Dear Parents

“For those who have come across the seas,
We’ve boundless plains to share…..”

How could we not be moved and challenged by the images we view on our TV and devices by the plight of people movement across the Mediterranean and Europe. Each year Social Justice Sunday is held on the last Sunday in September and its particular emphases each year has the same basis, that social justice is a reflection of God’s respect and concern for each individual person. At this time I share words from Bishop Peter and include a part of his article in the latest Broken Bay News “Welcoming the Stranger.”

“In Australia, we have come to experience through migration that geographical barriers between peoples can disappear and those whose were geographically, culturally, politically and religiously far apart from each other can now come to live together and to know each other better. Australia can and must give a lead and have a new sense of urgency in seeking international solutions, not only to combat people smuggling, but also to find settlement for suffering people. In this way, we shall resume and further develop the tradition of compassion, which has characterised Australia over many decades and offer abundant rays of hope to refugees and asylum seekers around the world.

The Catholic Church has long been at the forefront of the pastoral care to migrants and refugees, those cultural and social strangers who have made it – one way or another- onto our shores and into our lives. Australia’s migrant and refugee policies are far from being the worst in the world, but being committed to a multicultural outlook carries with it a corresponding responsibility to be world leaders in our policy making and moral commitments. To this end, may the words of Jesus continue to ring in our ears and flow into our actions: “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you… for I was a stranger and you welcomed me” (Matt 25:34,35)

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli; Bishop Broken Bay; 27th August 2015

Each term seems to end more quickly and this one is no exception. There are many that need to be thanked for all their efforts and support of the school over this time.

- Gala Day helpers; Class parents; Sacramental & Parent Prayer leaders; Canteen and Clothing Pool mums; P&F executive and supporters.

Our school looks beautiful. Thank you Working Bee team for giving up your Saturday afternoon to work at the school. Safety yellow lines and plantings make the school a safer and friendlier environment for our whole community.
A special acknowledgement to parents who are currently working behind the scene to get the Family Fun Day organised for October 31st. This will be a wonderful event for our school community and in so keep the day free!

Congratulations on our boys in winning the Cricket trophy on Thursday at Gala Day. They will be recognised at Monday assembly next term. Well done boys!!!

Next term the children will arrive on Wednesday 7 October in their summer uniforms.

Please check Newsletter for important Term 4 dates.

I wish you all a very happy and safe term break. I hope you have lots of opportunities to enjoy the spring weather with your children. I look forward to the final fourth term and being with you as we conclude the year. Please keep in your prayers those within the school community that are experiencing family illness at this time. May they be comforted by our thoughts and actions of kindness.

God bless,

Terri Paterson
Principal

Assistant Principal

We've come to the end of another busy term and it's almost difficult to believe that we have only one term left until yet another school year has ended!

The teaching staff will begin Term 4 with a day to work on the Science and Technology Curriculum. We have been implementing a number of new Syllabus Documents over the past few years, incorporating The Australian Curriculum. Science and Technology was introduced in 2014 but implementing new curriculum always requires ongoing adjustments and “fine tuning”. So spending time as a staff to review processes, skills and content in Science and Technology will be a valuable way to begin the term.

I take this time to wish our students and families a wonderful, restful holiday!

Marisa Bombardieri
Religious Education Coordinator

Prayer is our communion with God and is multifaceted. We can make a lot of noise, busily making requests from God or, in our frustration and anger, blaming God. We can joyfully sing our prayers, peacefully read our prayers or engage in self-reflective prayer. Often, through our prayers, we can come to grips with our needs and want and ‘sort’ life’s problems.

Over the past year St Kieran’s parents and friends have enjoyed many quiet reflective prayers in the Kieran room. We would like to acknowledge and thank Mrs Katrina Beaman who has quietly and ably lead the St Kieran’s Parent Prayer. Katrina and her band of helpers have gently engaging participants in many reflective and peaceful prayer encounters with their God. Thank you to everyone for your contribution to Parent Prayer.

As our thoughts turn to holidays and parents spending a wonderful time with their children I would like to commend to you a quick prayer. This little prayer has helped me through many a wet and rainy holiday with three boisterous sons.

Thank you for your responses to Altar Service Training. A lunch time training session has been organised with Mr Michael Mc Mahon early next term. I will be supervising the children during their training in the church.

Dates for your Diary

- Thursday 15 October: Altar Server Training with Mrs Wetzlar
- Sunday 18 October: Yr.4. Family Mass - Church
- Monday 19 October: Open Classrooms Religion
- Thursday 22 October: Mission Mass Yr 6 Mission Team at Waitara
- Sunday 29 November: Yr 5 and Kindy 2016 Mass - Church
- Friday 11 December: Carols Evening - Playground
- Monday 14 December: Yr 6 Celebration Liturgy Evening - Church
- Wednesday 16 December: End of Year Thanksgiving Mass - 11.30 Church
A great holiday excursion for wet or dry weather can be a trip to Mary Mackillop Place, North Sydney. There are a number of interactive museums and activities for the children to enjoy and learn. Details can be found at: http://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/

Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

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School News

PE Wednesday 7 October
Due to Tuesday 6th being a Staff Development Day the following classes will need to wear their sports uniform for PE on Wednesday 7 October:

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Thursday PE classes will take place as usual in week 1. The normal PE timetable (Tuesday and Thursday), will continue from week 2.

Contacting the School via Phone
Please note the following change: When you call the school on either 9949 3523 or 9948 9949 (formerly the dedicated absentee line) you will now hear a recorded message which gives you 3 options:
- Press 1 for the absentee line
- Press 2 for the Parish Office
- Or hold to speak to Reception.

St Kieran’s Feast Day and then at our Mini Fete
Dear Parents and supporters of St. Kieran’s School,
Last Friday we had an amazing time at our Liturgy for St Kieran’s Feast Day and then at our Mini Fete. The children were respectful and generous and the spirit of the day was felt by all.

Congratulations and thank you to all who sent along donations of cakes, lollies, disco balls and other things as well as money for your children to spend on the day. Not only did we have fun but we were able to raise a staggering amount of money. At last count, in excess of $2500.00 to help in the set-up of the new Vinnies Night Patrol Van to give food and drinks for the growing homeless who live on the Northern Beaches and $310 to assist at the orphanage that Miss Thorpe is working at this year.

On the same day was the collection for the Vinnies Night Patrol Van in the city which Year 2 and Year 5 contributed to as well. We are indeed a generous and giving community.

Thank You,
Wendy Rose and the Mission Team.

Book Bonus Fundraiser
Many thanks to the Perry family who participated in the Book Bonus fundraiser this year as part of the Premier’s Reading Challenge. As a result, we have been able to order $120.50 worth of books for our school library. It also means that a school less fortunate than us will also receive books. THANK YOU

Band
I would like to congratulate all the Band members from both junior and senior bands on a fantastic performance last Saturday at the NSSWE Spring Festival. It was amazing to see how far everyone has come this year, and you represented your school amazingly. Also a massive thank you to all the parents who dropped off and watched their performances. The kids were very excited having a really big audience.

Looking forward to next terms events. See you all next term.
Warmest regards
Miss Hodges
A Letter from Cambodia
To the staff, students and parents of St Kieran's,
I am writing on behalf of the children and staff here at Child Rescue Orphanage, Cambodia, to express how much your generosity, kindness and compassion is appreciated. We thank you so much for your thoughtful donations and support. The 30 children here range from 3-20 years of age and have either lost both parents, lived in extreme poverty with one living parent or had very traumatic childhoods at the hands of family members. The Rescue Centre is two hours north of the capital city, Phnom Penh, and is part of a very small rural village called Krang Lovea. The only things surrounding our little orphanage are lush green rice fields and dirt red roads. It is very different to Manly Vale!

The money you donated when Mrs Rose ‘passed the hat around’ and when she sold the hand-made bracelets during the St Kieran's mini fete is very special. With your donation money new school uniforms have been bought for every child. This includes two shirts, two pairs of pants for the boys or two skirts for the girls, a backpack for 30 children. The children ride their bikes up to 5km to school every day on dirt red roads, so you can imagine how dirty their uniforms get! When the children were told they were getting fresh uniforms for the new school year their faces lit up with pure joy.

Your donations have made a beautiful and lasting connection between the two worlds of Manly Vale and this little rural, Cambodian village. The children here will always remember your kindness whenever they wear their gorgeous new uniforms to school. Thank you to everyone in the St Kieran's family,

Sending love from Cambodia,
Miss Kirsty Thorpe

Sport News

Cricket and Netball Gala Days
Congratulations to all Stage 2 and Stage 3 students that competed for St Kieran’s at the Peninsula Gala days this week. It was fantastic seeing students’ enthusiasm, focus and strong school spirit during games. Gala Days are a great chance for students to extend on their sporting skills and especially their teamwork skills. This was particularly evident at the Netball Gala Day when the girls were helping our boys on the rules!

A huge congratulations to Stage 3 Boys Cricket team taking out 1st place and were undefeated.

We could not do Gala Days without our parent volunteers, parents you make this day possible for us and we really appreciate your efforts!

Parent Community

St Kieran's Family Fun Day: 31 October!
Many thanks to all the families that have contributed to the Family Fun Day so far by organising or donating or both! Next term is going to be big and we really appreciate the momentum. Please refer to the FFD flyer at the end of the newsletter for the scoop.....

End of year P&F Function: 21 November 2015
St Kieran’s End of Year Bash – Rio Carnival Party. Let your hair down and limba up for summer. Dancers from Rhythm Brazil at the Old Manly Boatshef Saturday 21 November 7.30pm to very, very late. Entertainment by Julio Molina and his band Revolucion SAVE THE DATE

Book your babysitters in early for the St Kieran's P&F end of year party/fundraiser. We are extremely lucky this year to have our event sponsored & managed by CIBO Design Bathroomware! http://www.cibodesign.com.au/

Tickets will be available early in Term 4 so be sure to check the newsletter for details as there are limited spaces! É hora de festa!
Uniform Shop
- **Opening hours**: every second Tuesday from 8.30am - 9.30am – next open **Tuesday 13 October**.
- Orders will be filled alternate Tuesdays. Order forms available at reception or on the website.
- Stock held at office: ties (girls & boys), hats, excursion bags, & scarves. Please have the correct money as only small change is held.
- EFTPOS and credit card facilities are available at the Uniform Shop.
- If you have any uniform queries please email: lizsnell72@gmail.com

Canteen
Thank you to all the Volunteers, without you our Canteen could not operate.

2 x Helpers required on Wednesday 14th October, please?

*Nudie Juice - Apple and Blackcurrant has been discontinued by the manufacturer, and we will be replacing this with Apple. This is now available on FlexiSchools.*

NEXT TERM's ROSTER (Term 4 - Week 1):
- **Wednesday 7 October**: R Woodland, S La Greca
- **Thursday 8 October**: S Molinia, L Snell
- **Friday 9 October**: N Gennusa, P Daly

- Full day Volunteers are required from 9.00am to 1.45pm.
- Morning Volunteers are required from 9.00am to 11.30am (M).
- Lunch Volunteers are required from 11.30am to 1.45pm (L).

https://www.flexischools.com.au  Any changes to the canteen roster, please contact: Jo Nesbitt - SSKMV.canteen@dbb.catholic.edu.au or 0410 629 135.

School Banking
**BE AN 'OUTER SPACE SAVER' WITH SCHOOL BANKING**

School Banking is back again on **Friday mornings from 8:20** in the playground.

This year you can earn tokens with every deposit you make. Get 10 tokens and select one of the super rewards. You also earn St Kieran's commission with every deposit you make – that's a WIN WIN!

If you would like to join, go to your nearest Commonwealth Bank branch and open a YOUTHSAVER account then come along and start saving.

Council of Catholic School Parents Newsletters
If you would like to receive regular newsletters from the Council of Catholic School Parents please go to http://www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au/2015/20150904/ for the latest edition of CCSP ENews

Parish News

Augustinian Formation Association Dinner Saturday 21 November 2015

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP???

We are asking for donations large and small for raffle prizes. Suggestions could include weekend escapes, dinner vouchers, wine/spirits, gift vouchers or anything that you would like to win yourself. Corporate donations would be most welcome. If you are able to help in any way please contact Adriana Bowyer 0402 099 746 or Lyn Martin 0425 302 501 or email kezsam2003@yahoo.com.au or the Parish Office on 9949 4455.

All monies raised from the raffle will go to supporting our Seminarians.

*Many thanks from the AFA Committee Members*

Good news from the Gift Team!

In addition to weekly cooking for the Link Community Food Care Program, the GIFT team supports the Dalwood Spilstead Centre on an as-needs basis by putting the word out to the wider community when a vulnerable family is in need.

Last week we were asked to help find a washing machine for a single mother with four children, two of her children are severely disabled. An email was widely circulated and within 24 hours a washing machine was found! A huge THANK YOU to Winning Appliances, Orchard Road, Brookvale for delivering and installing a brand new Fisher & Paykel machine for the mother in need. Thanks also to the mum who contacted Winnings and the others who offered to help.

What a wonderful community we belong to – GIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)  This is the time of the year when we are asked to consider whom among our family and friends may be interested in the Catholic Faith. For such people we will be holding an enquiry/information session on 20 September after 6pm Mass in the parish centre where enquirers could learn of the
steps they might take to advance towards membership of the Catholic Church or simply to learn more about the Catholic faith. For more information please phone the parish office or contact Phillip Cooney on 0425 210 802.

**RCIC – Rite of Christian Initiation for Children** to be held Sunday 18 October at 10.45am. This program is for children 8 years and over who wish to be Baptised or Confirmed and receive Communion. To register your interest please contact the Parish Office on 9949 4455.

### Community News

- **Stella Maris College, Manly Enrolments Year 7 2018**: If you wish to enrol your daughter at Stella Maris College, Manly for Year 7 2018, we need to receive the Registration for Waiting List no later than Friday 30 October, 2015. The Registration for Waiting List can be downloaded from our website www.stellamaris.nsw.edu.au. For more information on enrolment or if you would like to visit our College, tours can be booked by contacting the College Registrar, Mrs Kerrie Dudley on 9976 1802.

- **Brookie Show** – Saturday 17 October 10am – 4pm at Brookvale Oval. Free entry Rides, puppets markets motorbike stunts, circus fun

- **School Holiday Program @ Mary MacKillop Place!** 28, 29 & 30 September. Come and discover the story of Mary MacKillop - Australia's first Saint! Follow the Kids’ Trail with Mary’s pet dog 'Bobs'. Listen to stories. Enjoy art and craft activities. Explore Mary’s home and the School house. Discover Mary’s Travelling Trunk. Session runs from 10.30 – 12.30 / $8 per primary school aged child. Address: Mary MacKillop Place Museum, 7 Mount St, North Sydney. Enquiries & bookings: 02 8912 4883 or mackillop@sosj.org.au / www.marymackillopplace.org.au

- **MW Basketball Camp**: 29 & 30 September Email: camps@manlybasketball.com.au or phone 99133622 for information

**Condamine Street Parking** - on behalf of the Community and small businesses of Manly Vale

On Wednesday 2 September, the RMS erected red 'No Stopping' signs along Condamine St. Although this made the changed parking restrictions clear, the loss of parking on Condamine Street without any Community consultation leads into another issue: The proposed Rapid Bus Transit (BRT).

The BRT proposes to create a 24hr, 7 days a week dedicated Bus Lane (clearway) on both sides of the road between the City and Mona Vale. This will result in parking being prohibited AT ALL TIMES along Military Road, the Spit, Condamine and Pittwater Roads.

Saturday, 31 October 2015

WE ARE GOING “VINTAGE”

It’s time to Spring Clean!
The Year 3 “Vintage” clothes store team already have some great quality “branded”
second hand clothes and accessories ready for the Family Fun Day. The team still need a
lot more however and are looking for …

- Excellent quality clothing and accessories (think labelled…)
- Things you would want to buy and wear, not “chuck out” quality.
- Adult and kids clothing ok

The collection days are soon! Thursday 15th and Friday 16th of October.

Spreading the word…

To help spread the word about the School Family Fun Day we are looking for families to
help with a letter box drop in the first weeks of Term 4. If you can help please email Chris
Hamill at chris@driveaway.com.au

Your name, Your Children’s Names / Childs Name, Class, Your address ……

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