Dear Families

ALLELUIA   ALLELUIA   ALLELUIA

It was wonderful to have the Easter period stand-alone not as part of the end of term holiday. I’m sure that our families relished this time of ‘new beginnings’ with the Christian belief in the Risen Christ.

I add an excerpt from our Bishop Peter Comensoli’s Easter message:

“I began by remarking on the lovely light that illuminates this sacred place. But the Church is not a building; it is not just an institution. When that image predominates, we lose our way. Australian Catholics are living through such a time, when the good light of the church has been greatly dimmed by the abuse that accompanied the protecting power in instructions. Painfully, we are learning that the light of goodness will not be embraced while ever we cling to things and structures wrapped in darkness.

Rather, the true light of the church needs to be located in a person; and in a people. That person is Jesus and we are invited to be his people. The church is not a thing; it is the crucified and risen Christ, gathering us into his Body as God’s Pilgrim People. This is the Church we are asked to reveal: a Church that is a person and a people, a truly lovely place where all may come into the light of the risen Lord.

Happy Easter to you all.”

Parent Teacher Interviews

It has been a busy few days as parents have booked in their child/ren’s teacher/s for this opportunity to discuss the 2016 learning journey. Throughout the term teachers have gathered data on your child and set programs of learning to best meet their learning needs. The school leadership has used this data to work with classroom teachers to establish processes and specific programs (e.g. learning support and extension) to meet learning needs.

Having these meetings in Term 1 focuses the conversation on goal setting and identifying student achievement and areas for development. This will then give a base-line to view the formal semester report at the end of Term 2.
Research tells us (John Hattie; ‘Visible Learning’) that what works best for raising student achievement is ‘student expectation’ and ‘feedback’. When the students from Year 2 – Year 6 are part of the interview process it raises their level of responsibility for learning and enables them to reflect on their own learning behaviours and set goals going into the next term before the reporting process. The partnership between school and home emphasises the shared learning expectations we have for our children.

Congratulations……

- Mrs Tracy Brown (2B) who graduates today with a Masters in Theology. Well done on your academic success Mrs Brown!
- The Sokolow family on the safe arrival of their fourth child, a sister for Thomas, David and Aurelia.
- The Barbieri family will welcome a sister for Sophia today.
- Congratulations also to our wonderful swimmers (Opal, Kai and Lachlan) who competed for Polding yesterday. Results for these can be found in the Sport section of this newsletter.

God bless,

Terri Paterson
Principal

Religious Education Coordinator

ALLELUIA  HE IS RISEN

The word “Alleluia” comes from the Hebrew word meaning “Praise God”. May we praise God joyfully through our words and actions during this Easter season.

It seems the gospel of this weekend is written especially for us. Unlike doubting Thomas we are those who have not seen the risen Jesus yet we believe. The gospel reminds us “Happy are those who have not seen yet believe”. So let us go happily spreading the joy of the risen Christ to the world around us.

THANK YOU also to the families who have returned their Project Compassion Boxes. We ask that all Project Compassion boxes be returned School Office or classroom over the next week. Our Mission Team has been busily counting the money, getting it ready to be banked.

Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

★★★ Awards

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Italian M Latta, J Starkey, S Mackenzie, S Hiscocks

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.

ICAS Competitions

Entries for these competitions have now closed.

2016 Year 5 & 6 Afterschool Robotics Program Mondays Term 2

During Term 1 Years 5 & 6 participated in our robotic workshops. Over the next two terms at St Kieran’s robotics will come to every class! For further information please see our website shown below.
The afterschool program in Term 2 will be for Years 5 & 6 with other years getting a chance in Term 3 (depending on interest levels).

Please book using the try booking link below and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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The lessons will be held in the Kieran Room. A follow up email with any further details will be provided the week before we start. Students are able to remain at school on Mondays to be picked up at 4.30pm.

Jo Townsend (Senior Manager RoboticsWPS)

Winter Uniform
The changeover to full winter uniform takes place during the first two weeks of Term 2. Students may wear either full summer or full winter during that period but not a mixture of both. All students to be in full winter uniform by Monday 9 May.

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Jumpers: polar vest, polar fleece, micro fibre track jacket or Woollen jumper

Sport News

Diocesan Swim Carnival
Yesterday three of our champion swimmers – Opal B, Kai M and Lachlan H, competed for Polding at the diocesan carnival. Well done all and two will now go through to represent at the State Carnival. Kai placed 2nd in U/11 50m backstroke and 3rd U/11 200m individual medley. Lachlan placed 2nd in U/8 Freestyle. Congratulations boys.

Broken Bay Rugby League
Congratulations to Ryan M who was selected to represent Broken Bay in Rugby League. He will be attending a competition in Tamworth later on in the year. Good luck Ryan.

Parent Community

Uniform Shop
Stocks are running low (no boys 6 & 10 winter trousers or 6 track pants). Once depleted you will need to go to Pickles at 8/48 Wattle Rd Brookvale.

Don't forget winter uniform change-over is in the first 2 weeks of Term 2. It would be a great help if you put your order in asap (forms attached).

Boys Uniform order form: click here
Girls Uniform order form: click here

- Opening hours: every second Thursday from 8.30am - 9.30am – next open Thursday 7 April and then every 2nd Thursday after (5 May 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

Canteen
Thank you to all the Volunteers, without you our Canteen could not operate. To check current roster please click here

NEXT WEEK’s ROSTER (Term 1 - Week 10):
Wednesday 6 April: Nicole Wall, Shannon Morrell
Thursday 7 April: Mel Carey, Brigdette Brown
Friday 8 April: Kath McCahey, Diana Russo-James, Susan Nicols

- 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

Parish News

Trivia Night
The Parish are holding a Trivia Night on Saturday 7 May. For details click here

Sacramental Program for Children in Year 2 – Key Dates
Parents of children in Year 2 (and older) who wish to participate in the 2016/2017 program are reminded that the program will commence with a Sacramental Program Information Meeting for Parents on either Tuesday 10 May at 9.30am or Wednesday 11 May at 7.00pm at St Kieran’s Church. Information presented at this session will include what parents need to know to accompany their children on their sacramental journey. Please note it is not necessary to attend this meeting if parents have had a child go through the program in 2014 or 2015.

Enrolment for Confirmation on Tuesday 7 June between 9.00am and 10.00am or 6.00pm and 7.00pm at St Kieran’s Church. All documentation including Registration Form to be handed in.

Confirmation Parent Information Meeting on either Tuesday 19 July at 9.30am or Wednesday 20 July at 7.00pm at St Kieran’s Church.

The updated Confirmation Dates for 2016 and Registration Form will be sent to all Year 2 parents early next term and be available on the parish website at www.northhabourcatholic.org.au
The 2017 program dates for First Reconciliation and First Communion will also be available early next term."