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LOOKING AHEAD

September

Mon 3 **Staff Development Day – Pupil free**
Tues 4 Broken Bay Athletics at Narrabeen
 Lunch with the Stars – Library Team

Thurs 6 Mission Team to St Paul's
Fri 7 St Kieran's Day liturgy and Children's
 Fete
 Book Club orders close

Sat 8 Parents' night out – 80s Trivia Night
Fri 14 Polding Athletics
 Yoga Kinder & Yr 4
 2pm Assembly - Yr 2

Wed 19 Yr 1 Excursion to Wildflower Garden
Thurs 20 K-Yr 1 Swim Safety Program
Fri 21 Yoga Kinder and Yr 4

Sat 22

Tues 25

Wed 26

Thurs 27

Fri 28

NSSWE Spring Festival – Bands performing at Chatswood
Stage 2 Gala Day – Netball/Cricket/AFL
Kinder 2019 Transition – session 1
Stage 3 Gala Day Netball/Cricket/AFL
Chess ends today
Vinnies Night Patrol collection Yrs K, 1 & 2
End Term 3

October

Mon 15

Tues 16

Thurs 18

Fri 19

Staff Development Day – Pupil free
Students return for Term 4
Yr 5 Leadership Camp
Mission Mass
Yr 5 Leadership Camp



Dear Families

It was wonderful to see so many of our dads at school for breakfast this morning. There were even some grandads too! The sense of community was very visible on the playground. Many thanks to the P&F team for their organisation and to all the mums and dads who volunteered with serving and cooking. Once again, Year 1 presented a very touching liturgy thanking our fathers for their love and commitment to their children. Thank you Year 1 and to Mrs Rose and Mrs Leydon.



I had the pleasure of attending two public speaking competitions this week, one at Parliament House on Monday and the other at St Kevin's on Tuesday. I am always amazed to see and hear the way in which students today can speak so confidently and skilfully at these events.



Congratulations to our students who competed; Eve S. and Jessica C. (Highly Commended) at The Bear Pit and to Catie S. and Zanthé J at the Br Tony Whelan Public Speaking final.

Last week's disco was a great success with both sessions very well attended. Thank you to the Year 4 class parents who organised the event so well and for all the volunteers who assisted on the evening.

The Catholic Church of Australia is asking all Catholics where they would like to see the Church in the future. This question is being asked through a process known as **Plenary 2020**. The St Kieran's teaching staff spent a professional learning meeting discussing the question and providing some very honest answers to the Council of Bishops. Parents also have an opportunity to share their thoughts through a gathering scheduled for next Friday morning before our St Kieran's Liturgy. Katrina Beaman and Juliette Cronin will be hosting the gathering with morning tea provided. Please look out for further details next week. There will be other opportunities to share your thoughts in the weeks ahead.

The news from Canberra this week is much more pleasant than that of last week! The Year 6 students and their teachers have had a busy schedule visiting the many attractions in the nation's capital. We look forward to their safe return this afternoon and the many stories they will have to tell.

Happy Father's Day to all our dads! We hope you have a special day with your family.

God bless



Michael Gallagher
Principal

Monday 3 September 2018
Staff Development Day—Pupil Free

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KC	Billy B and Naomi T	KH	Bobby P and Harriet P
1L	Jacinta W and Zac F	1R	Sophie M and Aidan R
2HB	Sienna S and Ivy V	2S	Teddy H and Zaara B
3B	Kayla D and Max H	3V	Oliver S, Malgosia K
4G	Gemma B and Ronan H	4K	Ashleigh W and Daniel P
5K	Isabelle La and Finlay P	Yr 5/6	Illyra G and Eve S
Yr 6	Sarah K and James M		
Italian	Alana R, Asher K, Stella N, Douglas S, Lachlan F, Toby S, Brooke B, Blake L, Samuel M, William P, Mya B, Kayla D, Mikayla L, Ana Luiza FD, Hamish G, Faye M, Illy G, Ignatius M		

SCHOOL NEWS

Sibling Enrolments 2019

Enrolments are now open for Kinder 2019. If you have a child starting next year please download Enrolment forms from the school [website](#) and return to the school office as soon as possible.

Introducing Compass

Our school community is going to be part of a pilot program for the introduction of a new student information system called Compass. The pilot will start on Tuesday 11 September with teachers using the new system to mark the roll. More functionality will become available as the term progresses.

It is expected that Compass will be rolled out to all systemic Catholic schools in our diocese over the next eighteen months or so.

What is Compass?

Compass is a whole school administration system. It will streamline many school operations such as attendance, reporting and communication.

How will this impact you?

Later this year you will receive details about a Parent Portal which will enable you to access information online about your child/ren, anytime, anywhere, from any modern web-enabled device.

Initially you will be able to –

- View information on your child/ren's attendance
- Enter explanations for absences or lateness
- Receive communications



More functionality will become available via the Parent Portal as the pilot progresses – we will keep you updated!

Please be aware that students are not affected by the introduction of Compass at this stage.

Religious Education

Congratulations to our wonderful Year 1 students who ably led the school community in prayer for our fathers. With one voice they sang beautifully and read thoughtful recounts and prayers about their fathers. Thank you to the Year 1 teachers who prepared the children so beautifully.

I would like to praise the students of St Kieran's School for the reverent and enthusiastic manner in which they celebrated the Feast of St Augustine earlier this week. All the older grades played a part in the Mass and each group of children, representing their grade, conducted themselves with dignity and respect. A special call out to Year 5 for leading us in words and actions for the recessional hymn "Go Fish".

Thank you to the teachers who assisted in preparing the students for their roles in the Mass and discussing reverent behaviour with their classes prior to our celebration. Once again we would like to acknowledge and thank Fr Francis for presiding over the Mass and for his thoughtful and upbeat homilies. To Mr Ian Woodbury, our diligent acolyte, thank you for your service to school community.

Dates for the Diary:

- **St Kieran's Day Liturgy** Led by Yr 3 Friday 7 September
- **Kindy Family Mass** Sunday 16 September 9.30am

Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar, Religious Education Coordinator

Parenting Ideas by Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 10 books for parents including *Thriving!* and the best-selling *Why First-Borns Rule the World and Last-Borns Want to Change It*, and his latest release *Spooned Generation: How to raise independent children*.

Each week St Kieran's receives articles from Parenting Idea. This week's article is titled *Kids need good men in their Life* is a relevant [article](#) as we celebrate Father's day this Sunday.

Book Club

Issue 6 of Book Club is due back Friday 7 September. No late orders will be accepted.

The Premier's Reading Challenge Closes TODAY!

Please ensure that all your child's books are logged by 11.59pm tonight.

For those students who completed the PRC, congratulations! Certificates will be distributed next term (usually around the end of October).



Carpark Reminder

- **Ensure** 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 to 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.
- **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.
- **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.

PARENT NEWS

From the P&F

❖ **Happy Father's Day to all of our wonderful Dads and Grandads!**

We hope you and your families enjoyed this morning's Father's Day brekkie. A huge THANK YOU to all of our wonderful parent volunteers who braved the cold and were cooking up a storm on the BBQs so early. We sincerely appreciate your help and hope you get a leisurely sleep in tomorrow!

❖ **Parents Night Out – Saturday 8 September**

This is the big one!! Saturday 8 September is our not-to-be-missed parent social for the year. Book the babysitter... throw on an 80s outfit...it's the St Kieran's 80s Trivia Night at Harbord Bowling Club! The night will include trivia, pizzas, auctions, an awesome live band and lots of dancing and fun!

There's no need to organise tables for the night, but if you do have a seating preference please email skmvfundraiser@gmail.com and the organisers will do their best to accommodate it. Please note there is a maximum of 8 people per table. If you have any specific preferences please email **full names** to skmvfundraiser@gmail.com. We are getting people saying 'toni and i' want to be on the same table, which is making things confusing!

❖ **Silent Auction**

This year, the silent auction is going ONLINE – Bidding is open now!! To browse & bid, visit www.32auctions.com/skmvtrivianight2018

We have over \$20,000 of donated prizes, so every cent the auction raises goes to our kids' school. Prizes include super car track days, golf days, kids' holiday camps, yoga, bootcamp, you name it, we've got it...

Artworks will be auctioned off at the 80s Trivia Night on 8 September. If you are not able to attend on the night but would like to bid, please arrange for someone to bid on your behalf.
Happy bidding!!!



Click [here](#) for Silent Auction Catalogue.

❖ P&F meeting

It was lovely to see so many faces at this week's P&F meeting. The minutes will be available on the school website shortly.

❖ Get in touch!

As always, as your P&F Committee are here to help with any questions or concerns you have. Please drop us a note anytime at stkierans.pf@gmail.com.

Cheers from your P&F Committee

Aileen Cahill, Louise Magee, Jane Smith, Shahn Schwarz, Gemma Wall, Jen Galland and Howie Giles

Canteen: Canteen Menu [here](#)

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 3 - Week 7)

Wednesday 5 September: Nadine Fagan, **volunteered required please**

Thursday 6 September: Clare Foale, Lyndal Frollano

Friday 7 September: Tammy Brichta (M), Dana Reddy, Katrina Beaman, Marina Penbethy (A)

- 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.

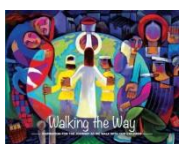
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Walking the Way

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 <http://walkingtheway.dbbcso.org/archive-2018-year-b.html>



