

NEWSLETTER



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Katoomba 2017

Growth through love and learning

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Dear Parents and Carers

Our 2017 school year starts today.

- ◆ Welcome back everyone to what is shaping up to be another great year.
- ◆ Welcome to Mr Coley White our new Assistant Principal and S3W teacher.
- ◆ Also welcome back to Mrs Mary Hartnett who returns to us each Tuesday in the Library.

Yesterday's Gospel Reading was a great one to start the school year – The Beatitudes Mathew 5: 1- 12. Jesus talks all about Happiness and being joyful. The wonderful attributes of humility, gentleness, being caring, just, merciful, honest and being a peacemaker – these attributes focus on others and not ourselves. This would be a great challenge and one that could be a personal goal for the year.

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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.

Newsletter

This is a short letter to everyone with the main newsletter going out next week – Week 3. This week is technically numbered as Week 2 (All staff were at school last Friday for a Staff Development Day). All of this detail is in our school calendar. To be able to see the Parent Calendar for the year, please subscribe on our school website – Go to - <http://www.stcaniceskatoomba.catholic.edu.au/> , then select “Current Community” and then click Newsletter – this will enable you to enter your email address to subscribe to the newsletter, latest news, calendar etc.

Today all Years 2 – 6 start school

Kindergarten and Year 1 start on Wednesday.

During the next 2 days each of the Kindergarten and Year 1 students will be visiting the school for their Mathematical Assessment Interview (MAI) with the class teacher. Every other student in the school will also be assessed with the MAI, but this will be carried out during school time over the next 3-4 weeks. This data we gather, will inform us regarding the level of achievement of your child in the domains of Counting, Place Value, Addition/ Subtraction and Multiplication/ Division. This data will be used to determine what learning plan is required for your child.

Assessments

A number of times throughout the term the teachers will be assessing your child’s achievement level in many things especially in Reading, Writing, Problem Solving Skills and their understanding of the Sacraments and Scripture. All of this data is compiled in our Data Room. This gives us a clear picture of the individual achievement of each student as well as the class achievement and whole school achievement. This data helps us plan individually, as a class and as a school.

Attendance Data

Another piece of data we will be tracking for each student will be their attendance rate at school. I will explain more about this over the coming newsletters, but basically we are aiming towards better school attendance rates than we have achieved in the past. In 2016 the St Canice’s overall attendance rate was a very low 75%.

This means that if every student were at school every day for the whole of the 2016 school year, we would have achieved 100%. But St Canice’s could only achieve attendance 75% of the time. The Diocesan mantra is “Every Day, Every Child”. What can we do about this statistic for our school? Our goal is to significantly improve this figure. School is essential for every student every single day from the beginning of the day to the very end of the day.

Re-usable Beeswax Wrap

Attached is a letter from the school about a new initiative relating to our S@S and the many curriculum areas. Have a read it is a great initiative and worth the time and effort from each of us. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Plastic Bottle Top Collection

If you have been collecting your plastic bottle tops over the holidays please bring your collection in to school and place in the green tub near the school Office.

Meet and Greet

A flyer will be sent home tomorrow for students in Years 2 to 6 with information and booking instructions for you child’s “Meet and Greet”. This is being held next week from Monday 6th February to Friday 10th February. Times will be advised.

School Uniform

Abel Schoolwear are the new Uniform provider for St Canice’s Primary. Uniforms may be purchased at any time at the following webpage.

1. Go to www.abelschoolwearshop.com
2. Select “Shop” from the menu page
3. Select St Canice’s Primary School
4. Select your items.

Goods will be delivered directly to home for a small delivery fee.

The girls culottes are now available whilst the sports polo top will be available in approx. 2 weeks.

Swimming Carnival

A reminder that our Swimming Carnival will be held this Thursday 2nd February at Katoomba Sports and Aquatic Centre. The carnival will take place after school at 3.30pm. Please return permission notes by Wednesday 1st February.

Dear Parents and Carers of St Canice's students,

This term all students will make their own re-useable beeswax food wrap. We believe that making these will be beneficial to our local environment and supports the concepts we will explore during our Term 2 S@S (Sculpture at School) including:-



Reusable food wrap is a more sustainable option.

It can be washed and reused many times, creating less waste.

It's healthier for you to wrap your food in this beeswax fabric rather than having plastic wrapped around your food.

You'll save money if you use reusable food wrap instead of purchasing commercial food wrap.

Kinder and Yr 1 students will be assisted by their buddies to create their food wrap. The school will provide the beeswax, material and buttons (if children choose to add them). The wrap works perfectly well without buttons. The wrap needs to be cleared of excess food each day. It can be rinsed in luke-warm water to clean.

Each child is asked to donate \$2 towards the cost of the wrap. Please send this in to the office in an envelope with your Child's Name; Food Wrap & Class clearly labelled.

We have elected to make a wrap that would accommodate a sandwich. Please feel free to extend this at home and make smaller / larger wraps for your individual needs. It's a quick, easy craft activity to complete with your child and it opens the conversation for Science and Environmental Care conversations.

Thank you for supporting this whole-school initiative.



School Calendar

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



Building Child Safe Communities

“Building Child Safe Communities” is a initiative developed by the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. It is now a requirement that all volunteers complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering at school. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

Webpage

<http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>
 Then click on “Child Protection Training forms” (halfway down page on the right hand side)



This is mandatory for all parents and carers who wish to help in the school or attend school excursions.

Nut Free Please

We at St Canice’s would like to remind all families that we endeavour to be a Nut Free School. As part of our awareness and care for children in our School that have Anaphylaxis, which is a life threatening allergy to nuts and products containing nut traces. We ask that everyone be thoughtful in bringing snacks and lunch from home. Children are precious and irreplaceable. Please assist us in keeping them safe and we thank you in anticipation of your understanding.



January

Week 2			
Tuesday	31st	Student Banking Library Borrowing	

February

Wednesday	1st	Kinder and Year 1 Start Sports Day Stage 3	
Thursday	2nd	Music and Italian Swimming Carnival	3.30pm
Friday	3rd	My School Lunch Box Sports Day Stage 2 Assembly Stage 2 M Ensemble	8.40am 3pm

Week 3

Monday	6th	My School Lunch Box Sports Day for Kindergarten Year 1 & 2 Meet and Greet	
Tuesday	7th	Student Banking Library Borrowing Meet and Greet	3.30pm
Wednesday	8th	Sports Day Stage 3 Meet and Greet	
Thursday	9th	Music and Italian Meet and Greet	
Friday	10th	My School Lunch Box Sports Day Stage 2 Meet and Greet	