

# NEWSLETTER



10th September 2018 Term 3 Week 8

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St Canice's Catholic Primary School  
Katoomba 2019

Growth through love and learning

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## Dear Parents and Carers

The Gospel message yesterday (Mark 7:31-37) was a very powerful one. It is something that we at St Canice's try to work on each and every day.

"What do we **not** see or hear that is going on around us?"

Imagine the great joy of someone who has been cured of a hearing disability. What a thrill it must be to hear clearly, perhaps for the first time, the sounds of birds, of the ocean breaking, of music, of a friend's voice. Many of us enjoy good hearing but we can still turn a deaf ear to the cries of the poor, to the pleas of someone for forgiveness, even to the teachings of Jesus. What joy we too will know if we allow Jesus to touch us and heal our spiritual deafness."

What an amazing week it was last week.

Stage 3 attended the annual Cluster Final for the Voice of Youth here in our hall. Three students from each school (St Finbar's, St Thomas Aquinas, Our Lady of the Nativity and St Canice's) stood up and presented their speech which they have worked on over the past few weeks. Kaitlyn Barker-Swan, Prisha Sharma and Roam Hunter were our selected students with Amy Goulding as a reserve. Three judges scored each speech and our Roam Hunter was selected to go to the next level of the competition.

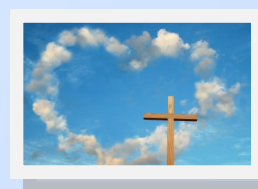
Next Wednesday 19th September, Roam will be competing against Western division of our Diocese. Congratulations to all the Year 6 who participated. A special congratulations to Roam.

The last day of Term 3 will be Friday 28th September.

The first day of Term 4 for the students will be Tuesday 16th October.

We still are accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2019. If you know of anyone who is interested in finding out more about the school, please ask them to contact the school office.

Mr Mark Geerligs  
Principal



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

Presbytery Contact Ph: 02 4782 2804

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Website: [marymackilloppupperbluemountains.org.au](http://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.

## 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.



## Swamp Fest

On Sunday 23rd of September, Stage 2 student's will participate in Swamp Fest at Peter Carol Oval. Swamp Fest will be an opportunity for Stage 2 student's to share their learning's of the local catchment area and the species that live within it. The day will start at 10am and conclude at 2pm. Please ensure all permission notes are returned to the Office by Wednesday 19th September.



## Confirmation

If your child has received First Holy Communion and you wish your child to proceed to Confirmation, you may enrol for the preparation of Confirmation Sacrament. The preparation program begins: Sunday 23rd of September commencing at 8:30am until 9:45am in the hall prior to attending 10am Mass at St Canice's. The program lasts for six Sunday mornings. Confirmation will be Sunday 4th of November.



## World Youth Day Raffle

You can purchase your World Youth Day tickets online by visiting [www.rafflelink.com.au/wyd2019](http://www.rafflelink.com.au/wyd2019) All funds raised contribute to the Pilgrim Support Fund.



Owen MacNamara, Alex Campbell, Leo Balkin  
Taylor Oltersdorf, Natasha Vasquez-Seers  
Theryn Tan, Vengili Selvarasa  
Emilio Micallef, William Frazer-Mills  
Mark Papalia, Bodhi Miller  
Elliot McCrossen & Jonah Hong  
We hope you all have an extraordinary day

## St Canice's Spring Fair

The St Canice's Fundraising Committee is planning a **Spring Fair**

**Saturday 27th of October**

If you are interested in being a stall holder or know someone who would, please contact

Monique on 0418 141 982 to discuss.

If you would like to donate to the mega raffle we would love to hear from you. All donations are welcome



## The School Dentist

The School Dentist will be visiting St Canice's Primary School during the week commencing Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October.

The dental team will provide onsite dental services to students. Full details of the service provided has been distributed to your child. Please return permission forms by Friday 21st of September.



## 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





## Mini Vinnie's Sleepout

Stage 3 children participated in the Annual Winter Sleepout on Friday 17th of August. The student's behaved wonderfully and raised \$2041.65.

Congratulation's to our Mini Vinnie's team and thank you to all who have generously donated.

We have raised \$4297.75 for the year, which will be given to our local St Vincent de Paul in Katoomba.

Ms Morley



# School Calendar

## September

### Week 8

<b>Tuesday</b>	11th	Student Banking Preschool Reading Group Library	9am
<b>Wednesday</b>	12th		
<b>Thursday</b>	13th	Ukulele / Choir Italian	
<b>Friday</b>	14th	Assembly Year 1 Mass Year 1 & S3M My School Lunch Box Ensemble	8.50am 12noon  3pm

### Week 9

<b>Monday</b>	17th	My School Lunch Box	
<b>Tuesday</b>	18th	Student Banking Preschool Reading Group	9am
<b>Wednesday</b>	19th	Creation Liturgy Voice of Youth Western Division Semi-Final Good Luck Roam	9am
<b>Thursday</b>	20th	Ukulele / Choir Italian	
<b>Friday</b>	21st	Assembly S2K Mass S2K & Year 2 My School Lunch Box Ensemble	8:50am 12pm  3pm
<b>Sunday</b>	23rd	Confirmation Preparation Swamp Fest	8:30am 10am

## 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 3 concludes

**Friday 28th of September**

Term 4

**Tuesday 16th October**

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

### FREE Kids Bike Skills Workshops

#### About the event:

Fun workshops to improve kids practical riding skills and confidence with a fully qualified Aust Cycle trainer.

Parents and kids will also learn how to do a helmet and bike check. Kids need to be able to ride unassisted and have a helmet and working bike and be wearing closed shoes. Kids also need to be accompanied by a parent or carer. Sausage sizzle, showbags and bike maintenance available on the day.

**When: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018**

- 5-8 year olds 10am-12noon

- 9-12 year olds 12:30am – 2:30pm



**Where:** Blackheath Public School

**Bookings: Be quick as numbers are limited!**

**Bookings are essential**

**Contact** BMCC Road Safety Coordinator **Ph 4780 5000**. *If raining event will be cancelled*



# What's On in Our Community

## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL QUILT SHOW

To be held at:

**Blue Mountains Retirement Village**

Queens Road, Katoomba

**Saturday and Sunday**

**8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> September)**

**Tickets on sale during the show**

**Quilt lovingly made and generously**

**donated by 'The Golf Club Quilters'**



**HEY KIDS** Join the **ANIMATION ACADEMY**

Stop Motion Animation class  
Age 7-14

**ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED**  
SCRIPTWRITING, SET CONSTRUCTION, FILMING  
ANIMATION ACADEMY AWARDS!

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

Creativity  
Teamwork  
New Skills  
Fun!

## 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!
- BBQ Facilities Available



**Bookings Call: 0407 116 278**

**33 Acacia Street Katoomba**



## 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 more information please contact Michael Garwood on 0451127318 or smichaeldoowrag@hotmail.com





# What's On in Our Community



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY SINGING WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS

### Youth Choir Workshops

With internationally recognised composer and conductor, Paul Jarman



Paul Jarman is returning to the Blue Mountains this year to present another fabulous series of workshops for children (ages 9-16). Paul is widely recognised throughout the world as a leading composer, conductor and educator and his entertaining workshops with Blue Mountains Youth Choir have been immensely popular.

**In the October School Holidays:**

Thurs 11 Oct 9.30am to 4.00pm  
 Fri 12 Oct 9.30am to 4.00pm  
 Sat 13 Oct 9.30am followed by  
 Concert at 12.30pm  
 Venue: Mid-Mountains Community Centre  
 Cost: \$120, Sibling Discounts Apply

**BOOK NOW  
 For School  
 Holidays**

For Full details see: **BLUE MOUNTAINS YOUTH CHOIR**

ACADEMY SINGERS [www.academicsingers.com.au](http://www.academicsingers.com.au) @bluemountainsyouthchoir

## Blue Mountains Youth Choir

Ages 9-16

Exciting performance projects throughout the year for children who love to sing!

[www.academicsingers.com.au](http://www.academicsingers.com.au) ph:47511009



## KATOOMBA MITRE 10

**GRAND  
 OPENING  
 FAMILY FUN DAY**

The renovations are finished and we're celebrating!  
 Heaps of fun for the whole family! Saturday 22 September

We're giving one school the chance to  
**WIN A \$500 STORE VOUCHER**  
 in our colouring in competition –  
 plus individual prizes for entries!

### HOW TO ENTER:

- ☒ Students complete the supplied colouring-in templates & return to Katoomba Mitre 10 by Friday 14 September
- ☒ The school with the most entries will win the \$500 voucher
- ☒ Winners in each age category will be judged by Katoomba Mitre 10 staff
- ☒ Winners announced in-store at 11:30am Saturday 22 September

**HURRY!  
 ENTRIES  
 CLOSE  
 FRIDAY 14  
 SEPTEMBER**

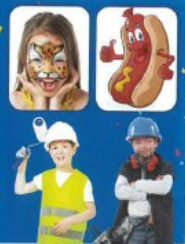


**MEET  
 SCOTT  
 CAM!**  
 10am-1pm

Don't miss  
 this one, it's  
 going to be  
**HUGE!**

### PLUS:

- ★ Sausage Sizzle
- ★ Face Painting
- ★ Kids Dress up as a Tradie Competitions
- ★ Kids Plant a Pot
- ★ Jumping Castle



**MIGHTY HELPFUL MITRE 10**

### Spirituality Reflection Morning in the Blue Mtns

A joint effort of Aquinas Academy and Catalyst for Renewal



Sept.15, 2018, Santa Maria Hall, Lawson: 9:30-12:30pm  
 Parking: Lawson Catholic Church, 61 Western Hwy (enter by Somers St.)  
 OR Kitchener St, Lawson.

**The Creative Nature of God:**  
 the source of all life, (Jn.1:1-4)  
 who makes all things new. (Rev. 21:5)

Presented by Sister Patty Andrews, osu

This reflection morning will focus on the creative nature of God, the source of all life (John 1:1-4) who "makes all things new." (Rev.21:5). Set within the beginning of the season of spring as it bursts forth in the beautiful Blue Mountains, we will explore the generative nature of our self-renewing environment. Currently in our unfolding theology and sacramental understanding, we are witnessing a profound awakening to the story of the universe which it has been telling for billions of years. It seems it is only in this now moment that we are beginning to recognise the speech and hear the voice that goes out through all the earth and tells us of the radically amazing gift of life gratuitously given by our God of love (Psalm 19).

The reflection morning will be supported by some brief input sessions, readings which relate to the theme, time for personal reflection and an invitation for conversation.

Entry by donation, Morning tea provided, no need to book.

For more information contact Carol Teodori: 02 4758 7549

Program also on Catalyst for Renewal web-site: [catalyst-for-renewal.com.au](http://catalyst-for-renewal.com.au)

For railway travellers to Lawson: Exit on the southern side, then go east along the Great Western Highway. Turn RIGHT at Orient St., LEFT into Mary St. Walk to the end.






**Enrol Now**

## Katoomba Leura Preschool

Excellence in Community Run Preschool Education

**\$10 per day for low income, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander families**



4782 1639  
Corner Lett & Wilson St, Katoomba  
[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)  
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**GREENWOOD**  
Early Education Centres

**COME IN FOR A TOUR TODAY & SEE OUR MASSIVE VEGETABLE GARDEN!**

OUR CENTRE FOCUSES ON IMPLEMENTING A "PADDOCK TO PLATE" PRACTICE, ALL PRODUCE GROWN AT THE CENTRE IS EITHER USED IN OUR ON-SITE KITCHEN OR DISTRIBUTED TO FAMILIES TO TAKE HOME & ENJOY!

## GREENWOOD KATOOMBA

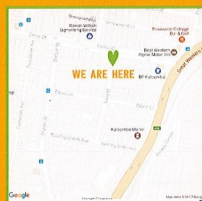
- Two large natural outdoor environments for your child to learn and grow
- Large Carpark ensuring convenient drop offs and collections
- Meals prepared fresh, daily by our qualified Chef
- Extra-curricular activities: Yoga, Language, Music & Sports Programs
- Nappies, wipes & toilet training assistance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

P. 02 4782 4997  
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

## MEDIA RELEASE



## BLUE MOUNTAINS CULTURAL CENTRE PRESENTS

**Freedom Wilson**  
*Mycorrhizal: Futurae - Ferox - Inferius*  
On exhibition at Blue Mountains City Art Gallery from 25 Aug - 7 October

**&  
Threatened Species Day  
FREE ENTRY**

**Bushcare Conversations Event**  
Saturday 8 September 10AM - 2PM



In conjunction with local Blue Mountains artist Freedom Wilson's exhibition *Mycorrhizal: Futurae - Ferox - Inferius*, which investigates the conservation efforts undertaken to save the critically endangered Buttercup Doubletail Orchid (*Diuris aequalis*) Blue Mountains Cultural Centre is hosting *Bushcare Conversations*, on Threatened Species Day, 8 September 10am - 2pm, featuring a free community environment market, Eco Cinema and panel discussions. Entry to the Blue Mountains City Art Gallery & World Heritage Exhibition will be free.

## We're hiring!

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is seeking a Nurse to attend World Youth Day 2019 in Panama. The role will be responsible for encouraging and coordinating healthy practices and the preliminary identification and assessment of medical, health and wellbeing needs of pilgrims. More information at: <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/positions-vacant>

## 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 [parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018/](http://parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018/)

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

## 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](http://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](mailto:james.camden@parracatholic.org)

## Lawn and Garden Services: Help CatholicCare to Help Disabled Workers

CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains (CatholicCare) is the diocesan social services organisation. Our Mamre Garden Services employed disabled people in a lawn and garden service lawns for both residential and commercial clients. The team of workers is supervised by our Garden Crew Supervisor. Each job is quoted separately and you will not be disappointed with the quality of the work. If you're interested in having your lawns and/or gardens serviced by CatholicCare or would like more information, please contact 02 8843 2500 or visit our website [www.ccsw.org.au](http://www.ccsw.org.au)

## RCIA: How it can grow your Parish's Faith Life

Wednesday 12 September – Part 1

Wednesday 19 September – Part 2

To be held at the IFM, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown from 7.00–9.00. To register contact the Office For Worship: [ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org](mailto:ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org) or 02 8838 3456.

## Creating a Safe Church: 31 August - 1 September

The Diocese of Parramatta is co-hosting two days of presentations by Fr Hans Zollner SJ addressing the most significant issues facing the Catholic Church today with respect to harmful behaviour, including the theological and spiritual implications arising from the abuse crisis and their impact on victims and survivors, together with members of the Church. 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](http://parracatholic.org/safechurch)