

NEWSLETTER



5th February 2019 Term 1 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, welcome, welcome to everyone for the beginning of 2019. It is so wonderful to see everyone's smiling and happy faces. It was fantastic to see our new Kinders on their first day last Friday. Welcome to them and to all the new students in our school. This year is going to be a terrific year for St Canice's. We will continue to focus on providing learning experiences that allow each and every student to grow in their faith and their learning. Experiences that will develop each person's understanding of the importance of positive relationships. Relationships with God, relationships with each other and with the world. Our school motto is: Growth through LOVE and Learning. This means that it is through our focus on loving relationships, we develop as positive and effective learners.

On Sunday the second reading was from I Corinthians when St Paul wrote to the people about what the three things are that last forever - Faith, Hope and Love. He goes on to say "... and the greatest of these is Love".

I invite all members of our school community to be part of a very positive year. A year where we will reach new heights in our learning, understanding and willingness to challenge and be challenged. A year when we take risks to try things we are unsure of, to be willing to stand up for our beliefs and a year when we are willing to listen to others. All of this can be achieved if our primary focus is the care, trust and consideration of others. That is the LOVE in our motto. Our small world of the St Canice's community can be a beacon of what can be achieved through the Love and Learning that will take place within these 'old brick walls'.

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.

Whole School Mass

Families and Friends are invited to join the St Canice's beginning of the Year Whole School Mass this **Friday 8th of February** at 12pm in the Church.

On this occasion our 2019 School Leaders will be commissioned. We look forward to sharing this special occasion with our School Community.

Each Friday morning (unless there is a whole School Mass that day) families are invited to our whole School Assembly that will now be held in the hall (not upstairs as previously).

At the conclusion of the assembly, you are **invited to have a cup of tea/ coffee with Mr Geerligs** and have an opportunity to have a chat about the school. The hall now has a lovely new kitchen and will be a great meeting place for our community.

Welcome to our New Students at St Canice's

We are blessed and honoured to have you here in our community.

May your time here at St Canice's be filled with "Growth Through Love and Learning".

Anh	S3W
Guy	S2B
Jerome	S2B
Holiday	Year 2
Daisy	Kinder
Henry	Kinder
Ivana	Kinder
Marina	Kinder
Eva	Kinder
Owen	Kinder
Elizabeth	Kinder
Rupert	Kinder
Billy	Kinder



Congratulations to Ms Morley and Family who welcomed a beautiful baby girl Sage into their family on 28th January 2019.



Congratulations

The St Canice's community send our warmest congratulations to Lulu Rose and family who's little sister Minnie Kuypers arrived safely in the world on 3rd of January 2019.

Mrs Painter our violin and ensemble Teacher welcomed her first daughter Hannah Rosemary Painter into the world on 28/12/2018 at 1:15am.



Swimming Carnival

The St Canice's Swimming Carnival will be this **Wednesday 6th of February** at Katoomba Sports and Aquatic Centre.

The carnival will commence at 3:30pm.

We request that parents stay for the entire carnival to supervise their child.



Opal Card

A reminder to students that at the start of each bus trip, it is important to tap on by placing your opal card on the opal card reader. Although the opal card is a free pass, students are still required to tap on and off. Eligible opal cards are automatically updated for a new school year unless otherwise advised.

To apply for an opal card or update details, complete application at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Transport NSW will send the opal card to home address given in the application. The application may take several weeks.



School Uniform

We ask that all uniforms be clearly labelled with your child's name. We also ask that parent's check items at home and if you are in possession of another child's uniform, can you please return to school so the items can go home to the correct child.



Medical Alert

There have been a number of cases of gastroenteritis and impetigo (school sores) reported.

As both these are highly contagious we ask that children remain away from school to avoid the spread of illness.

We ask that the return of students with Impetigo be accompanied with a clearance letter from the prescribing Doctor.

Students with Gastroenteritis are asked not to attend school for 48 hours after last vomit / loose bowel motion.



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



S@S 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.

If you are travelling overseas, we ask that you do **not** collect soil and bring to Australia as this is a quarantine issue.



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.

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.



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.



MAI Assessment

Last Wednesday and Thursday our Kindergarten and Year 1 students visited the school for their Mathematical Assessment Interview (MAI) with their class Teacher.

All other students in the school will be assessed with the MAI, but this will be carried out during class time over the next 3~4 weeks. The data we gather will inform us regarding the level of achievement of your child in the domains of Counting, Place Value, Addition / Subtraction and Multiplication / Division. This data will be used to determine what learning plan is required for your child.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Attendance

Welcome to 2019

A warm welcome to our new students, their families and carers as they join our St Canice's family. Should you be having issues getting your child to school and on time each and every day, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's Teacher or me as we are here to help. As a school community this Term, we will continue to focus on our students being here at school, every day and ready on time.

Check out our attendance display in the library, it's INCREDIBLE!

Working in partnership with students, families and carers to help your child be the best that they can be.

Miss Elizabeth
Attendance Family Liaison Officer



Please Note: If your child is unwell, we ask that you keep your child at home to avoid to spread of illness.

Please contact the Office on 4780 6800 to advise.

Communicating Complaints and Grievances

If you have a concern in relation to your child, please contact your child's teacher first. If you feel that the problem hasn't been sufficiently dealt with after contact with your child's teacher, please contact the Assistant Principal. If you feel that the problem then needs to be taken further than this, contact the Principal. If you would like to raise a concern formally, the Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta Office has procedures for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly.

Information about how to lodge a complaint and a complaint form are available from the school office or in the Complaint Handling Policy and Procedures.

These documents can be accessed on the system website www.parra.catholic.edu.au





Public Forum

Listening - 'Have your say'

WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TODAY?

Date: Sunday 24 February 2019

Time: 2:00 pm to 3:45 pm

Venue: Mavis Wood Hall

Mid Mountains Centre -

3-7 New St, Lawson

*This Public Plenary is being conducted by the
Catholic Parishes of the Blue Mountains.*

The purpose of this gathering is for all in the community to gather to express their thoughts and opinions on the Australian Catholic Church in Australia today.

The process will involve reflection, small group sharing, whole group plenary and afternoon tea.

PlenaryCouncil2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

For more information go to plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/

School Calendar

February

Week 2

Tuesday	5th	Preschool Reading Group Library Cello School Banking	9am
Wednesday	6th	After School Swim Carnival Whole School Sport Dance Program	3:30pm
Thursday	7th	Italian	
Friday	8th	My School Lunch Box Whole School Beginning of the Year Mass Ensemble	12pm 3pm— 4pm

Week 3

Monday	11th	My School Lunchbox Violin	
Tuesday	12th	Preschool Reading Group Library Cello School Banking	9am
Wednesday	13th	Whole School Sport Dance Program	3—4pm
Thursday	14th	Italian	
Friday	15th	Assembly Mass My School Lunch Box Ensemble	8.50am 12 noon

Through out week 4 there will be an opportunity to Meet and Greet with your child's Teacher.

Notes with information to schedule appointments will be sent home next week

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

KOOSH

Katoomba Out of School Hours operates at
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0478 166 352



School Banking

Get ready for an exciting year of school banking. A reminder that our banking day is

TUESDAY.

Dollarmites banking scheme is aimed at helping children to develop good saving habits and lifelong money managing skills.



SCHOOL FEES

Invoice statements will be sent out to families by
February 18th
Term 1 payments are due by
20th of March.

Subscribe to the Parent Calendar and Newsletter
www.stcaniceskatoomba.catholic.edu.au

What's On in Our Community



The simplest way

... to ensure your child gets the nutrients they need at school

Simply pack something from each of the 5 food groups plus water. Try this great example lunch box:



Wholegrain Breads & Cereals: [Bread Sushi](#)

Vegetables and salads: Corn cob

Meat & Alternatives: [Baked bean muffin](#)

Dairy: Yoghurt tub

Fruit: Strawberries

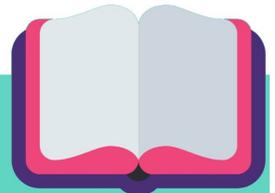
Water: Always pack a bottle of water

For these recipes and more examples of healthy lunch boxes visit our [website](#).

healthylunchbox.com.au



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!



ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Year 7, 2020 Information Evening

Wednesday 27th February, 2019

Session 1:
 3.15pm Register for tour
 3.30pm Tour of the facilities
 4.30 - 5.00pm Address by the Principal

Session 2:
 5.15pm Register for tour
 5.30pm Tour of the facilities
 6.30 - 7.00pm Address by the Principal

Bookings are not required.
 Please register at the College Library upon arrival.

- Tours will begin at 3.30 and 5.30pm sharp to enable visitors to view all of the College facilities.
- Prospectus and enrolment application forms will be available on the night.

Enquiries: Sandra O'Brien, Enrolments Secretary 4754 8907
 St Columba's Catholic College 168 Hawkesbury Road, Springwood 2777
 Phone: (02) 4754 8900 Email: stcolumbas@para.catholic.edu.au
 Web: www.stcolumbasspringwood.catholic.edu.au

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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

Bishop Office

Position Vacant

- Head of Social Services Operations – CatholicCare Social Services

More details at: www.ccss.org.au

- Head Housekeeping and Casual Cleaner at Benedict XVI Retreat Centre (Richmond NSW)
Opportunities are available for a suitably qualified and experienced Head Housekeeping, and a Casual Cleaner. You can view these positions at catholicjobsonline.com.au - applications for both positions close on 1 February 2019.

Time is running out for Plenary Council 2020

Submissions to Plenary Council 2020 close on Ash Wednesday, 6 March 2019. YOUR voice matters! Make a personal submission now or join a small group. Our question is for everyone: "What you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" To make a submission or to find out more visit: parracatholic.org/haveyoursayplenary2020/

St Patrick's Gift Shop

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta is bringing Christmas cheer by opening an on-site gift shop. Opening hours will be 10am – 3pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday. For more information visit: stpatscathedral.com.au

IFM Reflective Ministry Program

Are you serving in and through Catholic communities? The Reflective Ministry program offered by the Institute for Mission is a great opportunity to learn and explore ideas of pastoral theology to benefit you and those you serve - and it's now open for registration. Visit www.ifm.org.au/reflectiveministry for more information and to register online or call 9296 6369 to talk to our friendly team.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands of Jordan and Israel, escorted by Father Peter Blayney, Parish Priest, St Patrick's Guildford, 30 October – 13 November 2019. Organised by Olive Tree Travel (Melbourne). For details of itinerary, cost etc., please contact the Parish Secretary, Guildford, on 9632 2672 or patricksguilford@bigpond.com or Olive Tree Travel on 03 8488 9696.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Upper Blue Mountains: 10 February

We will be celebrating a special Mass on Sunday 10 February in Spanish. The Mass will take place at St Canice's Church, Katoomba at 12.00 pm, followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

Red Mass: 13 February

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta will be hosting a Red Mass on Wednesday 13 February at 7:30pm. This Mass is held in thanksgiving for the work of those who serve the law and is also an opportunity to reaffirm a commitment to justice and faith. The colour red refers to the vestments worn by the celebrants to signify the Holy Spirit. All are welcome.