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LOOKING AHEAD

<u>May</u>		Wed 14	ICAS Spelling
Mon 29	Kinder Robotics	Fri 16	Gala Day clinics Yrs 3 – 6
Wed 31	9.30am School Tour	Mon 19	Yr 1 Robotics
	1-2-3 Magic Parent Ed Course 7pm		7pm P&F meeting – all welcome
<u>June</u>	•		Band performance Forest High
Thurs 1	Book Club orders now closed (am)	Wed 21	Stage 3 musical rehearsal
Fri 2	Kinder Robotics & Yoga Yrs 1 & 5		School Advisory Council meeting
	Vinnies Collection Yrs 3 & 6	Fri 23	Gala Day clinics Yrs 3 – 6
	Gala Day clinics	Tues 27	Gala Day Years 3 & 4
	2pm Assembly	Thurs 29	Gala Day Years 5 & 6
Mon 5	Yr 1 Robotics	Fri 30	Vinnies Collection (K & 1)
Tues 6	Mission Team to Nursing home		End Term 2
Wed 7	Yr 6 to Canberra	<u>July</u>	
Thurs 8	Yr 4 Excursion to Manly Dam	Mon 17	Term 3 commences
Fri 9	Yr 6 return / Gala Day clinics		School athletics carnival at Narrabeen
Tues 13	ICAS Writing this week	Tues 18	Mission Team to Nursing home

Dear Families

This week I have spent three days at the NSW Catholic principals' conference. The theme for the conference ties in closely with our teaching and learning focus at St Kieran's; how do we educate to new ways of thinking and why do we educate our students in the context of our Catholic faith. As a staff, we have been reflecting this year on quality teaching and making learning more "real" for our students. This involves areas such as *thinking* and *understanding*. As was discussed at the Numeracy parent night a few weeks ago, learning is no longer about rote memory but about developing a deeper understanding of concepts. I will share more of these concepts in the next *Learning Quarterly*.

This Saturday there are three ordinations taking place in our church. Deacons Francis, Percival and Saldie will all become ordained priests of the Order of St Augustine. Holy Orders is one of the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church and it is wonderful to see that there are still men being called to serve the Church in this very special ministry. Congratulations to all three on this very momentous occasion.

The bike survey is now closed. I will be collating the responses and liaising with the Catholic Schools Office on the next stage of the decision making process.

God bless

Michael Gallagher

Principal

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Sibling Enrolments 2018

Enrolments are now open for Kinder 2018. If you have a child starting next year please download Enrolment forms from the school website. All enrolments should be submitted by 31 May to be included in first round offers.

School Fees - May 2017

Please ensure you are up to date with your school fees. If you are paying by 3 standard instalments the 2nd instalment was due **5 May.** For those families paying by weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalments please ensure your account is up to date.

Should you be experiencing difficulties in meeting your fee commitments please contact the office to arrange a meeting with Michael Gallagher.

School fees can now be paid using the new Qkr app.

\star \star \star AWARDS \star \star

KC	Douglas S and David P	KH	Ian G, Kayla B and Ryan M
1L	Brooke B and Kieran H	1R	Darcy B and Nina F
2C	Nicholas H and Joshua P	2S	Thomas S and Daisy C
3B	Tim B, Sofia F and Tom K	3S	Ollie F and Isla D
4G	Isabelle L, Chloe S and Jaden K	4K	Jordan W and Charlie D
5H	Maxime G, Caitlin W, Sam Z and Zoe S	5R	Sarah K and Sam B
6	Thomas S and Sarah H	PE	Ruby T, Zoe M, Andi B and Olivia J
Italian	Ronan H, Illyra G, Lucas A, Sonny K and	Band	Jacob S and Daniel P
	William M		

SCHOOL NEWS

Commemoration Service

This morning, students of the Civics and Citizenship Team attended a commemoration service at the Defence of Sydney Monument on North Head. The service was held to mark the anniversary of the night war to came to Sydney.

It was during late May and early June 1942 that submarines belonging to the Imperial Japanese Navy made a series of attacks on Sydney from the harbour and this ceremony marks the 75th anniversary of that event.

Our students were invited to lay a wreath after the ceremony which was led by the Hon Tony Abbott MP. Air Chief Marshal Mark Binskin AC who is the current Chief of the Australian Defence Force was the guest speaker.

Our senior leaders conducted themselves commendably and the experience is one they will remember. A very special thank you must go to Kim Porter who collected the children from school and accompanied them to the ceremony.

Photos...

The students at the Defence of Sydney Monument The students with Hon Tony Abbott MP and Air Chief Marshal Mark Binskin AC Kye and Alannah preparing to lay the wreath







Broken Bay Cross Country

Congratulations to all students that represented St Kieran's at the Broken Bay Cross Country Carnival at Fagan Park on Tuesday of this week. The following students finished in the top 8 of their age groups and will now compete at Polding at Eastern Creek. A fantastic achievement, good luck!

Eve S Zanthe J Opal B Jaden W Phillipa Q

Band – Unused Instrument Donations

The School Band is always looking for donations of unused instruments that could be used by a new, young and eager musician waiting to learn. If you would like to "de-clutter" your home of an old instrument please email our band conductor, Surrey, at surreyhodges@gmail.com and/or phone number 0423 303 673.



Book Club: The current issue of Book Club (#4) closes next Thursday morning 1 June. No late orders will be accepted.

Band News

I would like to say thank you to the people who responded to our newsletter and email from last week and came on time to band this week. It was great to be able to start setting up on time. Hopefully we will have everybody on time next week so we are able to start promptly.

This week we have decided which two pieces Senior Band will be performing at the Forest High festival on 19 June. They are 'Grease' and 'Swinging Saxes'. Please make sure you are practicing them so we can enjoy playing them on the night.

Junior Band are working hard on their two pieces that they will be performing at the same performance - 'Let's Rock' and 'Power Rock'.

I am really looking forward to this performance, I hope you are all too.

Miss Hodges, Band conductor

Religious Education

Year 3 students report that they are busy both inside and at home preparing for their First Holy Communion. We extend our appreciation to parents and group leaders for deepening their children faith through word and example.





WOW! What a wonderful celebration. A huge THANK YOU to all involved in the Year 6 Mass last Sunday evening. From beginning to end the student participation was evident, vibrant and alive. Ben Marshall reports that it was our best ever Family Mass and that's saying something. Our sincere gratitude is offered to Fr Dave Austin for presiding at Mass and joining parents and children at hospitality after Mass. Once again a huge thank you to Ben Marshall and the Parish Youth Band for leading Music Ministry. There

certainly are some outstanding musicians there. Thank you to Year 6 parents who provided a rich and varied supper for all to enjoy. To Year 6 teachers and students, thank you also for your preparation and reverence.

The Easter Season is still upon us

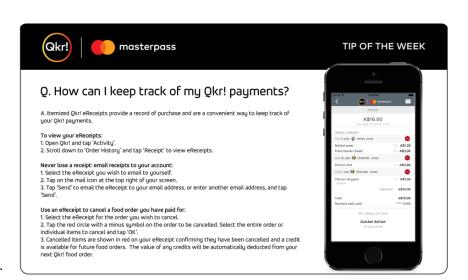
The Easter Season begins on Easter Day and lasts 50 days, ending on Pentecost. Thus in 2017 it begins on 16 April 2017 and ends on 4 June 2017. The decorations of the church are white, gold, or white and gold. Some of the beautiful readings in the Gospels occur during the Easter season. I encourage you to take some time to read one each day. They can be accessed at: http://www.kencollins.com/lectionary/easter/default.php

Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar, Religious Education Coordinator

<u>Caritas – Project Compassion</u>: Could all Project Compassion boxes please be returned to school.

Qkr!

St Kieran's is now using Qkr! (by MasterCard) as an easy to use, secure phone app for making payments (school, canteen Caritas etc) from your mobile phone. Qkr accepts payment using ANY credit/debit card (except American Express) and has a simple checkout function. No information is stored on the mobile phone. We encourage all credit card payments to be completed through Qkr particularly for school fees or other special events. Instructions for download can be found on the school website.



PARENT NEWS

Canteen

Volunteers needed for:

- ❖ Wednesday 8 June, and 5 October 2017: 9.00am to 1.50pm?
- ❖ Wednesday 16 August: 9.00am to 11.15am?
- Thursdays 29 June, and 24 August 2017: 9.00am to 1.50pm?

Please text Jo Nesbitt if you are able to help out, on 0410 629 135.

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 2 - Week 6):

Wednesday 31 May: Nicole Wall, Charmaine Skea

Thursday 1 June: Peter King, Lynne Reeves, Len Sim **Friday 2 June:** Susan Nicols, Deb Barton, Diana Russo-James

- · 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 or text 0410 629 135.

Update: ENTERTAINMENT [™] Fundraiser

A big thanks to everyone who has supported the Entertainment fundraiser this year! We've almost received all the books and payments back from our school families but if you haven't paid for yours yet, then please do so ASAP as they were due for payment as of 25 May 2017. Alternatively please return your unsold book to the office. If you ordered the Digital Membership please return the book ASAP. All books MUST be returned in the original envelope provided. I have received 2 books that were just returned on their own without any identification. If you remember doing this, please contact Susan at slnicols@hotmail.com so that your name can be marked off the list. You can pay online at: http://www.entbook.com.au/2001d10.

Dads' Curry Night

The next *Curry Night* is planned for Friday 23 June at <u>7.30pm</u> at Dehli Darbar, Allambie Shops, Allambie. This is a week before the end of Term 2, and hopefully gives you guys enough time to negotiate and get the date marked up on the fridge. Click here for information on the restaurant -

https://www.zomato.com/sydney/delhi-darbar-indian-restaurant-brookvale

Howard Giles, howardgiles100@.hotmail.com

<u>St Kieran's Umbrellas:</u> will be sold near the canteen over the next two weeks for an absolute BARGAIN, only \$10 for a large strong umbrella.

Uniform: To order please go to the Pickles <u>website</u>.

Running for Liam

Dear friends and families.

I would like to thank everyone for the amazing support I received before running the SMH Half Marathon last Sunday. Finishing the race was a dream come true. And to be able to spread awareness of Liam's Friends worthy cause in the process made it all the more special! I completed the 21.1 kilometres in two and a half hours (and it felt amazing!). Thank you to all the awesome people that supported us!

Karen (mum from Yr 6 and Yr 4)

PARISH NEWS

Sacramental Program Reminders

First Communion

Parents are reminded of **Practice Sessions** to be held on:

- Tues 30 May at 4.00pm and 7.00pm in St Cecilia's Church OR
- Wed 31 May at 4.00pm and 7.00pm in St Kieran's Church

Parents are requested to check that their child's photo card is on display in the church their child will be making their First Communion.

Confirmation

- Enrolment for Confirmation on Tuesday 6 June between 9.00am and 10.00am or 6.00pm and 7.00pm in the Parish Centre (will take approximately 10 mins). All documentation including Registration Form to be handed in. Any parents or older sibling who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation are also welcome to enrol in the program.
- Confirmation Parent Information Meeting on either Tuesday 27 June at 9.30am or Wednesday 28 June at 7.00pm in St Kieran's Church.

Enrolment packs can be collected from both churches or downloaded from the parish website at www.northharbourcatholic.org.au Please call Janette on 0408 866 521 for further information.

Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister

COMMUNITY NEWS

- From Northern Beaches Council: Human Powered Disco for World Environment Day and Skate Tour click here.
- <u>Brightsparks</u> Holiday Workshops available for children's singing and acting. Click <u>here</u>.
- St Paul's College Yr 7 2018: A reminder to all Year 7 2018 parents who have enrolled their son at St Paul's Catholic College Manly that the "Come and Meet the Principal and Senior Leadership Team" event is being held in

The Waterford Hall at the College on Wednesday 14 June 2017, commencing at 6:30pm. Please ensure you RSVP to the Enrolment Registrar at louise.raffo@dbb.catholic.edu.au by 7 June 2017.

