

NEWSLETTER



2nd July 2018 Term 2 Week 10

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St Canice's Catholic Primary School
Katoomba 2017

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Dear Parents and Carers

A lot of the teaching from Jesus happened on and around the Sea of Galilee. He spoke to small groups and large groups of people. Jesus performed miracles not to satisfy the crowd's curiosity, but to bear witness to his divinity.

Last Sunday's Gospel tells of the healing and a woman. She needed help and reached out to Jesus for assistance. Mark 5:34 *"your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free of your complaint"*.

At St Canice's we do a lot of work to reach out to others to help them when things are not going well. Our wonderful group called Mini Vinnies organise many things here at the school to raise money for the local chapter in Katoomba.

Ms Morley and her merry band of helpers, raised \$1,122.90 at the "Koala Cafe" when it was opened last Sunday 23rd June. What a fantastic effort! Thank you to everyone involved.

As we are approaching the end of Term 2, may I say thank you to everyone for a wonderful full term of work. It has been very busy, but very productive.

I wish all a safe and restful school holiday break.

Term 3 starts for all students on Tuesday 24th July.

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.

Enrolling Now for 2019

Stage 2 Totem Clean Up

On Tuesday 26th June, Stage 2 walked to our totem, The 3 Sisters,

to help clean-up the track. It is our responsibility to care for our Totem.



S@S 2018



S@S 2018

This year's S@S was a great success. The engagement of students in their writing, reading, creativity, geography/science studies, their connection with the community and the environment and the fact that this was a whole School focus, all meant that we, as a small school at the top of the Diocese, keep achieving great things.

The online survey conducted during the Exhibition showed the following results:

- People attending S@S would give it an overall 9.6 out of 10
- People thought that the Creative Arts Expo (Strings, Choir and Drama) would also rate 9.5 out of 10
- The student's writing was rated 9.4 out of 10
- The artwork was rated 9.4 out of 10.

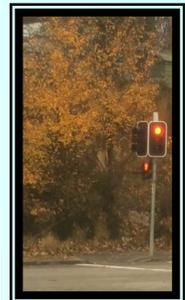
Many words of praise were also expressed by people through the online survey: "Congratulations, you should be proud", "Huge congratulations", "Congratulations on creating a great experience, I loved the way everyone has communicated their understanding of the environmental issues so creatively." "I'm so impressed with today, what a creative school".

I again Thank Miss Elizabeth and Ms Morley who make such a great team and help S@S such a successful School focus.

S@S Photo Competition

Congratulations to the Winners of the S@S photography Competition. And Thank you to all who entered. You are all outstanding.

Category 1
Izabella Harrison-Chambers
Owen MacNamara
Javier Diaz



Category 2
Emma Nispel
Lisa Altavilla
Jennie MacPherson



Photo's at School Events.

At all School events you are requested to limit the photos to your children only. This is especially important if you post any photos on Social Media. No one should be posting out pictures of the School and the students (other than their own) without the permission of all the parents of the students that are in the photo. Photos of School Assemblies should not be posted on Facebook, as many parents may not appreciate having pictures of their children on social media. Please be considerate of others.



Mini Vinnies Wednesday

This **Wednesday 4th July** is CHALK DAY! Students can participate in drawing chalk pictures on the school playground. Chalk will cost \$2 per piece and can be bought at lunchtime from a mini vinnies representative. All money donated will help raise funds for St Vincent de Paul.



Farewell to Tayla & Georg

It is sad to say goodbye to some staff who have worked at St Canice's for a few years. We say Thanks to Tayla Porter who has been a volunteer at the School, working in the Library and in the Infants classes. Taylor is moving away from the mountains and we wish her well. She has been a great asset to the school and will be missed.



It is goodbye to Georg our Cello Specialist Teacher. Georg has been a wonderful addition to our music team and we wish his all the best for the future.

Japanese Student Visit

Next Term in week 2, our Japanese students will be part of our school again.

From Monday 30th July to Friday 3rd August, the 10 school students will be joining St Canice's.

We look forward to meeting them.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

A Message from Miss Elizabeth (AFLO)

Prolonged absences from School can greatly impact your child's academic achievement as well as their social and emotional development. Regular attendance at School sets up good behaviour for work place and other life commitments. You can help your child achieve this by ensuring they attend every day (except when genuinely sick). You can be a great role model by being on time yourself. How you meet your commitments can often impact on a child arriving at school on time. I hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable break.



HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS TO

Harrison Barnes, Oliver Parrott, Joel Peters, Ashlee Hong, Jack Moseley, and Kent Tran.
We hope you all have a fabulous day.



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



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

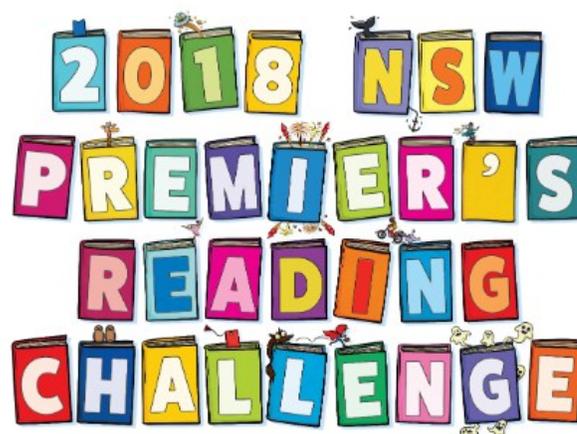
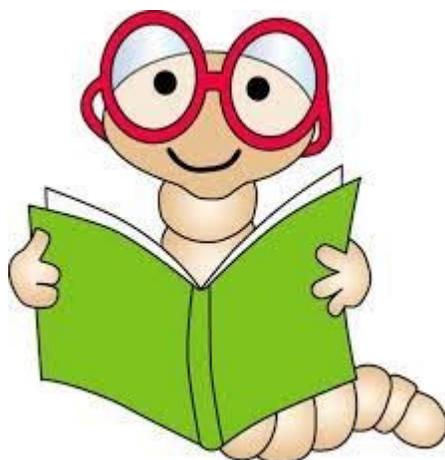
Need to read 20 books. These must be read on their own however someone can help to choose them.

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



School Calendar

July

Term 2 Week 10

Tuesday	3rd	Healthy Harold Student Banking	9am
Wednesday	4th	Healthy Harold Chalk Day	
Thursday	5th	Healthy Harold Musica Viva Ukulele / Choir Italian	9am
Friday	6th	Gold Award Assembly Healthy Harold Mass My School Lunch Box No Ensemble	8.50am 12noon

Term 3 Week 1

Monday	23th	Staff Development Day (NO STUDENTS)	
Tuesday	24th	All Students Return to School Student Banking Preschool Reading Group	8:40am 9am
Wednesday	25th		
Thursday	26th	Italian Music Ukulele / Choir	
Friday	27th	Assembly Mass My School Lunch Box Ensemble	8:50am 12pm 3pm

Our School Bell Times

8.40am School Begins

10.40 Recess

1.10 Lunch

2.50 End of Day

My School Lunch Box

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SCHOOL DATES

Term 3

Tuesday 24th July

Friday 28th September

Term 4

Monday 15th October

Wednesday 19th December

**TERM 2 FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE
IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY,
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4th Prize: New iPhone X
5th Prize: New iPhone X
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7th Prize: Cash Prize of \$500
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8th Prize: \$500 Westfield Gift Card
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9th Prize: Apple Watch
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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@para.catholic.org.au

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Holy Spirit Seminary Open Day: 19 August

"Come and See Day" at Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park on 19 August 2018 is a whole-day event, inspired by Our Lord's invitation to the two disciples of John the Baptist to "Come and see", found in the Gospel of John. Open Day provides single men open to a priestly vocation with the opportunity to experience seminary life, beginning with Holy Mass at St Oliver's Parish Church at 10 am, followed by talks, a tour, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and dinner with Bishop Vincent. RSVP essential. Please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan via johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org or 0420 310 771

We are currently promoting via our social media channels and parish bulletin notices and will continue to do so until the open day. The image is of Chris del Rosario, one of our seminarians who should be ordained a priest by the end of this year.

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<https://twitter.com/parracatholic/status/1009273825958113281>

Bishop Office

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses

The Office For Worship is taking enrolments for its Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for those who are interested in being Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Bringing Communion to the Sick and Dying. To be held at the Institute For Mission at 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Enrolments close 9 August. NOTE: Introduction Session on 16 August is compulsory.

Please see your Parish office for a form or for more information contact ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au or 02 8838 3456 or parracatholic.org/office-for-worship/

ACYMC 2018

Early-bird registration for the Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Convention hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops is now open at www.acymc.org.au. The event will host up to 500 adult delegates who are engaged in ministry with young people in parishes, schools, agencies and ministries of the Catholic Church. Rooty Hill RSL, September 21-23. Contact James Camden, Director, Catholic Youth Parramatta for more information (02) 8838 3428 or james.camden@parracatholic.org

The Permanent Diaconate: 8 July

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. The 2018 dates on Sundays: 9 September, 4 November. For further information visit www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate or please contact any of the following deacons: Deacon James – 0425 213 832, Deacon Tan – 0407 270 782, Deacon George – 0408 440 769

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 22 July

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.

Faith in Marriage Seminar: 3 August

All are welcome to attend the 2018 'Faith in Marriage' Seminar address is entitled 'Marriage & Men in Contemporary Society' and will be given by Robert Falzon co-founder of menALIVE. All parishioners are warmly welcome to attend this free event on Friday 3 August at 7.30pm at the Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Please RSVP to lmf@parracatholic.org or phone 02 8838 3460.

Office for Worship Formation Day: 11 August

The Office For Worship is offering a Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying Ongoing Formation Day on Saturday 11 August, 9.30am – 2.00pm (Morning Tea and lunch provided) at the Institute For Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. RSVP by 6 of August, 2018. For more information or to register contact ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org 02 8838 3456.

St Philomena Association Holy Masses: 11 August

St John Vianney was very devoted to St Philomena. Pope Gregory XVI called her "the great wonder worker". Mass at midday with Confession from 11.30am: St John Vianney's Church, 17 Cameron St, Doonside. A short walk north from Doonside station, the one past Blacktown. Please bring a snack to share. Elizabeth tel or text 0423 15 44 63, epeoples9@gmail.com Facebook: Libby Peoples (events)

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Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

CatholicCare Sydney

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Volunteer Bus Driver

We are seeking a volunteer bus driver for St Hedwig Village aged care facility in Blacktown. Our regular bus outings are usually 1 or 2 days per month. The person must have an excellent driving record and hold a current LR (light rigid) or equivalent licence. Bus details: 18-seater Toyota coaster, automatic with hydraulic lift at rear for wheelchairs. For further information please contact the Manager on 8822 9903 or admin@sthedwigvillage.com

New Name for Sisters of Charity Outreach

After 28 years, Sisters of Charity Outreach is now known as Open Support.

Open Support will continue to provide a range of programs with a focus on reducing social isolation, reducing the impact of domestic violence and enabling greater access to health care services. The mission and ethics of the Sisters of Charity continues to motivate and inspire us. Open Support remains under the Stewardship of Mary Aikenhead Ministries.

If you have any questions about Open Support, please call 02 8382 6430 or email volunteer@opensupport.org.au for an information pack.

Sea Sunday: 8 July

Sea Sunday takes place on 8 July 2018, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. The Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church, provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports and is dependent on voluntary donations. For more information about its work and how to donate, visit www.aos-australia.org

Australian Catholic Historical Society Lecture: 15 July

Emeritus Professor Desmond Cahill OAM - *Humanae vitae*: The beginning of the end of Tridentine Clericalism? Visit the ACHS website www.australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au for more information.

Sydney World Youth Day Mass: 20 July

July 20 2018 will mark 10 years since the Archdiocese of Sydney hosted World Youth Day 2008. To this day, WYD08 remains one of the most powerful demonstrations of faith our country has seen, welcoming Pope Benedict XVI and 500,000 pilgrims from around the world to our city. To celebrate the 10th anniversary, Catholics from across Sydney are invited to join Archbishop Anthony Fisher for a special Mass followed by food and cultural performances plus the announcement of a number of new initiatives for youth ministry. Co-hosted by Sydney Catholic Youth, the event will also include the launch of Archbishop Fisher's new book for young people *My Dear Young Friend: Forty letters on youth, faith and future*. Friday July 20 for 5:30pm Mass followed by WYD08 event at 7:00pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. WYD08 event at St Mary's Cathedral College Hall. All welcome.

NSW Launch of the National Catholic Medical Association: 21 July

At 3pm, the Annual NSW Mass and Blessing of the Hands Ceremony at Sacred Heart Parish Darlinghurst, Sydney followed by dinner and speakers at St Vincent's Private Hospital. All doctors, nurses and allied health care colleagues including students are warmly invited to attend see facma.org.au/news.html, <https://www.facebook.com/events/1591788990944281> and this week's Catholic Weekly for further information.

'Come and See' Weekend Retreat for Women: 21 July

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth offer weekend retreats for women aged 18-35 who want to discern their vocation to religious life. These retreats offer a one-to-one encounter and include prayer time, talks and accompaniment. Bring only a holy Bible and a smile! 21 July from 2:30pm at Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. For more information contact Sr Paula tel 0449 656 406, vocationscsfn@gmail.com