

# NEWSLETTER



4th December 2018 Term 4 Week 8

## St Canice's Catholic Primary

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St Canice's Catholic Primary School  
Katoomba 2019

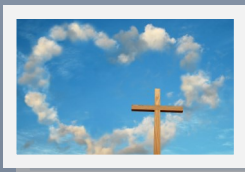
Growth through love and learning

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### Dear Parents Families and Friends

As the last few weeks move quickly around us, our Church prepares for the coming of Jesus.

Sunday was the first Sunday of Advent and we think about what it means to be a follower of Christ.

Jesus has called us to "Stay Awake" during this time of preparing for the Lord. He reminds us that we need to explore our longing and desire to be Christ Like people and allow this to surface.

Each year St Canice's collects donations for the poor and lonely in our area. We collect food and toys to give to these people through St Vincent de Paul. Our St Canice's again has been incredibly generous.

What we give will certainly make a difference.



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 2019

The staff for 2019 has been decided.



Kindergarten	Mrs Clarke
Year One	Mrs Debieu / Mrs van der Walle
Year Two	Ms Krawczyk
Stage 2	Mr Wedesweiler/ TBA
Stage 2	Mr White/ Ms Morley
Stage 3	Mr van der Walle
Stage 3	Ms Magann

A letter has been sent home today to all current Year 2 - Year 5 students in relation to the class placements for 2019.

## Meet and Greet.

The children will meet their new Teacher for 2019 on Monday 17th December.

Mr van der Walle will also be here for the day.

## Mrs Byrnes

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.

We are hoping that there may be times when Mrs Byrnes will return to the school for the odd day or two for casual teaching work.

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

She is a Teacher who always keeps the best interest of the children in her heart.

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



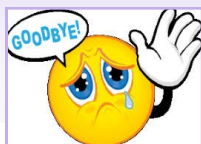
## Mr Rooke

Farewell and Thank you to Mr Rooke.

Mr Rooke has been an integral part of developing our Strings Program here at St Canice's. He is also our Instructor and Conductor of the Ensemble.

Mr Rooke will be leaving us at the end of the year and we have a new person lined up for 2019.

To Thank and Farewell Mr Rooke, we will be having an Ensemble Concert on Friday 14th December from 1:50pm. The Kedumba Composers will also perform their original composition "3 Sisters Suite".



## Gold Award

This **Friday 7th December** is the final Gold Awards ceremony for 2019.

All paperwork should have been handed in by Monday 3rd Dec.

This will be a Prayer Assembly for Kindergarten.

We will be holding this ceremony in the Hall.



## School Leaders

The St Canice's School leaders for 2019 are

**Emma Garraway**

**Claudia Dee**

**Joseph Zammit**

**Jack Moseley**



## End of Year Mass

Our Whole School End of Year Mass will be Friday 14th December at midday.

All parents, carers and friends welcome.



## Year 6 Graduation Mass

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



## Stage 3 Christmas Carolers

Stage 3 have been practicing a number of Christmas carols and songs.



**Week 9** The students will sing for the visitors to Katoomba on the Church lawn at lunchtime.

**Thursday 6th of December** Stage 3 will perform for the residents at Bodington Nursing Home in Wentworth Falls.

**Thursday 13th December** Stage 3 will perform for the Katoomba Chamber of Commerce on at 6pm at the Carrington Hotel.

## Ensemble

Congratulations to the St Canice's Ensemble who performed so magnificently at the Katoomba/ Leura Preschool on Saturday.

3 Gigs on 3 weekends - Well Done and Thank You.



## St Canice's Concerts

Week 9 will have a number of school concerts.

### Wednesday 12th Dec:

"St Canice's Talent Spectacular" - from 1:30 in the hall

### Thursday 13th Dec:

Music/ Italian Concert - from 1:50 in the Hall

### Friday 14th Dec:

Ensemble performance, launch of school composed song

## 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.



## 2019 Team Representative Nominations

The Parramatta Diocesan Team Representative nominations are now OPEN for the sports of: AFL, Cricket, Football (Soccer), Hockey, Netball, Rugby League (11's & Opens), Rugby Union, Softball & Touch Football. Registration must be completed by 7th February 2019. Please ensure that all sections are filled out including 'Rep experience' where applicable. For more information please see the Administration Staff.

## 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](http://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.



# Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

## Attendance

Meeting work and daily life commitments can often make getting children to school on time challenging.

Forging strong relationships with fellow parents and carers within our school community can be a valuable support network should you require help getting your child to school.

If you are experiencing transport, health or other related issues that are preventing you getting your child to school on time consider those in our school community who may be of assistance.

Should you require further assistance please don't hesitate to speak to your child's Teacher, Administration Staff, Support Staff or myself, we are here to help.

Miss Elizabeth

Attendance Family Liaison Officer



## Parent Validation Survey

Having accurate up to date information on our students is an important part of maintaining their safety and wellbeing and supporting learning.

To ensure the data we currently hold is current and accurate, CEDP will be sending data validation survey's to all families.

You will receive an email, SMS and/or letter with a link to the survey. The survey will ask you to confirm or change information about your child.

Completing the survey helps to ensure that the correct information is stored in case of an emergency and for programs that best suit your child.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Thank you for your support in this project.





### 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 <https://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.

### MUSIC CONCERT

Come one, come all to the 2018 St Canice's end of year music extravaganza!  
Every St Canice's student will perform for your entertainment!

**When:** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December (Week 9)

**Time:** 1.20pm to 2.45pm.

**Where:** St Canice's School Hall

**Who's invited:** All parents and friends of St Canice's

**Why:** Because we LOVE music at St Canice's and we want to perform for you!



### BLACKHEATH CHRISTMAS CAROLS

All St Canice's students are invited and welcome to join Ms Frazer and the students from OLN, Lawson to perform at the Blackheath Carols.

**When:** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December

**Where:** Blackheath Community Hall, Corner GWH and Gardiner Crescent, Blackheath

**Time:** 5pm Fun activities in the park are run from 3.30pm-7.30pm, and includes a special visit from Santa later in the afternoon!

**What to wear:** Please dress in festive attire!



### Parish News

The Blue Mountains celebrates the 90th birthday of the Lawson Parish. On Sunday November 11, Bishop Vincent Long presided at the Parish's 90th Anniversary Mass.

The Catholics of Lawson were originally part of the Katoomba Parish and started working towards having their own Church in the 1890's and in 1903, Cardinal Patrick Moran blessed and opened a small wooden building dedicated to Our Lady Help of Christians.



### Gymnastics

A reminder that all students have gymnastics on **Tuesdays.**

Please remember to wear sports uniform



### 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

## December

### Week 8

<b>Tuesday</b>	4th	Gymnastics Student Banking Preschool Reading Group Library	9am
<b>Wednesday</b>	5th		
<b>Thursday</b>	6th	Bodington Carols Ukulele / Choir	9am
<b>Friday</b>	7th	Gold Awards Kinder Assembly Mass Kinder S3W My School Lunch Box Ensemble Kedumba Composers	8.50am 12 noon 3pm 4pm

### Week 9

<b>Monday</b>	10th	My School Lunch Box	
<b>Tuesday</b>	11th	Student Banking Preschool Reading Group	9am
<b>Wednesday</b>	12th	Talent Quest	1:30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	13th	Ukulele / Choir Italian / Music Concert Carrington Carols	9am 1:20pm 5:50pm
<b>Friday</b>	14th	Assembly Whole School Mass My School Lunch Box Ensemble Concert	8.50am 12 noon 2pm

## 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



**Term 4 will conclude  
for students  
Wednesday 19th of  
December**

# 2019

**Year 2—6 Wednesday 30th January**

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

**Kinder & Year 1 Friday 1st of February**

**The last day for School Banking  
will be  
Tuesday 4th of December**



**No Financial Transactions  
available at the School Office  
after  
Thursday 6th of December**



**Subscribe to the Parent Calendar and  
Newsletter**

# What's On in Our Community

**Christmas Eve**  
**St Hilda's Katoomba**



3pm - 5pm  
Ring 4782 1608  
to book your seat  
Starts at the Carrington

**FREE!** Sausage Sizzle 5pm

**COME JOIN US!**

**CHRISTMAS IN THE ROUND**



An interactive drama  
5:30pm - 6:30pm  
More Info : sthildas.net

**MAKE IT A REAL CHRISTMAS**

**FILLED WITH JOY.**



Too many Australian families are going without the very things that make Christmas special.

**YOU CAN HELP VINNIES PROVIDE FOOD, SUPPORT AND A HOME TO PEOPLE IN NEED.**

Get involved with the Vinnies Christmas Appeal through your school or visit [vinnies.org.au/getinvolved](http://vinnies.org.au/getinvolved)

Vinnies Christmas Appeal  
A Division of Red Cross



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.

**JOIN US FOR THE BEST DAY IN THE MOUNTAINS**  
**ESCARPMENTS ESTATE**

- **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.
- **Bike Hire**  
Explore our parklands or the many nearby trails.
- **Functions & Events**  
Exclusive venue hire available for weddings, birthday parties or that special occasion.  
• 57 Acres of Parkland to Explore!  
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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](http://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  
Balloon Twister - Picnic Games - Walks around the lake  
Meet the Rural Fire Service and the SES .....lots more

Promoted by Rotary Clubs in the Upper Blue Mountains






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[www.katoombaleurapreschool.com.au](http://www.katoombaleurapreschool.com.au)



Cherry Blossom Early Learning Centre 4784 2472  
16A Grose Street Leura




**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](https://www.instagram.com/CherryBlossomcleura)



**GREENWOOD**  
Early Education Centres

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### GREENWOOD KATOOMBA

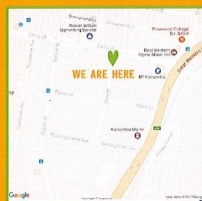
- Two large natural outdoor environments for your child to learn and grow
- Large Carpark ensuring convenient drop offs and collections
- Meals prepared fresh, daily by our qualified Chef
- Extra-curricular activities: Yoga, Language, Music & Sports Programs
- Nappies, wipes & toilet training assistance 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



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### CENTRE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK TOUR PLEASE CONTACT

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



**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