

NEWSLETTER



24th April 2017 Term 2 Week 1

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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

Welcome back everyone to the start of Term 2. It has been a sad Easter break for the staff of St Canice's.

The father of Mrs. Jennie MacPherson who works in the office, died just before Easter. He is also the grandfather of Sarah who has worked here as a teacher and Emma who works in the office at times. Our school community have been praying for Jennie, Sarah, Emma and the family. He is peacefully with God now and relieved of any pain.

The husband of Mrs. Mary Hartnett, our school librarian, died just last week. Michael has been battling his illness for quite a while now. He too is peaceful in the Eternal Life and not suffering any more.

Miss Bennet's Uncle and Ms Honeyman's Uncle both passed away in the past week. Please pray for our school community, especially for Jennie, Sarah, Emma, Mary, Lauren and Rachael,

May the Easter message of Faith and Love be with us all during times of suffering, hardship and pain.

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting" Psalm 117

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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.

Other Messages from the Principal

This term will be one that has a great deal to offer the students and community from St Canice's.

ANZAC Day March

Starting the term with our ANZAC Day Dawn Service and March we are hoping for many students to attend the 6am service near the RSL site and the 10:45am march starting at the Carrington.

Chinese School Student Teachers

The school will be hosting 10 Chinese Student teachers for 2 days next week as a link with educators from across the seas.

Scenic World Excursion

The whole school will also be visiting the Scenic World Sculptural exhibition next Wednesday. Our exhibit "Canice and the Plastic Reef" has been a real hit for the visitor to the exhibition. Please return your child excursion permission notes.

How to Subscribe

For more details about what's on at St Canice's please subscribe on our website to the newsletter and the school calendar

www.stcaniceskatoomba.catholic.edu.au

Select "Current Community" click on Newsletter

New Stage

As part of the push to ensure that the arts are an important part of our school life, we have purchased a new portable stage to be installed in the Parish/ school hall. Part of the payment for this stage will be coming from the Parent Body. There will be other plans to upgrade the hall and make it a place of pride and activity for our school and the community.

Other Matters

Winter Uniform Changeover

Students return to school after the holidays on Wednesday 26th April wearing their winter uniform. There will be a two-week change over, if you feel the weather is still too warm for children to return in winter uniform. By Monday 8th May all children will be wearing winter uniform. The correct uniform should be worn at all times in order to maintain high expectations. If, for any reason, a child is unable to wear any part of the correct uniform, a note should be sent to the child's teacher. The school hat is an essential item of school uniform. The wearing of the school hat is compulsory throughout the year. For a full list of school uniform requirements, please refer to our School Website. All uniforms are available online only from Abel Schoolwear Penrith abelschoolwear@bigpond.com.

Enrolment Time

If your child is of school age and is ready to begin Kindergarten in 2018, please collect an enrolment package from our school office or download an application from our website. Please share this information with family and friends who are interested in sending their child to St Canice's Katoomba.

Measles notice

Please find attached to the Newsletter a Measles warning issued by the NSW Department of Health

NAPLAN 2017

National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing will be conducted at St Canice's from 9th till 11th May 2017 for all students in Years 3 & 5.

Tuesday 9th May: - Language Convention and Writing

Wednesday 10th May: - Reading

Thursday 11th May: - Numeracy

If you have any concerns about your child sitting the NAPLAN testing, please talk to Mr Geerligs.

2017 School Fees

All families should have received their 2017 School Fees accounts. If accounts have not been received please contact the Office. If you are experiencing financial difficulty please contact the Office to discuss alternative arrangements or a Flexible Payment Plan.

Billing Date

Due Date

2nd February

6th March

27th April

29th May

20th July

21st August

Reminder to Parents

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



Working with
Children Check

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All parent helpers and volunteers at St Canice's need to fill in an online Volunteers Undertaking (which will determine if you need a Working with Children Check number) and you will also need to complete an online Child Protection Training module every two years. Examples of volunteer workers in a school include: * Reading Helpers * Maths Helpers * Library Helpers * Excursion Helpers * Classroom General Helpers * Sports Carnival Helpers



School Calendar

Subscribe to the Parent Calendar and Newsletter
www.stcaniceskatoomba.catholic.edu.au
 Select "Current Community" click on Newsletter

April

Week 1

Wednesday	26th	Sports Day Stage 3 ANZAC Remembrance	11.10am
Thursday	27th	Ukulele Group Music and Italian First Holy Communion	
Friday	28th	Cross Country Training My School Lunch Box Sports Day Stage 2 School Assembly S3W School Mass S3W String Ensemble	7.30am 8.45am 12noon 3pm

May

Week 2

Monday	1st	Tai Chi Chinese Trainee Teacher Visit My School Lunch Box Sports Day for Kinder	8.50am
Tuesday	2nd	Craft with Sr Colleen Student Banking Chinese Trainee Teacher Visit	8.45am
Wednesday	3rd	Sports Day Stage 3 Choir Scenic World Excursion	
Friday	5th	My School Lunch Box Stage 3 Futsal Gala Day School Assembly Yr1 School Mass S2M String Ensemble	8.45am 12noon 3pm

Student Banking

Congratulations to the following students who have received a certificate recently.

Bronze

Cody Okell-Johnston

Outstanding

Eva Garraway

Caeden Shaw

Life Learning Co

We invite you to join us for a conversation between two locals who share a common interest and yet have vastly different life experiences, education and backgrounds.

The conversations in our 2017 series will be informal whilst being intellectually stimulating, inspiring and perhaps even evocative. Lisa Gorman will moderate the conversations and there will be time for questions and answers and a cuppa and a cake.

Venue

20 Mile Hollow Café
 68 Great Western Highway
 Woodford

Arrival

6.45pm for a 7.00pm start
 \$25 adults / \$22 students

24th May

Accessing chi and developing your life force

28th June

What changes when our parents' health really declines?



NSW Premiers' Reading Challenge

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The NSW Premiers' Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge for each to read, to read more and to read more widely.

This year's challenge started on March 6th and finishes on August 25th. This challenge can be completed as part of the children's home reading each week. It is expected that all students in in our school will participate in the challenge. Many of the PRC books can be found in our school library or your local library. A comprehensive list of books included in the challenge can be found on the PRC website.

Visit the PRC website now to download your Personal Reading Log and view booklists. Visit <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> or Google Premiers' Reading Challenge.

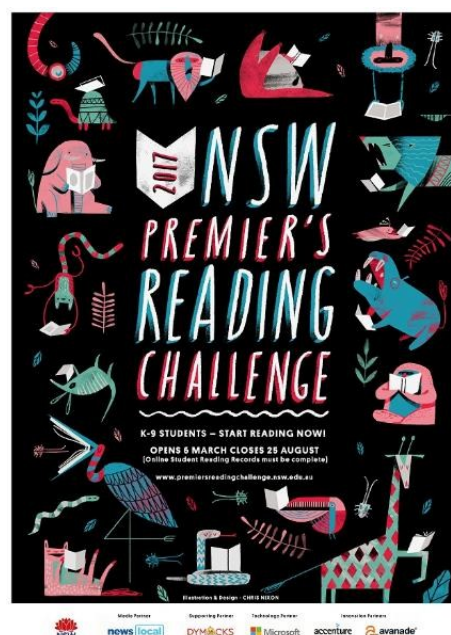
You must read a certain number of books to complete the Challenge:

Challenge	Number of books you	Minimum number of	Maximum number of
K-2	30	25	5
3-4	20	15	5
5-6	20	15	5

Your child's login and password will be sent home as soon as possible.

If you have any questions with reading lists or issues with passwords please see me or Mr Coley White.

Cheerfully Yours
Sally Bennett St Canices Library
and
Mr Coley White
Assistant Principal



Pre-school Storytelling in the Library

The Pre-school stage is a special time for reading with your child; it is all about spending a magical time together, and **having fun** by enjoying the language and illustrations in picture books. Reading aloud and sharing stories with your child is one of the most important and enjoyable things you can do together.

Why reading with your pre-schooler is important!

Builds your child's early literacy skills

Getting your child familiar with sounds, words, language

Developing ability to listen to and understand words

Valuing and finding joy of books

Helps to go on to read successfully later in childhood.

Day: Every Tuesday

Time: 8:50am - 9:10am

Place: Library

Storyteller: Ms Sally

Looking forward to the fun of sharing and enjoying stories with pre-schoolers and their parents/caregivers. Come and READ: Relax with a book! Explore new worlds! Awaken your senses! Delight your imagination!

Ms Sally



Measles outbreak in western Sydney

There is currently an outbreak of measles in South Western and Western Sydney, with at least 9 people having acquired the disease in the region during March 2017.

The reported cases include children and infants who have attended childcare centres and secondary schools. There is potential for the measles outbreak to spread further as the infected young people have large social networks both within and outside of their schools, and some have travelled on public transport whilst infectious. Measles is highly infectious and anyone who isn't vaccinated is at risk of infection if they have had contact with an infectious case.

Immunisation is effective in preventing measles. It is important for everyone to ensure that they have received at least two doses of measles containing vaccine (MMR). Infants and young children are vaccinated with measles containing vaccine at 12 months and 18 months of age. Older children and adults born during or after 1966 should ensure that they have been vaccinated with two doses of vaccine. Unless people are certain they have had two doses of measles vaccine, they should visit their GP as soon as possible for free measles vaccination.

The first sign of measles is usually a high fever, a runny nose, cough, and red, watery eyes. The rash usually starts on the face and upper neck and spreads over the body, hands and feet. The rash lasts for 4-7 days.

People with measles symptoms should seek medical advice as soon as possible phoning the emergency department or GP beforehand, stay home from work or school, and limit other activities to avoid exposing other vulnerable people, such as infants, to the infection.

Further information about measles can be found on the NSW Ministry of Health website at:
<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/measles.html>

Term 2 2017

Future Savers Rewards

We're excited to launch the Term 2 reward items for 2017 from our Future Savers range.

- . Tablet Case
- . 3D Chalk Set



Messages from the Bishops Office

Time for Us to go on a Date: 29 April

An evening for couples to dance, dine and prayer together at Mount Schoenstatt on Saturday 29 April from 5.00pm-10.00pm. For more information or to register: Sr M Julie Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 728 334, juliebrcar@gmail.com Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/events/1494512160560110/>

Nigerian Catholic Women's Group Retreat (Open to all women): 30 April

Open to all women, the Nigerian Catholic Women's Group warmly invites you to their retreat. The theme: Mary our model. A one-day retreat to enrich us in preparing spiritually for our Mother's Day celebration and beyond. Guest speaker/moderator Rev Fr Suresh Kumar – Mary, model of humility for Christian women; and guest speaker Sr Grace Roclawaska CSFN – Praying with Mary, our Mother. St George Preca Parish Centre, Our Lady Queen of Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Arrive 3.00pm for 3.30pm start, closes 7.00pm with dinner. This retreat is open to all women (not just Nigerians) and is hosted by Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, tel 045 11 744 38, Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

Parishes Making Connections NSW Conference: 2 May

Shane Dwyer, director of the National Centre for Evangelisation, keynotes this year's NSW Catholic Pastoral Conference. Includes presentations and networking with parishes and schools offering successful ministries with small faith groups and with youth engagement. For parishioners, school staff and clergy. Lidcombe, 10.00am-4.00pm, optional dinner. \$60 registration: www.trybooking.com/PBCM Endorsed by our Pastoral Planning Office. For inquiries and flyer: Greg Byrne tel 0427 918 568, gregbyrne3@bigpond.com

"My Soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord": 6 May

Reflection Day for Women on Saturday 6 May 9.30 am – 3.00 pm at Mt Schoenstatt, Fairlight Rd Mulgoa. Hosted by Sr Mary Louise Walsh. Cost \$25 BYO lunch, tea & coffee provided. To register: info@schoenstatt.org.au

New Testament Workshops: 10, 12 & 13 May

The internationally respected Scripture scholar Prof van Than Nguyen SVD will be conducting three face-to-face workshops at The Broken Bay Institute which will be of practical interest to teachers, parishes and religious communities. Prof Nguyen is the Chair of Catholic Missiology at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and the Director of its widely respected Master of Divinity Program. He has published extensively in the areas of New Testament Studies and on Spirituality in a Pluralistic Society. Topics: Interpreting and Preaching the Gospel of Matthew (10 May), The Lukan Spirituality of Jesus (12 May) and Reading the Bible in the Context of World Christianity (13 May). For further information and to register: www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/BBites

LIFTED Live! Featuring Steve Angrisano: 13 May

Join Catholic Youth Parramatta for our first LIFTED Live! in 2017 at our new central venue in the Rooty Hill RSL. Last year, more than 400 young people were inspired by Catholic musician, singer, songwriter and storyteller Steve Angrisano. You can expect music, prayer, worship, adoration, drama, laughs and a great night as the LIFTED Band and Steve join forces in faith, formation and fun! \$5 entry fee to be inspired and upLIFTED for your ongoing ministry! From 7.00pm-10.00pm at Rooty Hill RSL, 55 Sherbrooke Rd, Rooty Hill. RSVP thru the Catholic Youth Parramatta Facebook event. Inquiries to James Camden, Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, tel (02) 8838 3428 or jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 14 May

Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 11.30am at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Contact Fr Akamadu tel 0451 174 438, Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

The Shrine of Mt Schoenstatt – ‘Oasis of Faith, Hope and Love’: 21 May

Come and experience a special day at The Shrine of Mt Schoenstatt – ‘Oasis of Faith, Hope and Love’ - 230 Fairlight Road Mulgoa for the Annual Marian Pilgrimage to be held on Sunday 21st May, 2017. The celebrations begin at 10am with Holy Mass at 10:30 am and Eucharistic Procession and Benediction from the valley to the Shrine at 2pm. There will be an alternative programme for the sick and elderly at the Shrine. This is an Outdoor event .Please bring your own chairs and picnic rugs. Food stalls available or bring your own lunch. For more details ring 02 4773 8338 or visit www.schoenstatt.org.au

St Anthony’s Parish, Clovelly, Centenary Mass: 21 May

St Anthony’s Parish was formed in 1917, and St Anthony’s Primary School opened in 1918. Past parishioners, students and friends are cordially invited to the Centenary Mass at 10.00am on Sunday 21 May, at which Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will be Principal Celebrant. Refreshments will follow in the parish grounds. For more information or to indicate attendance, email: centenary@stanthonyclovelly.org.au Facebook: St Anthony’s Clovelly Centenary

Christian Meditation Introduction & Renewal Day: 21 May

Presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. BYO picnic lunch – tea & coffee provided. Arrive 10am for 10.30am, concludes about 3pm. Books & CDs for sale. St Benedict’s Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, tel (02) 9653 1159. Self-catering accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact Br Terry 0438 282 318. Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02) 9498 2625, anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775, atlomas@bigpond.com

For more events please go to: <http://parracatholic.org/events/>



Birches Of Leura Nursery presents
Scarecrow Competition



Part of the Leura Harvest Festival Sunday 7th May 2017.

Get creative and make a

SUPER COOL SCARECROW

using recycled materials.



Great Prizes

Entries to be exhibited at Birches of Leura Nursery

For entry details go to:

www.birchesofleura.com.au/events

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Or visit us at Birches nursery in the council car park



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ADULT DRAMA CLASSES

Starts Sunday 30 April 2017

THEATRESPORTS, IMPROVISATION, DUOLOGUES, FILM SCRIPT SCENES & PUBLIC SPEAKING



In this friendly and encouraging course we will practise duologues from plays chosen by the students as well as scenes from favourite movies. Students will learn how each scene is broken down and characterisation is improved.

Theatresports improves confidence whilst accessing your deeper creativity. It is fun, easy to learn and inspires the artist within. Classes will include a vocal and physical warm up, how to prepare for performance or public speaking, and how to handle anxiety.

Suitable for anyone, from absolute beginners to those who wish to improve their craft and have FUN.

- **WHEN:** Sundays – 30 April, 14 May, 28 May, 11 June (1-3pm)
- **WHERE:** St Hilda's Church, 68 Katoomba St, Katoomba
- **COST:** \$198

BOOKINGS: click [here](#).

Will also be held in Orange in May 2017 – for more information, contact Tracy Hardwick on 0401 969 606 or Tracy@tshdrama.com.

Places are limited.

To secure your Place please visit : <http://www.tshdrama.com/courses/to-book/>

Once your booking has been secured you will receive notification on a suggested task to prepare for lesson one.