Dear Families

This is my last Newsletter to the St Kieran’s community and as I leave I want to thank you for being part of my life journey as principal of St Kieran’s school. I acknowledge the wonderful farewell last Thursday and I am so grateful to all those who made this a special day for myself and my family. I have been so touched and overwhelmed by the response from the whole school community, in both words and actions, and I am so appreciative of your expressions of gratitude.

The gifts presented to me from the school parent community were greatly appreciated particularly the plaque for the playground and the amazing photo of the students in the school playground which I will treasure. The family comments are a special memento of the relationships within the community. Thank you for the stunning jewellery which I will wear with great pride.

The Carols Night last Friday was a wonderful tribute to the community of St Kieran’s. I want to again thank the generosity of the parent community for their fundraising efforts this year, and while I was not able to see the playground take shape this term, I so enjoyed being part of the initial planning process and anticipate that the children and their families will benefit in the years to come. I understand that next week the synthetic grass will be laid in the playground so I will make sure I return in January to see that all went well!

I am so grateful for the love and support given to me over the past 12 years. I am so thankful for all I have received in being part of this vibrant school community. As I move into retirement I am very much aware that the school now begins another chapter. I hope that as I leave part of my legacy includes an ‘attitude of gratitude’ for all that we have and for the many blessing we have received. Thankfulness is a major part of wellbeing. It creates inner wellbeing, an inner harmony. Within our lives, thankfulness can be a kind of superglue, as it gives a strong sense of hope and confidence about the future. With life as busy as it is, we don’t seem to take time to count our blessings, to be thankful for our life, our friends, our family, for insights into our purpose for existence, for the ability to love and be loved.

God, our Father, we give thanks for the gift of life. We are grateful that, as intelligent beings, we can reflect upon the many gifts and blessings we have been given and be thankful for them. Amen.

I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and all the best for the coming year. Enjoy your summer break and time with your children. Till we meet again…

God Bless

Terri Paterson
Principal
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SCHOOL NEWS

Online Booking for Best Start and MAI Assessments Beginning 2017

Linked is an explanation of how to book your time for the assessments being held at the start of the 2017 school year. A reminder that Kindergarten students are required to do the Best Start Assessment (45 minutes duration) and all students in Years 1-6 are required to do the MAI (30 minutes duration) Assessment. Online bookings will open Friday 9 December and close 27 January.

Staffing 2017

Now that staffing has been finalised for 2017 the following is a complete list of Staff for the year.

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* Indicates School Leadership Team

We welcome Samantha Moffitt and Therese McNamara to our staff for 2017. Samantha and Therese will be teaching in classes while coordinators are off class due to their various responsibilities. Samantha will be in 3B on Mondays when Mary Brown (Literacy Coordinator) works on Literacy initiatives and co teaching.

We also welcome back to St Kieran’s, Patrick Sheedy. Patrick will be on Kerrie Wetzlar’s class on Thursday as she works on Religious Education Coordinator duties.

Marisa Bombardieri will resume the role of Learning Support Teacher and will continue the EMU program as well as co teaching responsibilities and her Assistant Principal role.

Congratulations to Kirsty Conlon who will be the President of the P & F for 2017. We welcome back the members of the P&F Executive; Jo Quarrell, John McKee; Vaughn Saady and Alyson Perry (DPC Representative). We look forward to a wonderful year of community building in 2017.

Below you will find a summary of the Year 6 Leadership Teams for 2017. Congratulations to our Year 6 2017 students and their current teachers Kerrie Wetzlar and Kayle Leathem who have worked with the students to prepare them for their roles.
Liturgy | Environment | Sport | Civics and Citizenship
---|---|---|---
Sara Callow | Neve Doughty | Milla Arthurs (G) | Kye Porter
Mya Dahl | Ella Halloway | Grace Polome (R) | Thomas Sokolow
Natasha | Ruby Mascarenhas | Daniel Miners (B) | Charlotte Keating
Viscuso-Tucci | Kyle Atkinson | Albert Ingleton (Y) | Elise Lefers
Olivia Glavin | Jedd Thomas | | Alannah Woodland

Technology | Pastoral Care | Mission | Library
---|---|---|---
Jack Hartley | Amy Schaafsma | Leilani Cannon | Sarah Hiscocks
Lachlan Iemma | Sophie Maunsell | Isabella Day | Molly Latta
Jessica Wells | Eloise Wilson | Charlotte McPhee | Isabella King
Isabel Osborn | Ellie Donohoe | Luka Delaney | Kye Largier

Flash Mob
What a fantastic way to send off Mrs Paterson. The children had a great time preparing for the Flash Mob. We have successfully uploaded two perspectives of the video for parents to see. Please visit the school website to view.

Student Medications
All student medication was sent home today. When returning in 2017 please send in medication and updated forms. All medication needs to be accompanied with signed consent by the referring doctor. No medication will be given under any circumstance without a medical practitioner’s consent. Please also check the expiry dates on your child’s medication.


On behalf of our school community I wish to thank our wonderful Liturgy Team. Together we have worked to prepare a Monday Morning Assembly Liturgies for the school. The girls have been only too happy to assist in anything and everything Liturgy whether it be in the church or within the school. Thank you Sienna, Michaela, Ashleigh and Dahlai for your dedication to the job and your service to the St Kieran’s school community.

Parents work in partnership with their children’s teachers. I wish to thank all the parents who have assisted with building community this year. Parent Prayer, Sunday Morning Family Masses, Year Six Luncheons, Pancake Tuesdays and Christmas Carols to name a few. Sharing your talents with the community is a very Catholic thing to do. We would not be the strong Catholic community we are today without your assistance.

To our wonderful Augustinian Priests - We thank you for the many ways in which you forge and develop strong relationships between school and parish. We are also appreciative of the many parishioners who enhance the life of our school. To Mr Ian Woodbury; thank you for your assistance at each and every liturgy this year. To Mr Ben Marshall; thank you for sharing your musical talents. To the wonderful LAP team members, thank you for your invaluable contribution to school life. A special thank you also goes out to the lovely ladies in the Parish office who help to coordinate the life of the school and the life of the parish. To all Parish workers we say “Thank you”.

I would also like to express thanks to my conscientious and talented colleagues. Together we have worked to enhance the quality of Religious Education and Prayer life at St Kieran’s. Thank you for your professionalism and dedication to the nurturing of our cherubs in their faith journey.

To one and all, may I wish you a happy and Holy Christmas. May the peace and joy the Christ child brings fill your holidays and may you return to school in January safe and relaxed.

Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

Band
Congratulations to Emily D, Sara C, Jessica W and Jackson Q who, after auditioning, have been accepted into the Primary Wind Ensemble for 2017 of the Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble (NSSWE). As a member of this Ensemble each musician progresses, learns, develops and ends the year at a musical stage far in advance of where they started 12 months before. We hope this is a great experience for you.
Applications for Junior Band for 2017 are still being processed. Confirmation of instruments will be sent out as soon as they are finalised (even if it’s after term ends).
Car Park Helpers Required
Would anyone like to help volunteer to assist for approximately 20 mins at school pick up time to help with the flow of traffic and keeping everyone safe at the crossing point. We would love to get some more parents/carers/grandparents on the roster, if possible, as some of our wonderful volunteers will be leaving our school this year. You will get the opportunity to wear one of three coloured floor vests, full training will be given on how to manoeuvre the STOP/SLOW sign! Your children will love to see you out there helping so please let the office know, if you are able to help in anyway. Even if it’s just once a term that would be very welcome.

PARENT NEWS

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

ROSTER (Term 1 - Week 1):
Wed 1 Feb: Steph LaGreca, Rachelle Woodland
Thurs 2 Feb: Sondra Hamill, Jaclyn Schoene
Fri 3 Feb: Kirsty Conlon, Virginia Marsh, Alana Janik

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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, girl's hats and some excursion bags are still available from the school office. Children will return to school in Term 4 in their summer uniform.

Thank you to our Sponsor

2017 Calendar

2017 Dates  Please note some dates may change so remember to check the weekly newsletter
January
30 Jan  Mon - Best Start Kinder 2017
31 Jan  Tues - Best Start Kinder
February
01 Feb  Wed - Thurs - Kinder Commence – morning tea for Kinder parents
03 Feb  Fri – Opening School Mass 10am
10 Feb  Fri – School closed SDD / MAI Assessments Yrs 1 – 6 & Best Start K
10 Feb  Fri – Yoga Yrs 1 – 3
13 Feb  Mon – School Closed SDD / MAI Assessments Yrs 1 - 6
15 Feb  Wed – 6.30pm Kinder Information Night
17 Feb  Fri – Yoga Yrs 2 & 3
21 Feb  Tues - 6.30pm Parent Ed in Literacy
24 Feb  Fri – Yoga Yrs 2 & 3
27 Feb  Mon – Robotics Yr 5 All day
28 Feb  Tues - Northern Beaches Swim Carnival
March
01 Mar  Wed - Ash Wednesday
02 Mar  Thurs - Yr 6 Leaders Day
03 Mar  Fri – Yoga Yrs 2 & 3
06 Mar  Mon – Robotics Yr 6 All day
09 Mar  Thurs - Broken Bay Swimming at Mingara
10 Mar  Fri – Gala Day clinics 9-11am
13 Mar  Mon – Cross Country
16 Mar  Thurs – 9.30am Open Morning
17 Mar  Fri – Gala Day clinics 9 – 11am
20 Mar  Mon – Start Smart Yrs 4 & 6
24 Mar  Fri – Yoga Yrs 2 & 3 and Gala Day clinics
28 Mar  Tues - Soccer Gala Day Yrs 3 & 4
30 Mar  Thurs - Soccer Gala Day Yrs 5 & 6
31 Mar  Fri – Yoga Yrs 2 & 3

April
05 Apr  Wed - SOPAC Swimming
07 Apr  Fri – Holy Week Liturgy Yr 5 & End Term 1
24 Apr Mon - SDD
26 Apr  Wed - Term 2 Commences for students & Easter Story Yr 6
28 Apr  Fri – Yoga Yrs 1 & 5

May
01 May  Mon - School Photos
03 May  Wed – Northern Beaches Cross Country – Rat Park
05 May  Fri – Robotics Yr 4.1 / Yoga Yrs 1 & 5 and Yoga Yrs 1 & 5
09 May  Tues – NAPLAN
10 May  Wed – NAPLAN
11 May  Thur – NAPLAN
12 May  Fri – Robotics Yr 4.2 & Mothers’ Day liturgy - Kinder
14 May  Sun - Mother’s Day
19 May  Fri – Robotics Yr 3.1 and Yoga Yrs 1 & 5
23 May  Tues – Broken Bay Cross Country
26 May  Fri – Robotics Yr 3.2 and Yoga Yrs 1 & 5
29 May  Mon - Kinder Robotics

June
02 Jun  Fri – Kinder Robotics and Yoga Yrs 1 & 5
05 Jun  Mon – Yr 1 Robotics
07 Jun  Wed – Yr 6 to Canberra
09 Jun  Fri – Yrs 6 return from Canberra
12 Jun  Mon – Public Holiday
13 Jun  Tues – ICAS Writing this week
14 Jun  Wed – ICAS Spelling
19 Jun  Mon – Yr 1 Robotics
27 Jun  Tues – Gala Day League & Eagle Tag Yrs 3 & 4
29 Jun  Thurs – Gala Day League & Eagle Tag Yrs 5 & 6
30 Jun  Fri – End Term 2

July
17 Jul  Mon – Term 3 commences
17 Jul  Mon – School Athletics Carnival at Narrabeen
21 Jul  Fri – Chess commences
24 Jul  Mon – 10am Grandparents liturgy
28 Jul  Fri – Yoga Yrs 4 & 6

August
01 Aug  Tues - ICAS English
04 Aug  Fri – Yoga Yrs 4 & 6
07 Aug  Mon – Robotics Yr 2.1
11 Aug  Fri – Robotics Yr 2.2 and Yoga Yrs 4 & 6
13 Aug  Tues – ICAS Maths
15 Aug  Tues – Feast of the Assumption Yr 4 10am
17 Aug  Thurs – Northern Beaches Athletics at Narrabeen
18 Aug  Fri – Yoga Yrs 4 & 6
25 Aug  Fri – St Augustine Feast Day Mass 10am
29 Aug  Tues – Broken Bay Athletics at Narrabeen

September
01 Sep  Fri – Fathers’ Day liturgy – Yr 1
03 Sep  Sun – Fathers’ Day
08 Sep  Fri – St Kieran’s Day Liturgy and Children’s Fair
15 Sep  Fri – Chess ends today and Yoga for Yrs 4 & 6
19 Sep  Tues – Gala Day Cricket/AFL /Netball Gala Day Yrs 3 & 4
21 Sep  Thurs - Gala Day Cricket/AFL /Netball Gala Day Yrs 5 & 6
22 Sep  Fri – Term 3 concludes

October
09 Oct  Mon – **Term 4 commences**
20 Oct  Fri – Yoga Yrs 4–6
27 Oct  Fri – Yoga Yrs 4-6
31 Oct  Tues – Scholastic Book Fair

**November**

01 Nov  Wed – Scholastic Book Fair
02 Nov  Thurs – Scholastic Book Fair
19 Nov  Sun – K 2018 & Yrs 5 Buddies Welcome

**December**

11 Dec  Mon – Yr 6 Celebration Evening
15 Dec  Fri – **End Term 4**