Looking Ahead

August

Mon 8th  Yr 2 Robotics
7pm – 8.30pm Parent Education Session – Numeracy in the iCentre
Fri 12th  Kinder excursion to Community Gardens
Yr 6 Earthkeeper Program – session 1
2pm Italian Assembly – Library Team
Mon 15th  10am Assumption Mass – Yr 4
Tues 16th  ICAS Maths
Wed 17th  Peninsula Athletics
Thurs 18th  Fair Dinkum Book Week Musical Yrs 1, 2 & 5 attending
Fri 19th  Yr 3 Excursion West Head
Sun 21st  Kinder Family Mass 9.30am
Mon 22nd  Book Week – Australia: Story Country
Wed 24th  Yrs 3-6 Author James O’Loghlin visiting
Thurs 25th  Kinder excursion to Australian Museum
Fri 26th  11.30am St Augustine Feast Day Mass
School Disco – Circus Theme
Tues 30th  Library Team – Lunch with the Stars
Tues 30th  Yr 6 Earthkeeper Program – session 2

September

Wed 31st  K-2 Author visit – Jennifer Truswell
123 Magic parent workshop 7pm RSVP
Thurs 1st  Kinder excursion – Taronga Zoo
Fri 2nd  Fathers’ Day Breakfast & Liturgy 7.30 – 9.30am
Sat 3rd  The Great Gatsby Ball 7pm
Mon 5th  P&F meeting
Wed 7th  123 Magic parent workshop 7pm
Fri 9th  10am St Kieran’s Day liturgy – Yr 3 presenting
Mon 12th  Kinder 2017 transition 9.15am
Fri 16th  Chess concludes
2pm Assembly – Kinder & Enviro Team
Tues 20th  AFL / Netball / Cricket Gala Day Yrs 3 & 4
Wed 21st  Yr 6 Canberra Camp
Thurs 22nd  AFL / Netball / Cricket Gala Day Yrs 5
Fri 23rd  Yr 6 return from Canberra
End Term 3

School News

Dear Families,

Mary MacKillop: On Monday 8 August the Australian Catholic church celebrates the feast day of Mother Mary of the Cross.

On Thursday I received the sad news that Mrs Michelle Leydon’s father passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with Michelle and her family at this time. Mrs Leydon will be away from school for all of next week, returning on Monday 15 August.

Congratulations to our skateboarding champion Ruby T who has returned from the United States after competing in the USA Vans Open Skateboarding Championships. We are very proud of Ruby who came 14th in the overall championships.

God bless,

Terri Paterson
Principal
**AWARDS**

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Stranger Danger**
Please note the following information: We’ve been given a description of a man who has been approaching parents and children near local schools. Parents we just ask that you are vigilant and if you see anything to please let the Police at Dee Why know on 99713339 or 000 for an emergency. We have been advised not to engage in conversation with him. The man is tall, with greying hair and appears to be fit and in his late 50s.

**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 afterschool 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 Robotics WPS

**Engage 2016**
Our Engage program continued this week with our Year 3, 4 and 5 groups. Year 6 students led the children with a focus on Self-Awareness.

During Week 4 and Week 5 the focus of the Engage Program is Self-Management. During the sessions the students will be involved in games and activities assisting them to explain the influence of emotions on behaviour, learning and relationships.

For more information about SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) please go to the Kidsmatter website - http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/

**Religious Education**
Parents and friends are warmly invited to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption with our school community at 10am on Monday 15 August. This Mass is being thoughtfully prepared by Year 4.

Save the date! Kindergarten teachers and students are preparing for a Sunday morning 9.30am Family Mass on 21 August. We look forward to our youngest members of the school community participating in our Parish Mass.

Please remember in your prayers the students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
Mary Mackillop’s Feast day is 8 August. Each year we remember Mary as the one who saw a need and did something about it. She saw a need for education and set up a Catholic system of schooling.

Mary MacKillop was a young woman with a dream to make a difference in our world. Her dream encompassed opening simple schools where there was no class distinction, offering refuge to the most neglected, and bringing practical help to families.

One of the appeals that ‘saints’ have for people in the world today, is that they are ordinary people who have looked at life and, in the day to day circumstances in which they lived, succeeded in becoming a special person who touches into the deepest yearnings of the heart. Mary MacKillop was no exception.

She was an ordinary woman who lived an extraordinary life. She was a woman who dared to love. She knew that God loved her and she responded to this love with confidence and courage.

http://www.marymackillop.org.au/ is a wonderful resource on Mary MacKillop which you may choose to share with your family.

**PARENT NEWS**

**Great Gatsby Ball**

**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](https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2001d10)

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

**Volunteer needed, PLEASE: Wednesday 21 September** 9.00am-1.50pm

**NEXT WEEK’s ROSTER (Term 3 - Week 4):**
**Wednesday 10 August:** J Quarrell, Jo F
**Thursday 11 August:** Charmaine Skea, Josie Ruddock
**Friday 12 August:** Dana Reedy, Alana Janik, Clare Foale

- 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).

Any changes to the canteen roster, please contact: Jo Nesbitt - [joanne.nesbitt@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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](https://www.pickle.com.au). At this stage School ties and hats are still available from the school office.

**Literacy Workshops** How to support your child at home Free for Parents & Carers of children all ages.

In the lead up to National Literacy Week at the end of August, the Diocesan Parent Council (DPC) is presenting free workshops with Virginia Outred from the Catholic Schools Office. As Literacy Education Officer, Virginia works closely with teachers across our cluster and will share practical ideas for connecting learning between home and school.

Virginia will be presenting at **St Cecilia’s Catholic School, Balgowlah** on **Tuesday 16 August** on **Thursday 18 August, 2016**. The [workshop](https://www.pickle.com.au) starts at 9.30am, there is no cost and all parents & carers from schools across our diocese are welcome. Click here to RSVP [http://bit.ly/2aL42eH](http://bit.ly/2aL42eH)

For further information about the DPC go to their website [www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com](http://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com)
**123 Magic Workshop:** Building Wednesday 31 August & 7 September at 7pm in the Library. Emotional Intelligence & managing behaviour Program consists of two, 2 hour sessions, working through a parent resource booklet Catholic Schools Office Diocese of Broken Bay. The program supports parents and caregivers with effective strategies to help their children self-regulate and manage their emotions and behaviour. Children who have developed social and emotional skills find it easier to manage themselves, relate to others, resolve conflict, and feel positive about the world around them. **RSVP here**

**Cyber Safety Presentation**
St Mary’s Manly is hold an information session on Thursday 1 September and all parents are welcome to attend. The presentation will be delivered by a local law enforcement member and an industry volunteer. The presentation covers issues relating to children and young peoples’ privacy and security online, their relationships with other users and their online reputation. It provides insight into the devices young people are using, as well as the popular websites, apps and social networking sites they're accessing.

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**PARISH NEWS**

**Sacramental Program**

**Ritual of the Creed - Sat 6 August OR Sun 7 August at all masses.**
A reminder to all families participating in the Confirmation program of the Ritual of the Creed at all masses this coming weekend.

Our parish Pop Up **Piety Stall** has medals for many of the saints names including Therese, Francis, Anthony, Patrick, Anne, John the Baptist, Augustine, Monica, Michael, Paul, Andrew, Bridget, Bernadette, small books about the Saints & the Holy Spirit as well as lots of gifts for children making their Confirmation.

The Piety stall will be at **St Cecilia’s Church this Sunday August 7th & at St Kieran’s Church August 21st after the 9.30am mass** – and it is always open at the Parish Office Monday – Friday, 9am to 4pm.

**Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Mercy College Chatswood Open Morning** Tuesday 16 August 9am – 11am. Outstanding 2015 HSC result. Catholic Girls Secondary College Yrs 7 – 12, 101 Archer St Chatwood | Phone 9419 2890 | www.mercychatswood.nsw.edu.au | mercy@dbb.catholic.edu.au

**Seaforth Little Athletics Club** – Does your child enjoy running, jumping or throwing? Do they want to have fun and stay fit during Summer? Registrations now open. First training night 5.30pm Wednesday 14 September at Seaforth oval. First competition Saturday 17 September at Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen. For further information and registration refer our website [http://www.seaforthlac.org/](http://www.seaforthlac.org/)

**KiKoff Summer Soccer** – Term 4 ten week course for ages 5 – 12. Click **here** for information.
“ROLL UP ROLL UP”

CIRCUS THEME
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FRIDAY 26TH AUGUST
ST. KIERANS PARISH HALL

4.30 - 6PM: K - 2
6.30PM - 8PM: 3 - 6

 TICKETS: COST $10 & CAN BE PURCHASED AT FLEXISCHOOLS - INCLUDES PIZZA!
EXTRA SLICE OF PIZZA CAN BE ORDERED AT A COST OF $2.50 PER SLICE.

DRINKS: BYO WATER BOTTLE (WILL BE PLACED IN TUBS FROM CANTEN). EXTRA WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE.