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Principal

Dear Families

On 15 March we will be having an Open Morning to welcome prospective families for 2017 Kindergarten enrolments, to our school.

This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase all that happens at our school and all the great learning programs our school has to offer. The students and teachers will be opening the classrooms as visitors make their way through the school. Our Year 6 student leaders will assist and the School Band will commence proceedings with a performance in our school playground.

We could use some assistance from parents so if you are available to help on Tuesday 15 March, from 9.30-11.00am, please fill in the slip at the end of this newsletter and return it to school as soon as possible. We only need about five or so parents to help by speaking to visitors and by taking them on tours of our school. I will contact any parents who send in their slip indicating that they would be able to assist, to explain in detail what their role will be.

I’m looking forward to catching up with many of you at our first P & F function for the year: Drinks Under the Stars. Many thanks to the members of the P&F who have been busy organizing and planning this event.

We had the last of our Parent Education Sessions in Literacy this week. Thanks again to Mary Brown for organizing and to the Kindergarten teachers for attending on the night.
Our EMU Program (Extending Mathematical Understanding) has been a successful initiative which we have implemented in our school over the past few years. Up until this point we only had one EMU specialist but we will now be in the fortunate position of having three specialists on board, as Wendy Rose and Michelle Leydon both began their training this week. I will work with the Middle Years EMU Intervention Program for this year and Michelle and Wendy will implement the Early Years EMU Intervention Program, possibly beginning in Term 2.

Terri will be back on deck next week as she returns from leave and we look forward to her return!

Enjoy the weekend –  
Marisa Bombardieri

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**Religious Education Coordinator**

**Are you taking on the Jubilee Year of Mercy Challenge?**

**What can we do to support Pope Francis’ call to Mercy?**

As a school community we had the opportunity to take on the Mercy Challenge in a big way today. Mrs Rose is organising the “Vinnies on the Street” collection for this Friday. The whole school was asked to contribute towards the vital work that the Vinnies volunteers perform. Together, through our generous contributions, we can feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty and clothe the naked of our local area.

**Religious Education**

Students and teachers are in the process of completing their first module of Religious Education. Please take the opportunity to chat with your child about what they have been learning in Religion. The modules of work completed thus far include:

- **Kindy:** God Loves Me  
- **Year 1:** Jesus Our Friend  
- **Year 2:** Jesus Shows Me How To Love  
- **Year 3:** Reconciliation: Living in a Forgiving Community  
- **Year 4:** God’s Forgiveness And Healing  
- **Year 5:** Sacraments of Service  
- **Year 6:** Eucharist Nourishes Us For The Journey

**Dates for your Diary:**

- Grade 1 Family Mass: Sunday 20 March 9.30am  
- Holy Week Liturgy: Thursday 24 March TBC

Yours in Religious Education,  
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

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**Awards**

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Band  
Oliver J, Sarah K

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**School News**

**Sibling Enrolments 2017**

Enrolments are now open and application forms are available online or from the school office. If you have a sibling starting at St Kieran’s in 2017 we ask that you complete and enrolment form and return to the office as soon as possible. We ask that all enrolments are in by the end of May.

**School Fees**

If you are paying by 3 standard instalments the first payment is due today 26 February. Please email Julia.postle@dbb.catholic.edu.au if you have any questions regarding your account.

**National Red Balloon Day**

Today we will celebrate “National Red Balloon Day”. (The actual day is on Sunday 28 February.) The day was created with the aim to honour and thank our brave and courageous fire fighters Australia wide.
It was a chance to stop and think and let our fire fighters know just how much we appreciate their dedication, hard work and tireless efforts in protecting our lives, our homes and our communities throughout the year. Often our fire fighters (both professional and volunteers) leave their family, home or community to help protect others. They do a wonderful job!

The students all wore a little bit of red today with their uniform to celebrate and say “THANK YOU” to our unsung heroes: Australia’s Fire Fighters.

**Applying Letter Writing Skills**

In our digital age of messaging and twitter accounts it is delightful to see children writing formal letters. At the beginning of the term, Year 5 teachers wrote to their students and in turn the students replied to their teachers.

Isabella King took her letter writing skills one step further and wrote to the Honourable Tony Abbott MP. Her father delivered her letter to Mr Abbott at a speaking and dinner engagement which both gentlemen attended. On the evening Tony wrote a quick note to Isabella on the back of an envelope.

Imagine Isabella’s surprise when a few days later a letter arrives at school addressed to Miss Isabella King c/- St Kieran’s.

The Honourable Mr Tony Abbott MP had taken the time to reply commenting on…… well ……. we will let you read both letters.

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**Mini Vinnies Thank you**

A HUGE thank you to all who supported the Vinnies on the Street collection day. We were overwhelmed by your generosity. Our volunteer who delivered the goods could barely fit in his car with the amount of goods received.

*The Mission Team*

**Head Lice**

We have had a number of cases of head lice reported amongst the students. Please check your child’s hair for nits/lice tonight using the methods recommended in information from NSW Health [http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx)

If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as recommended. We appreciate your assistance in this regard.
Band
The band program is going amazingly well this year and I hope everyone is keeping up the good practice at home as the results are really starting to show in rehearsal.

It is not too late to join the junior band. Don’t have an instrument? We have the following available to rent:
- Euphonium x2
- Trombone
- Tenor Saxophone
- Bass Clarinet

We also still have room if you wish to learn the trumpet. If you have any queries please email stkierans.band@gmail.com.

I would like to make a special mention about the wonderful Hunt family who have generously donated a fantastic electric piano to our band program. We are all incredibly thankful and excited to have this great instrument.

Congratulations to our new band captains for 2016 – Hannah H and Laura T. I know they will do all their peers proud in representing the band program.

Band fees will be invoiced this week and will show on your next fee statement.

Please remember to return the permission slip for the Band Workshop being held on Saturday 12 March. Permission notes were emailed home to all band members.

Miss Hodges, Band Conductor

Sport News

Peninsula Swim Carnival
Good luck to the following students who will be representing St Kieran’s at the upcoming Peninsula Swimming Carnival. We wish them all the best their races.

** Volunteers Needed: Parents of children who are competing - we are in desperate need of volunteers for timekeepers on this day. St Kieran’s is in charge of one lane for the whole day so ideally we would like to break up the swifts amongst numerous parents. If you are able to help out please let Miss Scott Fell or Miss Leatham know. **

Cheerleading
Samantha S in Year 6 has just returned from Dallas Texas, USA after competing in the NCA (American Nationals Cheerleading). This is the biggest cheerleading competition in the world. Her level 3 team JSASS from Gymstars competed in the top division of the 65 teams in that level and placed 11th with a stunning routine. It was an amazing experience for the girls! Well done Samantha.

Uniforom Shop
- Opening hours: every second Thursday from 8.30am - 9.30am – next open Thursday 10 March and then every 2nd Thursday after (24 March etc).
- Orders will be filled alternate Thursdays. 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

Parent Community st.kierans.pf@gmail.com
Canteen
HELP REQUIRED: We have a vacancy slot in the Canteen on a Thursday week 4 of each term, and a few one-off casual spots, if can help with any of these please email me: joannemnesbitt@gmail.com. These are all highlighted in orange. Thank you to all the Volunteers, without you our Canteen could not operate.

NEXT WEEK’s ROSTER (Term 1 - Week 5):
Wednesday 2 March: Sania Saady (M), Amanda Raleigh, Alison Browne (A)
Thursday 3 March: Jenni Schofield, Lynne Reeves, Len Sim
Friday 5 March: Nicole Covich, Cris Uwin, Di Gennusa

- Full day Volunteers are required from 8.50am to 1.50pm.
- Morning Volunteers are required from 8.50am to 11.15am (M).
- Lunch Volunteers are required from 11.15am to 1.50pm (L).
https://www.flexischools.com.au  Any changes to the canteen roster, please contact: Jo Nesbitt- joanne.nesbitt@dbb.catholic.edu.au or text 0410 629 135.

Free Friday Fitness –Walking Group
The Friday morning walking group is going great and it’s not too late to join in!
- Come as little or as often as you like.
- All parents are welcome to join in – whether you are fit or not – and it doesn’t cost a cent.
- The group departs when the morning bell goes at 8:45am sharp and returns at 9:30am.
- It is led by Martha (mum to Opal Bird, Yr4) who is an exercise scientist so you’re in safe hands.
- All fitness levels are catered for – you will walk (talk) and do short blocks of intervals and exercises to tone and strengthen your total body.
- Learn correct technique and take away some new workout ideas too.
- Prams are welcome.
- It will be cancelled if raining hard.
- If you have any other questions, contact Martha directly on Loureybird@bigpond.com otherwise just meet at the gates near the canteen each Friday morning.
- Don’t miss out – the last week will be Friday 11 March.

You are warmly invited to . . . . . . . . Contemplation and a Cuppa
Please join us for Parent Prayer on Monday 7th March in the Kieran Room. We will commence at 9am and our reflection will conclude by 9.30am. There will be a fresh plunger of coffee and something sweet for those who would like to stay for a chat afterwards. You will be well nourished on all levels to start your week!

Our reflection is named “Welcome”. Firstly, we will embrace the new year and welcome each other, particularly new parents joining our school community. (So come along guys…don’t be shy!). Secondly, as we begin the journey of Lent, we will contemplate the rich and powerful embrace of the Father and Lost Son in Rembrandt's famous painting of the Prodigal Son. While I am no connoisseur of fine art, it is a painting which has sustained and inspired me on so many levels. Particularly how we all get ‘lost’ searching for love in the wrong places some times, and then also how we are challenged to embrace and forgive. The “Welcome” in this painting is an exceptional invitation to PEACE within. So…after all of that…come and contemplate what this means for you and embrace the new year. If you simply want to stare into space and enjoy a meditation and a coffee then come and absorb. All are welcome - come as you are….

As usual, we will place our blue Community Prayer book at the front office for those who would like to make a particular petition or pray for someone in need. We always include these prayers in our reflections for those who are unable to join us. If you prefer you can email your petition to me and I will ensure it is included.

Look forward to seeing you there.
Katrina Beaman rowankatrina@hotmail.com / 0403 904663

Community News

- Marist College North Shore Expo Day Saturday 5 March 2016, 10:00am - 2:00pm. Currently accepting enrolments for Year 7, 2018. For an application: www.maristcollege.com or contact the Registrar on 9957 5000, E: northshore@maristcollege.com. Applications close 24 March 2016. 270 Miller St, North Sydney NSW 2060
- St Augustine’s College Brookvale - Open Day Friday 11 March 4:30pm TO 7:00pm. Meet our College students and staff and celebrate our rich Augustinian history. Tour our brand new $12m multi-tiered facilities. Currently interviewing for Years 5 & 7, 2018. Enrol by April 1, 2016. www.saintaug.nsw.edu.au | 9938 8223 | registrar@saintaug.nsw.edu.au Federal Parade Brookvale NSW 2100
- Mercy Catholic College Open Day - Sunday 6 March 11am to 2pm. Providing Excellence in Teaching and Learning. HSC top 100 schools in NSW ranked 70 in 2015. For For further information, contact College office:
Mater Maria Catholic College Warriewood Open Day – Sunday 13 March, 2016 11.00am - 2.00pm. We are now enrolling students currently in Year 5. Please visit the College website www.matermaria.nsw.edu.au or contact our Enrolment Registrar for a prospectus. Application for Enrolment or to register for a tour. Applications for Year 7, 2018 close on April 6, 2016.

Return Slips

Open Day Volunteer – Tuesday 15 March

I am able to assist on Open Day from 9.30-11.00am

Name ____________________________________________

Child’s Class ______________________ Phone Number ____________________________

2016 St Kieran’s Canteen Roster