

# NEWSLETTER



5th March 2018 Term 1 Week 6

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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

Sunday was the third weekend of the Lenten period. In the Gospel (John 2:13-25) we come across a different nature in the person of Jesus. We cannot see a 'meek and humble' heart anymore. There is injustice being done to the people, as well as in the temple which is a place of God. He kicks them out from the temple and cleanses it. Keeping our Lenten Promises can be challenging. Let the third Sunday of Lent be a timely reminder that Lent is the perfect time to 'cleanse' our own concerns and worries and give of ourselves to those less fortunate than us.

Coley White  
Assistant Principal



**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish**  
**Father Carlos Walker & Father Sean Bradley**

Presbytery Contact Ph: 02 4782 2804

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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 2019

## News from Mr White

In the absence of Mr Geerligs who this week will be away from school on family leave I have the pleasure of writing to you and sharing with you all the 'Good News'.

### Bush Dance

On Friday evening 2nd March we had a wonderful celebration of dancing. Our annual bush dance was a huge success. Thank you to our families who were able to participate and enjoy each others company at this event.



### Saving Our Trees

This years artistic installation on the ceiling of the café at Scenic World will be done by St Canice's. This is a great honour and privilege for our school.



### Can you Help?

We need to have as many leaves as possible cut out. All supplies are provided in a box in the Library. On Wednesday 14th March, we would appreciate as many volunteers as possible to help create our scenic world structural piece. This will involve cutting, stapling, attaching our leaves to the netting.

### Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools week starts this week.



The theme this year is

**Every learner, every day: Transforming Lives**

Catholic Schools Week is being celebrated on Tuesday 6th March at St Canice's, focusing on strengthening relationships between students and their Catholic faith. Classrooms and learning spaces will be open from 9.15am till 12.00 noon for you to come and see the wonderful learning that takes place on a daily basis. Below is the schedule for the day. We look forward to seeing you in our celebration of Catholic Education.

### Catholic Schools Week Schedule for 6/3/18

- 8:40 - 9:00 - Morning cuppa for any visitors in the library
- 9:00 - 9:15 - Whole school prayer in the open area upstairs
- 9:30 - 10:40 - Class Visits
- 10:40 - 11:10 - Morning tea in the Library - Our school ensemble will perform
- 11:20 - 12:00 - Class Visits



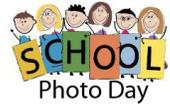
### School Photo Day

School Photo Day will be on **Thursday 22nd of March.**

Order envelopes for class portraits have been sent home and are to be purchased online at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) using the online order code 3GN YMB 56Z.

No cash can be taken.

Sibling envelopes are available from the Office.



### Community Service Award

At St Canice's we are very proud of the work we do in support of our Blue Mountains community. In recognition of this work we were recently presented a Community Service Award from Central Blue Mountains Rotary Club for dedication and commitment to community service. We should celebrate in this achievement together.

### The National Young Leaders Day

The National Young Leaders Day is an annual event founded in 1997 to develop strong leadership values amongst young Australians.

On Monday the 12th of March our school leaders will be attending this Annual event.

Whilst participating in the event they will hear from author and illustrator Matt Cosgrove, speaker and mentor John Coutis and Harrison Craig, winner of The Voice Australia in 2013 as well as other guest speakers and performers.



### Mini Vinnies Wednesdays

Blowing Bubbles Day was a big success, raising \$136. Thank you to everyone who participated for your generosity. Mini Vinnies will be organising an interesting activity on select Wednesdays throughout the year to help raise funds for St Vincent De Paul.



### Birthday Wishes for March

Vicky Ho, Zaman Rana, Jude Diaz, Airlie Riddle, Benny Goulding, Hamish McCloghry-Laing, Eva Garraway, Sofia Rana, Keitah Altavilla.



## A reminder for Parents and Carers

It is a Catholic Education requirement that all children who arrive late to School must have a parent or carer accompany their children to the office where they are then required to be entered onto the system. Children and parents are not permitted to enter the school after the bell has rung without a completed sign in slip from the Office.

## Late Arrivals and Early Departures

The new automated roll marking system highlights the extent of partial absences for students. It seems to have become a habit for some students, continually arriving late at school and we ask that you have your children at school no later than 8.40am ready for assembly. Children may arrive at school from 8.20am when staff are on duty. When a child arrives late they cause disruption to the whole class, they miss assembly and morning instructions, but more importantly they miss part of their first lesson. When a child leaves early this also causes disruption to the whole class, interrupting lessons and depriving them of the time to complete their work for the day, they also miss any last minute reminders. Punctuality is a valuable life skill.



## Online Uniform Ordering Information

Abel Schoolwear are the Uniform providers for St Canice's Primary. Uniforms may be purchased at any time throughout the year by visiting their secure webstore as set out below

1. Go to [www.abelschoolwearshop.com](http://www.abelschoolwearshop.com)
2. Select "Shop" from the menu page
3. Select St Canice's Primary School
4. Start shopping.

Goods will be delivered directly to your home. Abel Schoolwear is located at Unit, 5 Coombes Dr, Penrith.

Phone 4731 2388  
Fax 02 4731 2263  
PO Box 1920 Penrith

## Absentee Notes

If your child is absent from school a note is required to be sent in on their return with the reason of their absence. Alternatively Skoolbag have a submission form that can be processed online and sent through to school or you may call the Office and explain their absences.



## Access to Newsletter and Calendar

To find up to date information and gain access to the St Canice's calendar and newsletter, please subscribe via our school website at <http://www.stcaniceskatoomba.catholic.edu.au> Select "Current Community" and then click Newsletter this will enable you to enter your email address for your subscription to the newsletter, latest news, calendar etc. Information can also be found through the skoolbag app



## 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 6 months to allow time for our community to update and familiarise.



# School Calendar

Subscribe to the Parent Calendar and Newsletter  
[www.stcaniceskatoomba.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stcaniceskatoomba.catholic.edu.au)  
 Select "Current Community" click on Newsletter

## February

### Week 6

<b>Tuesday</b>	6th	Catholic Schools open day Student Banking Kinder Sport Writers Club S2 & S3	1:20pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	7th	Stage 3 Canberra Excursion	7am
<b>Thursday</b>	8th	Music Italian	
<b>Friday</b>	9th	Assembly Year 2 Mass Year 2 Stage 2 Sport My School Lunch Box String Ensemble Stage 3 return from Canberra	8.50am 12noon  3pm

### Week 7

<b>Monday</b>	12th	National Young Leaders Day Stage 1 Sport My School Lunch Box	
<b>Tuesday</b>	13th	Kinder Sport Student Banking Writers Club S2 & S3	1:20pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	14th	Stage 3 Sport SAS Voluntreers	
<b>Thursday</b>	15th		
<b>Friday</b>	16th	Cross Country Assembly Mass My School Lunch Box String ensemble	3pm

## 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



Nutrition Snippet



## The simplest way

...to get the kids eating more fruit and veg!

Want to learn how to create easy, budget-friendly family meals, entice fussy eaters and eat well to prevent cancer?



Register for a FREE Fruit & Veg Sense workshop to get simple tips and ideas on:

- saving money by eating more fruit and veg;
- changing family favourites into healthy meals; and
- learning clever ways to entice fussy eaters.

All participants receive a FREE recipe book.

We have proven results that this workshop helps parents to eat more fruit and veg. And if you eat more fruit and veg, your children will too!

For more information visit [www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://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.




Subscribe to the Parent Calendar and Newsletter  
[www.stcaniceskatoomba.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stcaniceskatoomba.catholic.edu.au)

# What's On in Our Community

WESTWORDS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE ALLIANCE PRESENT

## AN EVENING WITH MORRIS GLEITZMAN

The first public event to feature Australia's new Children's Laureate for 2018/19

THE CARRINGTON, KATOOMBA  
MARCH 10, 2018

6pm for 6.30pm start

Refreshments included

Adult \$25 // Concession \$15

RSVP @ [westwords.com.au](http://westwords.com.au)  
or call 8677 4815



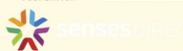
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### BLUE MOUNTAINS ALL ABILITIES FOOTBALL



Come join the amazingly fun  
**BLUE KANGAROOS**  
football team!

We are an all abilities football team for children and adults who live in the Blue Mountains. Each Saturday we get together to play football in a non stressful environment where players **learn ball skills, make friends, have fun and are part of a team.** We finish every week with a sausage sizzle and a chat. Siblings very welcome to join us too!

Our season kicks off on **April 07 rain or shine** at the mini pitch Gloria Park Hazelbrook at 11:00. We will not meet 22/04 school hols and then each Saturday in terms 2 and 3.

New and returning players can register online at [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au). Bron and Lisa able to assist with rego at the pitch too. Fees \$80 per family can be paid on line or direct deposit- Name: Hazelbrook Hawks BSB: 112879

Acc #:455870264. Include players name and Blue Kangaroos. Players u18 can use active kids rebate ([sport.nsw.gov.au](http://sport.nsw.gov.au)).

For more information or any questions please ring  
Lisa-0413548562

**All abilities and skill levels welcome and enthusiastically celebrated!**



## Katoomba Leura Preschool

Excellence in Community Run Preschool Education

**\$10 per day for low income, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander families**



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www.katoombaleurapreschool.com.au



**OPEN : Monday - Friday 7.30am - 6pm**

*Nurturing Environment*



*Natural Playgrounds*



*Whole Food Menu*



*Online Parent Portal*



*Friendly Staff*

Cherry Blossom is located on Grose Street behind Leura Mall. We are open 52 weeks of the year from 7:30am to 6:00pm.

**Early bird deals are available if you Enrol now for 2018. Call or e-mail us to book your tour now.**

- 📞 Please contact Shery on: 02 4784 2472 or
- ✉ Email us on [Cherryblossomcleura@gmail.com](mailto:Cherryblossomcleura@gmail.com)
- 📘 Find us on Facebook [Cherry Blossom Early Learning Centre](#)
- 📷 Instagram [CherryBlossomcleura](#)



OUR CENTRE FOCUSES ON IMPLEMENTING A "PADDOCK TO PLATE" PRACTICE, ALL PRODUCE GROWN AT THE CENTRE IS EITHER USED IN OUR ON-SITE KITCHEN OR DISTRIBUTED TO FAMILIES TO TAKE HOME & ENJOY!

## GREENWOOD KATOOMBA

- ♥ Two large natural outdoor environments for your child to learn and grow
- ♥ Large Carpark ensuring convenient drop offs and collections
- ♥ Meals prepared fresh, daily by our qualified Chef
- ♥ Extra-curricular activities: Yoga, Language, Music & Sports Programs
- ♥ Nappies, wipes & toilet training assistance provided
- ♥ Greenwood custom online portal called Leaf, with real time feeds & updates on your child's daily progress
- ♥ Access to all current childcare fee subsidies

## CENTRE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK TOUR PLEASE CONTACT

P. 02 4782 4997  
E. [katoomba@greenwood.com.au](mailto:katoomba@greenwood.com.au)  
A. Dora St, Katoomba NSW 2780



[WWW.GREENWOOD.COM.AU](http://WWW.GREENWOOD.COM.AU)

**EXTENDED HOURS 7AM-6:30  
CARE PROVIDED FOR 0-6 YRS**

# KIDZPLAY

Fridays 9.30-11.30am  
St Hilda's Church Hall, Katoomba

For children 0-5 years & their parents/carers babies, toddlers & preschoolers are all welcome

Come and have fun! We have a jumping castle, slippery dip, exciting Bible story time and craft. Morning tea is provided for kids & adults.

**Regular cooking mornings where the young children themselves do the cooking!**

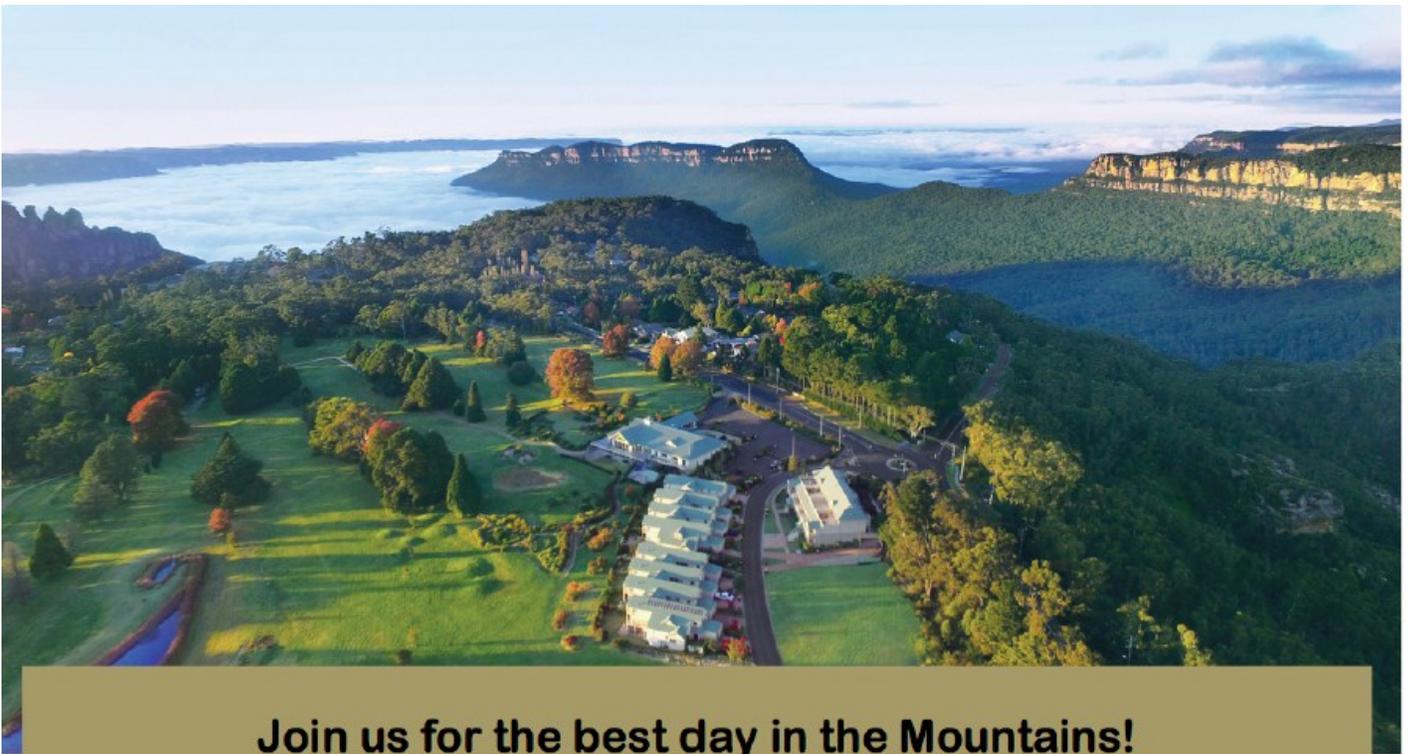
Parents can chat with others while kids play.

**\$5 per child per week**  
Any enquiries? Call Robyn ph. 0438401088

Come and have lots of fun! We play games, make craft and have fun Bible time together. We also provide afternoon tea.

An after school club for children in school years K-6  
Fridays after school 3:30 - 5:30pm  
St Hilda's Church Hall Katoomba

\$5 donation each week helps cover costs of food and craft  
Any enquiries? Contact Robyn 0438 401 088



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# ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Year 7, 2019  
Information  
Evening

Wednesday 21st March, 2018

- Session 1:
- 3.15pm Register for tour
  - 3.30pm Tour of the facilities
  - 4.30 - 5.00pm Address by the Principal
- Session 2:
- 5.15pm Register for tour
  - 5.30pm Tour of the facilities
  - 6.30 - 7.00pm Address by the Principal

Bookings are not required.  
Please register at the College Library upon arrival.

- Tours will begin at 3.30 and 5.30pm sharp to enable visitors to view all of the College facilities.
- Prospectus and enrolment application forms will be available on the night.

Enquiries: Sandra O'Brien, Enrolments Secretary 4754 8907  
St Columba's Catholic College 168 Hawkesbury Road, Springwood 2777  
Phone: (02) 4754 8900 Email: stcolumbas@ppara.catholic.edu.au  
Web: www.stcolumbaspringwood.catholic.edu.au



**Lawson Morning Reflection**  
a joint venture of Aquinas Academy and Catalyst for Renewal




March 17, 2018 Santa Maria Hall 9:30-12:30pm  
Parking at: Lawson Catholic Church (enter by Somers St.) OR Kitchener St.

God is Love. Who are you?  
presented by Carol Teodori

We know that we are made "in the image and likeness of God", but, to be honest, we must find what is the image of God that we truly hold. This session hopes to dig deeply to find our honest-to-God image that defines US! There will be time for reflection and sharing, to walk alone and with others as we become more aware of who God is to each of us, and how intimate God, who is Love, wants this relationship to be.

And God speaks:  
You sent out beyond your recall  
to the limits of your longings.

Embody me.

Flare up like flame  
and make big shadows that I can move in.  
Let everything happen to you,  
beauty and terror.  
Just keep going.  
No feeling is final.  
Don't let yourself lose me.  
Nearby is the country they call "Life".  
You will know it by its seriousness.

Give me your hand. Rabier Maria Rilke

Entry by donation. Morning tea provided, no need to book.  
For more information contact Carol Teodori: 02 4758 7549  
Program also on Catalyst for Renewal web-site: [catalyst-for-renewal.com.au](http://catalyst-for-renewal.com.au)

# VARIETY CONCERT

## for BUSH SCHOOL CAMBODIA

Saturday 10th March 7.30 PM

St Finbar's Hall, Levy St., Glenbrook  
A night of lively musical entertainment in support of The Bush School, Siem Reap, Cambodia








**Featured acts include:**  
Blue Mountains Musical Society, with numbers from their upcoming show Urinetown, and Little Black Ducks Ukulele ensemble.

also:  
**Great Raffle and Lucky Door Prizes**

Cost: \$20 per person, \$40 per family (concessions avail.)  
Supper by gold coin donation

Bookings strongly recommended:  
Online: <http://tinyurl.com/ybqqh4tm>  
Phone: Doug on 0403303943

See also [bushschoolcambodia.com](http://bushschoolcambodia.com)

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A joint venture of Aquinas Academy and Catalyst for Renewal

## Lawson Reflection Mornings 2018

### Santa Maria Hall 9:30am-12:30pm

Parking at: Lawson Catholic Church (enter by Somers St.) OR Kitchener St., Lawson

Seeking renewal through Conversation

March 17	Carol Teodori <i>God is Love. Who are you?</i>
April 21	Kevin McDonnell, cfc <i>The Radiant Tapestry of Being</i>
May 19	Catherine McCahill, sgs <i>Mary of Magdala: Sinner? Prostitute? Disciple/Apostle?</i>
September 15	Patty Andrews, osu <i>The Creative Nature of God</i>
October 20	Gideon Goosen <i>Clericalism: Who? Me?</i>
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Yvonne Parker, sgs <i>The Spirituality of Aging</i>

Entry by donation. Morning tea provided, no need to book.  
For more information contact Carol Teodori: 02 4758 7549  
Program also on Catalyst for Renewal website [catalyst-for-renewal.com.au](http://catalyst-for-renewal.com.au)

For RAILWAY travellers to Lawson Station: Go east on the Great Western Highway. Turn RIGHT at Orient St., LEFT into Mary St. Walk to the end. (10 min. walk)

### Catechists Urgently Needed

We are currently in great need of more catechists for the public schools that are a part of our parish family. Please consider volunteering in this wonderful work of bringing God's Word to Catholic students within our public schools. Training, materials and support in the role is provided. A basic love for and dedication to God's Word, our Catholic Faith and school aged children are the only prerequisites. It is approximately an hour and a half weekly commitment during the school term (thirty minutes of class time with roughly an hour or less lesson preparation.) For more information please contact Mary Gale: 0468 483 194

## 2018 Lenten Message from Bishop Vincent

To read Bishop Vincent's Lenten Message in full and watch the video, please visit: [goo.gl/2F77m9](http://goo.gl/2F77m9)

### Positions Vacant

- Private Secretary to the Bishop of the Diocese of Broome

More details at: <http://broome-diocese.org>

Sydney Alliance Hiring Filipino Community Organiser. Sydney Alliance is seeking a dynamic Filipino person passionate about their Catholic faith and social justice. This part time role organises parishes and Filipino communities in Sydney to win change on affordable energy and climate justice! Candidates of all ages encouraged to apply. More details at: [ethicaljobs.com.au](http://ethicaljobs.com.au)

- Digital Content Producer - Archdiocese of Sydney
- Multimedia Journalist - Archdiocese of Sydney
- Executive Officer, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry - Archdiocese of Sydney
- Kitchen Hand/Cleaner, The Seminary of the Good Shepherd - Archdiocese of Sydney
- University Chaplaincy Co-ordinator, Sydney University Chaplaincies - Archdiocese of Sydney

For further information, the advertisements for these positions can be viewed at [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au)

### The Permanent Diaconate

The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at St John 23rd Parish, 160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens 2768. Come and learn more about vocations to the Diaconate and have a chat with our team members. We are looking for men aged between 35 to 55 and residing in the Diocese of Parramatta. Our discernment program consists of five sessions, with each session dealing with different aspects of the Diaconate. The meetings will commence at 3.00pm until 6.00pm followed by the Parish Mass and Fellowship.

The 2018 dates on Sundays: 11 March, 6 May, 8 July, 9 September, 4 November.

For further information visit [www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate](http://www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate) or please contact any of the following deacons: Deacon James – 0425 213 832, Deacon Tan – 0407 270 782, Deacon George – 0408 440 769

### Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Lecture Series

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) has engaged Dr Laurie Woods to present on the Gospel of Mark. Venue: IFM, Marion St, Blacktown. Time: 10 am - 2pm. Dates: Fridays March 9, 16, 23, April 6, 13. All are welcome. BYO lunch. RSVPs to Maree 02 9890 4731

### Oakhill College Open Day: 11 March

We warmly welcome prospective students and families to the Oakhill College Open Day on Sunday, 11 March 2018 from 11.00am – 3.00pm, providing a great opportunity to meet our Principal, Brother Steve Hogan, staff and current students. Tours are guided by students showcasing subject displays, co-curricular activities and performances by one of the many College musical ensembles. Principal's Address at 11.30am and 1.30pm. Visit our website to register your interest - [www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au](http://www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au)

## Mount St Benedict: 15 March

Writing your own spiritual story – facilitated by Dr Peter Mudge. This day combines time for participants to reflect on writings from the desert monastics to Augustine, Benedict and Pope Francis, children's stories and poetry as inspiration for writing down stories from their own spiritual journey. No previous writing experience is necessary. Starts 9am on 15 March. Cost is \$30. Contact 02 8752 5390 or [mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au](mailto:mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au) for more information.

## Sisterhood Catholic Women's Conference: 16-18 March

Do you want to go deeper in your relationship with Jesus, do you want to grow as a Catholic woman and develop friendships with other women of faith? Join women of all ages for a weekend of prayer, keynote talks, the sacraments, adoration and quality sisterhood time. Keynote speakers include; Darlene Darlene Zschech, Laura Roland, Sr Mary Rachel OP, Jonathan and Karen Doyle, Jo Hayes, Justine Cumbo, Francine Pirola and more. to register visit [www.sisterhood.org.au](http://www.sisterhood.org.au)

## Individual Discernment Weekend: 17 March

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are hosting an individual discernment weekend retreat on 17 March 2018 from 4:00pm for women (aged 18-35) who want to discern their vocation to religious life. This retreat is will be a one-to-one encounter. It includes prayer times, talks, accompaniment and the opportunity to have a live-in experience with the Sisters. Address: Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula on email [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com) or mobile 0449 656 406.

## Australian Catholic Historical Society Lecture: 18 March

Br Dr Kelvin Canavan fms -The bureaucratisation of Catholic schooling and the emergence of the Catholic Education Office. Meet at 2.00pm in the Crypt Hall of St Patrick's, Church Hill (Grosvenor Street). Admission is free and open to all. Visit the ACHS website [www.australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au](http://www.australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au) for more information.

## Lenten Concert Reflection: 18 March

'Ashes to Easter' with Peter Kearney on Sunday 18 March, 3.00-4.15pm in the Chapel of St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic singer-songwriter and guitarist whose hymns and songs include 'Fill My House' and 'The Beatitudes'. His 'Ashes to Easter' concert weaves songs and stories and reflections on Lenten themes and looks ahead to Holy Week and Easter. To register, email [concerts@peterkearneysongs.com.au](mailto:concerts@peterkearneysongs.com.au) specifying 'Parramatta' and number of seats needed. Suggested donation \$10 at door.

## Redfield College Open Day: 21 March

Redfield College Term 1 Open Day will be held on Wednesday, 21 March 2018 from 12:00 to 2:30pm. You are most welcome to attend a tour followed by the Headmaster's Talk at 1:00pm. Contact Angie Celis on 02 9651 0381 or [angie.celis@redfield.nsw.edu.au](mailto:angie.celis@redfield.nsw.edu.au) for more information. Enrolments are open for Years 2 to 12.

## Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 8 April

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.

## Grief to Grace: 8 – 13 April

Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th – 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing [info@griefftograceaus.org.au](mailto:info@griefftograceaus.org.au) or phone 0407704539. For more information visit [www.griefftograce.org](http://www.griefftograce.org)