Dear Families,

I trust you had a wonderful holiday break and that you are now ready to begin another term . . . . the last semester of the year. The St Kieran’s term planner indicates a wonderful term ahead for our students, teachers and parents.

This week the Director of Schools, Peter Hamill, emailed all parents regarding changes to school fees for 2017. If you have any concerns about the proposed new fees please do not hesitate to contact me or the school office to make an appointment to meet with me.

On Tuesday 26 July, straight after the morning school bell, parents are invited to participate in a consultative discussion with the school consultant, Anne Duncan, in regards to the appointment of the new principal at St Kieran’s beginning 2017. Anne is keen to hear from our parent community (and will be meeting with teachers prior) as to what parents wish to ‘retain’ and ‘transform’ going forward with the appointment of the new principal. If you would like make a comment but are unable to attend on Tuesday, Anne would be happy to receive a sealed written response from the parent community.

While we are still waiting to find out the final composition of the Australian Senate, the Election Day was held and all across the country thousands of voters came to their local areas to exercise their democratic right. It is timely that I sincerely thank the P&F executive and all the parent helpers who assisted at St Kieran’s on the day of voting with a sausage sizzle and cake stall. I was able to attend on the day and can attest to the yummy sausages cooked and the wonderful community atmosphere on our parish grounds.

This term the CSO Education Team will be facilitating the 1-2-3-Magic Program Workshops at St Kieran’s on Wednesday 31 August and Wednesday 7 September in the iCentre at 7pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for
parents and a follow up for many parents who indicated that they would appreciate learning about building emotional intelligence and managing behaviour.

Today we welcome those special people . . . . Grandparents . . . . to our school for a special liturgy presented by our Year 2 children. Grandparents play a significant role in the life of our children and we acknowledge them in this special way today. I wish to thank the class parent network for their contribution to the morning tea provided to our visitors.

God bless,
Terri Paterson

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**AWARDS**

Parent Education in Numeracy
Come and find out the answers to the following questions:

- What is Numeracy and what is Mathematics?
- What are the Curriculum expectations in Mathematics?
- What are some of the current theories underpinning how Mathematics is taught?
- What is conceptual understanding?
- What is procedural understanding?
- How can I best support my child in Mathematics?

If you would like to attend, please complete the attached form and return it to school as soon as possible.

Fee Statements
Please ensure your school fees are up to date. If you are paying in 3 standard instalments the third and final payment is due on 29 July.

Late Arrivals
A reminder that parents are to accompany their children to the office when arriving late at school and to complete the late arrival form. Students are then given a ‘token’ to hand to their class teacher to notify them that documentation has been completed and recorded. Late forms can be found at reception and also on the school website.

Parent Information and Forms
Forms regarding part or full day absences, medication, fees, canteen, etc can be found on the school website.

Premier’s Reading Challenge and Book Bonus
Just a reminder that the PRC closes on 19 August. If your child has not logged any of their books yet, please do so now. If there are any issues with passwords, please notify me immediately so it can be sorted out.

Don’t forget the Book Bonus! All you need to do is register and ask a few family and friends for sponsorship for books read in the PRC. St Kieran’s benefits with new books for the school as do other schools less fortunate than us. To date, over $11 000 has been raised in NSW so let’s see if St Kieran’s can contribute to that total too.

For more information go to www.bookbonus.org.au.

2016 Years 3-6 Afterschool Robotics Program Mondays Term 3
During Term 1 and 2 this year your son or daughter participated in our robotic workshops. Due to the success of the workshops we will be providing an after school program.

For further information on the program and to book please click here. All students will be taught at their individual level depending on their prior experience. We will be building up lots of new skills coding the latest EV3 Mindstorms robots and enjoy achieving many challenges.

Jo Townsend, Senior Manager RoboticsWPS
Use of SMS to inform School Community of Incidents
Schools and the CSO have the capacity to send a bulk SMS to all parents/caregivers at an individual school using parent contact details in the student information system. Many schools use this facility routinely to send updates about school events, arrangements and student absences. Occasionally the CSO will send a message out on behalf of a school, for example, to alert parents to a particular urgent situation eg. school communications are down, a storm or bushfire is impacting on the school, or the school is in lockdown. The message will be to alert parents to a situation, to inform them of children’s safety and to indicate any changed arrangements that may be put in place for student collection. This is a ‘no reply’ SMS. Parents would need to contact the school for further information.

Occasionally a few parents may experience significant delays in receiving the message. Different mobile networks operate at different speeds on different days so there can be a significant variation in delivery times between providers. The make and model of the mobile phone receiving the message can also affect speed of delivery as can whether the phone is switched on or off. If the phone is switched off there is a possibility that the message will not be received. If only a few students are affected by a situation individual parents would be rung. It is considered however that a bulk SMS is the most practicable way to get an urgent message to all parents at a school. It is also for this reason that we encourage parents/caregivers to ensure that the school has their correct contact numbers.

1-2-3 Magic: Parent Education Program
The CSO Parent Education Team will be facilitating the 1-2-3 Magic parenting program at six primary schools across the Diocese in Term 3. Parents can attend at their own school or a school in their local area. The workshop is a two week program, run by trained facilitators and provides parents with strategies to manage their child's behaviour by teaching their child self-regulation and self-management skills. Parents receive a comprehensive workbook with the workshops. For further information outlining course details and to register please click here.

Complaints Handling: Guide to making a complaint info here

Save the Date – P&F Fundraiser
Book your babysitter now! The P&F are hosting the Great Gatsby Ball on Saturday 3 September 7pm till midnight at the Manly Golf Club. This will be the major fund raising event for 2016 and we hope for a strong attendance at this inaugural event with great food, a live band and lots of fun with prizes and auctions held during the night.

School Lollipop Assistants – Urgent Volunteer Request
We require someone to cover the following three days for school dismissal from 2.45pm – 3.15pm : THURSDAYS 28 July, 25 August and 22 September. If you can help please contact Juliette Cronin via the school office.

Entertainment Books:
Keep the kids entertained these school holidays with an Entertainment Membership and enjoy some great savings! 20% of every membership sold contributes to our School. Help us achieve our goal by sharing this link with your Friends and Family. Thanks for your support! To order a new Entertainment Book follow the attached link - https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2001d10

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

Volunteers needed, PLEASE: Thursday 11 August 9.00am-1.50pm, and Friday 26 August 9.00am-1.50pm

NEXT WEEK’s ROSTER (Term 3 - Week 2):
Wednesday 27 July: Rachelle Woodland, Steph La Grecca
Thursday 28 July: Alyson Perry, Kathy Sui, Josie Ruddock
Friday 29 July: Sandra Wilson, Gabi Selwyn, Priya Vincent

- 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
Pickles has officially taken over from the School Uniform shop. To order please go to the Pickles website. At this stage School ties and hats are still available from the school office
**Confirmation**
Over 180 candidates have registered for the Sacrament of Confirmation and the children and their parents will begin their Family Groups Sessions this week. The children will commence the preparation program with a Rite of Welcome at all masses this weekend. Families are invited to collect a child's name from the basket at the back of the Church and pray for that child and their family.

**First Communion Photos** can be collected from the Parish Office.

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**Manly Warringah Basketball.** – for information on Potter League, Pink Ball or Learn to Play click [here](#).

**Keyboard Lessons:** If you would like your child to learn the keyboard please see information [attached](#).

**Kids First: Free parent event** – How to help your child become a better reader. Wed 3 August.


**Lifeline Book Fair:** Click [here](#) for information regarding the book Fair to be held 5 – 7 August at Warriewood
St Kieran’s Catholic Primary School Manly Vale

Uniform Shop

The St Kieran’s Catholic Primary School uniform range is available for purchase from the Pickles Schoolwear outlet in Brookvale throughout the year.

Opening Hours:

Monday – Friday 9:00 - 5:00pm
Saturday 9:30 - 12:00pm

St Kieran’s families can also order via a dedicated web page on our website picklesschoolwear.com, to allow for easy ordering access 24/7.

Simply click “SHOP ONLINE SCHOOLS” and choose ‘St Kieran’s Primary School’ from the drop down menu to shop your full uniform range.

Orders can be delivered to the school FREE of charge during term. Place orders by Tuesday night for delivery to the school on Thursday. Alternatively, you can choose to have your order posted to any nominated address for an additional postage free.

Price lists can be downloaded via your school page on the website.

For any queries Pickles has a “Contact Us” section on our website or a dedicated Customer Service line 9:00-5:00pm weekdays, on 02 9905 2711.

~ We look forward to welcoming you in-store or online ~