

NEWSLETTER



30th July 2018 Term 3 Week 2

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St Canice's Catholic Primary School
Katoomba 2014

Growth through love and learning

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to



Welcome back everyone to Term 3.

It has been wonderful to see all the smiling faces of the children again. I trust that everyone had a nice break and students are refreshed and ready to commence learning.

The Gospel reading yesterday was centred around the abundance of God's gifts.

The miracle of the loaves and fish (John 6:1-15) tells us how God will look after us all, but this story also focuses on the generosity of the young boy who gave his 5 loaves and 2 fish to be shared.

Here at St Canice's, we look for opportunities to give to others who have less. Our focus on helping raise much needed funds for the poor in our area is a great example of unselfish giving.



Mr Mark Geerligs
Principal

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

Presbytery Contact Ph: 02 4782 2804

Fax: 02 4782 6090

Website: marymackilloppupperbluemountains.org.au

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

News from Mr Geerligs

Recording of our School Totem Song

Last Friday Mr Patrick Drummond and his son, came to St Canice's and made our Parish/ School hall into a recording studio.

Our magnificent School Choir gathered and sang the School Totem Song "Sisters of the Stone".

Ms Frazer said "The kids did a fantastic job! I was super proud of them, they sang their little hearts out too".

I have no doubt the School Choir recording of our Totem song will sound brilliant.

Big thanks to Pat and Pete Drummond and Ms Frazer for all their hard work." Hopefully we will get a copy of the recording soon.

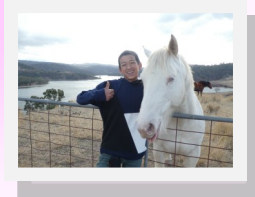


Japanese Students

Today 10 Japanese students have come to be part of our school for the next week.

Welcome to Kyoka, Nana, Haru, Fuka, Hina, Mina, Koki, Aya, Tai and Miwa.

It is great to have these students at our school and hope they enjoy their time here.



Naplan

This week Year 3 and Year 5 will be doing an item trial for NAPLAN on line. This will involve each student sitting for a NAPLAN style of assessment. There will be no individual results, only information for the question designers.



Stage 2 Geography & Science Excursion

On Tuesday 31st our Stage 2 classes will be going on an excursion with the BMCC Education team to explore our catchment area and the species that live within it.



With Sympathy

It is with sadness to advise the passing of Mitchell Hronsky on Friday 6th July after a long battle with cancer.

We keep David, Laura and Luke Hronsky in our prayers.

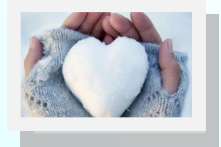


Mini Vinnies Winter Sleep Out

The Mini Vinnies Team are organising the St Canice's Annual Winter Sleep out.

On Friday August 17th, the whole school will be involved in a Pyjama Day followed by a sleep out for those volunteers from Stage 3.

We ask everyone to financially support this major fundraising opportunity for our Mini Vinnies Appeal.

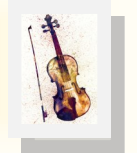


Violin for Sale

A Stentor student 2 3/4 size violin for sale.

It's almost new and is available for \$200.

Please contact Office for more details.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

A Message from Miss Elizabeth (AFLO)

Welcome Back!

Thank you to all our students who came to school on the last day of term two. It was great to see all of you enjoying our fun filled Friday of mufti, bubbles, movie and popcorn!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are energised for Term 3 and some great learning.

Be on the lookout for some Term 3 before the start of school bell fun activities, you never know when they might appear!

Working in partnership with students, families and staff to encourage and support regular school attendance, Miss Elizabeth.

Attendance Family Liason Officer



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

August

Term 3 Week 2

Tuesday	31st	Stage 2 Excursion Student Banking Preschool Reading Group	9am
Wednesday	1st		
Thursday	2nd	Ukulele / Choir Italian	
Friday	3rd	Assembly Mass S3M My School Lunch Box Ensemble	8.50am 12noon 3pm

Term 3 Week 3

Monday	6th	My School Lunch Box	
Tuesday	7th	Student Banking Preschool Reading Group	8:40am 9am
Wednesday	8th	Basketball Gala Day St Mary of the Cross Mass	12pm—1pm
Thursday	9th	Italian Music Ukulele / Choir	
Friday	10th	Zone Athletics Assembly S2K Mass S2K 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

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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SCHOOL DATES

Term 3

Tuesday 24th July

Friday 28th September

Term 4

Monday 15th October

Wednesday 19th December

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2nd Prize: **COSMOS**, \$2000 Gift Card
Donated by Cosmos - can be used on any Cosmos coach tour for travel in 2019. This value prize cannot be used towards any WYD 2019 pilgrimage. The value cannot be transferred to cash

3rd Prize: New iPhone X
4th Prize: New iPhone X
5th Prize: New iPhone X
Donated by **Secure Agility**

6th Prize: Apple iPad Mini
Donated by **Campion College Australia**

7th Prize: Cash Prize of \$500
Donated by **Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu**

8th Prize: \$500 Westfield Gift Card
Donated by **Automated Control Solutions**

9th Prize: Apple Watch
Donated by **Catholic Church Insurance**

10th Prize: \$100 Event Cinemas Gift Card
Donated by **The Catholic Foundation**

DRAWN at **LIFTED LIVE** on 27th October 2018

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For tickets and further information please contact
Michael Mendieta: MMendieta@parra.catholic.org.au

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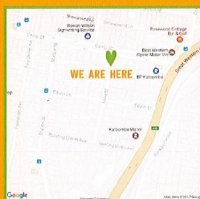
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\$5 per child per week
Any enquiries? Call Robyn ph. 0438401088

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

We're hiring!

If you're studying or recently graduated from accounting and looking to get your foot in the door in finance, the Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Development Fund is looking for a casual Trainee Assistant Accountant with an immediate start. For more information contact ddffinance@parraddf.org.au

IFM Themes of Faith Program

Exploring Catholic life, faith and action themes – for people keen on very manageable home readings/reflection ready to attend great group conversations. Ten Monday evenings and one Saturday morning are spread out across July 30 to Oct 29. Gatherings break into mentored groups of 10 - excellent for age 18 to seniors - builds confidence to grow and share faith. See ifm.org.au or call the IFM team 9296 6369

IFM Reflective Ministry Program

This enjoyable program aims to enrich those involved in service/ministry of Catholic communities – excellent chance for learning and further shaping of faith and purpose. Ten Tuesday evenings and two Saturday mornings are spread out across August 18 to Dec 1 – presenters' inputs, journaling and application to ministry – group size about 35. See ifm.org.au or call the IFM team 9296 6369

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

To register your interest go to: <https://parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018/>

Tickets: On sale soon (we'll let you know when).

Save the Date - Liturgy Conference 2018

Date: 10 November 2018. Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams Vicar General from the Diocese of Parramatta. Workshops (still to be finalised): Singing the Psalms, RCIA ritual & symbols, Training Junior Altar Servers and Music and Prayer in the Classroom

To register your interest go to: <https://parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018/>

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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: Lib- by Peoples (events)

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 12 August

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.

Concert at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta: 17 August

Sydney Philharmonia - Chamber Singers: TALBOT Path of Miracles - Tickets via www.sydneypilharmonia.com.au – More details at: www.stpatscathedral.com.au

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Fr Hans is regarded as one of the leading ecclesiastical experts in the field of safeguarding of minors and on areas concerning sexual abuse both in the Roman Catholic Church and beyond. More information and registration via parracatholic.org/safechurch