

23rd October 2018 Term 4 Week 2 St Canice's Catholic Primary

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Growth through love and learning

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term 4. This Term there are many events and opportunities to celebrate learning.

This will be the last term for our Year 6 students and I know that they are not only excited but very nervous about the prospect of leaving St Canice's and going to High School. The Gospel Reading on Sunday (Mark 10:42-44) spoke about true Christian leadership. Christian authority is centred in love and humility. It's a "leadership" that is lived in true humility. This leadership wins over hearts, minds and wills of others and invites them to follow in charity and love. This must happen within the family, among friends, at church and within society. Year 6 have shown some great examples of True Leadership - the way they have been mentors to Year 5, buddies to Kindergarten and their generosity to the school. I look forward to this Term and learning from

generosity to the school. I look forward to this Term and learning from our Year 6 students what they believe is important about being a member of the St Canice's school community.

Please keep in your prayers Ms Magann whose father passed away during the holiday period.

Mr Mark Geerligs Principal



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

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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.

Staffing for 2019.

The class teachers will be determined early to mid-December. However, after recent employment interviews, I am delighted to announce that Mrs Clarke and Ms Krawcyzk have been appointed as permanent members of the St Canice's staff.

Mrs Byrnes has made a decision to retire from full time Teaching at the end of this year. Later in the term we will take the opportunity to thank Mrs Byrnes for her contribution to Catholic Education, especially for her work here at St Canice's.

I am pleased to announce that Mr Jan van der Walle will join our staff in 2019. Mr van der Walle is a very experienced teacher who will be a great asset to this wonderful school.



Kinder 2019

Last Wednesday we welcomed our new Kinders for 2019. It is always exciting to see these beautiful students so keen and ready to be part of the St Canice's Learning community.

We would love to have more students for next year's Kinder class, so if you know of anyone interested,

please invite them to the school. Mr Geerligs would be happy to take anyone interested on a tour around the school.



Independent School Music Festival

Last week 20 of our students performed in the inaugural Independent School Music Festival. It was held at Kindlehill this year and was a great success. Congratulations to our Choir and Ensemble who performed. Congratulations to Liberty and Izabella who were soloist singers and to Leo in Year 2 who played solo on the keyboard. Celebrating the talent in the mountains is a wonderful thing. Thank you to Ms Frazer for all your efforts.

Uniform Sale

We would like to apologise for the issues we have had regarding our



school uniforms. We have now changed companies to The School Locker. All uniforms will be available to order online from mid January. We have been assured that delivery will be in time for the start of the 2019 school year. In the meantime, we do have a large number of school uniforms for sale. They are all brand new and will be on sale at drastically reduced prices on **Tuesday the 6th and 13th of November** in the hall. Order forms will be sent out on Friday if you can't make it to the school. After this date, it will not be possible to purchase uniforms at the school.



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to school, it's great to see everyone again after the holidays. I hope you all had a wonderful break and are refreshed and inspired for term four! We finished last term with our fun mufti day and mini disco. It was an amazing day filled with groovy outfits and dance moves.

Stay tuned for the end of term four festivities, it promises to be even more spectacular! Education in NSW is compulsory. The Education Act 1990 requires that children who are enrolled at school attend school each day that it is open. Exceptions include illness, family leave and holiday leave, if a student misses as little as 8 days each school term, by the end of Primary School they'll have missed over a year of school.

We are here to work in partnership with parents and carers. If you are having difficulty in getting your child to school every day or on time, we have strategies and interventions that may help you. Please contact the school so that we can all work together on a solution. Best wishes for an amazing term of growth through love and learning. I look forward to seeing you all at school every day and on time.

Miss Elizabeth

Attendance Family Liaison Officer

Vale Mr Magann

Please keep in your prayers Ms Magann and her family whose father passed away during the holiday period.



Gymnastics

A reminder that all students have gymnastics on **Tuesdays.** Please remember to wear sports uniform



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.



Opal Cards

School student applications for 2019 are open from Monday, 15th October 2018.

Students progressing to Year 3 and Year 7 **do not** need to re-apply **if** they

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <u>https://</u> apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails

Applications need to be submitted before 31st December 2018 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31st of December 2018, the system will automatically cancel a card and a new one will need to be issued.

Office Finance Unavailable

Please note: There will be no payments or receipting available to be processed at the Office from Wednesday 24th of October until Monday 5th of November.





Happy October Birthday to

Claudia Dee, Zavier Tan, Antonella Nunez, Patrick Hepworth, Max Trad, Serena Gillon, Thomas Hunter, Zak Lessing, Jessica Nguyen, Prisha Sharma, Emily Pink, Patrick Maish, Lorelei Field, Liberty Marshall-Lacey, Noah Stanisic, Kayla Sayers, Xavier Pono

Socktober

On Friday 19th October we held a very successful Socktober mission Day. Our learning intention for the day was to raise funds for and to raise our awareness about the work of Catholic Mission. After a very informative assembly the whole school worked together to make soccer balls out of recycled materials to understand part of what it would be like to be a child in a developing country. We celebrated our Mission Mass together and had a yummy sausage sizzle. The afternoon was spent engaging in learning activities with a powerful learning workshop led by Dorothy from Catholic Mission, a 360VR video and sock decorating and finally the Socktober Soccer Ball Shoot Out with our recycled material balls with Sonia from Catholic Mission. We raised the wonderful total of \$851 to support Catholic Mission. All in all a fabulous launch for our Mission Unit learning and thanks to everyone who supported this important initiative.

Alan Wedesweiler RE Co-Ordinator



Leave

Mr Geerligs will be away on leave from Friday 2nd November and will return on Thursday 15th November.

Mr White will be acting School Principal during this time.



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



School Calendar

October

Week 2			
Tuesday	23rd	Student Banking Preschool Reading Group Library Gymnastics	9am
Wednesday	24th	Stage 2 to return permission slip for Excursion to Hyde Park	
Thursday	25th	Ukulele / Choir Italian	
Friday	26th	Assembly Year I Mass Year I & S3M My School Lunch Box Ensemble Kinder Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm	8.50am I 2noon 3pm 8.20am
Week 3			
Monday	29th	My School Lunch Box	
Tuesday	30th	Student Banking Preschool Reading Group Gymnastics	9am
Wednesday	3 st	Creation Liturgy	9am
November			
Thursday	lst	Ukulele / Choir Italian	
Friday	2nd	Assembly S2K Mass S2K & Year 2 My School Lunch Box	8:50am I 2pm

UNIFORM SALE Tuesday 6th and 13th of November

3pm

Ensemble

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

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



Term 4 will conclude for students Wednesday 19th of December

The St Canice's Newsletter is available every fortnight on Tuesday's



Subscribe to the Parent Calendar and Newsletter

What's On in Our Commity

10TH ANNUAL QUILT SHOW

To be held at: Blue Mountains Retirement Village Queens Road, Katoomba Saturday and Sunday 8th and 9th September 2018 10.00am – 4.00pm Entry: \$5 Beautiful quilts for you to view – some available for purchase

Morning and afternoon tea available

Enter our raffle for this quilt (drawn Sunday 9th September) Tickets on sale during the show Quilt lovingly made and generously donated by 'The Golf Club Quilters'





ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED SCRIPTWRITING, SET CONSTRUCTION, FILMING ANTIMATION ACADEMY AWARDSI Wednesdays 4pm-5pm

Lifespan Centre. 27 Waratah Street, Katoomba 1st August- 19th September. Two tutors Cost: \$30 per class, or through the **NDIS** Call Nigel to reserve a place. 0468 424 000

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Foot Golf

This worldwide craze has come to the Mountains!

Driving Range

Enjoy the peace and serenity while you practice your swing at the Blue Mountains only driving range.

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KIDS 7ASIDE SUMMER SOCCER

Wentworth Falls FC is running its annual summer 7aside competition. Anyone can enter a Team. It's lots of fun. No need for coaches. Just come along and play. Age Groups are 8/9,10/11,12/13 & 14/15. Running from 5 Oct 2018 to 9 Mar 2019. It's on Friday afternoons. Kick off times being 4pm,4:30pm & 5pm at PITT PARK Wentworth Falls. Cost per player is \$60 and can be paid when you register. Get your team in asap, as it will fill fast. We look forward to seeing you all this summer. For move information please contact Michael Garwood on 0451127318 or smichaeldoowrag@hotmail.com





What's On Commini



12th Annual Variety Concert

Supporting Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital

Katoomba Public School Merriwa Street, Katoomba Sunday4th November - 3:00 PM

Entry \$15.00 (Primary school age & under free) Includes

- Variety Concert
- Afternoon tea
- Programme
- Lucky door prizes
- Raffle to be drawn on the day - tickets available

Enquiries: Colin Semmler 4782 5765



Katoomba - Leura - Wentworth Falls Hospital Auxiliary An affiliated branch of The United Hospital Auxiliaries Of NSW Inc. Raising funds to purchase items for patient care and comfort at our local hospital CFN 11058



Join us at a Children's Week Family Fun Day

Where: Noble Park, Bullaburra Date: Sunday, 28 October 2018 Time: 12.30pm to 3.30pm

Activities: Jumping castle, face painting, feature creatures and a FREE sausage sizzle. Tea, coffee and muffins available for purchase.

Call MOCS on 4758 6811 or ACRC on 4782 6569 for more information. If raining, the event will be moved to Lawson Public School hall.



Grandparents and Elders Day

NSW Grandparents Day celebrates the role grandparents and older people play in our community - both the things they have done, and the things they keep doing.

Sunday 4 November, 2018 Wentworth Falls Lake, 11am - 3pm

Wet weather? Please go to Blue Mountains Grammar School Junior Hall, via Matcham Ave, Wentworth Falls, NSW, 2782.

Join us at Wentworth Falls Lake for a picnic, Billie Booksie, Retro – Hello, a walk and talk with Blue Mountains Aboriginal Elders and more.

There will be a creative COMPETITION to show us how much you love and value your grandparents/elders by submitting a story, poem, artwork or video.

For information on the event including entry into the competition please contact Prue Hardgrove, Council's Aged and Disability Services Development Services Officer on phardgrove@bmcc.nsw.gov.au or 4780 5546.

Let's celebrate our Grandparents and Elders Locked Bag 1005 Katoomba NSW 2780 Email council@bmcc.nsw.gov.au bmcc.nsw.gov.au







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

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TED Live in the Forecourt! 27 October

Celebrate the close of the Year of Youth with Catholic Youth Parramatta, Bishop Vincent and over 1000 other youth and young adults in the St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct on Saturday 27 October from 7-10pm. There will be live music, food stalls, rides and entertainment. \$5 entry on arrival - <u>https://parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-live/</u>

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass: 28 October

All married couples are warmly invited to the 'Celebrating the Journey' Mass at 11am on Sunday 28 October 2018. Bishop Vincent Long will celebrate this Mass of blessing at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta and warmly invites you to join him for a photo and light lunch in the Parish Hall after Mass.

Significant Wedding Anniversaries will be acknowledged with a certificate for 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years and any year over 50 years. To register your attendance and number of family members attending please contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on email Imf@parracatholic.org or phone 02 8838 3460.

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 28 October

Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 12.30pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Contact Fr Akamadu tel 0451 174 438, Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

All Souls' Day Mass: 2 November

All Souls' Day Mass will be held at 7.30pm on Friday 2 November at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Celebrated by Bishop Vincent and with the Cathedral Choir the Mass will include hymns, motets and chants in honour of all the deceased. A special tribute to all those who have been buried from the Cathedral in 2018 will also be included. Mass times for 2 Nov: 6.30am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm. Mass will also be held at St Patrick's Cemetery at 6.00pm. For enquiries call 8839 8400 or email secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au

The Permanent Diaconate: 4 November

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.

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

Liturgy Conference 2018: 10 November

The Diocese of Parramatta Liturgy Conference will be held on 10 November. Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams Vicar General from the Diocese of Parramatta. Tickets are now on sale. For tickets and a full list of workshops go to <u>parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018</u>. Cost \$30 - includes lunch.

Heart Parish Westmead (14 Ralph Street). For Details, Individual or Group Bookings: 9635 9262; <u>office@sacredheartwestmead.com.au</u>. Bookings are essential & close: 28 October 2018

Our Lady of the Nativity Parish, Lawson: 11 November

Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv will preside at our 90th Anniversary Mass at 8.30am on Sunday, 11 November followed by Morning Tea. There will be a Photographic, Memorabilia, History display.

Seminar for Couples Hoping to Conceive: 11 November

Waiting for Gabriel is an information afternoon for couples hoping to conceive. You'll hear testimonies and learn about natural options which assist fertility. For more information contact Natural Fertility Services, Diocese of Parramatta <u>catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org</u> 0400 427 605. Sunday 11 November at the IFM 1.30pm-4.00pm.

Sacred Heart Westmead Shopping Trip: 11 November

Come shopping with us on a Full Day, Fundraising Shopping Trip on Sunday 11 November 2018. Raising funds for Sacred Heart Parish Westmead. Includes: coach travel, tea & bistro lunch, lucky door & raffle prizes. Tickets: Adults \$62, Seniors/Students \$52, Children (5 – 17 years) \$22. Tour departs: 7.00am Seven Hills Train Station & Sacred Heart Parish Westmead (14 Ralph Street). For Details, Individual or Group Bookings: 9635 9262; office@sacredheartwestmead.com.au. Bookings are essential & close: 28 October 2018

Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 2019: Thirsting for Justice

Grief to Grace - Healing the Wounds of Abuse

This is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26 – 31 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing <u>info@grieftograceaus.org.au</u> or phone 0478599241. For more information visit <u>www.grieftograce.org</u>

Australian Catholic Historical Society Lecture: 21 October

Fr Peter McMurrich sm - Their Eminences, an éminence grise, and ruffled feathers: the sometimes rocky voyage of St Patrick's, Church Hill, within the Archdiocese of Sydney. Visit the ACHS website <u>www.australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au</u> for more information.

Holy Hour for Vocations: 1 November

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (ages 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday, 1 November at 7:00 pm. Join us also for pizza at 8:00pm, Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula on <u>vocationscsfn@gmail.com</u> or 0449 656 406.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: 16 - 18 November

Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship! 16 – 18 November at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Book online at <u>www.wwme.org.au</u> - alternatively contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or <u>adrian.janet1@bigpond.com</u>