



To Learn

&

To Love

TERM 2 WEEK 5, 25 May 2023

## This Week at St Kieran's

It pleases me to share with you the Mission and Vision Statement of St Kieran's School Advisory Team (SAT). The SAT meet each term with a purpose and mission to share the collective and shared wisdom of the team from the perspective of the parish, parents and staff on matters of school life. The intention of our conversations and collaboration is to enhance, strengthen and support the experience of the school community so that our students are at the front and centre of everything we do. The Mission & Vision Statement is linked [HERE](#) for your information.

The SAT has worked collaboratively with me since we met in term 1 to document our discernment with a clear and concise statement to share with the wider school community. We aim to best serve the school community by continuing to enhance the gifts and strengths we have in our strong family and faith based community. I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the Advisory Team for their valuable time and commitment. The team is led and facilitated by Mrs Leigh MacKay as Chair and the members are: Fr Paul Maloney, Ms Marisa Bombardieri, Mrs Eleanor Hill, Mr Wayne Reader, Mrs Everly Wyss, Mrs Jane Silcock, Mr Matt Willis and Mrs Amelia Gowing.

A further reminder to register for the parent session on Wednesday 31 next week on the Unplugged Psychologist [HERE](#). So far St Kieran's parents have recorded the highest attendance rate in the registration process. This is the first time all families of the Southern Peninsula Precinct meet for a shared learning experience. It is also a great opportunity to get to know the principals of the five schools and families as we gather for a welcome BBQ at 5.30pm before the session begins at 6.30pm. We all share a common vision for our children and family wellbeing. The P&F of each school community is sponsoring the expert guest speaker and we are appreciative of this generosity and support.

Anna Marsella  
Principal

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Broken Bay

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# Learning and Teaching

Students in Years 3 and 5 completed the NAPLAN assessments last term. This year has seen some changes to both the time of testing and the reporting of the results. Parents will receive the results sometime towards the middle of the year.

NAPLAN results provide schools with information on how their students have performed against the national average. A student's result is shown on an achievement scale for each test. The achievement scale shows increasing levels of knowledge, understanding and skills demonstrated in the assessments.

Results will be reported against **4 proficiency standards** rather than **numerical bands** as in previous years. Proficiency standards describe what students at each year level are expected to know and should be able to do in literacy and numeracy at the time of NAPLAN.

NAPLAN reports will contain 4 easy-to-understand proficiency standards:

- Exceeding
- Strong
- Developing
- Needs additional support.

The new reporting standards will provide parents, carers and teachers with simpler and clearer information about how students are performing and identify where children may need additional support.

A reminder about OPEN CLASSROOMS to be held on Monday May 29, from 2.15 pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Marisa Bombardieri**  
Learning Diversity Teacher/Assistant  
Principal

## Merit Awards

KB:	Aliyah R, Ayden V
1B:	Louie R, Bella T
1W:	Elizabeth G, Carson W
2B:	Chloe C, Hattie G
3B:	Charlie C, Samuel W
4B:	Chloe P, Fletcher C
4W:	Ruby H, Joshua M
5B:	Sofia M, Grace P
6B:	Erica K, Olivia M
6W:	Zara B, Olivia J
PE:	Erica K, Gabriel LS

## Happy Birthday....

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

23 May:	Ruby N
27 May:	Jeremy S

# Religious Education



As the month of May draws to a close, the students participated in a special prayer devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary in church today led by Father Jojo. They placed

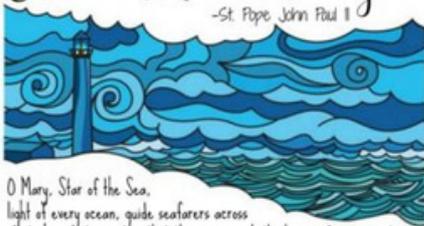
handmade flowers at the image of Mary and offered special prayers and intentions to her.



There are many days in our liturgical calendar dedicated to Mary, two of which fall in May— Our Lady Help of Christians (24 May) and Mary, Star of the Sea (31 May). Many people in our diocese live by the ocean and some people even work on or in the sea. It is for this reason that in 2008 our Bishop decided that we, the people of Broken Bay needed Mary's special guidance and protection.

## Stella Maris Prayer

-St. Pope John Paul II



O Mary, Star of the Sea,  
light of every ocean, guide seafarers across  
all dark and stormy seas that they may reach the haven of peace and  
light prepared in Him who calmed the sea.  
As we set forth upon the oceans of the world and cross the deserts of our  
time, show us, O Mary, the fruit of your womb, for without your Son we are  
lost.  
Pray that we will never fail on life's journey, that in heart and mind, in  
word and deed, in days of turmoil and in days of calm, we will always look  
to Christ and say, "Who is this that even wind and sea obey him?"  
Our Lady Star of the Sea,  
Pray for us. Amen

# 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](mailto:Sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au)

The sea can be beautiful and vast, sometimes it can be still and quiet and other times it can be wild and dark.

When the sea is rough, boats can lose their way and head toward dangerous rocks. A lighthouse helps to warn boats and ships away from danger. Mary is like a guiding star, leading us through difficult times in our life and helping us avoid danger.

## Year 3 Family Mass and Ritual of Our Father for Year 4

Thank you to the Year 3 and Year 4 families who attended Mass on Sunday. It was a wonderful celebration, made even more special with the preparation of several students, including Sampo in Year 6, for the Sacrament of Baptism. We continue to keep the Year 4 students preparing for their First Eucharist in our prayers.

## Touch of Red Day for Pentecost

Friday 26 May students are invited to wear a touch of red to acknowledge Pentecost which is on Sunday 28 May. The Mission Team have prepared a variety of activities for classes to complete so they can learn more about this important moment in our liturgical year.

## Children's Liturgy Dates

Dates for this term are:

St Kieran's: 4 June (9.30am)

St Cecilia's: 4 June (9am)

## Poems from National Families' Week

Thank you to the students who wrote poems during family week. Click [HERE](#) to see some of these wonderful poems!



Mrs Nikki Delrennie  
Religious Education  
Coordinator (Acting)

## Sacramental Program

Confirmation Parents. The Information session for Parents will be held on Tuesday 30 May at 9.30am OR Wednesday 31 May at 7.00pm both in St Kieran's Church.

The link for Online Enrolment (and further information) for the 2023/2024 Children's Sacramental Program is available via the Parish website [HERE](#).

Please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at [sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au](mailto:sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au) for further information.



## National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS)!



The students from kindergarten to Year 6 participated in NSS on Wednesday. In total, 2 357 960 around Australia listened to the reading of, "The Speedy Sloth" at the same time! Kindergarten and Year 6 were fortunate enough to share the story together in the library wearing their sloth masks.

## Book Club

Issue 4 of Book Club is out now and orders are due by June 12.



## Sports News

### Polding Cross Country

On Tuesday 24 May the following students, Lauryn W, Patrick M, Thomas M, Chloe P, Sarah C and Stella N drove out to the beautiful Fagan Park at Galston for the Diocesan Cross Country. It is a tough course with lots of rolling hills but the students tackled them with great determination all trying their very best. They represented the Northern beaches team with a great sporting attitude and excellent running skills.

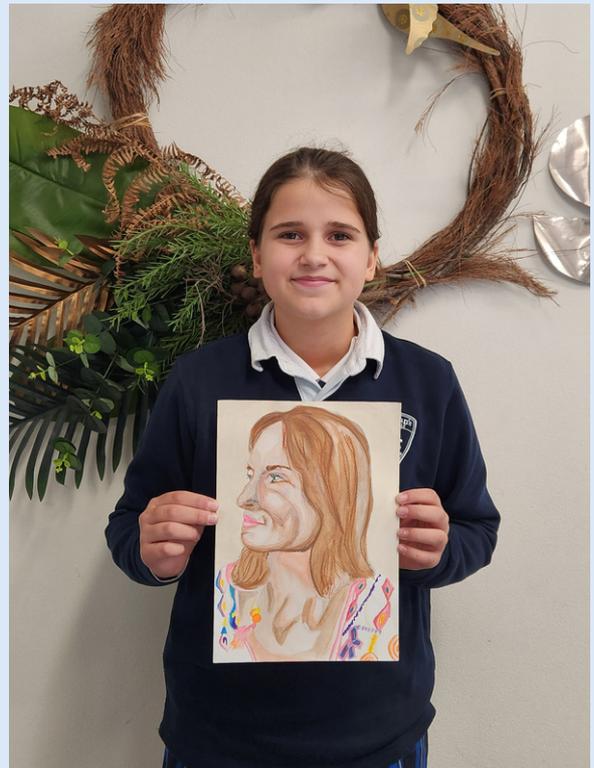
A big congratulations goes to Sarah C she came in at third place for the age 10 Girls 2 km race and was proudly presented a medal. Sarah will be heading to the Polding Cross Country Championships to be held on Tuesday 13 June at Sydney International Equestrian Centre Horsley Park, we are excited to follow her running journey.

Well done to all these students and thank you parents for transporting your children to these events.



## Achievements

I entered the NSW Young Archibald Competition with a painting of my mum. I used acrylic paint, pencils and chalk to create this portrait. I chose to paint my mum to show how she expresses her emotion through fashion and to show how much I love her.



Sophia T Year 6

Lucy Middleton  
Sports Teacher/ Coordinator

## P & F News

Last week we had our first St Kieran's Mother's Dinner at Monkey Thai Balgowlah which was a great opportunity to catch up and meet mum's across the year groups! Thanks to Eleanor Hill and Nicole Crane for coordinating this wonderful night.



## RAFFLE TICKETS

Thank you to everyone who has brought back their raffle tickets to the office. We started the counting and checking process today with the winners announced at next Monday's assembly as well as the winner of the IPad that was generously donated by the Carroll family (year 6).

### P&F GENERAL MEETING

Save the date for P&F General meeting this will be on Tuesday 6 June 7pm. We only have 2 general meetings a year and it would be great to see you all there!

## Return & Earn

In collaboration with the Environment team, we will be participating in the Return & Earn scheme in term 2. Every Monday and Tuesday families will be able to drop off cans and bottles to be recycled at the chessboard in the playground. Proceeds will go towards the St Kieran's fun day in September.



*P&F Team*

# What's Happening

## P & F News

### UPCOMING PROPOSED EVENTS:

MAY

Mon 29: Raffle to be drawn

JUNE

Tue 6: General Meeting 7PM

## Upcoming dates

MAY

Mon 29: P&F Committee Meeting

JUNE

Mon 19: School Athletics Carnival

## Canteen News

Please sign up to volunteer in the canteen.  
We still require volunteers for Term 2.

MAY:

Wed 31

JUNE:

Thur 1

Wed 7

Thur 8

Wed 14

Wed 21

Wed 28

Thurs 29

Please click [HERE](#) to put your name down for a shift or contact Crystal:  
crystal.pullen@dbb.catholic.edu.au  
0404091615

We rely on volunteers to help run the canteen, if we don't have enough volunteers the canteen can't operate.

We will be trailing mini pretzels and orange juice on our menu - so watch out for these.

## Term Dates

2023

Term 2:

Wed 26 April First Day Term 2

Thurs 29 June Last Day Term 2

Term 3:

Mon 17 July First Day Term 3

Fri 22 Sep Last Day Term 3

Term 4:

Mon 9 Oct First Day Term 4

Fri 15 Dec Last Day Term 4

## Parenting Ideas

Read the latest article [HERE](#) from one of Australia's most trusted parenting experts, Dr Justin Coulson: "Mindfulness".

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## DRAMA CLASSES AT SCHOOL

TRIAL SPOTS AVAILABLE

### DRAMA SCENE

MONDAY  
Lunch Times



INFORMATION & ENROLMENT

[www.dramascene.com.au](http://www.dramascene.com.au)

WHATSAPP Steph 0407 235 914

## July Holiday Clinics

3<sup>rd</sup> July – 17<sup>th</sup> July 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', 'Cryuff Cut', 'Ronaldinho 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.

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!



The Football Factory | [thefootballfactory.com.au](http://thefootballfactory.com.au) | (02) 9972 7766

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- Aqua Culture Swim is a brand new, purpose built swimming facility offering:
  - Learn to Swim
  - Development Swimming
  - Squad Swimming
  - Inclusive Swimming
  - Aqua Aerobics
  - Hydrotherapy



- Aqua Culture Swim is located beside Warringah Mall, is easily accessible, has plenty of parking and an on site cafe
- Aqua Culture Swim has invested heavily in the most advanced filtration system on the market so our water quality is second to none
- Aqua Culture Swim currently has no wait lists so now is the perfect time to get your child into lessons.

**BOOK NOW**

- Aqua Culture Swim is committed to making sure every child has the opportunity to learn to swim



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