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LOOKING AHEAD

February

Mon 11	9am Class Parent Meeting
Tues 12	6pm Kinder Parent Information evening
Fri 15	Staff Development Day – Pupil free
Sun 17	Yr 2 Family Mass
Mon 18	Yr 6 Robotics
Tues 19	7pm Stage 3 Information Night in the Hub
Fri 22	School Banking commences Yoga 1L, 1S, 2HR, 2L
Mon 25	Yr 5 Robotics
Tues 26	Yr 3 Boys to St Paul's College
Thurs 28	Northern Beaches Swim Carnival
<u>March</u>	
Fri 1	School Clean-up day

Mon 4	Catholic Schools Week commences 7pm P&F meeting in the Hub
Wed 6	Ash Wednesday Mass 10am
Thurs 7	Cross Country
Fri 8	9am Stages 2 & 3 Soccer Yoga Yrs 1 & 2 2pm Assembly – Yr 3
Sat 9	7.30pm P&F Welcome Drinks at Wakehurst
Fri 15	Soccer – Stages 2 & 3 Yoga Yrs 1 & 2 Dads' Curry Night
<u>April</u>	
Wed 3	Open Day 9.15am – 11am and 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Dear Families


This morning we celebrated the Beginning of School Year Mass with Fr Dave Austin, our new parish priest. He blessed us for our year ahead and commissioned our Year 6 Leaders in their various roles. We especially remembered Mrs Terri Paterson, thanking her for her many years of leadership at St Kieran's. Fr Dave reminded us that each of us has been given a name at birth, but Christ knew our name before we were born and loves us no matter what happens. Fr Dave also congratulated the students for their reverent participation in today's Eucharistic celebration.

Last year we conducted a survey on how we can best communicate with our community and the newsletter was voted the number one form of communication. While we always endeavour to communicate as clearly, accurately and regularly as we can, we ask that you read the newsletter weekly so that you do not miss important information contained in it. This year we are investigating new ways of sharing information succinctly. **Compass** will take the place of many communication channels so it is vital that you have downloaded the app or accessed website. Contact the school office if you have not received the information in an email.

I would like to remind families about road safety around the school and in the school car park. **The safety of our students is paramount and every one of us has a responsibility to ensure they are safe.** If you use Gordon Street, park your car when dropping off or picking up children; do not pull into driveways or double-park. Small children cannot be seen behind cars and are at risk of being hit by reversing cars. To run smoothly, car park requires following some simple rules. These were emailed home recently.

Mathematical Assessment Interviews (MAI) will be conducted on Friday 15 March. **Contact the school office if you require supervision for your child as the day is a pupil free day.** There are two more pupil free days during the year that you will be notified of once they have been confirmed.

Welcome to the Taylor family (Year 1) who joined our school community this week. Congratulations to Lachlan Hendricks who is representing our school and Diocese in tennis at the Polding Trials being held in Lismore today.

God bless

Michael Gallagher
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Learning Support at St Kieran's

Our Learning Support Program is a multi-layered program designed to meet the needs of specific students as well as providing collaborative support in terms of the teaching and learning class programs.



Children who are identified as having a learning disability receive regular, ongoing 1:1 or small group support from myself as the Learning Support Teacher. Children, who are identified by their teacher as requiring support or extension in their learning, can be assisted in a variety of ways. They could receive 1:1 or small group support from the Teacher's Aide/Learning Support Assistant (Kerrie Powell) or the Learning Support Teacher (Marisa Bombardieri).

Once the class teacher has discussed this with the Learning Support Teacher and the Principal, a program is written (Learning Plan) outlining the particular focus for that child and how long the intervention will last. This intervention can last from one term to more if required. The Learning Plans teachers write usually support the children in areas of Literacy or Numeracy.

At times, however, children will require specific support in areas such as **Occupational Therapy** or **Speech Therapy**. These areas are quite specialised and have, in recent years become a more regular avenue of therapy for primary aged school children. Teachers may suggest that (Speech or Occupational) therapy could be beneficial for your child. If this is the case, then an initial assessment by the therapist would ascertain whether therapy would be effective. Parents often aren't familiar with the assistance Speech and Occupational therapy can offer and so the following is an outline of exactly what these specialised areas are about.

To read more please click [here](#).

Have a lovely weekend.

Marisa Bombardieri

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KH	Ava B and Joshua M	KS	Ruby H
1L	Allegra C, Jayden K, Leon A & Christian G	1S	Saskia C and Jack H
2HR	Mila C, Scarlett M, Ian G and Jonathan M	2L	Marlon W and Maya H
3C	Ava W, Kieran H, Blake L and Nina F, Kurtis S	3V	Aurelia S, Eli W, Jake B and Sophie O
4G	Abbey M and Jackson G, Mya B, Baxter E and Liam K	4K	All of 4K
5K	Tim B and Nick W	Yr 5/6A	Jai D and Amy S
Yr 6	Jordan W and Isabel S	PE	

SCHOOL NEWS

Have You Used the New Compass Parent Portal Yet?

By now, all parents should have received an email with information about our new Parent Portal and App, including login details. The new system, Compass, will enable you to access information online about your child/ren, anytime, anywhere, from any modern web-enabled device.

If you would like to receive Compass notifications on your mobile device, please remember to enable this functionality. Simply press the Allow button when prompted during the installation of the Compass School Manager app.

If you have not logged into Compass yet, please give it a try, check that your contact details are current, and update if necessary. This will ensure we can communicate effectively with you.

Please let the school office know if you have not received an email, or have any questions.

Staff 2019

Principal	Michael Gallagher	6U	Christina Uccchino
Asst Principal & Learning Support	Marisa Bombardieri	PE	Narelle Leathem
KH	Jane Hocking	Library	Liz McGuire
KS	Karen Sullivan	Italian	Fabiola Pellegrino
1L	Michelle Leydon	Creative Arts	Jordan Waller
1S	Peta Sutherland	Co-ord Release	Vanessa Clifford
2HR	Karen Hughes & Wendy Rose	Teacher Aide	Kerrie Powell
2L	Nick Labone	Admin Officer	Julia Postle
3C	Emily Channell	Admin Assist	Bev Butler
3V	Cassie Vavouris	Volunteer	Kevin Malone
4G	Geraldine Watson	Extraordinaire	
4K & REC	Kerrie Wetzlar	Canteen	Jo Nesbitt
5K	Jedda Kassis	Band	Surrey Hodges
5/6A	Cara Appleton	Drama	Steph Waites
		Parish Priest	Fr Dave Austin

Northern Beaches Cluster Swimming Carnival

Permission notes were sent home with the students selected to compete in the Northern Beaches Cluster Swimming Carnival this week. The carnival will take place at Warringah Aquatic Centre on Thursday 28 February. Please ensure these notes are returned to school by **Monday 11 February** so that the entries can be compiled and entered for the carnival.

St Kieran's Cross Country Competition

The St Kieran's Cross Country Competition (for students aged 8 and older) will take place on Thursday 7 March at Millers Reserve.

This is not a compulsory competition.

A Google Form will be sent home on Monday 11 February with more information. If your child would like to participate in this event, please complete the form by Monday 25 February.

2019 Stage 3 Musical - "Pantastic"

Preparations are well underway for our 2019 Stage 3 Musical that will take place in Term 3. Our performance this year will be "Pantastic" (*By Tom Kirkham and Matthew Crossey*) which is a take on the classic book "Peter Pan" by J.M. Barrie.

The children in Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) will once again star as actors, singers and dancers in the performances. The children in Song Club will provide vocal accompaniment.

This week, Years 5 and 6 children have been provided with a copy of the script. Any Stage 3 child who is interested in auditioning for a part in the musical, are asked to prepare a brief excerpt from the script (no more than a minute) and a song of their choice for auditions. The audition schedule is below:

- Week 3 Tuesday – Year 6 Girls
 Wednesday – Year 6 Boys
- Week 4 Tuesday – Year 5 Girls
 Wednesday – Year 5 Boys

The performance will be on Wednesday 14 August (Term 3 Week 4). As in previous years there will be a matinee and an evening performance. Performance times will be confirmed at a later date.

We look forward to uncovering some amazing actors, singers and dancers in Stage 3 over the coming weeks.
Emily Channell and Jordan Waller

MAI Assessments 15 February

Thank you to all those parents who booked online for their child's MAI Assessment on February 15. As anticipated, the bookings have now been filled. Those children who did not book in for the assessment on February 15 will have their assessment during weeks four or five of this term at a time to be organised by the class teacher. There is no need for parents to book an appointment online for this.

Book Club

Book Club catalogues were sent home today. Orders are to be placed online only by Friday 15 February. No late orders will be accepted.

Library News

Welcome back for another exciting year in the library!

Please take note of the day your child is able to borrow books as they **must** have a library bag.

Parent Help – I always need help for shelving and covering books. If you would like to continue, or to start helping in any way in the library, please fill in the form towards the end of this newsletter. If you have not contacted or covered books before or would like a refresher, I will hold a very quick session straight after school at a convenient time. We will send home about a dozen books for covering once or twice a term at most. If you wish to help shelve books you can choose to come in the morning or afternoon – whichever is more suitable.
Many thanks and happy reading
Liz McGuire

The poster for St Kieran's Catholic School Open Day features a blue shield logo with a cross and the text 'St Kieran's Manly Vale TO LEARN AND TO LOVE'. A photograph of two young boys in school uniforms smiling is positioned to the right of the logo. The text 'ST KIERAN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL' is in a green banner. Below this, 'OPEN DAY' is in large blue letters, followed by 'WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL 2019' in white. To the right, 'ENROL NOW FOR 2020' is in blue. The bottom section is dark blue with white text for event times: 'Open Morning 9.15am - 11am Principal's address 10am' and 'Twilight tour 6.30pm - 7.30pm'. It also includes the school's mission statement, contact information, and the website 'skmvdabb.catholic.edu.au'.

School Banking

School Banking packs were sent home today. Banking will commence Friday 22 February.

PARENT NEWS

From the P&F

We hope you've all had a wonderful week. Invitations will be distributed next week for our **Welcome Drinks** which will be held on 9 March. Book your babysitters in early!

A new P&F board will be created on Monday outside KH. We will update it regularly but next week you'll be able to see our new proposed playground as well as upcoming events. Be sure to check it out! Any suggestions or questions? Just shoot us an email at: Stkierans.pf@gmail.com

No more Canteen IOU's

Due to the large amount of money outstanding to the canteen, there will be no more IOU's offered. All lunch and recess orders must be placed via QKR prior to 8.30am. Remember you can place your order up to 2 weeks in advance.

If you miss the cut off time please deliver lunch to your child or visit the canteen before 9.30am where you can pay cash.

If you owe money to the canteen please pay immediately using the QKR IOU button. IOU notes went home in the office bags on Thursday.

Canteen: Canteen Menu [here](#)

The canteen roster is now full! Thanks to everyone who has volunteered this year, without you all we could not operate.

If you would like to go on the canteen casual back up list please either email or text your name, mobile number, and which day/s most suit either Wednesday, Thursday or Friday to joannemesbitt@gmail.com or 0410 629 135.

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 1 - Week 3):

Wednesday 13 February: Nadine Fagan, Nicole Wall

Thursday 14 February: Kristie Hardy, Katrina Beaman

Friday 15 February: Sascha Chahwan-Harris, Angelia Sokolow, Cris Unwin

- 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 - via text on: 0410 629 135.

Dads' Curry Night

A big welcome back to School for all children and parents.

To all our new dads (K-6), and current dads of course.

This is just a short note to let you know that I have been running an informal *Dads' Curry Night* over the past 5 years!! (I have children in Yrs 4 & 6). We try to catch up every 6-8 weeks at different Indian restaurants around the area. It's a great informal way to get to know other dads from St Kieran's from Kindy classes upwards.

We would welcome any new comers to come along and be part of the St Kieran's community.

It's a great place to meet new dads who are in the same shoes as you and meet all of us who have been part of the community for quite a while 😊.

The first Curry Night will be in Manly on March Friday 15 March. We will meet in the front bar of the Steyne 6pm onwards and head to the restaurant for 7.30pm.

Please email me howardgiles100@hotmail.com, to let me know if you would like to come and I can add you to the list. Generally we have 30 -50 Dads come along.

Look forward to meeting you.

Cheers Howard





Term 1 2019 Afterschool Robotics

St Kieran's Catholic Primary School on Monday Afternoons.

TIME: 3.00pm to 4.15pm

COST: \$247.50 for 9 week program (includes gst)

DATES: 4th February 2019 – 8th April 2019

Year 1-3 WeDo and Year 4-6 EV3 Robotics Program in Term 1

Build a robot using Lego WeDo and learn to make it move or

Learn to code using Lego Mindstorms robotics motors, sensors and software.

All students welcome!

Bookings now open: <https://www.trybooking.com/ZTXL>

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DRAMA CLASSES 2019 LUNCHTIMES at ST KIERAN'S

Yrs K,1,2 DRAMA CLUB
MONDAY Lunchtimes



Yrs 3,4,5 DRAMA CLUB
MONDAY Lunchtimes



Yr 6 THEATRESPORTS
THURSDAY Lunchtimes



2019 ENROLMENTS ONLINE

www.dramascene.com.au

STEPHANIE WAITES: 0407 235 914

PARISH NEWS

Sacramental Program News

- Parents of children in Year 3 and older (who received the sacrament of Confirmation last year) are reminded that the **First Reconciliation Program** commences this term with the **Parent Information Meeting on Tuesday 19 February at 9.30am OR Wednesday 20 February at 7.00pm in St Kieran's Church;**
- **Group Facilitator Meetings** will follow the Parent Information Meetings at 10.30am (Tuesday) OR 8.00pm (Wednesday) in St Kieran's Church;
- **Practice for First Reconciliation Tuesday 19 March at 4pm in SK Church OR Wednesday 20 March at 7pm in SC Church;**
- The next **Baptism of Young Children Program (for children aged 7 – 11 years)** will commence in **March 2019**, prior to the beginning of the 2019 – 2020 Children's Sacramental Program;
- Advance notice - The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated on Saturday 17 August 2019 at 10.00am, 12 noon and 3.00pm.

Parents new to the school with children in Year 3 (and older) who would like their children to join the **First Reconciliation** program are asked to contact Janette as soon as possible.

For further information please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

Queenscliff Netball: Registration now open www.queenscliffnetball.asn.au

Manly Warringah Basketball Comps

Aussie Hoops: https://www.aussiehoops.com.au/aussie-hoops-locator/?r=13&sr=40&type=3&exact=1&search_value=2101

Pink Ball: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/sessions?eid=448543>

Potter League: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/sessions?eid=451744>

Manly Allambie United Football Club warmly welcomes all new players to meet us at the club information day this Saturday 9 February 2019 at the Manly Vale Bowling Calabria Club from 9.00am – 1.00pm. Under 6 players are free as are U8 girls teams players after using the Active Kids Voucher. All new players receive free socks, shorts and a club hoodie.

RETURN SLIPS

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Library Volunteer for 2019

I am willing to cover books with plastic / contact

Name _____

Child's Name & Class _____

Contact Number _____



I am willing to shelve books on:

☐ Tuesday (morning/afternoon) ☐ Wednesday (morning/afternoon)

☐ Weekly ☐ Fortnightly ☐ Monthly

☐ Once per term

Name _____

Child's Name & Class _____

Contact Number _____

What Happens at St Kieran's Library

Borrowing and Library Lessons:

Tuesday for KH, KS, IL, IS, 2HR.

Wednesday 2L

Borrowing with classroom teacher:

Year 3C- Thursday

Year 3V- Wednesday

Year 4- Friday

Year 5- Wednesday

Year 6- Wednesday



- Please encourage your child to be an active borrower.
- Bring library bag every week.
- Return and borrow each week.
- Ask your child to get out their books at home and read with, or to them.
- Make a **safe, regular place** to leave library books in the house, where they can always be found (and away from food or drinks).

Happy borrowing!

Liz McGuire