Looking Ahead

**May**
- Fri 13th: All Athletic Carnival notes due today
- Sun 15th: Parish Working Bee
- Mon 16th: Numeracy Open Classrooms 9-9.30am
- Wed 18th: Peninsula Cross Country
- Fri 20th: Robotics Yr 3
- Wed 25th: Resilience Course for Parents 7pm in the iCentre - Click here
- Fri 27th: Robotics Yr 3
- Mon 30th: Robotics Kindergarten

**June**
- Thurs 2nd: Parent Prayer 9am Kieran Rm
- Fri 3rd: Kinder Robotics

**Mon 6th**
- Yr 1 Robotics

**Wed 8th**
- Italian Day & Italian lunch
- 1.50pm Assembly

**Fri 10th**
- Yr 1 Robotics
- Yrs 3 – 6 Eagle Tag skills
- 2pm Assembly – Creative Arts

**Tues 14th**
- Athletic Carnival Narrabeen

**Wed 15th**
- ICAS Carnival Narrabeen

**Thurs 16th**
- ICAS Writing this week
- ICAS Spelling

**Fri 20th**
- Yr 6 visit Water Research Lab Manly Vale

**Mon 27th**
- Civics Team at Parliament House

**Tues 28th**
- Gala Day Yrs 3 & 4

**Thurs 30th**
- Gala Day Yrs 5 & 6

**July**
- Fri 1st: End Term 2
- Mon 18th: Term 3 commences

SCHOOL NEWS

**Open Classrooms**
A reminder that we have Open Classrooms for the viewing of a Numeracy Block on Monday 16 May 9.00-9.30 am.

**Broken Bay Rugby Union Sport Trial**
If your son is interested please fill in the attached note and return ASAP. It is important to note that these trials are for children who display a representative level of ability. The ARU imposes restrictions on the age range that may compete in the same team /competition.
- For 2016, only students born in 2005 and 2004 (i.e. aged 11 or 12 years in 2016) are permitted to attend the Broken Bay or Polding trials.
- A student in Year 5 who does not turn 11 may only be considered with the submission of the appropriate dispensation form signed by a registered coach.
Forms are to be returned by Friday 20 May.

Eliza Scott-Fell

**Cross Country**
A reminder that the Northern Beaches Cluster Cross Country is on this Monday 16 at Warringah Rugby Park (Rat Park). All students who are competing please be at the track by 8.45am to walk the course. It is suggested for the students to wear an old pair of runners to walk the course and change into a fresh pair for their race. If you have volunteered to help with a job, please find Miss Scott-Fell or Miss Leatham at the track. Good luck to all students competing!

**Drama**
For the remainder of Term 2 I would like to trial switching the Years 3-6 Drama Group from Tuesdays after school to Monday lunchtimes.
This change means Yrs 3-6 Drama Scene will be on Monday Lunchtimes 16 May – 27 June (not on Public Holiday 13 June).

Steph Waites, Drama Scene
Italian Day 2016 - La Festa Della Republica
This year Italian Day will be on 8 June. It will coincide (almost) with the Italian National Day on 2 June. That day celebrates Italy becoming a republic in 1946. To prepare for the day, we have been looking at the different regions of Italy and each class from Years 2 to 6 will present one region to us at our Italian/Creative Arts Assembly starting at 1:50pm in the hall. The learning outcomes of Italian and Creative Arts will be explored and assessed through songs, dances, roleplays and mimes for the Assembly. Students should come dressed in mufti in the colours of the Italian flag-red, white and green or a combination thereof.

There will also be a special Italian lunch and this will need to be pre-ordered on-line through FlexiSchools at https://www.flexischools.com.au. Mrs Nesbitt has included a note about this under the Canteen section of this newsletter.

We hope you are able to join us for the Assembly!
Signora Morehouse and Ms Leong

Mufti for the Blue Colour House Team
Next Wednesday 18 May the Blue Colour House may wear mufti as the winners of Term 1 points.

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PARENT NEWS

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

HELP Required, please: a Volunteer required Fridays 12 August and 4 November, morning session 9.00-11.15am, and Fridays 10 June and 25 November, full day 9.00am-1.50pm? Please let me know if you can help with any of these either via email: joannemnesbitt@gmail.com or text 0410 629 135. Thank you in advance.

Italian Day will be held early this year on Wednesday 8 June 2016. All ordering of pizza and Gelato will be done online at FlexiSchools https://www.flexischools.com.au. Pre-ordering will be available up until Wednesday 1 June 2016, so make sure you get in early. Traditional Italian Pizza slices are $2.50 each and Gelato cups are $1.50. We will need at least 10 volunteers to help on this day, if you are able to help please email Jo Nesbitt: joannemnesbitt@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 2 - Week 4):
Wednesday 18 May: Jo Quarrell, Jo F
Thursday 19 May: Charmaine Skea, Katrina Beaman
Friday 20 May: Dana Reedy, Alana Janik, Sam Economis (M), Lou Henville (A)

- 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
Uniform
Stocks are running low and once depleted you will need to go to Pickles at 8/48 Wattle Rd Brookvale. All students should be in full winter uniform by Monday 9 May.

We are currently out of:
- Boys Winter Shirts Size 6, 8, 10
- Boys Winter Trousers Size 4, 8, 10
- Track and Field Pants Size 4, 6, 10
- Girls Winter Shirts Size 6, 8, 10
- Sports Top LS Size 6
- Sports Top SS Size 8
- Winter Socks Size 2-8 (long navy socks)
- School Excursion bags
- Boys School ties

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 19 May and then every 2nd Thursday after.
- 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: lizsNeill72@gmail.com

PARISH NEWS

- The parish is holding a working bee on Sunday 15 May from 10.30am – 12.30pm with a 1pm sausage sizzle. For catering purposes please phone the parish 9949 4455 if you are volunteering.

Our First Communion Families have commenced their Family Group Sessions and will attend the Ritual of Our Father at all masses this weekend. The children have been encouraged to join our community in the Communion Procession with arms crossed to receive a special blessing. Please continue to pray for the children and their parents.

Families Week 15 - 21 May
As we celebrate Families Week we reflect on Pope Francis’ recent document The Joy of Love, which affirms that families are the building blocks of a healthy society and a place where children learn to love, respect and interact with others. Among other things he mentions unemployment, today’s fast pace of life, particular challenges for young people, caring for family members with disabilities, parents coming home exhausted, not wanting to talk, the effect of severe stress on families and the transformation of love in relationships spanning five or six decades. He affirms the reflections at the Synod which "show us that there is no stereotype of the ideal family, but rather a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems".

This attached Families Week activity is being held in the parish and may interest parents with older children. click here.  
RSVP to Parish Office – 9949 4455 or parishoffice@northharbourcatholic.org.au

Regards
Janette Davidson

Many thanks to all the parents who attended the Sacramental Program Information Meeting this week. Parents who participated in the program in 2014 or 2015 can collect a Parent Pack which includes the Registration Form and 2016 – 2017 Sacramental Program dates from the school or parish office or from the back of both churches. Please contact Janette Davidson at sacramentalcoordinator@northharbourcatholic.org.au or on 0408 866 521 for further information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- Diabetes Australia: The following link might be of interest for families with diabetic children. This new website has been launched by Diabetes Australia and contains lots of information and useful advice. http://as1.diabetes.com.au/

- Mater Maria Festival - Friday May 27, 2016 1.00pm-7.00pm: Please mark in your diaries the Mater Maria Festival which is scheduled for Friday 27 May from 1.00pm to 7.00pm at the College (5 Forest Road, Warriewood). All are welcome to join us under the Stars as we eat, drink and be merry! Enjoy international foods, rides, performances by our musicians and dramatists and to pick up some bargains at a heap of stalls. For further information visit www.matermaria.nsw.edu.au