

NEWSLETTER



30th July 2019 Term 3 Week 2

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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

Welcome to Term 3 2019. It has been an amazing start to the term with all students from Year 1 to 6 launching their new Project Based Learning (PBL) unit of work.

The Year 1 and Year 2 Inquiry question is:

As St Canice's students, how can we redesign our school uniform to make it suitable for Katoomba weather?

The Stage 2 Inquiry Question is:

How can we as young writers, plan, write and illustrate short stories (including picture books) for our school and community to read and enjoy?

The Stage 3 Inquiry Question is:

How can we create a digital early warning system for the school principal of St Canice's and the local residents of Katoomba, in the event of a natural disaster such as a bushfire?

This Wednesday some members of the PBL team from Texas are visiting our school to help us develop our skills and understanding of PBL. It will be a very exciting day.

In the Gospel of Luke on Sunday, the focus was on prayer and being part of a community. Our St Canice's community is a wonderful group for each of us to be part of. Luke 11:1-13, wrote a much shorter version of the Our Father that we all know, but it challenges us all to do the same thing - allow God to be with us each day, acknowledge our sins and forgive those who hurt us.

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come

Give us each day our daily bread,

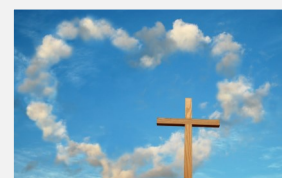
And forgive us our sins

For we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us

And do not put us to the test"

I give thanks to God for each and every member of our school community, and I pray that each person will continue to grow in their Love and their Learning.

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.

Kinder Enrolments 2020

When I talk to parents about what makes them choose St Canice's as the school for their child/ren, I hear that for most of you it is because of what a friend, neighbour or colleague has said about the school.

Many of you it is your choice because of your family connections with this school.

Sometimes it is because of the advertising, special functions, open days, but predominantly, parents choose St Canice's because of YOU. May I just say, Thanks.

Currently, we are enrolling for Kindergarten 2020, if you know of people looking for a school for their child (even if it is for the other grades), please let them know about St Canice's. The power of your words of recommendation has an enormous effect on our enrolments. Let's keep working together to make St Canice's that great school that has been in operation for the past 118 years - the oldest school in the Katoomba area.

BBQ, Cake Stall and Giant Raffle

Last Saturday saw an amazing number of St Canice's parents, friends and students support the school through the BBQ, Cake stall and giant raffle.

All the raffle winners (more than 30 prizes) have been contacted.

Thanks to Natalie Tolhurst for her work with the raffle, Karissa Rana for her work with the BBQ/ cake stall and the many people who helped cook, bake, sell or who donated prizes for the raffle.

Well done everyone and thank you for making St Canice's such a great school to be in.



Mrs Friend's Friendly Preschool Reading Group

Preschooler's and parents are welcome to join Mrs Friend's Friendly Preschool Reading Group in the library every Tuesday morning for a fun story reading session from 8:40-9:00



Japanese Visitors

Saturday saw our 10 Japanese students arrive to be with us for this week.

They will have their own English lessons with one of their teachers and then join each class for the afternoon session.

Wednesday they will be going on their own excursion around the mountains.



Pyjama Day

Pyjama day will be this Friday 2nd of August

Come to school dressed in your warmest PJ's and bring along a \$? donation to support the

Mini Vinnies Winter Appeal

Welcome Back!

Welcome to Term 3 2019.

I hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready for an amazing term filled with growth through love and learning. The last day of term 2 was fabulous! Our spectacular 80's themed disco was enjoyed by all! The smoke machine, laser and disco ball lights set up by Rob really added to the 80's theme.



A huge thank you to all of our parents/carers, students and staff for helping us to achieve our goal of having all absences explained. Our goal for this term is to continue with this success. If your child is absent from school you can help us by calling the school, replying to the SMS generated by the school, using Skoolbag, or by sending in a note within 7 days of the absence occurring. Please note that it is a legal requirement that all absences are explained.

I look forward to a great term ahead, working in partnership with parents, students and staff helping each child to fulfil their potential.

Miss Elizabeth
Attendance Family Liaison
Officer.



Winter Sleep Out

Our annual sleepout is being held this **Friday the 2nd August from 6:30 pm until Saturday 3rd August at 8:00 am.**

Stage 3 Students participating in this event will be asked to experience a little of the hardship that some members of our community live through in these cold winter months.

The Sleep-Out will take place in the school building and those who accept this challenge are **expected to raise money through sponsorship to help support the St Vincent de Paul's Winter Appeal.**

If you would like to sponsor us in this important event either drop into the office or send the donation to the office in a sealed envelope marked **St Vincent de Paul's Winter Appeal. Thanking you for your most generous and continued support .**
Mini Vinnies.



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CamBROdia 2020

Over 11 exciting days in January 2020, Mr Wedesweiler and his son Gabriel are travelling to Cambodia for Catholic Mission's Ride and Stride. If you would like to help by donating to this worthy cause, you can sponsor CamBROdia at tiny.cc/GabeAl. All funds raised will directly be used to support life changing projects within Cambodia.



 **Cancer Council**
Healthy Lunch Box

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to save time in the morning.

With some simple preparation at a time that suits you, you can save a lot of stress in the morning.

Try these tips to pack healthy foods quickly:

- Buy snack sized veg that don't require cutting e.g. cherry tomatoes, baby cucumbers and snow peas
- Keep some shelf stable items like beans and milk in the pantry
- Make and pre-pack individual serves of healthy snack mixes such as [poppletana](http://poppletana.com).
- Get in to the habit of cooking extra for dinner and packing leftovers for lunch.
- Spend some time on the weekend preparing freezer-friendly lunch box items such as fruit or [vegie](http://vegie.com) muffins.
- Allocate a drawer or area of the kitchen where lunch boxes and containers are kept, making them handy to find come packing time.



healthylunchbox.com.au

 **Cancer Council**
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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to get free classroom resources.

Cancer Council supports **Fruit & Veg Month**, a health promotion event for NSW primary schools that puts a positive focus on fruit and vegetables.



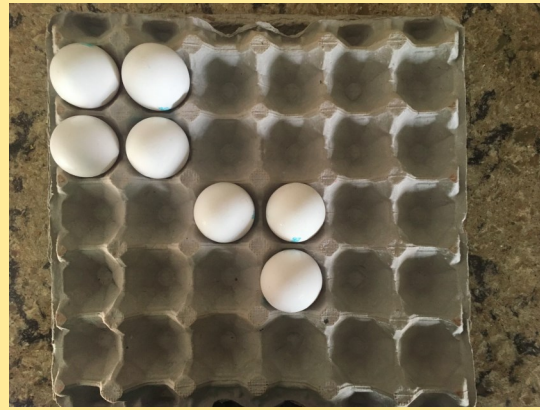
This year Fruit & Veg Month will run from **Monday 2 September to Friday 27 September**. The event provides free classroom, and whole of school, resources that promote kids eating more fruit and vegetables. The event is funded by NSW Health and registration is **FREE!**

For more details on the event, and to register go to healthy-kids.com.au.

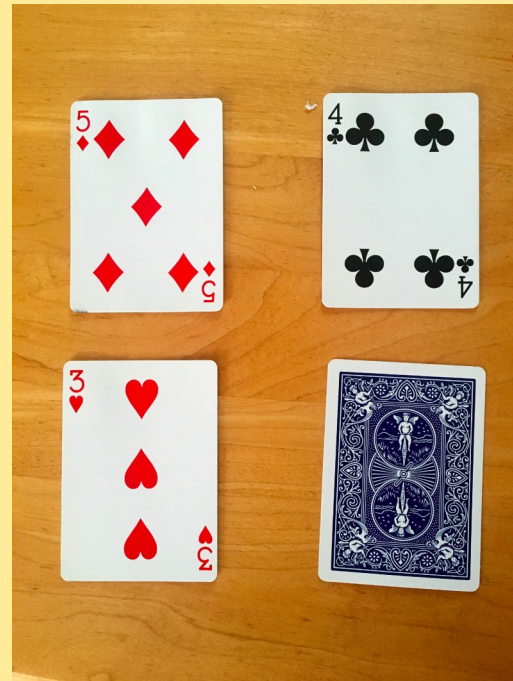
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At Home Numeracy Challenge

How many eggs do you see?
How many egg spaces do you see?
How did you count them?



What number is the upside down card so that the sum of all the cards is MORE than 15?



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School Calendar

July

Week 2

Monday	29th	My School Lunchbox Violin	
Tuesday	30th	Student Banking Japanese Visitors Preschool Reading Group Library Cello Lego Club	8.40am 1.20pm
Wednesday	31st	Japanese Visitors Strings Program Stage 2	12pm

August

Thursday	1st	Japanese Visitors Italian and Music Soccer Club Yr3 –6	1.20pm
Friday	2nd	Pyjama Day Assembly Mini Vinnies Japanese Presentation for S2 & S3 My School Lunch Box Ensemble Mini Vinnies Winter Sleep Out	8.50am 1.50pm 3pm 6.30pm— 8am

Week 3

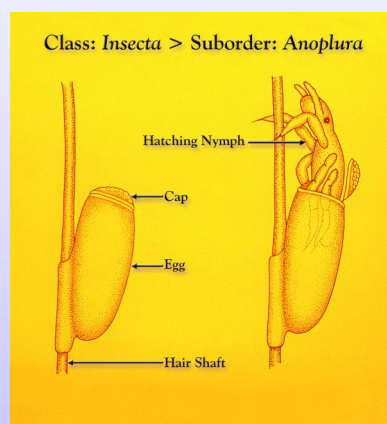
Monday	5th	My School Lunch Box	
Tuesday	6th	Preschool Reading Group Library Cello School Banking Lego Club	8:40am 1.20pm
Wednesday	7th	Strings Program Stage 2 Ukulele	12pm 1.20pm
Thursday	8th	Italian Music Whole School Mass Soccer Club Yr 3 –6	12 pm 1.20pm
Friday	9th	Nepean Zone Athletics My School Lunch Box Assembly S3W Ensemble	8.50am 3—4pm

Head Lice

We have had a number of reports of those little beasties "Head Lice" throughout the school

We ask that you check your children for signs of infestation and if nits or lice are found that you treat them before the children return to school.

There are numerous treatments available and your pharmacist will be able to assist you with any questions.



Student Banking is Every Tuesday




Mini Vinnies Winter Sleep out is This Friday 6.30pm - 8am

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Newsletter

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What's On in Our Community



Why Worry?

A support program for parents of anxious children

Learn some skills and tips on how to support you & your child.

For: Parents of children aged 3 to 8 years

When: Wednesday, 14th August for 5 weeks @ 10.30 am to 12.00 pm

Where: Thrive, 2 Station St., Katoomba

For information call Selina on 4782 1555 (Wed-Fri) or selina@thriveservices.org.au



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Save this Date

Saturday 24th August 11am
The Grand Opening of the
Katoomba RSL All Services Club
Further information to come.



What on @ Thrive?

Term 3—Blue Mountains

Blue Mountains Family Support Services Inc. | t—02 4782 1555 | thriveservices.org.au

Blackheath Playgroup Mondays during school term 9am-11am from 6 July A chance to meet other families with pre-school aged children. Contact: kylie@thriveservices.org.au A partnership with Blackheath Public School & BANC	Krafty Kids Thursdays school term 3.30pm-4.30pm An afternoon of creativity for primary school aged kids. All materials provided & bookings a must! Contact: heather@thriveservices.org.au	BodyBoss Tuesdays for 3 weeks Dates & times TBC For kids aged 7-9 years this empowers kids learning their strategies to protect themselves & self-awareness. Contact: heather@thriveservices.org.au
Culture Club Fridays during school term 9.15am-10.45am from 16 August A playgroup for migrants or refugee families with pre-school aged kids aged 0-5 years. Contact: laura@thriveservices.org.au	Rocketman Tuesdays for 5 weeks 3.45pm-5.45pm from 30 July A group using awareness, board play games and activities for parents & their child aged 7-11 years. Contact: jaimie@thriveservices.org.au	Why Worry? A 6 week group for parents July date & times TBC For parents of anxious children to help them build confidence & manage their emotions. Contact: selina@thriveservices.org.au

Other upcoming events this term:

- Positive Parenting Program | In partnership with MOCS & Faulconbridge Public School
- LiWiS | In partnership with Katoomba Public School
- Homelessness Week | 4-10 August 2019
- Child Protection Week | 1-7 September 2019

KU Bilya Gulyangarri Preschool Enrolling Now

KU Bilya Gulyangarri provides high quality, community-based preschool education for children aged 3 - 5 years old, including:

- ▶ An educational, play-based curriculum
- ▶ Qualified, caring and experienced staff
- ▶ A focus on engaging with the local Indigenous community
- ▶ A large outdoor environment promoting sustainability
- ▶ Located next to North Katoomba Primary School
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