

NEWSLETTER



5th June 2017 Term 2 Week 7

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St Canice's Catholic Primary School
Katoomba 2017

Growth through love and learning

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Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday was Pentecost Sunday. Jesus said to his apostles "As the Father sent me, so I am sending you" John 20 19-23.

We are asked to allow the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts and have courage to break down the walls we may have built around us and proclaim the peace, joy and forgiveness of God to everyone.

At my church yesterday we joined together as a group to share a meal and celebrate. And as was said to us, "solos are wonderful, but choirs raise the roof".

Let us all pray that as a school, community, state, nation and world we can combine as one to share peace, joy and the willingness to forgive each other

Principal

Mark Geerligs

Wishing you
the blessings of
love, peace and joy



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Parish Priest Fr. Ted Tyler

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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 2018

Other News from the Principal

SAS Opening

The Grand Opening of our SAS exhibition happens on Sunday 18th June. Many students will be in the play, orchestra and choir. We need as many students present as possible from Kinder – Stage 3 for this special day. It starts at 1pm in the parish school hall. This will be no cost for this occasion except for the food being sold at our Coral Café and the Photo portrait opportunity. All money raised will go towards our Mini Vinnies collection for Katoomba St Vincent de Paul group. The exhibition will be open all week during the Parent Teacher interviews 19th – 23rd June

“Canice”

The school has some wonderful news. As of a few weeks ago, there is a whale in the South Pacific Ocean near the west coast of North America and South America that has a new name. St Canice's Catholic Primary School Katoomba has officially adopted a Whale. The humpback whale WGRP223 is now known as CANICE. We are hoping to get updates regarding our whale whenever scientists sight it. It is believed that Canice is more than 4 years old and was first sighted in 2012 and again this year on Australia Day.



ID: WGRP223
Nickname: Canice
Patron: St. Canice's Catholic Primary School Katoomba
Gender: Unknown
First sighted: 25 Oct 2012
Age class: Adult
Age: >4

What can we do to help our whale CANICE?

One of the major environmental issues for whales and other sea life is the amount of rubbish that enters the ocean especially plastics.

I know Katoomba is a long way away from the ocean, but what we discard carelessly can eventually end up in our waterways.

I am asking all families to reduce significantly the amount of plastic rubbish that is being brought to school. Even though we have many playground bins, there is still too much rubbish that does not make it into the bins or is taken out by the birds. What would happen if we introduced a policy similar to what happens in many national parks?

Whatever you bring to school, you take home again. In other words, we have NO outside bins and all waste (except food scraps) is taken home to be put into your own recycle bins. This will reduce our school's footprint of rubbish and start to teach our children that we need to be conscious at all times of what we do with our 'throw-aways'. I would love to hear feedback from you.

Host Families for Japanese Students

This year we are again hosting students from Japan. Can you help us with being a host family? To date we only have 3 volunteers out of 10 required. Last year the families involved all commented on the positive time they had with their Japanese students. This will take place between 29th July to the 6th August. Each host family will be paid \$50 per night (\$350) to help with the costs. Please see if you can help this wonderful initiative at the school.



Congratulations

Special congratulations to our 2 secretaries who both became grandmothers again recently. Sue's daughter Lynda had a little girl named Evelyn and Jennie's daughter Sarah also had a little girl named Ashleigh. May the hand of God look after these 2 new people who will walk this earth.



Parent Teacher Interviews

The Parent Teacher Interviews will be held from Monday 19th June to Friday 23rd June. Instruction sheets were sent home last Friday. The event code is “des9z”. There is also a copy of the instructions further along in the newsletter. If anyone is experiencing difficulties please contact the Office.

Enrolling Now for 2018



Totem Cleanup

St Canice's has been given, by the local aboriginal group, the Totem of the Three Sisters. This is a very special privilege for the school that also comes with great responsibility. As part of our responsibility, throughout the year Stage 2 and 3 students will go to the Three Sisters to help clean up the area. This Friday Stage 3 will walk to Echo Point to pick up rubbish along the trail to the first sister.

Term 3 Pupil Free Day

Our next Pupil Free day will be Day One of Term 3 – Monday 17th July. There will be no classes on that day.

Attendance Data

Unfortunately our Attendance Data at St Canice's is only 80%. This is a worrying figure. Our goal is to achieve at least 90%.



St Columba's Enrolments

A reminder that enrolment applications for Year 7, 2018 at St Columba's Catholic College are now due. For further information contact the Enrolment Secretary on 4754 8900.



Preschool Storytelling

Miss Sally invites all Preschooler's to her fun and exciting Storytelling on Tuesday's from 9 am in the Library. Everyone welcome.

Collection finished

A big thank you to everyone who over the last couple of months collected lids, bubble wrap, plastic bags, old shoes, green plastic bottles and orange bags. We now have enough items for the completion of the children's SAS projects. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Change of Home or Emergency Contact Details

If you have any changes to your home or emergency contact numbers, please contact the school Office as soon as possible. In cases of sickness or emergency, it is important that we have the correct contact details for your child(ren).

Reminder to Parents

Parents and visitors are reminded that, if entering the school grounds to attend classroom activities, etc, they are required to sign in at the Office on arrival, and sign out on departure.

Yellow Ribbon Road Safety Campaign

The school is supporting the "Yellow Ribbon Road Safety Campaign" by selling the following items at the Office. This campaign will be finishing up on this Friday 9th June.

Ribbons \$2 each

Stickers \$3 each

Wristbands \$3 each

Lapel Ribbons \$2 each

Absentee Letters

Due to a directive from the Catholic Education Department of Parramatta Absentee Letters will be sent home on Thursday's for all students who have an "Unexplained Absence". All absences must have an explanation. If you receive one of these letters please complete and return to school as soon as possible. To assist administration time please send in notes, skoolbag notifications or phone the Office when your child is absent.



School Calendar

Subscribe to the Parent Calendar and Newsletter
www.stcaniceskatoomba.catholic.edu.au
 Select "Current Community" click on Newsletter

June

Week 7

Tuesday	6th	Student Banking Craft with Sr Colleen Preschool Storytelling	8.45am 9am
Wednesday	7th	Ukulele	1.20pm
Thursday	8th	Music and Italian Sacrament of Confirmation	6.15 pm
Friday	9th	My school Lunch Box Prayer Assembly S3K Mass S2B String Ensemble	8.50am 12noon 3pm

Week 8

Monday	12th	Public Holiday Queens Birthday	
Tuesday	13th	Student Banking Craft with Sr Colleen Preschool Storytelling Reports Go Home	8.45am 9am
Wednesday	14th	Choir	1.20pm
Thursday	15th	Music and Italian Sacrament of Confirmation	6.15 pm
Friday	16th	My school Lunch Box Prayer Assembly S2M Mass S2M String Ensemble	8.45am 12noon 3pm
Sunday	18th	SAS Opening	1pm

Sport News

The Athletics Carnival was held in glorious weather last week at Pitt Park . Congratulations to the following children who were presented with their respective Age Championships.

Seniors

Olivia Mezei and Keyton Marvin

11 Years

Kayla Sayers and Bodhi Miller

Juniors

Isabella Preston and Thomas MacNamara

Colour Championships

Red 496

Green 460

Gold 459

Blue 457





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*An Invitation to **Sculptures @ School (S@S)** Exhibition*
Grand Opening Sunday 18th June 1:00pm

2017 Theme "Save our Seas"

On behalf of the community at St Canice's Catholic school in Katoomba, I would like to invite you to our:
Grand Opening of the S@S exhibition
Sunday 18th June, 2017
1:00 pm in the Parish/ School Hall
St Canice's Catholic School
158 Katoomba St (behind the Catholic Church)
Exhibition also open Monday 19th - Friday 23rd June

After a recent inspirational visit to the rainforest, every student at St Canices has been diligently creating, engaging, and enriching evocative sculptural and written bodies of work for our annual Sculpture @School exhibition. "If there is an Audience and Purpose for creating an artistic piece, students excel. The same is said for writing. Students will produce amazing written work if there is a purpose for their writing and an audience".

Further showcasing our students creative talents will be our school choir and drama group who will be providing entertainment at our grand opening. Included in the festivities will be our highly talented string ensemble.

Students artworks along with light refreshments from our "Coral Cafe" will be on sale. All money raised supports our local St Vincent de Paul.

You can see and listen to what some of the students have done by scanning the QR code next to a piece of work using your phone or iPad. (The QR Reader is a free app for both Apple and Android devices).

Yours sincerely,
Mark Geerlings
(Principal)



Book School Interviews Online

St Canice's Catholic Primary School Katoomba

Dear Parents / Carers

"Parent - Teacher interviews will be held from:

Monday 19th June till Friday 23rd June 2017

You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST.



Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Bookings close Monday 19th June at 8 am

des9z



Enter THIS school event code

Then follow the 3 simple steps



When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically—check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews—until bookings close.

For parents that don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, bookings can be made at the School Office from Monday 5th June . Alternatively parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 4782 1260.

Interviews are strictly 15 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interviews times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on 4782 1260.

PLACE THE NUMBER

SOLUTIONS

Place the digits **1, 2, 3, 4, and 5** in these circles so that the sums across (horizontally) and down (vertically) are the same.

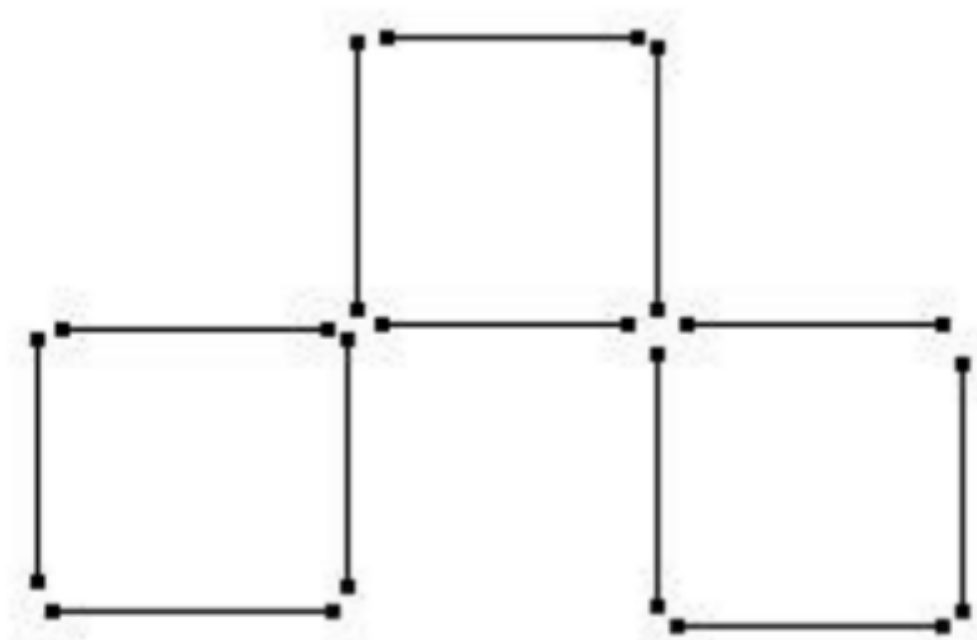
1	2		3		2		2
	3	5	1	5	1	5	4
	4		4			3	

Put the numbers **2, 3, 4, 5, and 6** in the circles to make the sum across and the sum down equal to 12.

	2	
3	4	5
	6	

MOVE THOSE **STICKS**

12 matchsticks make up 3 squares. How can you make 5 squares by moving only 3 matchsticks?



- **Think about the problem.**
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- **Draw and explain your thinking.**
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- **Hang it on wall with your name clearly written.**
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**Miss Bennett will check responses at the
end of Week 8, Term 2.**

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PITT PARK

8 - 15 Year Olds
2:00pm - 5:00pm

MONDAY 10/7 - TUESDAY 11/7

2 Days - \$150
1 Day - \$80

BEGINNER / INTERMEDIATE PROGRAMS

PITT PARK

4 - 12 Year Olds
9:00am - 12:00pm

MONDAY 10/7 - TUESDAY 11/7

2 Days - \$120
1 Day - \$70

Nepean Association

School Banking 2017 is off to a flying start.



This year's School Banking adventure is well underway, as the new-look Dollarmites lead the journey up towards the amazing Savings Hover Park. Students are demonstrating a remarkable saving behaviour.

New reward items

There are two new reward items to keep students saving in Term 2: the 3D Chalk Set and Tablet Case. Your child can redeem one of these, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Modern ways to teach money skills with the CommBank Youth app

Through the School Banking program, CommBank has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and smart money management since 1931. In 2017, the introduction of the CommBank Youth app, an innovative digital banking tool, will help enhance the School Banking program.

With the CommBank Youth app, your child can:

- Check the balance of their Youthsaver account.
- View School Banking deposits in their transaction history.
- Track the number of Dollarmites tokens they collect.
- Set up savings goals and monitor their progress.
- Create a list of chores they can do to earn pocket money.

Explore more about the CommBank Youth app, and how to get your child started, by visiting commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



Tablet Case

3D Chalk Set

Learning the value of digital money

Did you know that approximately one in five parents are trying to teach their children about cashless transactions and digital money management? CommBank research shows parents are alternating between cash and online bank transfers when giving their children pocket money, and actively demonstrating 'tap and go', online banking, mobile applications and how ATMs work. For more information and tips on financial education for kids, visit The Beanstalk on commbank.com.au/beanstalk



Things you should know: The Commonwealth Bank School Banking Study is an online survey of 1,049 parents across Australia undertaken by ACA Research in December 2016. This article is intended to provide general information of an educational nature only. It does not have regard to the financial situation or needs of any reader and must not be relied upon as financial product advice. Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124.



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FREE INFORMATION NIGHTS



Anzac Day Western Front

"Then, as dawn breaks, the haunting last post is sounded by the Bugler."

Commemorate the centenary of ANZAC Day on a 10 day tour to the Western Front.

Come along to our FREE information night to learn all about this moving tour, with an optional river cruise.

DATE: Thursday 15th June | 6pm

VENUE: The Carrington Hotel,
15-47 Katoomba St, Katoomba

RSVP: Essential, via email, phone or
in store (details below)



The wonders of cruising

Join the experts from Princess Cruises and Royal Caribbean for a one night only FREE information night, where we'll feature the new Majestic Princess and Ovation of the Seas.

Whether you're a seasoned cruise traveller or new to cruising, this is a great opportunity to learn all you need to know about these fantastic ships.

DATE: Wednesday 7th June | 6pm

VENUE: The Carrington Hotel,
15-47 Katoomba St, Katoomba

RSVP: Essential, via email, phone or
in store (details below)



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The simplest way

...to swap out sugary lunch box snacks.

Did you know that out of more than 260 kids' packaged snacks available on the market only three scored a top rating of five health stars?*



With plugs like 'real fruit,' and 'no artificial colours or flavours' you could unknowingly be serving six or more teaspoons of sugar in one lunch box snack.

Swap the lunch box sugar with some of these healthy snacks that are tasty and easy to make:

- Veggie sticks with hummus or avocado dip.
- Homemade muesli bars and muffins.
- Plain popcorn, nuts or roasted chickpeas.
- Plain rice crackers.
- Baked pita bread with roast veg dip.
- Stewed apple with cinnamon and sultanas.

*M. Herron. 2016. Kids' lunchbox snacks. CHOICE [ONLINE].

**For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit**

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.

Bishop Office

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

Early-bird registration has now opened for the largest gathering of young Catholics since World Youth Day Sydney in 2008!

Bishop Vincent & Catholic Youth Parramatta invite young people from Year 9 to 30 years of age to celebrate the young heart of the Church, with 15,000 others, at this year's triennial ACYF being hosted by the

Archdiocese of Sydney (December 7-9) at Sydney Olympic Park.

Here's how to register:

- Student in our Catholic System – speak to your REC
- Student in State School System – contact Catholic Youth Parramatta
- Over 18 years of age – register as an individual

Visit www.acyf.org.au now to secure the \$250 early bird rate before August

For all enquiries contact Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, James Camden, 02 8838 3428, jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

Grace & Silence Retreat Day for Young Women: 10 June

A Silent retreat day for vocation discernment to marriage & family life, single life or consecrated life.

Commences with an input. The day can be used as a general recollection day. Cost \$30 includes morning, lunch, afternoon tea and materials. Saturday 10th June 9:30am - 4pm. Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Registrations: Sr M Julie Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 728 334, juliebrcar@gmail.com and <https://www.facebook.com/events/1918258908407700/>

St Philomena Association Holy Mass: 10 June

St John Vianney was very devoted to St Philomena. Pope Gregory XVI called her "the great wonder worker". Mass at noon 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)

A weekend for Engaged Couples: 9-11 June

Time for Us to Prepare our Hearts for Marriage - A weekend for Engaged Couples from 9-11 June. These weekends aim to complement pre-marriage courses to allow engaged couples to prepare their hearts so that they may give a total, free and faithful "YES" to their future spouses and contribute towards a fruitful marriage. The inputs and times of prayer and silent reflection will foster the preparation of your heart so that you may be a gift to your spouse and receive your spouse as a gift. Investment: \$200pp. For more information or to register: Sr M Julie Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 728 334, juliebrcar@gmail.com and <https://www.facebook.com/events/236581350078661/>

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 11 June

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 or stellanwosu@msn.com

Time for Us Weekend for Families: 16-18 June

Time for Us Weekends at Mount Schoenstatt include inputs for adults, programmes for children of all ages including baby-sitting, couple and family time, games fellowship with other families, prayer, reflection and Holy Mass. For more detail or to register contact: Sr M Julie Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 728 334, juliebrcar@gmail.com and <https://www.facebook.com/events/1835800090073744/>

St. Anthony of Padua relic to visit Diocese of Parramatta: 20-21 June

To Mark the Centenary of the Apparitions in Fatima a Relic of St. Anthony of Padua, Venerated by both Sister Lucy of Fatima and Pope Francis will be visiting Australia in June 2017.

Tuesday, 20th June 2017, Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 8 Diana Avenue KELLYVILLE. Mass: 9:15am & 7:00pm.

Wednesday, 21st June 2017, St Anthony of Padua Church 27 Aurelia Street TOONGABBIE. Mass: 9:30am & 7:30pm.

Shrine Time for Young Adults 18-35: 25 June

One Holy Hour with prayer, reflection, meditation, praise & worship. 2017 is devoted to Praying for Vocations and Devotion to Mary as per our Holy Father's intentions for WYD 2018 in Panama. From 7.30pm-8.30pm followed by social gathering.

Mary, honoured as the Mother Thrice Admirable, offers 3 graces in the Shrine, this monthly event is a unique opportunity to experience them regularly: Discover your HOME in the hearts of Jesus and Mary; See breakthrough TRANSFORMATION in your life; and Get your spiritual boost to be an authentic WITNESS. In the Shrine at Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: 30 June

Hear Rebekah Rojcewicz, highly experienced leader in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd from the US, speak over dinner on 'The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – A Gift to the Church at this Time'. Cost: \$60 per person. From 6.30pm at North Ryde RSL, cnr Magdala & Pittwater Rds, North Ryde. To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=256587>. For more information: cgsaust.org.au

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