

NEWSLETTER



19th June 2017 Term 2 Week 9

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Katoomba 2017

Growth through love and learning

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Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday was the Feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). One of the messages I took away from the mass yesterday was the importance to not forget what we have been given. Not to take for granted what we receive. Going to Mass and receiving communion becomes a weekly ritual that can at times become regular, standard and normal. But receiving Jesus at Eucharist is far beyond regular, standard and normal. Yesterday's feast celebration is a reminder of that. It is through the Eucharist we are in one with God.

I can relate this Feast with other things in my life. Sometimes we need to step back and actually look at what we have and appreciate the wonders around us. Our beautiful environment, our wonderful children and our loving relationships can all be taken for granted unless we take the time to stop, look and appreciate.

Mr Mark Geerligs
Principal



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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

Opening of SAS

The Grand Opening of SAS yesterday was an amazing occasion. A time to look at what a great school we are. The staff, the students and the parent community are fantastic. I thank each and every one of you for being part of this community event. It really showcased the creativity and passion for learning that is evident here at St Canice's.

Well Done Everyone



SAS Exhibition Open

Our SAS exhibition was officially opened yesterday. Please take some time this week to look around the school at the unbelievable art work and writing by the students and staff. The exhibition closes on Friday 23rd June.

HELP HELP HELP

We still need 5 families to host a Japanese student for 7 nights from 29th July till 6th August. There is a payment of \$350 to you for being the host family. Please find attached more details. Please we really need your help. It is a great experience for the family.



Snowing

Do you remember? Friday 24th June 2016 it snowed in the afternoon as the students were dismissed from school. The snow was quite thick on the ground after the ensemble practice at 4pm. Will it happen again?

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews are now closed. If parents or carers still wish to make an interview time with their child's teacher they are asked to call the Office.

So Long, Farewell, Au Revoir, Addio,

It is with sadness that we say farewell to Mrs Sue Kondek. Sue has been working in the office for the past 13 years. She has been a great asset to the school. Her care and love for the students and this school has been a gift to us all. Sue has decided to finish up here at St Canice's from the end of this term. There will be a new appointment in the near future. To say farewell and thank you to Sue, there will be a mufti day on Friday 30th June. All students and staff are encouraged to dress up in something 'sporty'.

Visiting Students

This Thursday some Chinese school students will be visiting our school to look at our SAS exhibition. They will be with us from 9am - 11am

Term 3 Dates

Term 3 begins for all students on Tuesday 18th July. Monday is a pupil free day.

Cross Country

Congratulations to Julian Brischetto in Year 5. He represented our Diocese in the State Cross Country last Friday. He performed very creditably. Well done Julian.

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.

Attendance Data

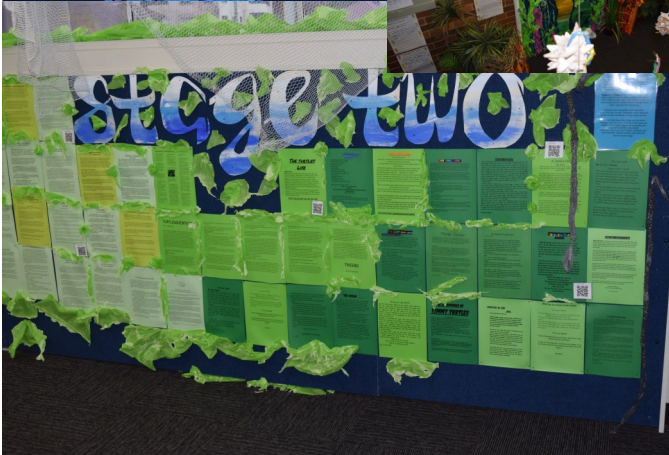
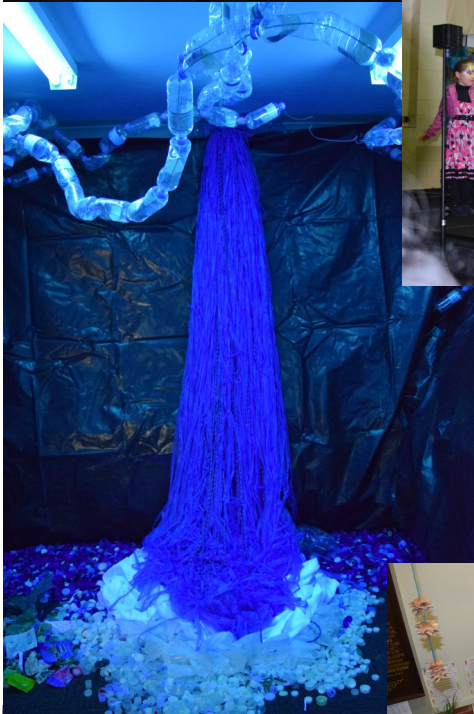
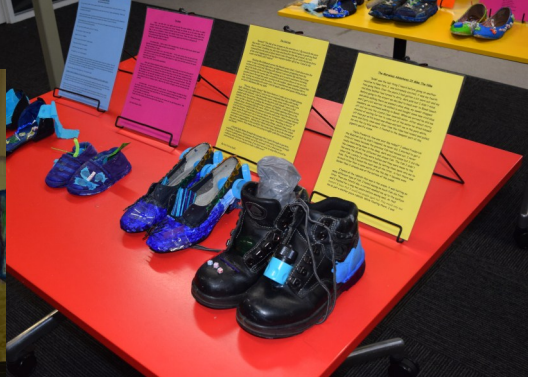
Our Attendance Data has increased to 83.7%. Our goal is to achieve 90%.



RE News

Congratulations to the following students who are making the sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday 25th June at St Canice's Church
Kayla Sayers, Taylor Harris-Jones, Matthew Preen and Lachlan Harris.
Also congratulations to Amy Goulding who made her first reconciliation a fortnight ago.
Also congratulations to Sophia Sheere who made her First Communion yesterday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Blackheath







School Calendar

June

Week 9

Tuesday	20th	Parent Teacher Interview Student Banking Craft with Sr Colleen	8.45am
Wednesday	21st	Parent Teacher Interview Ukulele	1.20pm
Thursday	22nd	Parent Teacher Interview Music and Italian Chinese Students Visit Sacrament of Confirmation	9am 6.15 pm
Friday	23rd	Parent Teacher Interview My School Lunch Box Prayer Assembly Yr 2 Mass S3K String Ensemble	8.50am 12noon 3pm
Saturday	24th	Winter Magic Festival	
Sunday	25th	Confirmation	10am

Week 10

Monday	26th	My School Lunch Box	
Tuesday	27th	Student Banking Craft with Sr Colleen Preschool Storytelling	8.45am 9am
Wednesday	28th	Choir	1.20pm
Thursday	29th	Music and Italian	
Friday	30th	"Sporty" Mufti Day My School Lunch Box Gold Award Assembly S3W Mass Year 2 No String Ensemble Last Day Term 3	8.45am 12noon

July

Tuesday	18th	First Day Term 3	
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Our School Bell Times

8.40am School Begins

10.40 Recess

1.10 Lunch

2.50 End of Day

2017 Fees

Billing Date	Due Date
2nd February	6th March
27th April	29th May
20th July	21st August

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.

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.

Second Hand Uniform

We have a small collection of second hand uniform available for sale from \$5 per item. Please call into the Office for assistance.

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



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30th May 2017

Expression of Interest

Dear Families



Would you like to host a Japanese student from 29th July and leaving on 6th August. This would be an exciting and wonderful experience for your family. Students are aged 14 – 15 years and speak some English. Students attend school here at St Canice's on a week days and enjoy family life with you on the weekend. An information afternoon will be conducted by the organisation outlining what host families need to do. Families are paid \$50 per night per student for hosting.

Requirements:

Each person who lives at the home of the Host family and are over the age of 18yrs, must supply St Canice's with their Working With Children Check (volunteer number) and their date of birth.

A comfy bed (sharing a room is fine)

3 meals a day

Daily transport to/from St Canice's

Please return the below Expression of Interest form to school by this Friday 2nd June.

Thank you,

Mark Geerligs
Principal

Expression of Interest To host a Japanese Student

We / I, am interested in hosting a Japanese student

Family Name

Eldest Child's Name Class

Contact Number (Mobile) Phone



St. Canice's School Winter

Disco

FRIDAY

25th August

6pm - 7.30pm

St Canice's Hall

More details coming soon!

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

BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE

Pitt Park
Ages 4 - 12
9:00am - 12:00pm

MONDAY 10/7 - TUESDAY 11/7
2 Days - \$120
1 Day - \$70



Wentworth Falls Blue Mountains School holiday programs

The FDA Football Camp program,
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Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

Early Bird Registration

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

Volunteers for ACYF

ACYF is looking to engage around 600 volunteers will be needed for this festival, providing leadership to the young people through service and hospitality. Way Finders, Program & Stage Management Support, Ushers, Marshals, Welcomers & more. All volunteers must be 26 years of age or older (as at 1st December 2017) and must hold a valid Working With Children Check. For more information and volunteer registration please visit: <http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/get-involved/volunteers>

Position Vacant – Housekeeper/Cook

Applications are invited for the position of Housekeeper/Cook based at an Auxiliary Bishop's residence located in the Inner West of Sydney in the Sydney Archdiocese. Details of this position, including the job description may be viewed at www.catholicjobsonline.com.au. Applications close 19 June 2017.

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

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth – Discernment Retreat: 1 July

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite women aged between 18-35 to their Discernment Retreat involving reflections, prayers and a social gathering. Lunch will be provided. 1 July 2017 at 9:30am, Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula by 28th June, email: vocationscsfn@gmail.com or mobile 0449 656 406.

Sunday Appeal: 9 July

Parishes are asked to support chaplains helping seafarers at ports and at sea. This year's theme is 'In the midst of the storm', highlighting the mental vulnerabilities of seafarers on the oceans. You can donate by posting a cheque to: Stella Maris Seafarers Centre, PO Box 368 Canberra ACT 2601 or via electronic banking to: BSB Number: 083-347; Account Number: 649 518 680, Account name: Stella Maris Seafarers Centre. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 9 July

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.

Also on 13 August, 10 September, 8 October, 12

November, 10 December

75th Jubilee of the Schoenstatt Family Movement - Sunday 16th July

On the 16th of July 1942 Father Kentenich together with Family man, Dr. Fritz Kühr founded the Schoenstatt Family Movement in the Dachau Concentration Camp. Come and join us to find out about the history, give thanks for the past and look forward to the future.

The 16th of July is Covenant Sunday. All are welcome.

11am Holy Mass followed by Family Fiesta (rego essential for catering purposes)

2pm Presentation 3pm Adoration and Renewal of the Covenant

3:30 Afternoon Tea

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1430850330307339/>

[Abraham Conference 2017: 16 July](#)

The ABRAHAM CONFERENCE brings together Jews, Christians and Muslims to create connections, build relationships and discuss critical issues of importance to us all in a multicultural, multi-faith society. We each bring our own perspectives, together we are enriched and empowered to act on our shared values and beliefs. Sunday 16 July 2017, 2.00pm – 6.00pm at Parramatta Mission Fellowship Hall, Uniting Church in Australia, 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta NSW 2150. Cost: \$20.00 [Concession: \$10.00 student/pensioner]. Register at Eventbrite: AbrahamConference2017.Eventbrite.com.au

[St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship:](#)

[applications now open](#)

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offer scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close 17 July 2017.

Details and application: <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

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Screening of The Sultan and the Saint: 29 July

The Australian premiere of a new film about the historic meeting between St Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt, Malik Al-Kamil, in the midst of the conflict of the Fifth Crusade, will take place on 29 July at Western Sydney University's Parramatta South Campus. More information and a trailer for the film can be found at: www.sultanandthesaintfilm.com

Tickets are \$10. Book at <https://sultansaintsydney.eventbrite.com.au>

[The screening is being co-hosted by Diocese of Parramatta](#)

Holy Hour for Vocations:

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations from 7.00pm-8.00pm (check with Fr John Paul for the new time) for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. For information about priesthood in the Diocese of Parramatta and Holy Spirit Seminary, please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan, Director of Priestly

Vocations, vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

Christian Meditation Introduction & Renewal Day: 20 August

Presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. BYO picnic lunch – tea & coffee provided. Arrive 10am for 10.30am, concludes about 3pm. Books & CDs for sale. St Benedict's Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, tel (02) 9653 1159. Self-catering accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact Br Terry 0438 282 318. Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02) 9498 2625, anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775,

Greystanes Parish OLQP Social Group

Join us for a Tour of Cowra, 17th October to 20th October. Four fun filled days, includes three nights accommodation at Cowra Services Club Motel, self-guided tour and lunch, Japanese Garden, Cultural Centre Cowra, Wine tastings in Canowindra and more.

- Cost: \$860 per person twin share (+\$198 single supplement).
- Deposit: \$200 payable with booking. Balance by 1 August 2017.
- Enquiries: Frances 9636-5548/ 0421 027 119.

For more events please go to: <http://parracatholic.org/events/>