Looking Ahead

**August**
- 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, Premiers Reading Challenge closes today, Yr 5 Science Excursion to Aust National Museum
- 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
- Wed 31st: K-2 Author visit – Jennifer Truswell, 123 Magic parent workshop 7pm RSVP

**September**
- Thurs 1st: Kinder excursion – Taronga Zoo, 9am Parent Prayer in Kieran Rm

**Thurs 1st**
- Cyber: Safety Information at St Mary’s Manly
- 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: 8.30am Parent & Child K – 2 Prayer, 10am St Kieran’s Day liturgy – Yr 3 presenting

- Mon 12th: Kinder 2017 transition 9.15am
- Fri 16th: Chess concludes
- 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

**October**
- Mon 10th: Term 4 commences
- Tues 11th: Yr 5 Leadership Camp
- Wed 12th: Yr 5 Leadership Camp
- Fri 14th: Yr 2 Excursion to Powerhouse Museum
- Mon 17th: Staff Development Day – Pupil Free
- Fri 21st: Kinder 2017 Transition – session 2

**Dear Families,**

As the term is progressing I ask that you be aware of the following dates and mark these in your diary:

- **School Review and Development: Parent Consultation** Tuesday 23 August 2 – 2:50pm in the iCentre. *It would be wonderful to see as many of our parents as possible for your contribution will be greatly valued in this process.*
- **Staff Development Day for Term 4**; unfortunately due to the availability of our presenter there is a change of date to Monday 17 October (Week 2)
- **Parent Prayer** in Kieran Room Thursday 1 September 9 – 9:30am
- **K-2 Parent and child** Prayer gathering Friday 9 September 8:30 – 9am

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing St Kieran’s at two very special events that will show case their special talents in public speaking forums.

- **NSW Parliament BEAR PIT** public speaking: Scarlett P (3S) and Kye P (5L)
- **Brother Tony Whelan** public speaking for diocesan schools: Hannah H and Stella M

I wish Scarlett, Kye, Hannah and Stella every success as they take part in these opportunities.

Thank you to teachers Ms Nikki Robilliard (Bear Pit) and Geraldine Watson (Br Tony Whelan) for supporting these programs with the school.

God bless,
Terri Paterson

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SCHOOL NEWS

Maths Challenge 2016

Engage 2016
Our Engage program continued this week with our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 groups. Year 6 students led small groups with a focus on Self-Management.
For more information about SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) please go to the Kidsmatter website -

http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/

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.

School Fees
Fee statements have been sent home to all families who have fallen behind their scheduled payments. Please ensure your accounts are brought up to date. If you are having difficulty meeting your fee commitments please call Julia Postle to arrange a meeting with Mrs Paterson.

Car Park Safety
A reminder to all parents to please hold your child’s hand when in the carpark area, especially pre-schoolers.
There have been a couple of incidents where children have left the supervision of their parents and have wandered towards moving cars or out towards the road.

The LEARNING Quarterly is due in Week 7
A reminder that there will be no Chronicle in week 7 (Friday 2 Sept). In its place will be ‘The Learning Quarterly’. This consists of detailed initiatives and directions in our teaching and learning here at St Kieran’s. It will inform parents of current practice and programs or projects. The items will fall under the headings of: Teaching and Learning Mission Pastoral Care

Religious Education
The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, but we don’t know how it first came to be celebrated. In its earliest days the feast was entitled the "Memory of Mary", where all the events of her life were remembered. This day was extended by the Roman Emperor to be celebrated in Rome under the title of the “Falling Asleep” ("Dormitio") of the Mother of God.
Soon the name was changed to the "Assumption of Mary," and it is a celebration of all things Mary not just her journey to heaven. Whether or not Mary died and went to heaven or Jesus took her to heaven body and soul, it is important we remember Mary as the first disciple of her son, Jesus. A discussion paper on the Assumption can be found at: https://www.ewtn.com/library/ANSWERS/AOFMARY.HTM

Year 4 teachers and children have prepared a beautiful Mass to celebrate the feast of the Assumption. All members of our parish and school community are invited to attend. The Feast of the Assumption will be celebrated on Monday 15 August at 10.00am. We thank Fr Paul for presiding at this celebration.

Please remember in your prayers the children and families of Year 2 who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

Band
We have a confirmation date and session time for both bands for the Northern Sydney Symphony Wind Ensemble Spring Festival.

Our performance is on Saturday 10 September. Junior Band will be in the action session (time tbc) and Senior Band will be in the evening session (time tbc). As soon as I know times I will let you all know.

Also within the next 4-5 weeks we will be performing at both of the nursing homes across the street from the school, I am just waiting on confirmation dates. Please keep an eye out in the newsletter, email and in band.

Feeling excited about this term.
Miss Hodges, Band conductor

PARENT NEWS

Great Gatsby Ball
The Great Gatsby Ball is just under a month away now. Take advantage of the early bird price and book now! https://www.trybooking.com/MIJS. Donations of anything for the auctions and raffles would be very much appreciated: http://bit.ly/2aJL487. There will be live entertainment by Evergreen Music, fabulous prizes and auction items, delicious all night food stations and a welcome drink. Frocking up in glitzy glamorous 1920's attire and flapper (and all types of) dancing encouraged but not compulsory. Click here for invite and here for auction information.

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.

NEXT WEEK’s ROSTER (Term 3 - Week 5):
Wednesday 17 August: Sania Saady (M), Amanda Raeigh, Ally Browne (A)
Thursday 18 August: Jennie Schofield, Lynne Reeves, Len Sim
Friday 19 August: Nicole Covich, Juliette Cronin, 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

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.

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 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

For further information about the DPC go to their website 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.

**Children’s Choir**
Choir practice is on Wednesday 17 August at lunchtime and we will be singing at the Kindergarten Mass on 21 August at 9.30am. New members are welcome.

*Kathryn Williams and Maria Dunn*

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**PARISH NEWS**

**Sacrament of Confirmation**
The children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation have been researching the Saint they have chosen for their Confirmation Name. You can read their stories as to why they chose their particular Saint attached to their photos in both Churches.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

- **North Curl Curl SLSC Nipper Registration** – Sunday 11 Sept 9am – 3.30pm

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**PRIVACY NOTICE**

Information required to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA) for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child’s school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child’s gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the ACARA Act 2008 for one or both of the following purposes:

- formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance;
- assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au