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LOOKING AHEAD

<u>June</u>		Fri 28	Yoga Yrs 4 & 6
Mon 26	Wrapper Free Monday Yrs 4, 5, 6		Vinnies Collection Yrs 2 & 3
Tues 27	Gala Day Years 3 & 4		2pm Assembly (K)
	Yr 6 Kokoda Excursion		6-9pm Stage 3 Winter Sleep out
Wed 28	Stage 3 Musical rehearsal	<u>August</u>	
Thurs 29	Gala Day Years 5 & 6	Tues 1	ICAS English
Fri 30	Vinnies Collection (K & 1) / End Term 2		Kids at Sea Musical dress rehearsal
<u>July</u>		Wed 2	11am Kids at Sea Matinee performance
Mon 17	Term 3 commences		for students & 6.30pm for school
	School Athletics Carnival at Narrabeen		community
Tues 18	Mission Team to Nursing home	Fri 4	Yoga Yrs 4 & 6
Wed 19	Kids at Sea Musical dress rehearsal	Mon 7	2C Robotics
Fri 21	Chess commences	Fri 11	2S Robotics
Mon 24	10am Grandparents Liturgy		Yoga Yrs 4 & 6
Wed 26	Kids at Sea Musical rehearsal		Yr 3 Excursion

Dear Families

Early this morning the Senate passed the amendment to the Australian Education Act, known as Gonski 2.0, allowing the Federal Government's changes to school funding to be rolled out over the next 6-10 years. The impact on low feepaying Catholic schools will not be fully known for some time, but after many deals brokered between the government and the various parties and independents, a range of concessions for the Catholic Sector have been negotiated, meaning that the impact of the amendment may not be as significant as first predicted.

Peter Hamill, Director of Schools in Broken Bay, has advised that over the weekend, the new Act will be examined very closely then he will be writing to parents on Monday. I will endeavour to keep you updated of any further developments that take place over the coming days. Although there may be further negotiations between the Catholic Sector and the Federal Government, I thank our parent community for your support during this challenging time. I suggest that if you have any concerns, questions or doubts about the future of Catholic education, that you make an appointment to speak with me.

In the time leading up to the passing of this bill, I have been reflecting on the significance of Catholic schools, both at present and into the future. Catholic schools offer a rigorous academic education, like many of the schools in the public sector; but we also offer something else! That something may be Gospel values, faith education or a Sacramental community, but whatever we call it, I invite you to reflect on your own commitment to Catholic education and your own faith.

Yesterday I received a phone call from the principal of St Augustine's College, Mr Jonathon Bryne, regarding the enrolment of St Kieran's boys into the school. Again I received an assurance that any boy from our school that is accepted into the College in Year 5 will be guaranteed a place in Year 7, meaning that the option of completing the primary years as a leader at St Kieran's will be available to the boys and their parents.

As the term draws to an end, illness and tiredness are creeping up on our children. This week there has been a significant increase in lateness to school. Can I ask that you ensure that children arrive at school on time so that there is minimum disruption to classes and that children are not missing out on quality teaching time.

Reports will be emailed today. I encourage you to spend time sharing and celebrating your child's efforts and achievements for the first half of the year. In preparation for the second semester, discuss the suggested areas of focus for your child and encourage them to work hard when they return in Term 3.

I look forward to celebrating with the First Eucharist students at the Year 3 Family Mass this Sunday.

God bless

Michael Gallagher

Principal

\star \star \star AWARDS \star \star

KC	Felicity B and Annabel N	KH	Miles R and Olivia J
1L	Sasha C and Daniel M	1R	Sam M and Ruben S
2C	Thomas C and Jackson G	2S	Dylan J, Oliver O and Joel M
3B	Makayla T and Oskar P	3S	Joshua A and Gemma B
4G	Alexander F, Blake U and Daniela D	4K	Phoenix B and Mia B
5H	All of 5H	5R	All of 5R
6	Lachlan I and Natasha V	PE	
Italian	Jack H. Ruby T. Isla D and Lily Q	Band	Eve S and Catherine B

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Car Park Volunteer required

Are you available to assist with the car park traffic volunteer roster on a Monday?

You will get the opportunity to wear one of three coloured floor vests, full 'on the job' training will be given if required 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.

Kinder 2018

Letters of offer for 2018 Kinder will be sent home early next week.

School Fees

There are a number of families who have fallen behind with their instalment schedule. Reminder notes have been sent home and fee statements get emailed each month. The Catholic Schools office requests that fees be paid on time.

SCHOOL NEWS

Religious Education

Year 3 will celebrate their First Holy Communion with a Year 3 Family Mass this weekend. All families from our school community are invited to celebrate with Year 3 at a "Come to the Table" Mass this Sunday at 9.30am at St Kieran's Church.



Save the Date: Grandparents Morning

On behalf of all the students of St Kieran's, Year 2 and I would like to invite Grandparents to our Grandparents Day on Monday 24 July. We will commence with a school liturgy at 10.00am followed by morning tea in the hall. We request all parents attending to bring a small plate of morning tea to share.

Parents are encouraged to e-mail (familiesskmv@dbb.catholic.edu.au) photos of students and their grandparents, or significant older person, to the school to be used in a PowerPoint presentation at the liturgy. Please do not use this email address for any other purpose.

Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar, Religious Education Coordinator

Kids At Sea Musical

- Date: Wednesday 2 August 6.30pm
- Where: Parish Centre
- Costume List: Costume requirements. A reminder that all costumes are due next Wednesday 28 June
- **Information** and **Invitation**: If you can volunteer in any capacity please complete the return slip at the bottom of the invitation and return to the school office.



From the Band Captains

Every season, NSSWE (Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble) holds an amazing and highly engaging

performance where some local schools go to perform in a non-competitive environment. This week, Junior Band and Senior Band were lucky enough to be a part of this event. Our performance at Forest High was a successful night for both our school bands and all of the children were extremely excited to play and observe the other local bands. Also, this was

Junior Band's first ever performance and we are so proud of their great efforts! They sounded amazing.

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Despite both Junior and Senior Bands being quite small, we had amazing feedback from all different schools and our conductor Surrey Hodges was immensely proud of us all and

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Jessica W and Isabella K. St Kieran's Band Captains



Years 4, 5 & 6 are asked please help the Earth a little bit and reduce the wrappers that are in the school bin and end up in landfill. We are doing this to co-operate in renewing God's gracious gift of creation. If you would like to help, please do not bring wrappers on Monday Week 10. The class with the least wrappers will win a prize. Count your wrappers and let us know on Monday! Thank you!

Jasmine K and Emily N (5R).

PARENT NEWS

Canteen

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 2 - Week 10):

Wednesday 28 June: Eleanor Hill (M), Jenni Scofield (M), Carla Guinee (A), Laura Trew (A)

Thursday 29 June: Jennifer Lee, Rebecca Mirabito Friday 30 June: Angelia Sokolow, Sania Saady, Ali Holie

- · 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.

<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 website.

Qkr! Tips

Last week Qkr launched a lot of new and improved functionality within Qkr. Any queries on new functionality can often be answered by signing up for Qkr's online forum (https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/qkrforum). Instructions for download can be found on the school website .



PARISH NEWS

Sacramental Program

First Communion

Thank you to all who helped make the celebration of First Communion such a wonderful parish event: Parents and grandparents and the children who participated so enthusiastically in the program; Group Facilitators and Co-Facilitators who facilitated the Family Group Sessions; Family Mass Coordinators at St Cecilia's and St Kieran's who provided practical and helpful support; Hospitality Coordinators, Music and Liturgical Ministries at all the masses; Parish and School staff for their support and to the parish community for their prayers.

Many thanks to all the families who participated in the First Communion program for the Hampers they have donated to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Changes to the Confirmation Program Guidelines

Bishop Peter has introduced changes to The Sponsor and Confirmation Name guidelines which parent's will need to be aware of in order to accompany and advise their children. These changes will be outlined next week at the <u>Confirmation Parents Information Meeting on Tues 27 June at 9.30am OR Wed 28 June at 7.00pm in SK Church</u>. A Group Facilitator meeting will be held immediately after the parent meeting at 10.30am on Tues 27 June OR 8.00pm on Wed 28 June in SK Church.

Please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au if you need further information.

Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister

COMMUNITY NEWS