Dear Families,

On Monday the school welcomed Miss Elisha K as our ‘principal for the day’. Thank you Elisha for keeping the school running smoothly during your time as principal of St Kieran’s!

Last week our school took part in the Peninsula Catholic Schools Debating Competition. This is a wonderful experience for our senior students as they have the opportunity to develop their persuasive skills and increase confidence in their abilities to articulate well-formed arguments and opinions. On Thursday afternoons a cohort of 11 students accompanied by the Debating coach, Ms Nicki Robilliard, go to Stella Maris to compete. Last week students, Kai P, Stella N-T, Sienna J with Charlotte K as the team advisor, were the negative for the topic “Everyone who drives a car should plant a tree”. While we didn’t win the overall debate the adjudicators feedback was very positive and points were awarded for the following; our opening speaker, consistency, and arguments well supported by evidence. Well done Debating Team!

As the term progresses plans are in place for many celebrations and end of year events. One of these events is my Farewell Mass. Please find attached in this Newsletter an invitation to all families to attend.

God bless,

Terri Paterson
Principal
**AWARDS**

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**World Teacher’s Day – Thank You**
The teachers would like to extend grateful thanks to the P and F and to class parents for organising flowers, cards and heartfelt messages from the children to their teachers. It was an uplifting way to start the day – we appreciate your thoughtfulness.

**Alice the Musical - Costumes**
The Alice Musical is fast approaching! Your child should have received a costume note about what to wear for the upcoming Musical. Please contact school reception for costume requirements for all cast members. Thank you for your support in organising these costumes.

Click here for Alice the Musical invitation

The Musical will be held in Term 4 / Week 4:
- Tuesday 1 November 9am – 12pm Whole cast rehearsal for Alice 9-12
- Wednesday 2 November School Musical Alice 11:00am matinee and 6:30pm evening performance

Please lock these dates into your diary. All students from Song club and Year 5 and 6 are involved in this performance.

*Mrs Clifford and Ms Leong*

**Swimming Carnival – Thursday 24 November**
All students we given a carnival note on Wednesday 12 October. This note consisted of:
- Information regarding the carnival
- Parent Helper Request
- Entry Form (each student to be on an individual form)
- Travel arrangements

All forms were to be returned last week

**Congratulations! Nicholas H**
Nicholas’ story, ‘The Family Secret’ has been chosen as a winner in the Children’s Book Council of Australia NSW Northern Sydney Sub Branch Lunch with the Stars Writing Competition. The prize is a fun 2-hour writing workshop for his class. Well done Nicholas!

**Principal for a Day!**
I really enjoyed being Principal for a day while Mrs Paterson was away on Monday. I had a lot of important jobs to do, such as collecting the office bags, sorting and stapling notes and giving a message over the loud speaker. I sat in the Principal’s chair and I chose an Assistant Principal to help me. I gave stickers to children who did good work and I went to the staffroom at morning tea. Everyone called me ‘Miss’! I think being a principal is quite hard, but I had fun!

*Miss Elisha K 3B*

**Drama Scene - JOIN US!**
- Years K – 2 Monday at lunchtime
- Years 3 – 5 Monday at lunchtime
- Trial Class welcome in October

Enrolment online at www.dramascene.com.au or phone Steph Waites: 0407 235 914

**Road Safety**
Please be mindful of our neighbours in surrounding streets. We have had numerous complaints this week regarding parents parking across driveways and of children running across the street unsupervised. Both the neighbours and school have reported parking matters to the council and police.
App News – From the Technology Team - Spellmania

The app Spellmania is a word finder game where you need to locate different words in a grid. The words are not given to you, so you have to use your knowledge of spelling to assist you in finding words. If you make a word and are unsure of its meaning, you can click on it and it will give you the definition. You are also given clues to help you. The more words you find the more points and clues you earn. We enjoy using this app to challenge us in our word study.

By Ethan L, Technology Team Member

Religious Education

Term 4 Dates for the Diary

- Sunday 30 Oct 9.30am: Yr 4 Family Mass, St Kieran’s Church
- Sunday 4 Dec 9.00am: Welcome Kindy 2017 Yr 5 Family Mass, St Kieran’s Church
- Thursday 8 Dec 11.30am: Mrs Paterson’s Thanksgiving Mass, St Kieran’s Church
- Friday 9 Dec: TBC, St Kieran’s Christmas Carols, Playground
- Wednesday 14 Dec: Yr 6 Celebration Liturgy, St Kieran’s Church
- Friday 16 Dec 12.00: Celebration of Learning, Playground

Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

PARENT NEWS

Canteen

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

NEXT WEEK’s ROSTER (Term 4 - Week 4):

Wednesday 2 November: Jo Quarrell, Jo F
Thursday 3 November: Shahn Schwarz, Charmaine Skea
Friday 4 November: Dana Reddy, Alana Janik, Clare Foale (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.

To view the canteen roster please click here.

Uniform

Pickles have officially taken over from the School Uniform shop. To order please go to the Pickles website.

At this stage School boy’s ties, hats and some excursion bags are still available from the school office.

Children will return to school in Term 4 in their summer uniform.

Diocesan Parent Council – Collaborative Partnerships. Free parent seminars, parent meetings, online learning and resources. For further information click here.

PARISH NEWS

Remembrance Prayer Service for children we have never or can no longer hold

During the month of November we focus our thoughts and prayers on those who have died, not only on All Souls Day but throughout the entire month of remembrance as well.

Some in our community have experienced the loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or abortion or have been separated from their children through breakdown in marriages in divorce. This loss is often experienced both by the parents and the extended family who look for a way of entrusting their sorrow to an understanding God. A Remembrance Prayer Service will be held at St Kieran’s Church on Wednesday evening 9 November at 7.30pm as a way of offering support and comfort to those who mourn the loss of children we have never held or can no longer hold. All parishioners are welcome.

Baptism Program for Older Children commences on 13 November 2016

For parents who may be interested:

Our Parish offers a preparation program for:
- children aged seven years and older who are not baptised and would like to receive the Sacrament of Baptism;
- children who have been baptised into another Christian denomination who wish to be received into the Catholic Church and participate in the Children’s Sacramental Program;
- children/young people/adults who have been baptised Catholic who may not have received all the sacraments.

Please contact Janette (mobile 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au) if you would like to have a conversation about any of the above and/or a copy of the program.

Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister - Catholic Community of North Harbour

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You are invited

Terri Paterson’s Farewell Mass

11.30am Thursday 8 December

St Kieran’s Catholic Church Manly Vale

Refreshments in the hall at 12.30pm
If you are staying for refreshments please rsvp

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Terri’s Farewell: RSVP—Refreshments Thursday 8 December in St Kieran’s hall

For catering purposes please return RSVP by this slip or emailing skmv@dbb.catholic.edu.au or phone 9949 3523

Name: __________________________________________  No. attending: __________________

Contact Number: ________________________________

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