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LOOKING AHEAD

<mark>October</mark> Thurs 26 Fri 27	School Bands to Hardi Aged Care 9.15am Kinder 2018 Transition	Sun 19	Yr 5 & K 2018 Buddies Welcome Mass Parish Picnic		
	2pm Assembly – Yr 1 6pm Family Outdoor Movie Night –	Thurs 23	9.15am Kinder 2018 Transition session		
	St Augustine's College Oval	Fri 24	11.30am K2018 Developmental Play		
Tues 31	Scholastic Book Fair	December			
<u>November</u>		Fri 1	11.30am K2018 Developmental Play		
Wed 1	Italian Day – wear red, white, green.	Tues 5	K2018 Parent Info evening		
	Assembly 1.50pm	Wed 6	Yr 6 Italian excursion		
	Scholastic Book Fair	Thurs 7	Yr 6 Parent/Child Dinner (Wakehurst)		
Thurs 2	Scholastic Fair	Fri 8	Band Breakfast		
Wed 8	Kinder 2018 Transition session		2pm Band Assembly		
Thurs 9	12pm – 3.30pm Swimming Carnival		6pm Christmas Carols		
Fri 10	Year 1 EarthKeeper Excursion	Mon 11	Yr 4 Surf Ed at Dee Why		
Mon 13	10am – 1pm Yr 6 Surf Ed at Dee Why		Yr 6 Celebration Evening		
Fri 17	Vinnies Collection – whole school	Fri 15	12pm End of Year Mass		
	2pm Italian Assembly	-	Last day for students		

Dear Families

On Wednesday evening we had over thirty parents and teachers at school to hear a presentation from Warren Hopley on *Understanding Boys – Changing Attitudes*. The presentation covered many topics such as homework, school readiness and the particular needs of boys at school (and at home). It was a great opportunity to learn more about supporting our boys (and girls) in school and in the home. You can see some of what Warren has to say about schooling in a <u>60 Minutes</u> segment he presented back in 2014.

Congratulations to many of our Stage 3 students who have gained a place in two writing competitions of late. Three of our Year 6 students were selected for their pieces written following *Lunch with the Stars* late last term. Many of our Year 5 students have also been chosen as finalists in another writing contest. Well done to all our fantastic writers.

Thank you in advance to the parents helping out with this Sunday's Bunnings BBQ. St Kieran's will be running the stall from 8am through to 4pm. If you are in the area you might wish to pop in for a sausage sandwich or purchase from a selection of cakes that many of our parents are willingly preparing for the day.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, Opal B (Year 5) was selected to represent NSW at the *Pacific School Games* to be held in Adelaide in early December. To help cover some of Opal's expenses, we have raffle tickets available in the school office at \$2 each. There are five prizes including Smart TVs, a GoPro, an iPad Mini 2 and a NutriBullet. Your support of Opal's fantastic achievement would be greatly appreciated.

Please keep in your prayers Anna Kauffman (Marotta), a teacher from St John's, Narraweena and an ex-St Kieran's student. Anna passed away last Friday after a long battle with cancer. Her funeral took place yesterday at St Joseph's, Narrabeen. May she rest in peace.

God bless

Michael Gallagher Principal

KC	Olivia R, David P	KH	Lysander B, Alasseia S-S and Elsie G
1L	Sophia S, Charlotte H and Will P	1R	Nina F and Zach T
2C	Cooper W and Cooper M	2S	Finnlay D and Zoe M
3B	Makayla T and Amy S	3S	Faren B and Braylon D
4G	Isabel S, Charlie R and Catherine B	4K	Lucas A and Oliver J
5H	Jackson C and Niamh G	5R	Ella-Jane C-P and Ashley N
6	Ella H and Olivia G	PE	
Italian	Gemma b, Isabelle L, Charlie R and Neve D	Band	

SCHOOL NEWS

Religious Education

A Mass for People with Special Needs and their families is being held on Sunday 19 November at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Waitara. RSVP by Monday 13 November. Please click here for further details.

Catholic Mission

Yesterday the Mission Team represented the community of St Kieran's at the annual Diocese of Broken Bay Mission Mass. Looking smart in the school blazers the students joined the offertory procession taking up our donation to Catholic Mission. St Kieran's School Community donated \$1,750.00 to Catholic Mission. This money represents half on the funds raised at our St Kieran's day fete.

Mission Team Report

The Mission Mass was attended by many schools from across the Diocese of Broken Bay. Before Mass started, the ladies from Catholic Mission spoke about how we can raise awareness about those in need as well as lending a helping hand.

The main topic of their talk focussed on how Mission money was spent helping sick children in Uganda, Africa. Often the closest medical centre is hours away from villiages. Uganda doesn't have public transportation so travelling is extremely difficult and dangerous.

When we donate money to Catholic Mission it is sent to Catholic Churches around the world. Our Mission money will be used to fund schools and hospitals, like the one in Uganda.

Mission is all about lending a helping hand and filling the gaps in people's life that the world creates. You can fill the gap by being a friend to the lonely, sick and less fortunate. You can lend a helping hand by donating money to Catholic Mission or going and helping out at the missions when you are older.

By Zack A, Isabella D, Leilani C and Charley M.

Christmas Carols Call out - Carols Evening Friday 8 December (Please click here for the flyer.) This year both Kathryn and Kevin have offered to lead the music for the Christmas Carols, but they need help. Our Carols evening cannot go ahead without the talents of our parents. If you play an instrument please consider joining the Christmas Band and learning the ropes, so to speak.

Please complete the Christmas Carol slip and return to school or notify the office of how you can help out. I will forward your name and phone number to Kathryn Williams who will then contact you. Thank you for your support of this school community event.

Yours in Religious Education, Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar, REC

Library News

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 31 October to 2 November. We will require volunteers to help at the following times:

Tuesday October 31:	8.15am-8.45am and 2.45pm-3.30pm
Wednesday November 1:	8.15am-8.45am and 2.45pm-3.30pm

If you would like to help please <u>click here</u> for the Flyer and return to the office. Many thanks Liz McGuire, Librarian





\star AWARDS \star

Lunch With The Stars Writing Competition

Some of the Year 6 students who attended the recent, "Lunch with the Stars" won a two hour writing workshop for their class with author, Wendy Fitzgerald. The students had to submit a story for their entry into the competition.



A huge CONGRATULATIONS goes to:

- Matthaeus P for his story 'The Answer'
- Isabella K for her story 'Moves and Countermoves' and
- Jessica W for her story 'Louise Carpenter and Peter Parkinson'

Well done!

Premier's Reading Challenge

As a result of students gaining sponsors for the Book Bonus as part of the PRC, we are able to purchase books to the value of \$374! Congratulations to the students who gained sponsorship as this not only benefits St Kieran's School but another school less fortunate than us will be able to get books too.

PRC certificates will be available soon.

Many thanks must go to Alyson Perry as she was a driving force behind the Book Bonus as well as processing all the user names and passwords for the PRC! Thank you Alyson.

Scholastic Book Fair

Please see the attached flyer about the Book Fair. Your child will bring home a brochure next week with some samples of some of the books that can be purchased at the Fair. I would also appreciate some more parent helpers please. If you are available for any of the time slots, please fill in the note attached. Many thanks.

Scholastic Book Club

Orders for the current issue of Book Club are now closed. No late orders will be accepted

Band News

This week at band rehearsal we have been working very hard on the 3 pieces that each band will perform at the Hardi Nursing home next Thursday 26th.

Please ensure that your child is practicing their pieces for this performance.

The permission slip has been emailed to all band parents today. Please ensure this is returned to the school by 24 October. We will require some parent volunteers to assist with transporting instruments and supervising students. *Miss Hodges, Band Conductor*

Carpark Dismissal Traffic Roster – Volunteers Desperately Needed

We are in need of volunteers on Mondays and Tuesdays. If you think you can help for just 25mins at pick up time and would like to see yourself in a fluoro vest please contact the school office..

Basketball Gala Day

On Tuesday this week we had two teams take part in the Northern Beaches Cluster Basketball Gala Day. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and great sportsmanship from all students, especially those students who had never played basketball before! The girls' team were undefeated all day and won the Grand Final in a nail biting match against Sacred Heart. Thank you to Rachelle Woodland and Brendan James for coaching the teams, greatly appreciated.



Swimming Carnival

As per the email sent on Wednesday, this year the form for the Swimming Carnival will be completed online. Please click on the following link <u>Swimming Carnival entry and permission form</u> and fill out one form per child. Please read the instructions carefully. If you are unable to complete this google form, please see your child's teacher or the front office.

PARENT NEWS



Every year St Kieran's Committee hold auctions as a part of fundraising. In keeping with tradition, we are auctioning Principal for the Day. Your child will have the chance to experience part of their school day as acting Principal. This has always been a big

fundraiser. This year we will have a silent auction and not a live auction.

- Item 1 Bidding for Proncipal for the Day statrts at \$500. Please indicate your maximum bid.
- Item 2 Roaming Café \$200 Gift voucher for a workplace or function. Starting bid \$50
- Item 3 We also have 10 birthday electronic signage bids. These are all \$50.

If you would like to propose a bid please email the P&F committee at stkierans.pf@gmail

Closing date for all bids is Monday 30 October.

Calling for 2018-2019 St Kieran's P & F Committee members.

Have you thought about joining the school P&F committee? Ask some year parents to help create a fun team. The roles of the exec committee have changed and less work is now involved. The current P & F team members will speak with you about the different roles and meet you with for a thorough hand over. Please email the **stkierans.pf@gmail.com** or chat with one of the current P&F team members in person.

Roles of the P & F Exec include;

- President
- Vice President
- Parent Council Diocese representative
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Calling for 2018-2019

• Fundraising teams

Each year the P&F Committee will be calling for a dynamic team to coordinate one major Fundraising event for St Kieran's school. We are asking for people to nominate themselves for 2018. Events could include a school fair, trivia night, black tie event. Please email the P&F to nominate yourself.

<u>Uniform:</u> To order please go to the Pickles <u>website</u>. Just arrived!!! Legionnaire's hats are now available from the school office - \$14.50 each.

Canteen

Italian Day this year is on Wednesday 1 November. We will need 10 volunteers to assist for an hour 12.30pm to 1.30pm. If you can assist please email: joannemnesbitt@gmail.com. QKR! orders for Italian Day will close 10.00am Friday 27 October, please make sure you have your orders in by then. Thank you.

\$2.50 Pizza slice - Hawaiian and Margarita (gluten free options)\$1.50 Gelato cup - Chocolate, Strawberry and Bubble gum

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 4 - Week 3):

Wednesday 25 October: Evana Christofides, Shannon Morrell
Thursday 26 October: Juliette Cronin, Kristie Hardy
Friday 27 October: Evana Christofides (M), Richard Bartlett, Jaclyn Schoene, Ally Browne (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).

If you can volunteer or if you have any changes to the canteen roster, please contact: Jo Nesbitt - joanne.nesbitt@dbb.catholic.edu.au or text 0410 629 135.



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/



Dads' Curry Night

Yes I know the school holidays have just finished and no one wants to even think of Xmas, but as far as event booking, it's not far away!!

I have pencilled in Thursday 7 December for the "Urban Tadka" Christmas Curry. Eat and drink as much as you can.

\$80 will be the all-inclusive food and drink, and the bus is generally around \$20 or so depending on the numbers. So all up approx \$100 each. Those who haven't been before, the Coach picks us up at St Kieran's and delivers us back again later in the evening.

The food is great at the Urban and they look after us well. All dads of course are welcome. Please contact me for more details etc <u>Howardgiles100@hotmail.com</u> Howie

P&F Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

As hopefully most parents will be aware by now, St Kieran's is holding a Bunnings BBQ and Cake Stall Fundraising event this coming Sunday (22nd) at the Bunnings Balgowlah store from 8am until 4pm. The P&F will be selling cakes on the day so if any mums or dads are able to contribute that would be greatly appreciated. We need cakes, slices, muffins or your own crowd favourite!

Please deliver cakes to the Balgowlah Bunnings store from 7.30am and by 9am on Sunday or you can call John Mckee on 0418 431 897 or email <u>keeplan@bigpond.com</u> and arrange to leave at John's house in Allambie Heights if that is easier. Alternatively they can be left at the school canteen.

The P&F are also looking for volunteers to help out on the cake stall. We need 1 more volunteer for each of the time slots - below is the link where people can register:

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054aa8ab2fabfc1-bunnings

All funds raised will go to funding improved playground facilities and IT equipment.

PARISH NEWS

Baptism Program for Older Children commences on 19 November 2017

For parents who may be interested our parish offers a preparation program for children:

- seven years or older who are not baptised and would like to receive the Sacrament of Baptism;
- who have been baptised into another Christian denomination who wish to be received into the Catholic Church and participate in the Children's Sacramental Program;
- young people/adults/ children who have been baptised Catholic who may not have received all the sacraments.

Please contact Janette (mobile 0408 866 521 or at <u>sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au</u>) if you would like to have a conversation about any of the above and/or a copy of the program Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister, Catholic Community of North Harbour

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Scholastic Book Fair



You're invited to our Scholastic Book Fair!

This year the Book fair will be held from October 31— Nov 2 in St Kieran's School Library.

Tuesday October 31: 8.15am-8.45am and 2.45pm-3.15pm Wednesday November 1: 8.15am-8.45am and 2.45pm-3.15pm Thursday November 2: 8.15am-8.45am only.

> Come along and buy a book or two! Stationery items for sale too. Do some early Christmas shopping. Buy a book and donate it to the school.

> > SEE YOU THERE!

SCHOLASTIC



St Kieran's Outdoor Family Movie Night

Tickets Available here

St Kieran's Parent & Friends Committee invites St Kieran's and St Augustine's communities to an OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Friday 27 October, gates open at 6pm, movie shows at 7.30pm St Augustines College Oval, Federal Pde, Brookvale Dress up as a superhero or wear your PJs or onesies. Bring low chairs, bean bags,

blankets and picnic basket. Food available for purchase.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

\$15 per family. Book tickets by Wednesday 25 October: www.trybooking.com/SCGT In the event of adverse weather, the movie will be shown in St Augustine's Brimson Centre

Thank you to the Sponsors:



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COMMUNITY NEWS

<u>Aussie Hoops</u> has landed on the Northern Beaches (limited spots) starting Friday 20 October 5.30-6.30pm at Narrabeen Sports high school gym. The program is for ages 5-12 and runs for eight weeks for just \$110. To register go to the link below or go to the Aussie Hoops website <u>https://membership.sportstg.com/regoform.cgi?formID=72235&programID=39162</u>

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Please comple	ete and retu	urn to the school office		
I am able to assist with music for the Christmas Carols.				
Name:				RAN
Phone numbe	er:			

