack.

Swap the lunch box sugar with some of these healthy snacks that are tasty and easy to make:

- Veggie sticks with hummus or avocado dip.
- Homemade muesli bars and muffins.
- Plain popcorn, nuts or roasted chickpeas.
- Plain rice crackers.
- Baked pita bread with roast veg dip.
- Stewed apple with cinnamon and sultanas.

*M. Herron. 2016. Kids' lunchbox snacks. CHOICE [ONLINE].

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://www.facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.

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Eat It To Beat It 



School Calendar

August

Week 5

Tuesday	15th	Student Banking Craft with Sr Colleen Preschool Storytelling Feast of Assumption Mass Yr 2 –6	8.45am 9am 12pm
Wednesday	16th		
Thursday	17th	Music and Italian Voice of Youth Ukulele	8:30 – 2pm 1:20pm
Friday	18th	My School Lunch Box Gold Award Assembly Kinder Mass S2B String Ensemble	8.50am 12noon 3pm

Week 6

Monday	21st	My School Lunch Box	
Tuesday	22nd	Student Banking Craft with Sr Colleen Book Week Celebrations Grand Parents Day	8.45am All Day
Wednesday	23rd		
Thursday	24th	Music and Italian Choir	1.20pm
Friday	25th	My School Lunch Box Prayer Assembly S3K Mass S3W String Ensemble	

Our School Bell Times

8.40am School Begins

10.40 Recess

1.10 Lunch

2.50 End of Day

2017 Fees

Billing Date	Due Date
20th July	21st August

If you are unable to pay fees by the due date, please contact the Office.

Daily Attendance

It is important for all students to attend school each day. School attendance for the whole day is a legal requirement. Unless there is an urgent matter requiring your child to leave school early, we require a written request to the Principal in advance of the leave.

Change of Home or Emergency Contacts

If you have any changes to your home or emergency contact numbers, please contact the school Office as soon as possible. In cases of sickness or emergency, it is important that we have the correct contact details for your child(ren).

Reminder to Parents

Parents and visitors are reminded that, if entering the school grounds to attend classroom activities, etc, they are required to sign in at the Office on arrival, and sign out on departure.

Second Hand Uniform

We have a small collection of second hand uniform available for sale from \$5 per item. Please call into the Office for assistance.

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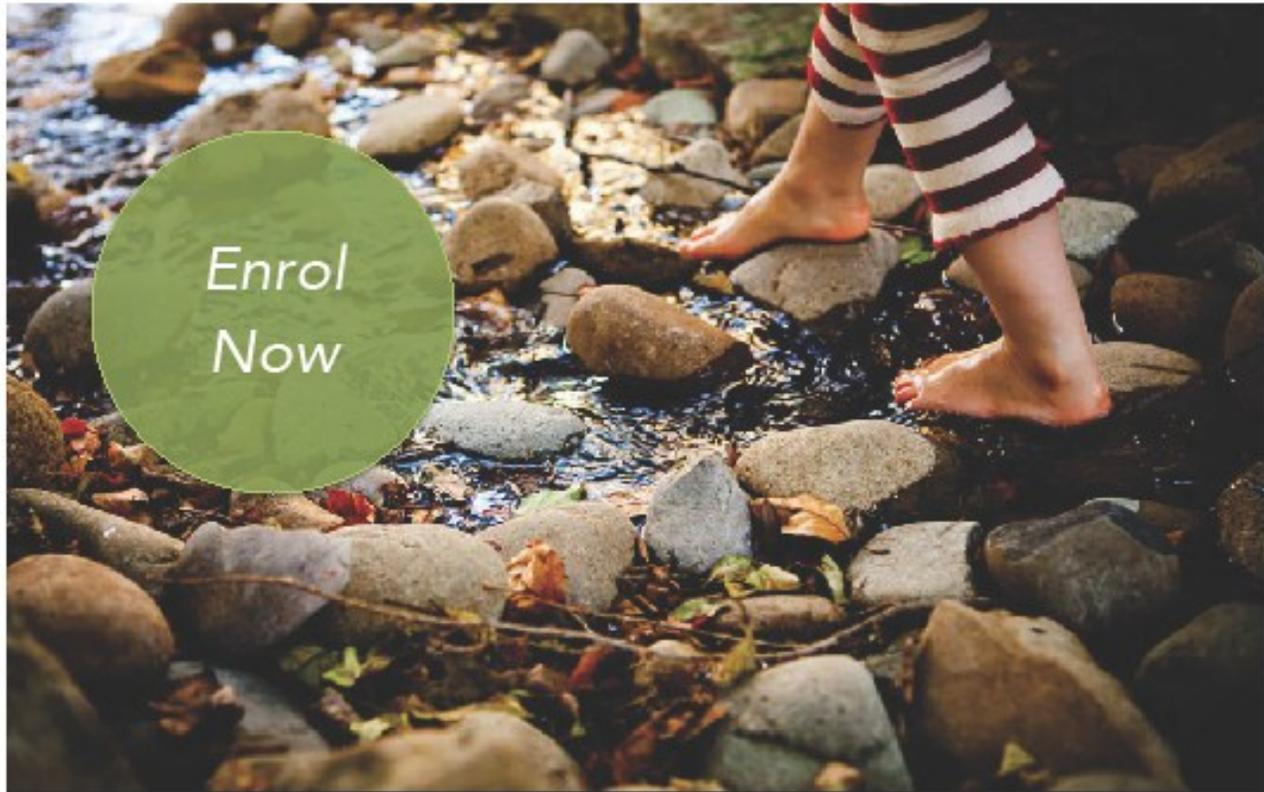
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**St Canice's
School Winter
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**Last chance for combo-orders.
Due this Friday 18th.**



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