



To Learn

&

To Love

TERM 4 WEEK 7, 24 November

This Week at St Kieran's

We had an amazing turn out of parents attending the P&F meeting last week. There were around 30 parents in all. Following some well deserved nibbles and wine, Ms Bombardieri and I presented a slide presentation highlighting our achievements as a school community. The presentation is linked [here](#) for your information and enjoyment. Our main achievement is that we reconnected and engaged as a school community after a long period of school restrictions and home learning. We have so much to be grateful for as a vibrant reunited faith filled school community: the students, wonderful teachers and staff, parents, School Advisory, Fr Dave and the parish team. Thank you to the P&F Committee that planned wonderful opportunities throughout the year for social and fundraising activities. Your relentless efforts to bring people together and celebrate our warm and welcoming community makes it special for us all.

Ms Bombardieri announced two new initiatives for teaching and learning in 2023. Teachers will have allocated weekly time to collaborate and plan in stage teaching teams. This enables teachers to have quality student data informed professional conversations and planning time to further support all students and their learning - supported, core and extension. Additionally, the teachers will incorporate the professional learning they gained through the Mini Certificate of Gifted Education course completed this year. This course skilled teachers to implement differentiated practices for high achieving students in their classrooms.

I communicated at the meeting stage 1 of the playground improvements commencing in term 1 of next year. This comprises the resurfacing of the concrete playground with a non slip coloured coating and line markings for student play. Additional physical and creative/imaginative play items will be purchased to enhance social and team play opportunities. We look forward to this improvement financially supported by Catholic School Broken Bay (CSBB) and \$4,500 donated to the school from P&F fundraising. This project is a joint venture between CSBB and fundraising. Well done everyone!

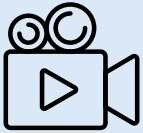
On Tuesday next week, there will be a whole school performance called Sticks and Stones. The performers of this production will teach the students anti-bullying strategies to keep safe and build positive behaviours that support wellbeing for self and others. The performance will take place in the hall in the afternoon on Tuesday. I'm sure the students will feel empowered after this performance.

Anna Marsella
Principal

Merit Awards

KB: Smith R, Domenico M
KW: Odell S, Blake D
1B: Joanna C, Chloe C
2B: Louis H, Charlie C
3B: Juana M, Clara D
3W: Chloe P, Ryan W
4B: Tana H, Andrew G
4W: Jack H, Natasha M
5B: Zara B, Bhavesh K
5W: Ella C, Olivia R
6B: Willow B, Jj P
PE: Maylea C, Katelyn W

Learning and Teaching



Our much loved cubby house in the playground has had a makeover. Please enjoy this short [video](#) with Sarah and Charlie to see the transformation.

P & F News

Thank you to all the parents who came to the General P & F meeting last week - it was lovely to see so many parents attend and hear about the school's vision for 2023 which was well received.

Coming Up we have:

Dad's Curry Night – Friday 25 November

We are looking forward to hosting this month's Curry Night at Urban Tadka Terrey Hills 7PM.

Christmas Carols – Friday 2 December

Carols are coming! Please help make this event a success by signing up for a job [HERE](#).

Jobs range from decorating and clean up, to short 30 minute shifts on crowd control!

Gates open at 5pm and Carols begin 5:30pm! Volunteering will DEFINITELY get you on the nice list, both Santa's and mine! Ho Ho Hope you can help!!



P&F Team

Happy Birthday....

...to the following students celebrating a birthday this week:

23 November: Saskia C, Tana H

24 November: Josh G

26 November: Annabel Mc, Maddox W

Sports News

A wonderful day was had by all at the Tennis Gala held at Queenwood Tennis Centre on Tuesday. I was so proud to be a part of a community that has clearly fostered respect, humility and the rewards of having a growth mindset in students. The St Kieran students who participated exemplified each of these attributes and more! They truly supported each other regardless of their tennis experience and ability levels. Well done St. Kieran's! And special shout out to Libby Andler and Laura Bahri of St. Mary's who coordinated the whole event.

The students representing St Kieran's included:

Jake B*

Asten F

Aaron C

Keiran H

Matthew C

David P*

Max D

Michael L

*received certificates for MVPs.

Melissa Monterossa, Teacher at St Kieran's



Religious Education

Christmas Carols – Friday 2nd December

As it has been a few years since we have enjoyed carols at St Kieran's so I will take the opportunity to outline the format.

Students are encouraged to come dressed in Christmas clothing. Angels, shepherds, red and green, tinsel, stars are all acceptable.

4.45 pm Safety officers arrive for a briefing and begin to supervise the car park.

5.00 pm Gates open and families may set up on the grass area.

5:30 pm Carols commence

The car park is an area of great concern as families walk through the car park to enter the playground. Please exercise the greatest of care and be highly aware that children are around. Safety Officers will be on duty in this area at the beginning of the evening.

The Parent Band will set up in front of Yr. 1 classrooms on the handball court and students will sing their carol from the area in front of the blackboard. These areas are a no-go zone unless you are performing. There are leads, equipment and instruments which can be easily damaged.

Families are encouraged to bring picnic rugs and low beach chairs to sit on. If you do bring taller picnic chair, could you please sit at the back of the playground. No alcohol or smoking is permitted on the school grounds.

Parents are responsible for the supervision of their children and sit in family groups. Students are not to move to unsupervised areas of the playground or to go upstairs. Parent volunteer Safety Officers have been asked to direct children back to their parents.

Classes will be called to meet their teacher near the bubblers one song prior to their item.

Thank you to the P & F for organising the decoration of the playground, a band of parents and friends and parents who will be acting as Safety Officers. Now all we need is a wonderful balmy evening.

Parish News

- For all Parish bulletins from the Catholic community of North Harbour please click [here](#)
- Parish Gospel and Homily recordings [Facebook](#) or via [You Tube](#)
- For information regarding Sacraments please contact Janette Davidson on 0408 866 521 or via email: Sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au

Christmas Hampers – Due Tuesday 29 Nov

Thank you to our wonderful school community. The hampers are filling nicely with wonderful gifts of food and gift cards. Key hamper dates include:

Thursday 1 December: Hampers sorted and wrapped in Room 4 from 8.45am

Tues 13/ 14 Wed Dec: Hampers sorted into delivery runs at back of hall

Saturday 17 December: Delivery of hampers to the local area

Many hands make light work and as such our volunteer numbers look like this:

Packing hampers on Tuesday 13 Dec from 8.45 in room 4. We have one helper so far but need about six.

The Big Hamper Run on the morning of Saturday the 17 of December. We have ten families who have signed up but need at least twelve.

Thank You Year 5

Thank you to Year Five students and teachers for your participation in the wonderful Kindy Buddy Mass on Sunday. Kindy 2023 families were able to meet their child's big buddy and their family. The new students for 2023 received a blessing and a welcome from the parish community.

END OF YEAR MASS – Friday 16 Dec: 11.30am

Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

What's Happening

P & F News

UPCOMING PROPOSED EVENTS:

Fri 25 Nov: Dad's Curry Night

Fri 2 Dec: Christmas Carols

2023

February: P&F 2023 raffle

Fr 17 Mar: New school year drinks cocktail party

Sat 25 Mar: NSW election BBQ - Volunteers required

Upcoming Key Dates

DECEMBER

Mon 12: Swimming carnival

Tues 13: Y5 Host lunch for Y6
Y6 Mass of celebration

Fri 16: Last day term 4

Term Dates

Term 4: Monday 10 Oct - Fri 16 Dec
2023

Term 1: Monday 30 Jan (MAI and Best
Start assessment)

Tuesday 31 Jan students 1-6
return

Thurs 6 April Last Day Term 1

Canteen Orders

The canteen is open Wednesday to Friday for online orders only for recess and lunch. Please order through qkr.

If you are able to volunteer in the canteen please click [HERE](#) to put your name down for a shift rosters are now open for 2023.



Social Media



Please help spread the word about our great school community and classroom experiences at St Kieran's by following our social media pages on Facebook and Instagram - please remember to like, share or comment: [st_kierans_manly_vale](#)

Parenting Ideas

Read the latest article [HERE](#) from one of Australia's most trusted parenting experts, Dr Justin Coulson: "*How to recognise autism in girls*".

Community News

Summer Holiday Clinics

19th December 2022 – 25th January 2023



*Additional Dates Available by Request
Outdoors with indoors wet weather contingency!*
CLINICS FILL FAST, SO BOOK NOW!

Here at The Football Factory we acknowledge the necessity to focus on the development of an individual's skills. It is important that children have fun whilst they learn new skills, and that's why we've tailor made our School Holiday Clinics to be both fun and engaging!

- Morning Coaching Clinic:** Focuses on skill and technique development with a daily *Football Focus*. Your child will learn tricks, skills and moves surrounding this focus.
- Full days:** Our full days include an afternoon of fun games and activities following our coaching clinic.
- Outdoors:** All sessions will be held outdoors in Frenchs Forest, or in the case of wet weather, indoors.
- Wet Weather Contingency:** In case of wet weather we will move our Holiday Clinics to an indoor venue in Frenchs Forest.
- Quality Coaches:** Professionally qualified & engaging FFA & AFC coaches.
- Tricks & Skills:** Learn new tricks, skills and techniques to improve your overall ball mastery and game play. We will teach you how to execute a 'Zidane Turn', 'The Socrates', 'Rabona', 'Maradona Spin', 'Cruyff Cut', 'Ronaldo Chop', or learn how to do a 'Rainbow Flick'!
- Limited Numbers:** This allows us to properly engage with your children and allow them to try out their skills against other players.

Morning Coaching Clinic 9.00am-12:00pm **Book from 2 days to 17 days**
Full Days 9.00am-3.00pm **For 5-14 year olds**

Check it Out!



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SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER
FROM 7.30AM
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