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LOOKING AHEAD

September

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 NSSWE Spring Festival – Bands performing at Chatswood
Mon 24 9am Plenary 2020 Discussion group
Tues 25 Stage 2 Gala Day – Netball/Cricket/AFL
Wed 26 Kinder 2019 Transition – session 1
Thurs 27 Stage 3 Gala Day Netball/Cricket/AFL
Fri 28 Chess ends today
Vinnies Night Patrol collection Yrs K, 1 & 2
End Term 3

October

Mon 15 **Staff Development Day – Pupil free**
Tues 16 Students return for Term 4 in full summer uniform

Thurs 18

Yr 5 Leadership Camp
Mission Mass
Grade 4 Guest Speaker from Aboriginal Heritage Office
Yr 5 Leadership Camp
Fri 19 Taste of High School – Stella Maris
Wed 24 Northern Beaches Debating – Round 1
Thurs 25 Vinnies Night Patrol collection - Yrs 3 & 4
Kinder 2019 Transition – session 2
2pm Assembly Yr 1
Dads Curry Night
Stage 3 Basketball Gala Day

Mon 29

November

Thurs 1 NB Debating – Round 2
Wed 7 Stage 3 Hockey Gala Day
Yr 3 Excursion to Botanical Gardens
Thurs 8 NB Debating – Round 3

Dear Families

The Parents and Friends Trivia Fundraiser on Saturday evening was a fantastic success. The great sense of community spirit was evident from the beginning with the spectacular costumes, crazy hairstyles and the 80's glitz bringing back memories of what were some interesting times in our history! From freaky punk-rockers to sporting legends, with a few bogans thrown in for good luck, everyone went to great effort to contribute to a memorable evening. Although the night was a fundraising event, it provided everyone with an opportunity to connect and build the strong sense of community that is St Kieran's. I can't thank the organising committee enough for the time and effort that they put into making the evening successful. Thank you to the fundraising team of Jane Rich, Jo Sullivan, Shannon Morrell, Kate Williams and Clare Foale. Many thanks to the P&F executive for their guidance and support, to the class parents for coordinating the art works and to everyone who supported the auctions that helped raise funds that will go towards the playground upgrade later in the year.

From Wednesday this week I have been on the annual principals' retreat. The timing coincides with what has been an extremely busy and eventful time of the year. On Tuesday evening, I attended the Parish Pastoral Council meeting and in the school report I was able to share the many great things that our school has been doing which support our Catholic values of community, compassion and social justice. While these values may be found in other local schools, at St Kieran's they are based on gospel values that are the foundations of our faith. From the **Buy a Bale** fundraiser for our farmers to the **St Kieran's Day Fair** last Friday, our school community has a strong commitment to helping others through our actions and deeds. Thank you again to everyone who has supported these initiatives, including the teachers for organising the St Kieran's Day activities, the students who helped run the stalls and the parents for supporting the children. We should all be proud of the great things that have been happening in our wonderful school.

There was a very good turn out to our first **Plenary 2020** listening session last Friday. Katrina Beaman and Juliette Cronin facilitated a conversation on the topic of where we see the future of our Church. The listening session gave parents the opportunity to speak openly about their views of the Church and where they see the future in our local context and for our nation. Many thanks to our facilitators and to the parents who were able to attend. There will be another opportunity on Monday 24 September after the Monday morning assembly. Please come along if you have something to say or would like to be part of the discussion. The parish are hoping to hold their session on Monday 22 October in the evening for anyone who cannot make it to the day sessions. Details to come at a later date.

The North Harbour Parish is hosting the **Family Colour Fun Run** on Sunday 21 October from 2pm to 4pm at the St Augustine's College Oval to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Parish Community Centre and to raise funds for the refurbishment of the Centre. The event will be a fun day for the family which will include a run, sausage sizzle and the opportunity to be colour bombed at the end of the run. Details can be found in the Parish section of the newsletter with more information to be sent home next week.

NAPLAN results *are* due to be released this week. There has been some delay to the release date due to issues that you may have heard about through the media. The media reports that since some schools have completed the test online and others have completed it using the paper version, there may be some "anomalies" in the data that the 2018 test will provide. At St Kieran's, we have always welcomed the opportunity to explore data regarding student achievement and growth in detail. NAPLAN has over the years, provided valuable information that has assisted in identifying future goals and directions in teaching and learning at our school. We will be looking at the data closely as a staff, early in Term 4.

The last Staff Development Day is scheduled for 15 October, the first day of Term 4. This is a Pupil Free Day. Please contact the school office if you have any difficulties with supervision.

God bless



Michael Gallagher
Principal

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KC	Pearl G, Charlie S and Violet S	KH	Charlotte M, Finn W and Luke P
1L	Alana R and Juan D	1R	Scarlett M, Jasmine L and James G
2HB	Maeve S and Kieran H	2S	Matthew C, Nina F and Lachlan F
3B	Liam O and Maddi R	3V	Makayla J and Nicholas H
4G	Charlotte H and Lachlan D	4K	Owen B and Josh A
5K	Grace H and Lily S	Yr 5/6	Jessica H and Oliver F
Yr 6	Jackson J and Saskia B	PE	Luke P, Isaac C, Jaden W and Oliver F

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.

Piloting a new student information system, Compass

Australian Government Assistance for National Capital Excursion

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their national capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you (the parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

Mission Project Day

Last Thursday the Mission Team had a great opportunity to listen to Mission work completed by other people and work with other schools to create ideas for our own Mission work. Working with the students from St Cecilia's we came up with the idea of raising awareness for the farmers and other people in need.

We listened to our old teacher, Miss Thorpe and she explained what she did for the students in Cambodia. She has done many great things for the children and she has made their life much better and safer by providing a safe place to live and for education.

Students from St Paul's shared with us their work in Cambodia, building orphanages and assisting in schools. We also listened to a guest speaker called Jack Berne, who told us about the drought that the farmers are going through and how much money he raised. He reached his goal in just 13 hours and as of last Thursday he has raised over 1 million dollars for the farmers in need.

We worked with the students from St Cecilia's to come up with a plan to help the less fortunate people and the farmers suffering from the drought. We will be discussing our ideas with our Principals before we share ideas with our school and Parish communities.

Our day visit to St Paul's was a really fun and interesting way to spend our day. We feel inspired to make a difference in our world. We would like to thank the parents who drove us to and from the venue.

The Mission Team - Iggy M, Lily-Rose M, Jackson J, Jada S, Dylan C, Cate S.



Uniforms

Students will return to school in Term 4 in full summer uniform. If you require new summer uniform items please order through Pickles by the end of this term to ensure you have them for Term 4.

What is a Plenary Council? Why a Plenary Council?

*A Plenary Council is a formal meeting of the bishops and other representatives of all the dioceses. Its purpose is to discern **what God is asking of us in Australia at this present time**. While the church should be asking that question continually, a Plenary Council is a particularly graced instrument for seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance. And it has the authority to make church laws on the results of its discernment.*



*Although in the end it will be the bishops who will vote on any future directions for the church in Australia, they will be making those decisions in the light of a long listening to the Holy Spirit speaking through the voices of any of the faithful who wish to speak around Australia. This makes the **Plenary Council 2020** different from the last one in 1937. Everyone has a chance to participate and to express whatever the Spirit is saying to them in their heart.*

Taken from: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>

It is not very often that the Catholic Church stops and asks of its members in which direction they want to travel. Already many everyday Catholics have taken the opportunity of the Plenary to tell the Bishops of Australia their opinions, views and feeling about **What God is asking of us in Australia at this time?**

The staff of St Kieran's have gathered for an afternoon of discernment where a wide range of topics were raised, discussed and recorded. Katrina Beaman and Juliette Cronin have lead a parent discussion group where St Kieran's parents were also asked '**What God is asking of us in Australia at this time?**' They will be leading another discussion group **Monday 24 September following assembly**. Next week the School Advisory Council will meet and discuss what they feel the Catholic Church should look like in Australia. The parish community will be meeting in October at a date to be confirmed. More information about the plenary Council 2020 can be found at the following link. <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/watch/>

People are also encouraged to participate in this Church wide discussion by completing an online form that will be collated and sent to our Bishops. This link can be found at: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/pages/contact-us/> Thank you to our various school and parish facilitators who plan and lead the discussion and to those who are willing to share their thoughts on the future direction of our Church in Australia.

Kindergarten have been busy preparing the **Sunday 9.30am Mass at St Kieran's Church** this weekend. All members of our school community are warmly invited to join them at this celebration of the Eucharist.

Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

Lunch with the Stars

This week the library team and some lucky Year 6 students were able to experience the event of a lifetime, Lunch with the Stars. An author was assigned to each school's table and this year we were fortunate to have Jacqueline Harvey known for the award-winning 'Alice Miranda and Clementine Rose' series. Each child was then able to buy books, get signatures and talk to their favourite authors. The event was very memorable and a great experience. All of the students chosen were very grateful and Jacqueline even said that we were the best behaved group she had ever sat with. Prizes were given for the best questions, best table decorations and best dragon drawing. We met author John Flanagan who wrote the "Ranger's Apprentice" series and illustrator Serena Geddes who taught us how to draw a dragon. Here's what a few students had to say:

- *The authors were very interesting and relatable."*
- *Jacqueline Harvey was very nice and happy to answer our questions whatever they were."*

The Library Team



2018 Northern Beaches Young Writers' Competition

Earlier this term, students in Stage 3 entered into the 2018 Northern Beaches Young Writer's Competition. This competition was open to all students from K-12 in Warringah schools. More than 580 fabulous stories were received, making the judges' task incredibly difficult. Only 24 finalists were selected. St Kieran's is very proud to congratulate Jessica H who has been selected as one of these finalists! Jessica has been invited to attend a presentation night for these finalists on Thursday 27 September at Council Chambers.

Tell Them from Me Survey

Thank you to all the parents who have completed the *Tell Them from Me* Survey. The survey will be closed on Friday 21 September so there is still time to complete it. It can be accessed at:

<https://www.tellthemfromme.com/kierans63>

Should you have any queries, please contact me at school and I'd be happy to assist.

Marisa Bombardieri

Proposed Alternate Business Parking in Manly Vale

The NSW Government is funding this project as part of its program to reduce congestion and delays on local roads. This includes Condamine St, Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation and Manly Road. For complete information click on the following link:

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/projects/sydney-north/condamine-street/condamine-street-project-update-sep-2018.pdf>

PARENT NEWS

From the P&F

Oh, what a night!

We hope those of you who joined in on all the fabulous 80's fun last Saturday night have recovered by now! The Trivia Night was a sell-out and a roaring success, with lots of fun had by all. Congratulations to the winning bidders of the beautiful class artworks that were put together by our children with the help of our wonderful class parents. Year 2 are the lucky winners of the \$300 Pizza Party at the Harbord Diggers, as the creators of the highest-selling artwork.

Congratulations also go to all the successful bidders on the huge range of goodies in the online auction.

The night raised well in excess of \$13,000 and this combines with more than \$17,000 raised in the raffle in Term 2 to make a total of over \$30,000 raised this year – what a wonderful result! These funds will go towards some wonderful new play equipment that is currently being designed for our school playground.

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL FUNDRAISING TEAM!!

This brilliant fundraising result is thanks to countless hours of hard work and dedication from our Fundraising Team. A huge thank you to the wonderful Jo Sullivan, Kate Williams, Jane Rich, Clare Foale and Shannon Morrell. These punk rockers have given their all to ensure that as a community we've not only raised funds to support our school, but we've all been able to have a fun time as a community too! A HUGE thank you, team, from all at St Kieran's!



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 9):

Wednesday 19 September: Andy West, Sara Turner

Thursday 20 September: Ally Browne, Jennifer Browne

Friday 21 September: Nicole Covich, Riany Tanner, Debbie Barton

- 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

I can't believe we have nearly sped through another year!!! I've been away so Term 3 curry has turned into two in Term 4. Please put Thursday 6 December in the diary and on the fridge for the Xmas Dads' curry bash at Urban Tadka , Terry Hills <https://urbantadka.com.au>

This is a great restaurant and the food is very good. More details to follow but in essence it's an all you can eat and all you can drink banquet with pick up and drop off at St Kieran's as per previous years. Whilst I haven't got the final numbers it's generally around \$110 per head inclusive.

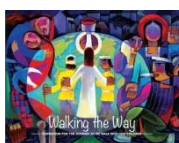
Looking forward to seeing lots of you guys there. Please let me know if you are keen to go. Deposit details etc to follow.

I am also looking to do a quick curry beforehand on Friday 26 October. It may be short notice for some and that's fine. Venue to be confirmed. Again let me know if you would like to come. Also as always **all dads** are welcome.

Curry, beer, banter, what's not to like !

Cheers Howie howardgiles100@hotmail.com

Uniform: To order please go to the Pickles [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 <http://walkingtheway.dbbcsso.org/archive-2018-year-b.html>



Family Colour Fun Run to raise funds for the parish community centre

Sunday 21 October, 2pm to 4pm at St Augustine's College Oval

Registration Flyer, Parent Letter and Sponsorship Booklet will be sent home with the children next week or can be collected from the back of the Church

Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister- Catholic Community of North Harbour www.northharbourcatholic.org.au



Term 4 Wednesday
After School Robotics Program
St Kieran's Catholic Primary School
Years 1-2

TIME: 3.15pm to 4.30pm

COST: \$225 for 9 week program (Price excludes GST)

DATES: Term 4, Wednesday 17th of October 2018 - Wednesday 12th of December 2018

Learn to code with simple-to-use LEGO Education WeDo robotics motors, sensors and software. We bring primary science and computing together as students learn to construct their own model robots and bring them to life.

All students welcome! Enquiries naomi@robokids.com.au

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

See our website listed below for more information about our award winning programs.



Northern Beaches Vacation Care Program

Northern Beaches Council will be opening 4 Vacation Care centres during the school holidays. These centres provide a recreationally focused child care service for Kindergarten to Year 6 children. The program includes a range of exciting activities such as arts, crafts, sports, games and excursions. Limited brochures are available at the school office or they can be viewed online from the Council's website.

There are discount recreation vouchers available at the back of the brochure. These vouchers offer a wide range of holiday activities that children can take part in at their own leisure.



Live Life Well @ School

FRUIT & VEG MONTH 2018

Did you know that only about 5% of Australian children and adults eat enough fruit and vegetables?

Fruit & Veg Month (FVM) is a health promotion program for NSW primary schools that puts a positive focus on fruit and veggies. The theme of this year's program during the month of September is 'Happy Fruit & Veg'tember'!

Help us get the message out there, we can and need to, eat more fruit and vegetables.

Some ideas to try at home:

- Make it accessible - keep ready cut veggie sticks in the fridge and a fruit bowl at home.
- Get the kids involved in choosing and preparing fruit and veggies.
- Try include fruit and veggies in every meal e.g. add chopped/grated veggies to pasta sauces, soups, frittatas and stir-fries.

Be a role model 😊

More information and tips:
www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au

Health
Northern Sydney
Local Health District

Live Life Well @ School

HEALTHY SCHOOL CANTEENS

NSW schools are working towards the **NEW Healthy School Canteen Strategy** to increase the availability of healthier 'Everyday' food and drinks, and limit 'Occasional' items in canteens. Based on the Australian Dietary Guidelines, the changes will make the healthy choice, the easy choice for students.

Continue to support our canteen's great work to provide tasty and healthy lunches, snacks and drinks.

More information and NSW healthy canteen stories:
 Search 'case studies' at www.healthyschoolcanteens.nsw.gov.au

WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO BEING GREAT

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