

NEWSLETTER



17th December 2018 Term 4 Week 10

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St Canice's Catholic Primary School
Katoomba 2019

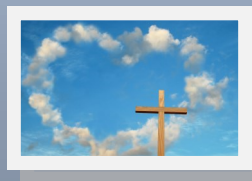
Growth through love and learning

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Dear Parents Families and Friends

Last Sunday was the Third Sunday of Advent. The people were expecting that John (John the Baptist) was the one, the Messiah they were waiting for. John said "Someone is coming". (Luke 3: 10-18).

As we prepare for Christmas let us not forget why Christmas time is about Christ. We are all celebrating the time when we remember that Jesus came to us here on earth. Lots of fun, excitement, anticipation and joy at this time of the year because of what happened 2000 years ago. See if you can find a little time to stop and remember the real story of Christmas.

I find the best time for me is when there are Christmas Carols being sung. On Thursday evening 15 Stage 3 students sang outside on the grass area at the Carrington Hotel. They sang many songs, but it was when they sang Silent Night - I stopped and thought about my faith.

Thank so much to Stage 3 and to Ms Morley for providing that reflection time for me to stop and think about what Christmas really means. It is a real blessing to St Canice's when Stage 3 rehearse these songs and carols upstairs.

I would like to thank parents, carers, students and staff for a wonderful school year.

What a fantastic school we have in Katoomba. I wish everyone a very special Christmas break where you get time to just stop a moment and reflect on what we have been gifted. Please be safe and enjoy the company of those around you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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.

More News from Mr Geerligs

Week 9 was an amazing week of showcasing student learning and talents.

Stage 3 sang Carols on the grass outside the Church at lunchtime.



Stage 3 presented their amazing History projects.

St Canice's talented artists showcased their abilities with 41 acts at our Talent Show Spectacular.

Music and Italian skills were showcased on Thursday afternoon.



Stage 3 students sang at the Carrington on Thursday evening (just before the storm).

Our wonderful whole school Mass celebrated the end of the year.

The Ensemble performed for the school with the Kedumba Composers playing the 3 Sisters Suite for the first time. What a week!!

Mrs Byrnes Farewell Liturgy

Mrs Byrnes will be retiring from full time Teaching at the end of this year.

After more than 30 years of dedicated service to Catholic Education, Mrs Byrnes will be leaving St Canice's.

The St Canice's school community, would like to thank Mrs Byrnes for her service and dedication.

There will be a farewell liturgy for Mrs Byrnes this Wednesday 19th December at 11.10am.



Flowers for Graduation

Can you help?

We need **lots** of flowers to decorate the hall and make it look spectacular for Year 6 Graduation!!

Our colour scheme is **blue**, **purple** / **pink** and white. The best flowers for this are: agapanthus, hydrangea and lavender.

If you have some interesting large foliage that would also be great.

It's best to leave long stems on the flowers.

If you are able to help please, deliver flowers to the hall on Tomorrow 18th December before 9 am.



Mary Aikenhead Award

Congratulations to the following 7 students who were awarded this year's Mary Aikenhead Award

Kinder - Annie Ward

Year 1 - Brian Nguyen

Year 2 - Kent Tran

Year 3 - Patrick Maish

Year 4 - Meenatchi Selvarasa

Year 5 - Kobi Altavilla

Year 6 - Bianca Cunningham



Year 6 Graduation Mass

Our Year 6 Graduation Mass will be this **Tuesday 18th December** from 5:30pm.

Light supper will be held in the hall afterwards.



Mini Vinnies

There were a lot of toys and food delivered to St Vincent de Paul in Katoomba.

Thank you to all who generously donated.



#kindnessmatters

#stcanicescommunity



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



Request

Hey - here is a strange request - We need soil samples from around the Blue Mountains and Australia.

We would like you to send in a small sample (2 tablespoons) of soil to the school.

Please label the sample with your name and the location found, no more than 2 or 3 different sample for each family.

We would love to have beach sand, rich soil, dark soil, light soil etc.

This is for the 2019 S@S - Save our Soil theme.

Please send to school in 2019.

If you are travelling overseas, we ask that you do **not** collect soil and bring to Australia as this is a quarantine issue.



Uniform

St Canice's is proud to be working in partnership with The School Locker.

School Uniforms can be purchased online at www.theschoollocker.com.au from mid January.

We have been assured that uniforms will be delivered to your home by the start of the 2019 school year.

Your Uniform will also be available from The School Locker Liverpool Superstore.

The School Locker

The Grove Homemaker Centre

2-18 Orange Grove Road

Liverpool.

For assistance please call 02 8796 2100.

the
**School
Locker**

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.

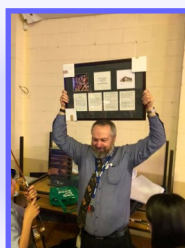
Information can also be found through the skoolbag app and our facebook page.



Goodbye Mr Rooke

St Canice's said goodbye to Mr Rooke who has been our Ensemble leader for 4 years.

Thank you Mr Rooke.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Attendance

A big thank you to all of our dedicated staff and students for a Term filled with growth through love and learning.

We are truly blessed to have such a gifted and caring staff who strive to make each child's learning experience such that they will enjoy coming to school each and every day.

It has been an amazing year and I have enjoyed my role as Family Liaison and Attendance Officer and getting to know the families, students and carers within our close knit school community.

To our year six students who are moving on to high school next year, I wish you all happiness, good health and success as you journey on to the next stage of your lives. We will all miss you.

To all, have a blessed and safe holiday and I look forward to seeing you all at school next year.

Miss Elizabeth

Attendance Family Liaison Officer



Stage 3 Bodington Visit



School Calendar

December

Week 10

Tuesday	18th	Preschool Reading Group Library (Please return all books) Year 6 Graduation Mass	9am 5:30pm
Wednesday	19th	Christmas Mufti Day Liturgy for Viv Byrnes End of Term	11:10am
Thursday	20th	Staff Development Day (No Students)	

Week 1 2019

Jan / Feb

Monday	28th	Public Holiday	
Tuesday	29th	Staff Development Day No Students	
Wednesday	30th	Students Year 2—6 Return Some Kinders and Year 1 come in for assessments (online booking required)	8:40am
Thursday	31st	Ukulele / Choir Some Kinders and Year 1 come in for assessments (online booking required)	
Friday	1st Feb	Assembly Mass My School Lunch Box No Ensemble	8.50am 12 noon
Wednesday	6th Feb	After School Swimming Carnival	3:30pm
Friday	8th Feb	Whole School Mass to celebrate the beginning of the year.	12pm

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



2019

Year 2—6 Wednesday 30th January

**Kinder & Year 1 Assessments Wednesday
30th & 31st of January**

Kinder & Year 1 Friday 1st of February

**No Financial Transactions
available
at the School Office until
Term 1 Week 2**



**Subscribe to the Parent Calendar and
Newsletter**

What's On in Our Community



Have your say about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia
Claiming the Date
 10th February 2019
 At 2pm
 Mavis Wood Hall,
 Mid Mountains Community Centre
 Everyone is Welcome

The **Summer Reading Club** is a program that the library runs to help encourage children to keep up their literacy skills over the holidays. Children 0 – 16 years are able to participate. It is a free program and participants can sign up at any of our branches. Children register and fill in a log sheet, borrow library books to read and once the log sheet is complete, return it to the library and receive a \$5 voucher (limit of five vouchers per person) to spend at either the Turning Page or Megalong Books. A Mayoral award will be given to the best young readers in the mountains.

In January we have three school holiday workshops available for 6 – 12 year olds run by our professional tutor and artist, Naomi Oliver:

- **Let's go fly a kite** at Blaxland Library (22/01/19)
- **Fabric Wall Hangings** at Katoomba Library (23/01/2019)
- **Recycled Art** at Springwood Library/HUB (24/01/2019)

We also have a Tween/Teen workshop (11 – 18 years) that Stage 3 students may be interested in attending run by professional artist and teacher, Rebecca Waterstone:

- **Creative Diary using sketchbooks** at Katoomba Library (23/01/2019)

All workshops cost \$6 per child and can be booked and paid for at any of our library branches.

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Blue Mountains City Council Australia Day Awards

The Blue Mountains Australia Day Awards recognise and reward those citizens who have a consistent record of excellence, who have made outstanding achievements in their field and have contributed in a significant way to the Blue Mountains community.

Nominate today!

Citizen of the Year



Young Citizen of the Year



Community Achievement of the Year

Nominations close Sunday 9 December 2018

How to nominate bluemountainshaveyoursay.com.au/citizenawards



What's On in Our

Wednesday January 23
@ **Katoomba Library**

Fabric Wall Hangings
with Naomi

10:30am - 12 noon
6yrs - 12yrs
\$6 per child

ALL MATERIALS SUPPLIED

Create a painted wall hanging with your own colourful designs



BLUE MOUNTAINS LIBRARY

Bookings Essential




Creative Diary using sketchbooks
with Rebecca Waterstone

Through this workshop, you will learn to collate & develop your ideas to find your own, unique way into your creative practice

Wednesday 23 January
@ **Katoomba Library**

2pm - 3:30pm
11yrs - 18yrs
\$6.00 per person

Bookings Essential



What to bring:
a sketchbook
(A5, A4 or A3 hardbound, good quality paper)

1 Dec 2018 - 31 Jan 2019
Oyrs - 16yrs

SUMMER READING CLUB



Pick up your log sheet at your nearest Branch Library

BLUE MOUNTAINS LIBRARY

Storytime

During School Terms
FREE Activity
Preschool Kids
Starts February 2019

Monday ~ Wentworth Falls Library ~ 9:30am - 10:30am
Tuesday ~ Lawson Library ~ 9:30am - 10:30am
Tuesday ~ Blackheath Library ~ 10:30am - 11:30am
Wednesday ~ Katoomba Library ~ 10:30am - 11:30am
Thursday ~ Springwood Library ~ 10:30am - 11:30am
Friday ~ Blaxland Library ~ 10:30am - 11:30am

Come along and join us for an hour of stories, rhymes, songs and craft - it's so much fun!



BLUE MOUNTAINS LIBRARY

BIGW Rotary
Club of Katoomba

It's Santa Photo Time Again!



Join us at the Katoomba Big W Store from 12 noon - 3pm on Thursday 20th, Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd December to get your Santa snaps!
Packages from \$15 each.
No booking required.



Celebrate Australia Day at Wentworth Falls Lake

JANUARY 26, 2019

Family Fun Day
Presented by Upper Mountains Rotary Clubs

BREAKFAST from 8.00am to 11.00am
Freshly cooked eggs, bacon, sausages, Aussie damper, cereal, fruit juice, tea and coffee - \$10 adults - \$5 children
Family Pass - \$25 for two adults and two children

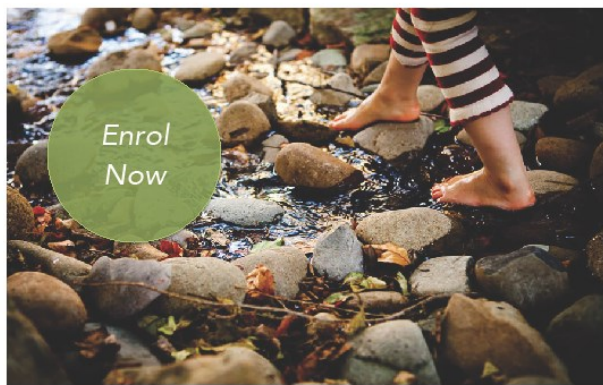
Stay after breakfast for **FUN and ENTERTAINMENT**



FISHING COMPETITION WITH GREAT PRIZES
Register from 9.00am - Child 12 and under \$10
13 to 17 years \$15 - Adult \$20 Buy a Family Pass
One adult and three children - just \$40

FAMOUS ROTARY BARBECUE LUNCH - Noon to 3.00pm
Bands - Entertainers - Vintage cars Face Painting
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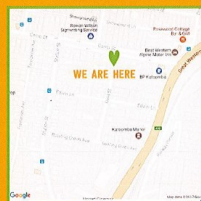
- Two large natural outdoor environments for your child to learn and grow
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babies, toddlers & preschoolers are all welcome

Come and have fun! We have a jumping castle,
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Morning tea is provided for kids & adults.

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\$5 per child per week
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