

NEWSLETTER



19th February 2019 Term 1 Week 4

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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

Sunday's Gospel was from Luke 6: 17, 20-26. It was about the challenges we all might have in our lives and how we can still have faith even in these difficult times. Mark's Gospel, chapter 5, also mentioned this but in more detail. This is when Jesus spoke about the wisdom statements we call the Beatitudes. I was fortunate to travel to the Holy Land in 2015, with a group of principals from the Diocese of Parramatta. We visited many sites, including the Church of the Beatitudes. It is in the hills on the edge of the Sea of Galilee. To travel to these places knowing that Jesus walked here, was amazing. There is a Church now at this site and place of great prayer and contemplation.

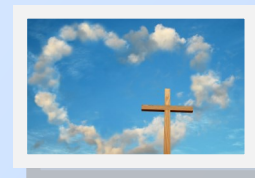
The Beatitudes invite us to be the best we can be:

At the end of Week 2, we celebrated in our church, the beginning of our school year. We welcomed our new students, our new teachers and commissioned our new student leaders.

Fr Sean spoke to us about 3 things - our brain, our heart and our will. If we use all of these 3 things wisely, we are being true to ourselves and to God.

"So here at Mass today we ask God the Father to send his powerful Holy Spirit upon us, so that throughout this school year he may fill our minds with lots of knowledge, fill our hearts with lots of love, and strengthen our will with lots of determination."

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.

Swimming Carnival

Last Wednesday, 6th February the St Canice's swimming carnival was held after school at the Katoomba Sports and Aquatic Centre. We had 15 keen swimmers and lots of supporters. All those involved showed great sportsmanship and cheered and encouraged each other on. It was wonderful to see the St Canice's spirit of loving each other alive and well. Thank you to the parents who came and helped- Cate Harrison, Kim Garraway, Gerard Balkin, Henna Horth, and Kornelia Osborne. Thank you to all those teachers who gave up their afternoon to ensure the smooth running of the carnival.

A big congratulations to those children who have made it into the zone swimming to be held at Glenbrook Pool on Tuesday 19th February- Luke Hronsky, Noah Osborne, Ashlee Hong, Claudia Dee, Izabella Harrison-Chambers, Meenatchi Selvarasa, Eva Garraway, Lucy Hargraves, Leo Balkin and Lorelei Field. A note has been sent home. Please remember to return your permission slip. We are sure you will represent our school with pride Our age Champions are:-

Senior champions—Luke Hronsky & Ashlee Hong

11 year Champions—Izabella Harrison-Chambers

Junior Champions—Leo Balkin & Eva Garraway



School Photo Day

School photo Day is **Thursday 28th of February**. Students are required to wear full summer school uniform.

All orders are made online at www.msp.com.au using the students shootkey.

If you wish to order family photos, please fill out the form on the eldest student only.

Each student must have their own order form for the day, please record reference number on the form.

Any queries, please contact MSP Photography on 02 9831 5505.

Any late orders placed after the photo day will incur a minimum \$20 late fee per order.

Remember!



Stage 3 Excursion

A special opportunity for our Stage 3 students this week: The Catholic Education Office Diocese of Parramatta and Catholic Youth Parramatta (CYP) are offering a free event Lifted Live Jnr on Thursday the 21st February at Evan Theatre, Penrith Panthers that will gather students from various Primary Schools in our diocese. This exciting event offers a combination of music, testimony, discussion and prayer with Fr Rob Galea who is a highly acclaimed Catholic Priest, singer, songwriter and performer from Victoria. Fr Rob was a headline performer for the Australian Catholic Youth Festivals in Adelaide in 2015 and Sydney 2017 as well as at the recent World Youth Day 2019 in Panama.



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.



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.



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.



S@S

Our SAS this year has the theme - Save our Soil.

As a school, we will be looking at the impact we make on the soil and how we can help keep this important part of our world rich and active.

Many of the students will be looking at some of the digging animals that help aerate our soil and spread the seeds to be germinated. Wombats, ants, echidnas are part of our focus.

The school will again have a sculptural piece in the Scenic World Sculptural exhibition.

This exhibition opens on 12th April and closes on 12th May. Our piece of work will be called **Seedbed**.

All students will be part of the creation of this artwork.

This is a piece of artwork that will come alive for us in Spring! The school will again go on an excursion to Scenic World to see the amazing showcase of artwork in the World Heritage-listed wilderness.

In term 2 the students will do some fantastic artwork linked to our writing curriculum.

The school's Sculptural Art Gallery will be open for everyone to see from our Grand Opening (Creative Arts Expo) on **Sunday 23rd June at 2 pm, to Friday 28th June at 3 pm.**

Please keep the date and time for the opening free.

"To forget how to dig the earth and to tend the soil is to forget ourselves"

Mahatma Gandhi

Uniform

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.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Attendance

Why is arriving at School on time important ?

Arriving at school on time:

- *Helps your child to learn the importance of punctuality and routine. Valuable skills for all stages of school and working life.

- *Reduces classroom disruption by giving students time to greet/play with friends before class.

- *Ensures that your child is aware of important learning activities scheduled for the day ahead.

Please note that lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained to the school in the same way as other forms of absence.

If you require assistance with getting your child to school on time, please contact me via the front office so we can work in partnership and help your child to be the best that they can be.

Miss Elizabeth

Attendance Family Liaison Officer



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





ST CANICE'S
PRIMARY
KATOOMBA

St Canice's Primary Katoomba
Open day
Tuesday 5th March 2019
1pm—2:50pm



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 4

Tuesday	19th	Meet & Greet Preschool Reading Group Library Cello School Banking	9am
Wednesday	20th	Meet & Greet Whole School Sport Dance Program	
Thursday	21st	Stage 3 Excursion Meet & Greet Italian	
Friday	22nd	Meet & Greet My School Lunch Box Assembly S3W Mass S3W Ensemble	8:50am 12pm 3—4pm

Week 5

Monday	25th	My School Lunchbox Violin	
Tuesday	26th	Preschool Reading Group Library Cello School Banking	9am
Wednesday	27th	Whole School Sport Dance Program	
Thursday	28th	Italian	
Friday	1st	Gold Awards Mass S2B School Clean Up Day My School Lunch Box Ensemble	8.50am 12 noon 3—4pm

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
10 Station Street Katoomba .
Phone 4782 2533 or
0478 166 352



Student Banking is Every Tuesday



No Financial Transactions Available in the Office as of Thursday 21st of February.

Finances will resume Monday 4th of March

Subscribe to the Parent Calendar and Newsletter

www.stcaniceskatoomba.catholic.edu.au



Welcome to your Online School Uniform Store

theschoollocker.com.au

The School Locker is proud to be working in partnership with St Canice's Catholic Primary School

Our goal is to provide great shopping experiences for families and our retail stores are inspired by a simple idea – one store with everything you need for school.

Shop for uniforms and more online

We are delighted to invite you to shop for your school uniforms online. A wide range of technology, musical instruments, sports equipment, footwear and stationery is also available. Follow these steps to get started.

1. Create your account

On your first visit click on **My Account** or go to theschoollocker.com.au/customer/account/create/ to set up your account.

2. Get the Student Advantage

Generate your Student Advantage Number online once your account is set up by visiting the **Account Dashboard** page or go to theschoollocker.com.au/customer/account/

3. Visit your online school uniform store

Click on **Shop by School** or go to theschoollocker.com.au/schools. Type your school name in the search area or select your school from the list.

Login each time you shop online to access exclusive Student Advantage Pricing and generate revenue for your school with your purchases.

Payment options

Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard and Pay Pal. Interest free and leasing terms are available in-store. Visit theschoollocker.com.au/finance-options for more information about these options.

Shop online at
theschoollocker.com.au

UNIFORMS

FOOTWEAR

TECHNOLOGY

MUSIC

SPORT

STATIONERY

Your uniform is also available from The School Locker Liverpool Superstore

The School Locker
The Grove Homemaker Centre
2-18 Orange Grove Road
Liverpool NSW

Mon-Wed & Fri 9am - 5pm
Thu 9am - 7pm
Sat & Sun 10am - 4pm

For assistance

Please call 02 8796 2100 or email liverpool@theschoollocker.com.au



Visit theschoollocker.com.au to shop for your uniform today.

Set up your Student Advantage Membership online to generate revenue for your school with every purchase you make at The School Locker.

How to Install The Skoolbag App

Instructions for parents installing Skoolbag.



For Apple Users

1. From your iphone/ipad, click on the "Download on the App Store" button above or open the Apple App Store and search for "SkoolBag"
2. Download the free SkoolBag app
3. Opening the app, and add your school(s) and you're ready to go!


For Google Android Users

1. From you Android device, ensure you have an account in the Google Play Store
2. Click on the "Get it on Google play" button above or go to the Google Play Store and search for "SkoolBag"
3. Download the free SkoolBag app
4. Open the app, add your school(s) and you're ready to go!

For more info visit skoolbag.com.au



What's On in Our Community



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

• 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@parra.catholic.edu.au
 Web: www.stcolumbasnewwood.catholic.edu.au

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



**Tutors are available
 at the Primary Learning
 Support Centre
 142 Katoomba Street
 4757 3435**

Attention:

**PRIMARY SCHOOL
 2019 FUTSAL GALA DAY
 AT KATOOMBA SPORTS & AQUATIC CENTRE**



Welcome. This year's Futsal Gala Day is again being organised by Mountain Majik Futsal Club. The Gala Day will be split into 2 dates as follows;

WEEK 2 TERM 2 FRIDAY 10TH MAY

Age Group
 11 years and under Children turning 11 years in 2019
 12 + 13 years and under Children turning 12 + 13 years in 2019

WEEK 3 TERM 2 FRIDAY 17TH MAY

Age Group
 9 years and under Children turning 9 years in 2019
 10 years and under Children turning 10 years in 2019

Entry fee is \$90 per team
 Invoices will be forwarded to your school once team numbers are confirmed.

Final Team Sheets (attached) must be submitted by (Thursday 11th April)
 Return completed forms by email to: kondek2@bigpond.com

Teams are to be made up of either Male or Female teams only. (No mixed teams) Teams consist of 5 players with substitutes. The team competition format will depend on the number of team nominations received. The Gala Day Competition will be a round robin format with each team playing between 3-5 games beginning from 8.00am and concluding around 3pm. Grand Finals will be played in each age group.

Once nominations are received, rules and regulations will be forwarded to participating schools. Canteen facilities will be available on the day.

If you require any further information please contact Susan Kondek on 0419 434 725.

Looking forward to hearing from you and your school.

Susan Kondek
 0419 434 725
 Mountain Majik Futsal
 18th February 2019

**BLUE MOUNTAINS
 ALL ABILITIES
 FOOTBALL**



**Come join the amazingly fun
 BLUE KANGAROOS
 football team!**

We are an all abilities inclusive football team for children and adults who live in the Blue Mountains. Each Saturday we get together to play football in a non stressful environment where players **learn ball skills, make friends, have fun and are part of a team.** We finish every week with a sausage sizzle and a chat. Siblings very welcome to join us too!

Our season kicks off on **March 23 rain or shine** at the mini pitch Gloria Park Hazelbrook at 11:00. We do not meet in the school holidays.

New and returning players can register online at www.playfootball.com.au. Families can choose to use their active kids voucher- www.service.nsw.gov.au/activekids Please see the Hawks web page for instructions- www.hazelbrookhawks.com.au. Bron and Lisa are able to assist with rego at the pitch too.
 Fees \$80 per family. It's never a problem if you can't pay but please still register for insurance purposes.

For more information or any questions please ring
 Lisa-0413548562

**All abilities and skill levels welcome and
 enthusiastically celebrated!**




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16A Grose Street Leura





OPEN : Monday - Friday 7.30am - 6pm

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	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
Find us on Facebook Cherry Blossom Early Learning Centre
Instagram [CherryBlossomcleura](https://www.instagram.com/CherryBlossomcleura)



GREENWOOD
Early Education Centres

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

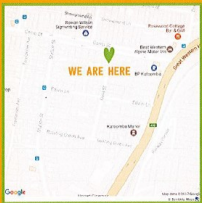
OUR CENTRE FOCUSES ON IMPLEMENTING A "PADDOCK TO PLATE" PRACTICE, ALL PRODUCE GROWN AT THE CENTRE IS EITHER USED IN OUR ON-SITE KITCHEN OR DISTRIBUTED TO FAMILIES TO TAKE HOME & ENJOY!

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- Two large natural outdoor environments for your child to learn and grow
- Large Carpark ensuring convenient drop offs and collections
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- Access to all current childcare fee subsidies

CENTRE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK TOUR PLEASE CONTACT

P. 02 4782 4997
E. katoomba@greenwood.com.au
A. Dora St, Katoomba NSW 2780



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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

Join St Patrick's Cathedral Choir

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, Parramatta is recruiting singers! This is an exciting opportunity to join a group of highly talented musicians. Choral scholarships are also available to singers who demonstrate advanced vocal skills and musical leadership qualities. For further information visit <http://www.stpatscathedral.com.au/musicministry/index.htm> or contact the Music Director, Bernard Kirkpatrick on 0430 431 884.

Volunteers Urgently Needed for Visiting Residents of Aged Care Facility

Are you interested in visiting an elderly person in a nursing home who has no or very few visitors? This service is organised through CatholicCare. You would visit on average once every two weeks with CatholicCare providing training and other support. After talking with you about your interests, we will match you with a resident in a nursing home within approximately 10km of your home. The visit is entirely within the nursing home – you do not take the person on outings or shopping etc. For more information, contact Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

Communion to the Sick at Blacktown Hospital

We urgently require people to take Holy Communion to patients in Blacktown Hospital on Sundays. Volunteers are currently rostered on every second month (6 times annually). Distribution of Communion takes about 2 to 3 hours. Security checks required and carpark access available. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who can help with this important ministry please contact Deacon George Bryan at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown either via the parish office or via at George.Bryan@parracatholic.org

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

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.

Bishop's Lenten Appeal: 23-24 February

The Ephpheta Centre, supported by the Parramatta Catholic Foundation, gives hope, compassion, connectivity and care to the deaf and hard of hearing. Your kind-hearted support will provide chaplaincy and pastoral care for the vulnerable and isolated, in homes, hospitals, prison and aged-care facilities. Please be a channel of hope and give generously via the Appeal envelopes or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.