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# LOOKING AHEAD

<mark>July</mark> Mon 24 Tues 25	10am Grandparents Liturgy School Advisory Council meeting	Fri 11	2S Robotics Yoga Yrs 4 & 6 Yr 3 Excursion to West Head
Wed 26	Kids at Sea Musical rehearsal	Tues 15	10am Feast of the Assumption Mass
Thurs 27	Book Club orders close this morning		ICAS Maths
Fri 28	Yoga Yrs 4 & 6	Thurs 17	Northern Beaches Athletics – Narrabeen
	Vinnies Collection Yrs 2 & 3	Fri 18	Yoga Yrs 4 & 6
	2pm Assembly (K)		Kindy Taronga Zoo excursion
	6-9pm Stage 3 Winter Sleep out	Mon 21	Book Week
<u>August</u>		Fri 25	10am St Augustine Feast Day Mass
Tues 1	ICAS English		Vinnies Collection Yrs 4 & 5
	Kids at Sea <u>Musical</u> dress rehearsal		2pm Assembly
Wed 2	11am Kids at Sea Matinee performance	Tues 29	Broken Bay Athletics Narrabeen
	for students & 6.30pm for school	September	
	community	Fri 1	8.45am Fathers' Day liturgy
Fri 4	Yoga Yrs 4 & 6	Fri 8	10am St Kieran's Day liturgy
Mon 7	2C Robotics		11.30am St Kieran's Day Fair

# **Dear Families**

I hope you had the opportunity to spend some quality time together as a family during the break either travelling or "hibernating" during the winter holiday. After all, winter is here!

The school Athletics Carnival on the first day back meant that we hit the term running! Thank you to all the parents who made the day possible by volunteering their time and skills to ensure the children had every opportunity to do their best in their events. A very special thank you to Miss Eliza Scott-Fell for her excellent organisation and management in ensuring the day was a great success.



Sometime over the next few days, the Catholic Schools Office will be releasing the cost of school fees for 2018. The outcome of the *Amendment to the Australian Education Act* (2017) means that there won't be any immediate impact on fees and that any future impact should be much less than first anticipated. As I wrote in the final newsletter of Term 2: *"If you have doubts about your family's future here at St Kieran's, or questions regarding school fees now or for the future, please make an appointment to speak with me".* 

Finally, I am aware of ongoing concerns with regards to the carpark pick-up. There are guidelines and procedures to ensure the safety of everybody, especially the students. I do ask that every parent adheres to these. One aspect of pick-up that concerns me is children accessing the car boot to put in their school bags. The potential for children to be pinned or crushed by a car behind is very real and potentially fatal. I do ask parents to get their children to do so from within the car.

I look forward to our Grandparents Liturgy on Monday morning and meeting many of our grandparents afterwards.

God bless

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Michael Gallagher Principal

# $\star \star \star \text{AWARDS} \star \star \star$

KC	Asher K and Leonardo F	KH	Alasseia S-S and Jonathan M
1L	Jake B and Charlotte H	1R	Zack T and Ella M
2C	Kiera L and Philippa Q	2S	Oscar P, Oliver O and Belinda M
3B	Sofia F and Regan Y	3S	Isaac C and Lachlan D
4G	Mitchell A and Oliver P	4K	Eve S and Jai D
5H	Saskia B and Jas K	5R	Chloe W and Xavier W
6	Zack A and Milla A	PE	Olivia R
Italian	Eve S, Zoe R, Cole I, Jada S and Grace P	Band	

# FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

## Change of Personal Details

If you have recently changed your phone number, work number or address could you please advise the school via email to <a href="mailto:skmv@dbb.catholic.edu.au">skmv@dbb.catholic.edu.au</a>.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## **Athletics Carnival**



What a great way to start Term 3! We were blessed with perfect weather and eager students! We ran all the track events and also Long Jump, High Jump and Shot Put with Discus being completed this morning at school.



Thank you to all of the parents who were able to help on the day. Your assistance is greatly appreciated and without your help, these days are not possible!

We will be holding a Ribbon Assembly on Friday 28 July at 8.45am. The overall 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place recipients for track and fields will be awarded, along with the age champions, record breakers and overall Colour House winner.

## Kids At Sea Musical Costumes

- Date: Wednesday 2 August 6.30pm
- Where: Parish Centre
- Costume List: costume note. 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.



## **Band News- for Students and Parents**

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely holiday break and feel refreshed to getting back to business for Term 3.

It's very exciting as we already have one performance lined up on Saturday 9 September for the NSSWE Spring Festival, time TBC.

Senior Band had a great first rehearsal, really focused and enjoying learning their Harry Potter medley. Please ensure that they practise this piece, especially the end, and look at pink panther for next week's rehearsal as we will be performing these pieces this term.

Junior Band was excited to be working on the two new pieces they received at the end of last term called Zap and Frenzy. Again please ensure that they practice these pieces as they will be performing them this term.

So excited for this term and what is in store for all these wonderful musicians. *Miss Hodges, Band conductor* 

**Book Club:** the current issue of Book Club closes Thursday morning 27 July. No late orders will be accepted.

## <u>Chess</u>

Chess classes run by the Sydney Academy of Chess commenced at St Kieran's today and continue to 15 September. Enrolment is online. Please click <u>here</u> for the enrolment form.

# **Religious Education**

## SAVE THE DATE: GRANDPARENTS MORNING

On behalf of all the students of St Kieran's Year 2 would like to invite Grandparents to our Grandparents Day on **Monday 24 July**. We will commence with a school liturgy at 10.00am in the Church. Grandparents are then invited to the school to read a story with their Grandchildren.





Morning tea will then be served in the hall. We request all parent attending to bring a small plate of morning tea to share.

Thank you to the Year 2 parents for organising the morning tea and a special thank you to Year 2 students and teachers for preparing the Liturgy.

### The Sacrament of Confirmation

Catholicism is essentially a Religion of ritual signs and symbols through which we come in touch with the divine and spiritual. There are seven ritual signs called the Sacraments.

The Sacraments which introduce the new Christian to the Church include the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. At our Baptism our godparents and parents speak for us. At our Confirmation we are deemed old enough to speak for ourselves.

At all Parish Masses this weekend children who are about to commence preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be welcomed into our Parish community.

#### Dates for Term 3

Week 2	Monday 24 July	10.00am	Grandparent's Liturgy Yr 2
	Sunday 30	9.30am	Year 1 Family Mass
Week 5	Tuesday 15 Aug	TBC	Feast of the Assumption Yr 4
	Sunday 20	9.30am	Kindergarten Family Mass
Week 6	Friday 25	11.30am	St Augustine Feast Day
Week 7	Friday 1 Sept	8.45am	Father's Day Liturgy Yr 1
Week 8	Friday 8	10.00am	St Kieran's Day Liturgy Yr3

Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar, Religious Education Coordinator

#### **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/#!for um/qkrforum).

Instructions for download can be found on the school website .



#### Walking the Way

Walking the Way is a school-based initiative in the Catholic Diocese of Broken

Bay, designed to encourage parents in their sacred task of accompanying

their children on their journey with God. There are four elements: Book & video / E-Bulletin / Parent gatherings / Annual retreat. Click here to view 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year A - <u>http://wgm8.r.a.d.sendibm1.com/3cqltnjh3nnf.html</u>

#### Soccer

Some students from Yr 1 play in a local soccer team and recently won a competition to march out at the ANZ stadium when Arsenal played Sydney FC. This was a great experience for the children and was enjoyed by all.



# PARENT NEWS

## **Canteen**

NEW to the Recess menu: Baker's Delight Raisin Toast @ \$0.40 per slice.

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 3 - Week 2): Wednesday 26 July: Juliette Cronin, Julie Russo

# Thursday 27 July: Alyson Perry, Kathy Sir, Shahn Schwarz Friday 28 July: Natasha Gennusa, Peita Daly, Niamh Collins

- 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.

St Kieran's Umbrellas: 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.

# PARISH NEWS

#### Sacramental Program News

Parents are reminded of the Confirmation Rite of Welcome/Presentation Mass this weekend. Families can attend any of the parish masses. 190 children have been registered for the Sacrament of Confirmation and the children and their parents will begin their Family Group Sessions in coming weeks. The children will commence their preparation with a Rite of Welcome/Presentation at all masses this weekend.

## Camino Starkey

Some school families will remember Moira Starkey who was a teacher for many years at St Kieran's. Moira and Bob Starkey are on a mission to raise \$20,000 for St Lucy's Special School, attended by their grandson Oliver.

They are going to walk the 804k Camino de Santiago, and all are invited to please 'Like' their Facebook page and follow their journey - search 'CaminoStarkey' or <u>www.facebook.com/CaminoStarkey-253633585040376/</u> All donations will be gratefully received on <u>https://caminostarkey.everydayhero.com/au/bob-and-moira</u>

## 2017 Broken Bay Institute – eConference

#### 'Gospel Leadership in Times of Chaos: the Hope of Pope Francis'

At this year's eConference, prominent international and national speakers and panellists will reflect upon these turbulent times and discuss them in the context of Pope Francis' unique style of leadership. Video input and small group discussion.

- Thursday 10 August 2017 from 10:15am for 10:30am start 3:00pm
- Parish Centre
- Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea provided
- Please RSVP (for catering purposes) to the parish office. Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister

## COMMUNITY NEWS

# A Message from Northern Beaches Council

## **Road Safety Education - Bus Safety**

In NSW there are thousands of buses that travel every day transporting students to and from school. Due to their size and mass, buses take more time to stop. Crashes involving buses often result in more severe outcomes for other road users.

The **Centre for Road Safety** is committed to improving safety around buses and is implementing a tactical school bus safety campaign. This is a reminder for parents and carers that they always need to supervise their children and hold their hand when walking to and from the bus stop or interchange and when crossing the road. In addition, parents should not call their children across the road as it could lead to dire consequences.

The law states that a speed of 40km/h applies if passing a bus when the front and rear lights are flashing as the bus is picking up and setting down school children. Please slow down to 40km/h when bus lights are flashing. This is for the safety of all students.

If you want more information on this campaign please visit the Centre for Road Safety link: <u>http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/be-bus-aware/index.html</u> Slow down to 40 when bus lights flash

- Basketball Potter League: Information and entry form here
- **GO4FUN Program:** consists of 10 sessions, delivered once a week for 2 hours. Suitable for children aged 7 to 13 years who are above a healthy weight. A parent or carer must be available to attend each session. All free. Registration



- <u>BeHAPPY Kids Yoga</u>: St Kieran's students have been taking part in yoga classes this year. BeHappy Yoga classes are available locally in Brookvale. For further information click <u>here</u> or go to their website <u>https://www.behappyyoga.com.au/</u>
- <u>Manly Seasiders Baseball:</u> for Tee Ball, Zooka and Live Ball. Registration and information <u>here</u>.

# St Kieran's Carpark Guidelines

Please ensure that you share these with any friends/family that may drop off or pick up your children.



**C** – Can you please ensure that you drive right down to the very **end** of the wall where we drop off/pick up the children. Even if there is no one

behind you, please go the very end to ensure that we maximize this space. Please **indicate** which **direction** you then intend to depart the car park from by indicating Right to King St and Left to Condamine St.

A - Accept that anyone who parks in the Parish Car Park at pick up time during 'drive through' should wait until all cars have cleared from the queue. Letting people out of the car spaces slows down the queue considerably. We ask you to follow these guidelines to ensure that we can clear cars off King St as quickly as possible.

**R** - Raise your name signs so that the teachers can see your name clearly. This then enables them to call the children to the pick-up line quicker. Teachers cannot identify parents through tinted windscreens. Teachers cannot read handwritten signs at a distance. The office will organise a new sign if required.

**P** - Please always stay in your car during drop off and pick up times. If your child/children are not able to leave you in a 'kiss and drop' situation, please walk them in.

A – Avoid the rush! Remember that you can pick up your children up to 3.10pm. Take some extra time and you'll have a smoother pick up. Are you driving down to end of the wall – where the stop sign is?

**R-Respect** all other drivers at all times and make sure that we aren't parking over our **neighbour's** driveways in Gordon and King St. It is best practice for the safety of all children not to pull into driveways in Gordon St to turn around. Please drive to the top of the cul de sac to turn around.

K – Know that doing these very simple steps will help make it work more efficiently.