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LOOKING AHEAD

November

Wed 8 9.15am Kinder 2018 Transition session
Thurs 9 12pm – 3.30pm Swimming Carnival
Fri 10 Year 1 Earth Keeper Excursion
Yr 3 Excursion to Botanic Gardens
11.00am Remembrance Day Service at Manly Dam – Yrs 4, 5, 6
Mon 13 10am – 1pm Yr 6 Surf Ed at Dee Why
Tues 14 Mission Team to Nursing Home
Fri 17 Vinnies Collection – whole school
2pm Italian Assembly (Yr 2)
Sun 19 Yr 5 & K 2018 Buddies Welcome Mass
Parish Picnic

Thurs 23 9.15am Kinder 2018 Transition session
Fri 24 11.30am K2018 Developmental Play
Tues 28 7 – 8.45pm Cyber Safety Lady
December
Fri 1 11.30am K2018 Developmental Play
Wed 6 Yr 6 Italian excursion
Thurs 7 Yr 6 Parent/Child Dinner (Wakehurst)
Fri 8 Band Breakfast
2pm Band Assembly
6pm Christmas Carols
Mon 11 Yr 4 Surf Ed at Dee Why
Yr 6 Celebration Evening
Fri 15 12pm End of Year Mass
Last day for students

Dear Families

To use a term that is often thrown around at semi-finals time, we are getting to the “business end of the year”. Presently I am working on the staffing arrangements for 2018 as well as welcoming our new kindergarten students through the transition mornings that are happening at present. Teachers are busy completing final assessments and observations in time for reports that will be written in the next few weeks. This time of year can be exciting for our children as they head towards summer holidays, but with this excitement can come some added stress. This stress may remain hidden until it surfaces suddenly and sometimes unexpectedly. I encourage you to check in with your children to see how they are travelling and to discuss any issues that might be worrying them. I also encourage you to talk to the class teacher earlier if there are issues, rather than waiting until things become more difficult. As we head towards that “silly season” that happens at the end of each year, I hope that you will include some downtime for your children as they cope with the demands of the end of year.

I thoroughly enjoyed the Italian Day concert that the school put on last Wednesday. The variety of acts and songs were very entertaining and were the result of weeks of preparation by the students and teachers. Congratulations to everyone involved, especially to Signora Morehouse, Ms Leong and Mr Waller for their preparation of the children. Bravo!

Mia culpa! Last Friday was World Teachers' Day and I let it slip by without acknowledging the hard work and dedication of the teachers at St Kieran's. With my hand on my heart I can honestly say that every teacher, in fact, every staff member works selflessly and tirelessly to ensure the best possible outcome for your children, academically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. On behalf of the St Kieran's community, I thank every one of our teachers and staff.

Thank you to the P&F organisers, particularly Kathy Siu, for their hard work providing a fun community evening for our St Kieran's families with their movie night.

God bless

Michael Gallagher
Principal

KC	Benjamin P and Marlon W	KH	Jonathan M and Jacob B
1L	Jake B and Maeve S	1R	Kurtis S and Jj P
2C	Philippa Q and Lukas G	2S	Freya M, Joel M and Declan P
3B	Sofia F and Lachlan H	3S	All of 3S
4G	Jacob S, Mitchell A and Angus M	4K	Etienne C-H and Hunter J
5H	Sam Z and Jessica R	5R	Kaiden S and Georgia R
6	Kyle A and Luka D	PE	
Italian	Lennox L, Kaiden S, Isabel O, Jackson J, Isabel K and Nadia J	Band	Mia B

SCHOOL NEWS

Religious Education

Christmas Eve Children's Mass

Calling all students for a Christmas Eve Mass Choir - 24 December at 5.30 pm



The Parish has asked if there are any students who would like to form part of the choir for the children's Christmas Eve Mass. Mass commences at 5.30pm so the choir will need to be there by 4.45pm. Choir practice for the carols and hymns will be held during school lunch time. If you are interested in preparing for Christmas and participating in the Christmas Eve Mass could you please return the Christmas Eve Mass slip towards the end of this newsletter.

On All Saint's Day, Nov 1st and All Soul's Day, Nov 2nd we remember those who have died. This may be a moment to share memories of those who have died with your family.

Our Christian belief does not view death as an ending. As we pray in the Mass for the Dead,

“Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust,
an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.”

Because life is changed, not ended, we continue to pray for, and remember, all those who have gone before us in death. Our prayers for those who have died and their prayers for us are the way we celebrate this relationship.

**Let perpetual light shine upon them,
with your Saints for ever, for you are merciful.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them,
with your Saints for ever, for you are merciful.**



Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2017

Northern Beaches Council is holding a Memorial Service for Remembrance Day on Friday November 10 at Manly Dam.

Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will walk from school to Manly Dam in order to attend the service which will commence at 11.00am.

Members of our Civics and Citizenship Team will lay a wreath and will also present a talk on the meaning of Remembrance Day.

As this involves a walk in the local area there is no need for written permission from parents that their child attend the service. We ask however, that parents ensure their child has sunscreen and wears the school hat. As there will be no sport that day – children in Years 4, 5, 6 are to wear their full school uniform.

Band News

Both bands have had very hard rehearsals this week preparing for their upcoming performances. The next one being Warringah Mall on 15 November. They have been working tirelessly on all their band pieces with great results coming.

Please ensure ALL band members are practicing their band pieces with their tutors.
Miss Hodges, Band Conductor

Tennis Gala Day

On Tuesday of this week we had 13 students represent St Kieran's at the Northern Beaches Cluster Tennis Gala Day. Congratulations to all students for their outstanding efforts and excellent sportsmanship, a fun day had by all.



Debating

On Thursday the Debating Team had a debate on the topic '***That more money should be invested in exploring space***'. Our school was represented in the debate by Alannah W, Charlotte K, Kye P and Jada S as the Negative side. Though the team tried their best, we were unsuccessful and the opposing side, St Cecilia's, Balgowlah won the debate with their good examples and reasoning. The adjudicators said it was very close.

by Kaiden S (5R)

Italian Day



PARENT NEWS

Silent Auction

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, not a live auction.

Item 1 Bidding for Principal for the Day starts at \$300. Please indicate your maximum bid.

Item 2 Roaming Café \$200 Gift voucher for a workplace or function. Starting bid \$50

Item 2 We also have 10 birthday electronic signage bids. These are all \$30.

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

Closing date for all bids is Friday 10th November



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 current P&F team members are happy to chat 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. Nominees are needed by the last P&F meeting Monday 13th November.

Roles of the P & F Exec include;

President

Vice President

Parent Council Diocese representative

Secretary

Treasurer



Calling for 2018-2019

Fundraising teams

From 2018 the new P&F exec committee will be calling for a dynamic team to coordinate one major Fundraising event for St Kieran's school. The team will report to the P&F committee.

We are asking for parents to nominate themselves for 2018. Events could include a school fair, trivia night, black tie event. Please email the committee for any inquiries stkierans.pf@gmail.com





Canteen

NEW to the Canteen as a Wednesday special: 3 x Steamed Pork and Chive **Gyozas** for \$1.50. Also available on a Wednesday: 1 x Large Steamed Chicken Dim Sim for \$1.50. Both of these come with soy sauce

Volunteer required for Wednesday 15 November, 9.00-1.50pm? If you can help out, can you please text Jo Nesbitt on 0410 629135.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to assist on **Italian Day**, it is greatly appreciated. The children enjoyed seeing their grandmothers, mums and dads.

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 4 - Week 5):

Wednesday 8 November: Eleanor Hill (M), Kate Foley (M), Jess Costa (A), Melissa Noble (A)

Thursday 9 November: Swimming Carnival - Canteen closed

Friday 10 November: Cris Unwin, Angela Sokolow, Susan Nicols, Volunteer required

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:

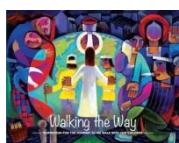
Jo Nesbitt - joanne.nesbitt@dbb.catholic.edu.au or text 0410 629 135.

Outdoor Family Movie Night screening The Lego Batman Movie

We had the window of perfect weather for fellow school families accompanied by super heroes to relax in the fresh air with an entertaining movie. We were swept up by the antics of the characters, there were laughs all-round and the event was enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone that came along; St Augustine's College; Arna Kelly Designs; sponsors: Cunninghams, CIBO, Cogent Constructions, PMC Property Buyers and John Newell Mazda; and everyone who helped in bringing this event together.

Uniform: To order please go to the Pickles [website](#).

Just arrived!!! Legionnaire's hats are now available from the school office - \$14.50 each.



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/>

2018 Term Dates

2018 Term Dates	Commence	End
Term 1	Monday 29 January - Teachers Tuesday 30 January - Yrs 1 – 6 Friday 2 February - Kinder	Friday, 13 April
Term 2	Monday 30 April, 01 May to	Friday, 06 July
Term 3	Monday, 23 July to	Friday, 28 September
Term 4	Monday, 15 October to	Wednesday, 19 December

PARISH PICNIC * SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19th



@ Ilan north harbour reserve

condamine st, Balgowlah

BYO everything for a picnic

If it rains - it's cancelled - unfortunately !!

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS - RETURN SLIP

I am interested in singing in the choir for the Christmas Eve Mass on 24 December at 5.30pm

Name: _____

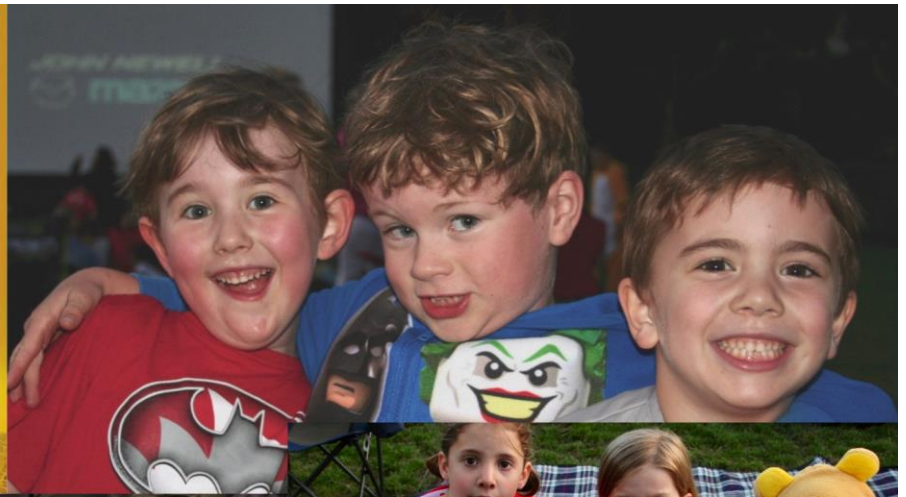
Class: _____

Parent contact Number: -----



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OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



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