

NEWSLETTER



21st May 2018 Term 2 Week 4

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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 to Week 4 Term 2.

Yesterday marked the end of the Easter Season, the beginning of the Church's year.

Yesterday was "Pentecost Sunday". On this day we remember and proclaim the presence of the Holy Spirit by seeing that the Spirit of God is around us in the gift of Love.

Bishop Curry at the Royal Wedding on Saturday evening spoke about Love as the gift and the way to peace and happiness.

Pentecost marks the time when God calls us to go forward and share the gift of love with others.

The St Canice's School motto is

Growth Through Love and Learning.

The focus of what we do should be on the relationships with each other.

Mr Mark Geerligs
Principal

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

Presbytery Contact Ph: 02 4782 2804

Fax: 02 4782 6090

Website: marymackilloppupperbluemountains.org.au

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

Tell Them From Me

Students, Teachers and Parents are asked to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Canice's Katoomba

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

www.tellthemfromme.com/stcaniceskatoomba



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

A Message from Miss Elizabeth (AFLO)

To help the school mornings flow more smoothly and ease time constraints, you can plan ahead for the school day the night before by:

- Organise lunch and set breakfast table.
- Shower/ bath.
- Do homework.
- Prepare uniform / school bag
- Sign school notes
- Pack library books / school banking

Being at school and on time everyday plays a vital role in your child's academic and social success.

Help us to help your child be the best they can be.

Miss Elizabeth.



Stage 2 and Stage 3 Futsal

Congratulations to all students who participated in the 2018 Soccer Gala Day. The children of St Canice's demonstrated excellent sportsmanship by encouraging each other, congratulating everyone and cheering for our Teams. Well done to our two runner up Stage 3 Teams and a big Congratulations to Isabella Preston who was awarded The Futsal Player of the Tournament.



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



St Canice's International Family Day

Thursday 24th May 2018 Noon to 2:50pm

Families are invited to celebrate the Feast of Mary, Help of Christians on **Thursday 24th May**

12:00pm Mass commences for The Feast of Mary, Help of Christians

1:00pm Family BBQ in the school grounds (gold coin donation for CatholicCare)

1:50pm Parents and Friends are invited to a games afternoon. Families are encouraged to bring in their own board games.

CatholicCare is an organisation in our diocese that offers many services of support to families. Your participation and donation at our International Family Day will be greatly received.



Child Protection

Parents are reminded that all staff at St Canice's are mandatory reporters of child protection matters. This means that they are legally obliged to report any issue of a child protection to the Principal who then take the necessary action to address the situation. Child protection is everyone's responsibility. If you have a concern that needs to be raised or a question that needs clarifying, please contact the Mr Geerligs. The school has a wide range of responsibilities in relation to child protection. These are legal and moral responsibilities. These areas include but are not limited to:

The employment, screening and on-going education of staff.

The education of the children in area of protective behaviour.

The education of parent helpers in child protection Protocols and practices for all adults using the school site (parents, trades people etc)

Investigation of allegations involving child protection matters

Engaging Community Services to support the welfare of children and young persons

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 and our facebook page.



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
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 now located at Unit 3 / 2 Peachtree Road, Penrith.

Phone 4731 2388
Fax 02 4731 2263
PO Box 1920 Penrith

Abel Schoolwear has moved

You can find us now at Unit 3 / 2 Peachtree Road, Penrith, NSW 2750
We are behind McDonalds in the same building as Timposer



Unit 3 / 2 Peachtree Road
Penrith 1505 2750
4731 2388



Check out our website

Scenic World Excursion

Our visit to Scenic World was Fantastic! Students enjoyed their tour of the exhibition of exceptional artworks from International, National & Local Artists.



Kinder Enrolment 2019 Information Evening

St Canice's will hold an Information Evening for Families who may be interested in enrolling a child into Kindergarten 2019.

When: Monday 4th of June 2018
Where: St Canice's School Library
Time: 7pm—8pm
Children Welcome,
Tea & Coffee Provided

RSVP:

Phone: 4780 6800

Email: stcanices@parra.catholic.edu.au

Facebook: St Canice's School Katoomba



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 3 months to allow time for our community to update and familiarise.



NSW Premiers Reading Challenge is On!

The NSW Premier's reading challenge has started, so please encourage your child to participate by reading their book quota so they can receive a certificate from the our Premier in Term 4. The Premier's Reading Challenge books for your child are on display in the library for easy access.

All children have been given their own log ons and passwords so they can access them from home as well.

Visit the website at: www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

Closes on Friday 31st August.

Some General Rules:

25 books have to be Premiers Reading Challenge approved books and 5 can be personal choice books.

Your child can only read 2 books per series.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2

Need to read 30 books. These can be read to your child or they can read them on their own.

They can read all PRC books from the K-6 range.

Years 3-4 and Years 5-6

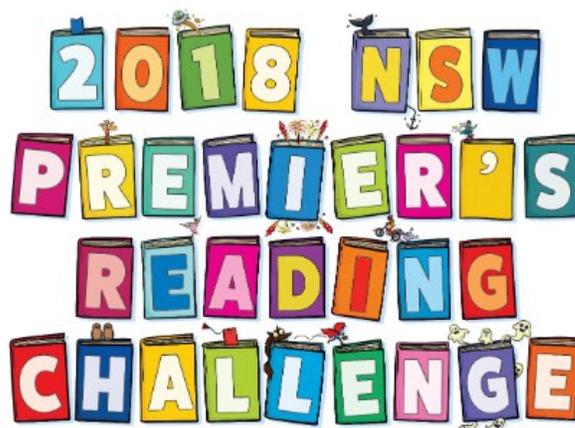
Need to read 20 books. These must be read on their own however someone can help to choose them.

3-4 can read books from the Years 3-6 range.

5-6 can only read books from the Years 5-6 range.

After you child has read their full quota, and if they read a book from home, let us know as they need to be validated by our librarians.

If you have any queries, please come and see our school librarians on a Tuesday.



www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au





Invitation

Sculptures @ School (S@S) 2018

Save our Trees

On behalf of the community at St Canice's Catholic school in Katoomba, I would like to invite you to our:

Grand Opening of the S@S exhibition and Creative Arts Expo

Sunday 24th June, 2018

1:00 pm in the Parish/ School Hall

St Canice's Catholic School

158 Katoomba St (behind the Catholic Church)

Every year, every student at St Canice's works very hard to create a wonderful exhibition of sculptural and written pieces, which are engaging, enriching and evocative.

Come along to see the student's work. You can even tune into their thoughts through the QR codes stationed throughout the exhibition. The exhibition closes Friday 29th June.

The Creative Arts Expo Grand Opening, will feature students from our String Ensemble, Choir and Drama group. Special food will also be provided at our Koala Kafe. All money raised will help support our local wonderful Katoomba St Vincent de Paul Society.

Please RSVP by Friday 15th June

stcanices@parra.catholic.edu.au

Yours sincerely,

Mark Geerligs

Principal

St Columba's Year 7

A reminder that enrolment applications for Year 7, 2019 at St Columba's Catholic College are now due. For further information contact the Enrolment Secretary, Sandra O'Brien, on 4754 8900 or 4754 8907



Yellow Ribbon National Road Safety

Safer Australian Roads And Highways (SARAH) are committed to protecting vulnerable road users and honour those affected by road tragedy.

Ribbons, stickers, wristbands and lapel ribbons to show your support are available from the Office.

All donations go directly to www.sarahgroup.org
"DRIVE So Others Survive"



Can you help?

We are seeking Families who may be interested to host a Japanese Student 28th July—5th August 2018.

Students are aged 14—15 years and speak some English. What you need to provide:

- A comfy bed
- Three meals a day
- Daily transport to and from St Canice's Primary.

Students attend School during week days and enjoy family life with you on the weekend.

For further information or any questions

please call 9889 4366 or

Contact the Office on 4780 6800.



Skoolbag App

The skoolbag app is available to download so you are kept updated with

- School Newsletters
- Alerts and Notices
- Events and the St Canice's Calendar
- Reminders

If your child is absent, you can login and submit an Absentee Form via the e-forms section.

To install the St Canice's skoolbag app on your device, simply search for our school name in the app store on your device and download the app!

SkoolBag



Opal Cards

We ask that Student's are reminded that they are required to 'tap on' and 'tap off' when travelling to and from school on any school bus boarded in the course of their journey.

Opal data gathered by 'tap on' and 'tap off' is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't 'tap on' and 'tap off', lack of perceived patronage could lead to a review of the level of services provided to your school.



Fundraising Raffle

If you would like to help raise funds for World Youth Day 2019?

Raffle booklets of 10 tickets are available from the Office at a cost of \$20

Individual tickets are also available for \$2 each and can be purchased at the Office.

The raffle will be drawn on 27th October 2018

FUNDRAISING RAFFLE FOR WYD 2019

TICKETS \$2ea

DRAWN at LIFTED LIVE on 27th October 2018

1st Prize: Mazda2, 5 Door Automatic, Registered
Supplied by Penrith@mazda (02) 4752 2777

2nd Prize: COSMOS. \$2000 Gift Card
Donated by Cosmos - can be used on any Cosmos coach tour for travel in 2019. This value prize cannot be used towards any WYD 2019 pilgrimage. The value cannot be transferred to cash.

3rd Prize: New iPhone X

4th Prize: New iPhone X

5th Prize: New iPhone X
Donated by Secure Agility

6th Prize: Apple iPad Mini
Donated by Campion College Australia

7th Prize: Cash Prize of \$500
Donated by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

8th Prize: \$500 Westfield Gift Card
Donated by Automated Control Solutions

9th Prize: Apple Watch
Donated by Catholic Church Insurance

10th Prize: \$100 Event Cinemas Gift Card
Donated by The Catholic Foundation

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For tickets and further information please contact Michael Mendieta: MMendieta@parra.catholic.org.au

Privacy: All information collected will be securely stored and protected by the Diocesan Fundraising Office, The Catholic Foundation. Visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au for the full disclaimer.

School Calendar

May

Week 4

Tuesday	22nd	Student Banking Preschool Reading Group	9am
Wednesday	23rd		8:40am
Thursday	24th	International Family BBQ	12pm
Friday	25th	Gold Award Assembly Mass My School Lunch Box Ensemble	8.50am 12noon 3pm

Week 5

Monday	28th	My School Lunch Box	
Tuesday	29th	Student Banking Preschool Reading Group	9am
Wednesday	30th		
Thursday	31st		
Friday	1st	Athletics Carnival Ensemble	8:50am 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

KOOSH

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



Term 2

Tuesday 1st of May

Friday 6th July

Term 3

Tuesday 24th July

Friday 28th September

Term 4

Monday 15th October

Wednesday 19th December

Subscribe to the Parent Calendar and Newsletter

What's On in Our Community

Come and Enjoy some creative Prayerful time for yourself

When: 4th Friday 10—12 noon
Where: Santa Maria Hall, Lawson

Next Session May 25th
 Come to any session or all of them.

Facilitator: Sr Veronica sgs
Cost: \$5 donation



Contact Sr Veronica vgriffith@goodsams.org.au or 0419 532 303 if you are interested.

YOUTH FRONTIERS PROGRAM

BE A MENTOR
 CHANGE A LIFE



Are you passionate about making a difference to the lives of young people?

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Mentors must be available to mentor a young person 2 hours per week throughout 2018.

Training and ongoing support will be provided.

If you are a natural mentor and are ready for a challenge, please send your resume and a brief expression of interest (1-2 paragraphs) outlining why you would like to become a mentor to: applications@octec.org.au

All successful mentors will be required to undergo a criminal history check and working with children certification.

WE NEED MENTORS WHO:

- connect easily with young people
- have a passion to help youth develop their confidence, teamwork, leadership skills and community connections
- will assist a young person with participating in a community engagement activity.

OCTEC Limited is looking for **volunteer mentors** who want to make a positive difference to young people in the community.

As part of the NSW Government Youth Frontiers program, our mentors will have the opportunity to offer support and guidance to young people aged 12-16 in the Nepean Blue Mountains District (Blue Mountains, Penrith, Hawkesbury and Lithgow).



"Supported by NSW Government"

applications@octec.org.au www.octec.org.au (02) 9623 6886

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• Bike Hire

Explore our parklands or the many nearby trails.



• Functions & Events

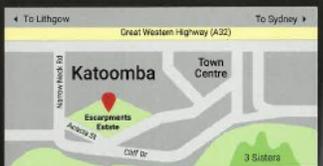
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Friendly Staff

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 Cherryblossomleura@gmail.com
- 📘 Find us on Facebook [Cherry Blossom Early Learning Centre](#)
- 📷 Instagram [CherryBlossomleura](#)



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
A. Dora St, Katoomba NSW 2780



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CARE PROVIDED FOR 0-6 YRS**

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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

Pentecost Pastoral Letter

A Pentecost Pastoral Letter from Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv and the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council can be found here: www.catholicoutlook.org/pentecost

The Catholic Foundation May Appeal

The Catholic Foundation May Appeal is focusing on Diocesan works of Faith, particularly in support of our seminarians. Your donation supports our growing number of seminarians and the good works they do in the community of feeding the hungry, visiting the housebound and sick and conducting catechises in state schools. Donations can be made via the envelopes or online www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au. Thank you and God bless.

Positions Vacant

Administrative Assistant - CatholicCare, Orchard Hills

- Financial Counsellor - Richmond & Blacktown offices

More details at: www.ccss.org.au

- Head of Property Development Services – Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: www.parracatholic.org/employment

- Communications & Stakeholder Officer

More details at: www.csns.catholic.edu.au

- Diocesan Director Archdiocese of Sydney/Community Participation Leader – NSW/Eastern Region

More details at: www.caritas.org.au

- Casual Housekeeper - Mount St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills

More details at: Natalie Acton nacton@goodsams.org.au

Ordination to the Diaconate of Jack Green: 2 June

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Jack Green on Saturday 2 June 2018 at 6.00pm. The ordination will take place at Sacred Heart Church, Westmead. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Feast of Corpus Christi: 3 June

Santa Sophia Catholic College invites everyone to come celebrate the great feast of Corpus Christi. 3 June at Santa Sophia Catholic College, Schofields. Lunch from 12pm and 2pm Eucharistic Procession with Fr Warren Edwards. RSVP Daryl 0407 406 668 or dcastellino@parra.catholic.edu.au

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 10 June

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.