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LOOKING AHEAD

December

Fri 8 6pm Christmas [Carols](#)
Mon 11 Yr 4 Surf Ed at Manly
Yr 6 Lunch
Yr 6 Celebration Evening
Fri 15 12pm End of Year Mass
Last day for students

January

Mon 29 Teachers return
Tues 30 Students Yrs 1 – 6 return
Kinder Best Start appointments
Wed 31 Kinder Best Start appointments

Thurs 1

February

Fri 2 Kinder 2018 commence
Fri 9 10am Opening School Mass
Tues 13 6.30pm Kinder Info evening
Wed 14 10am Ash Wednesday Mass
Fri 16 Yoga Yrs 2 & 3
Tues 20 6.30pm Parent Ed in Literacy (Kinder)
Fri 23 Yoga Yrs 2 & 3
Mon 26 Robotics Yr 5
Tues 27 Yr 3 boys to St Paul's
Wed 28 Northern Beaches Swim Carnival



Dear Families

This will be the final newsletter for the year. Next week we will be sending a brief memo home on Friday. As next Friday is our last day of school I will be thanking many people for their support throughout the year at the Thanksgiving Mass. I know many of you won't be able to make it so I take this opportunity to thank you all for being part of the St Kieran's community. To those families who are leaving after many long years at the school, thank you for your contribution and support and I wish you success and happiness in the future.

During the week I had the pleasure of attending the Band Concert on Tuesday evening and hearing the culmination of a year's hard work. Both bands sounded fantastic and the children were very proud of their achievements. Thank you to Miss Hodges and Mrs Connor for all their efforts. Last night I was able to share with Year 6 and their families the celebration of seven years of primary school. Our school has been blessed with such a beautiful group of children and they leave the school very well prepared for the years ahead in high school. I also had the opportunity to drop in to the final Dad's Curry Night for the year; a really important time for the dads in the school to connect and share a few laughs together. I am very grateful to have been part of these very special occasions.

Next Monday the builders will be accessing the library and Year 6 room to begin preparation for the Stage 3 room and library for 2018. An induction for the builders took place this week and we have been assured that interruptions to the school will be minimal. The rooms will be ready for the classes to move into at the beginning of the year.

During 2018 Ms Bombardieri will be accessing her Long Service Leave every Friday. On these days, Mrs Mary Brown will be Acting Assistant Principal and Literacy Leader.

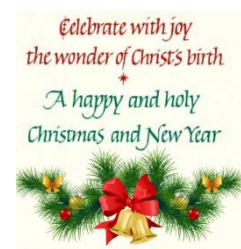
At present we are waiting for applications to close for a replacement teacher for Miss Scott-Fell in Year 3. I hope to be able to announce a new teacher before the end of next week.

I look forward to seeing you tonight at our family Christmas Carols event in the playground commencing at 6pm.

God bless



Michael Gallagher
Principal



★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KC	All of KC	KH	Alexis P Zac B, Zac F and Mila C
1L	Maeve S and Brooke B	1R	Sienna S, Milli T and Mya W
2C	Max H and Eve C	2S	Liam O, Michael P, Dylan J, Joel M, Freya M and Madhulika S
3B	Pia F and Sefania S	3S	Charlotte H, Sonny K and Gretel W
4G	Jaden K and Lilli G	4K	Lily Q and Scarlett P
5H	Emelia C and Dylan C	5R	Ashley N and Nikola K
6	Zack A and Isabelle K	PE	Eva D, Maxime G, Jas K, Lukas G, Liam K, Makayla J, Amelie P, David P, Joseph H
Italian	Ana Luiza D, Mikayla L, Isabella L, Jaden K, Eva D, Sophie M	Band	

SCHOOL NEWS

Kevin - Our Very Own Hero – Please Vote

Grant Quarry from Education HQ and Australian Teacher Magazine has informed us that [Kevin Malone](#), our nominee in the 'support' category of the annual Unsung Heroes competition has made the final list of five nominees,.

Please support Kevin by nominating via: <https://au.educationhq.com/news/44254/vote-for-australias-unsung-hero-support/> and please share this link with others outside the school community who know Kevin and would like to support him. Voting closed 11 December.

Medication Reminder and Expiry

All medication held at the office for students will be sent home at the end of term. If your family is leaving prior to the 15th please remember to collect their medication.

Before returning your child's medication at the commencement of Term 1 next year please check your child's medication expiry dates.



Religious Education

We look forward to commencing Christmas celebrations with our **Carols Evening** tonight. Preparations are well underway. Bring your low beach chairs or picnic rugs and enjoy some nibbles with your family and friends. Students will lead the carols, ably accompanied by **"The Glittery Decorations"**.

Please remember that **no hot drinks or alcohol are permitted on the school playground.**

This is a family friendly evening and we require that parents stay and supervise their children. Whilst teachers will be in attendance, children will be under the care and supervision of their parents. We ask that parents sit with their children and do not allow them to run around or play handball. Upstairs will be strictly off limits. This is an evening to acknowledge a Catholic Christmas as a family.

Thanks go to our wonderful Kindy parents who are responsible for crowd control and security on the evening. Please support them keeping your children with you and joining in the reason for the season –CHRISTMAS. A Christmas Carols booklet will be attached to this newsletter.

A Christmas Carols booklet is linked [here](#) .

Christmas Carols Evening Friday 8 December

5:00 pm - School Band set up under shade cloth near canteen
5:30 pm - Gates open for parents and children
6:00pm - School Band commences playing
6:30pm - Christmas Carols commence lead by "The Glittery Decorations"
8:00pm - Finish



The Canteen will be open for Carols with ice blocks, ice creams, sorbets, and other snack food items for sale. No hot food will be available.

Rain ?? Thunder ??? Lightening ???



In the event of any of the above we will need to cancel our Carols Evening. The school will send an SMS to parents should we need to cancel. We are an outside venue and as such we cannot have electrical leads in a wet environment.

Let's give thanks for our wonderful year together. Next Friday is our last student day of the school year. We will be celebrating our learning in a **Thanksgiving Mass commencing at midday**. All parent and friends are invited to attend our final celebration for the year.



Thank you to the students who have been practicing for the Christmas Eve 5.30pm Children's Mass. You are asked to be at St Kieran's Church at 5.00pm for a final run through on 24 December. You are also asked to wear colourful red, green and white clothing with or without angel wings. The choir area is very hot so children may wish to bring a small drink bottle with water.

Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

End of Year Wrap-up from the Mission Team

Another amazing year of generosity from the families at St Kieran's in helping teach our children the importance of "giving". Hopefully these values will stay with them for life! Here is just a reflection on our year.

We began the year with the "undies drive" for Valentine's Day. We just randomly heard the request from the Wayside Chapel on the radio asking that people give undies not chocolates and flowers this Valentine's Day. So we decided that if we were to get a couple of pairs of undies that would be great. About 200 people shower at the Wayside Chapel premises each day and the dignity of putting on a fresh pair of undies is something we all deserve. We got boxes and boxes of undies and John Brown (Mary Brown's husband) dropped them off to the Wayside Chapel. They were blown away with that simple generous gesture.

The monthly visits by the Mission Team and Mrs Brown to the Nursing Home was something that all of the Mission Team saw as so worthwhile and an integral part of giving to the local community. Giving does not always come in \$\$ value but time, kindness and caring support is just as, if not more important.

We had our on-going support for the "Vinnies Van on the Street". One week a month a few grades would be asked to donate goods useful to hand out to the homeless people on their nightly stops in the City. A big thank you to the willing group of helpers who took the time to drive the produce over to Lewisham to the distribution point each month, we are very grateful for your support. If you need affirmation of how much this food means to the organisation, speak to any of the people who deliver and they will tell you how appreciative Vinnies are for this support.

We had the Winter Vinnies appeal where we collected warm scarves, socks and gloves, as well as sleeping bags and warm blankets and clothing. Then the "can appeal" where the classes competed to see who could build the biggest tower from the cans they collected in their classroom. We so love a competition at St Kieran's!

There was the Winter Sleep-out where children in Stage 3 were given the opportunity to experience, if only for a few hours, what homelessness looks like. The night was quiet cool and the children entered into the spirit of the exercise and were very respectful and sincere in their attitude to being outside and not having all the comforts of home. We raised more than \$700 for this event and the children were encouraged to contribute money they earned themselves by doing jobs for family or neighbours. It was an opportunity for them to have a lifelong memory of putting themselves in the shoes of others.

The children always love the St Kieran's Mini Fete. The teachers are always very happy to continue to support this worthwhile tradition of celebrating St Kieran's Fete Day with a Liturgy and then a mini-fete. It is hard to believe that we were able to raise more than \$3000 on that day. Half of that money raised going to Catholic Mission and the other half to our local branch of Vinnies.

Now to end the year, we have made our traditional hampers in each classroom for local families in the Manly Vale/ Brookvale area who were in need of a little joy for the Christmas season. Once again the response has been outstanding. To all the families who have offered to put on their Santa hats and deliver these hampers on Saturday, 16 December, we are most grateful.

On behalf of the Mission Team, Zack, Leilani, Isabella, Luka, Charley, Mrs Mary Brown and Mrs Wendy Rose we would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all of our St Kieran's Community for all that has happened this year. 2017 was an impressive year and the Year 6 Mission Team should be very proud of all the initiatives they have led.

May all of the St Kieran's Families have a love based Christmas surrounded by family and friends.
Merry Christmas from the Mission Team.

Library News

Book Bonus

The Book Bonus was a fundraising initiative to raise money for Dymocks Children's Charities. As a result on this fundraising, I would like to congratulate Erica K, Scarlett P and Josh P, for all their efforts. St Kieran's has benefitted from receiving some wonderful new books but another school less fortunate than us have benefitted too.



Premier's Reading Challenge

The certificates for this year's PRC have arrived and will be distributed on Monday. Congratulations to all the students who participated and especially to Leilani C, Olivia G, Ella H, Charlotte H, Sophie M, Daniel M, Grace P, Joel S, Paris S, Amy S, Thomas S, Jessica W and Chloe W who received a **Gold Certificate** for completing the PRC for 5 years and to Ellie D, Sarah H, Ruby M, Isabel O, and Kye P who received **Platinum Certificates** for completing the PRC over 7 years. Amazing effort!

Return of library books

Many thanks for the fantastic effort by all students to return their library books. There are only a few books still outstanding so if you could have a search at home that would be great. Congratulations to all of KC for being the first class to return all their books! They received a special treat from the canteen.

THANK YOU!

My job would be impossible without all the wonderful helpers I have. So, a huge THANK YOU and Merry Christmas to all those parents who have helped me throughout the year. I certainly appreciate all the help I get with covering and shelving books, Book Fair, Book Club, the Premier's Reading Challenge and the Book Bonus.

Finally, an extra BIG thank you to the Library team. They were a terrific team to work with and went about their weekly responsibilities without any fuss. Congratulations and all the best for high school.

Liz McGuire

Highlights of Year 6 Immersion Day in Leichhardt

- I loved ordering my gelato in Italian and not really knowing what people were saying to me. (Isabel)
- I liked the atmosphere of Italy. (Alannah)
- I loved the smell of the cake shop – Mezzapica (Sarah)
- The food was *molto buono*. (Lachie)
- It was the best choc-mint gelato ever! (Ella)
- The cake shop was yummy. (Jedd)
- I loved learning about the history of the Forum and my sauce was delicious. (Charlotte)



Bishops Religious Visual Art Prize.

Sarah H (Yr 6) represented St Kieran's at this year's Bishops Religious Visual Art Prize.

She was awarded Highly Commended for her acrylic painting for the theme 'walking the way'. This competition was open to all students within the Diocese and further information can be seen in this month issue of the Broken Bay News. Congratulations Sarah - well deserved!

School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS)

This is a reminder regarding the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) and students progressing from Year 2 to 3 and Year 6 to 7.

We have made some improvements to our system which now means that students who are progressing to Year 3 and Year 7 do not need to reapply if they meet the following three conditions:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

The system has automatically validated a student's ongoing eligibility if they're at the same school and progressing to Year 3 and Year 7. Where a student met the new eligibility the system has updated their entitlement and card. If they didn't meet the new eligibility, they would have been sent an expiry notification.

If students need to update any information or reapply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>.

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2017** to ensure students' entitlements are updated and their current card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2017, the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for an SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during the 3rd week of January 2018.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their new travel pass at the commencement of the new school year in 2018. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students should check with their operator for more information.

SSTS Concessions, 131 500



Year 3 Visit to Manly Hospital

For so many weeks Year 3 have been practising Christmas Carols. We were in preparation for our excursion to Manly Hospital! We went and sang carols to the sick, elderly and staff at Manly Hospital. I enjoyed it when we saw a one day old baby in the maternity ward... the carols we were singing were the first carols this brand new baby had ever heard! It made my heart fill with joy to bring these people Christmas cheer. I also enjoyed when the patients sang along with us! *Ashleigh W, 3S*



On Wednesday morning, Year 3 set off for Manly Hospital to sing Christmas carols, to bring glee to the patients and the staff. We decorated our heads with Santa hats and Christmas decorations to add extra cheer. When we sang to the elders, their eyes lit up and when they smiled, we smiled with them. We felt proud to be bringing them happiness. *Daniel P and Pia F*

PARENT NEWS

Canteen

Merry Christmas one and all

The Canteen will be open for Carols with ice blocks, ice creams, sorbets, and other snack food items for sale. No hot food will be available.

The Canteen will be closed on Friday 15 December and will re-open Wednesday 31 January 2018. Thank you to everyone who has sent in their Canteen Volunteer form for next year, it is greatly appreciated. I'll be working on the roster during the holidays and a draft copy will be emailed as soon as it is completed.

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 4 - Week 10):

Wednesday 13 November: Eleanor Hill (M) Cath Hamer, Kate Williams

Thursday 14 November: Peter King, Jennifer Lee



Friday 15 December: Canteen closed

Full day Volunteers are required from 8.50am to 1.50pm.

Morning Volunteers are required from 8.50am to 11.15am (M).

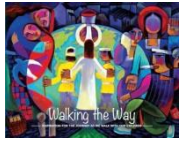
Lunch Volunteers are required from 11.15am to 1.50pm (L).

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.

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 to	Friday, 6 July
Term 3	Monday, 23 July to	Friday, 28 September
Term 4	Monday, 15 October to	Wednesday, 19 December



COMMUNITY NEWS

Cliff Side Fun Run

Cliff Side Fun Run is being held at Long Reef Headland on March 18, 2018 **with 30% of their registration going back to the school as fundraising.**

It's an attempt to encourage families to participate (and prepare), and enjoy exercising together.

Funds raised will also help support the National Breast Cancer Foundation and mental health charity Gotcha4Life.



Events include: 3, 5 and 10 km event and the Sporting Festival at the finish line, with representatives from major codes giving kids the chance to try a broad range of skills and activities. For more information please click [here](#).

PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Communal Rite of Reconciliation
St Kieran's Wednesday 20th December 7.30pm

St. Kieran's Manly Vale

Christmas Eve Reconciliation
4.00-5.00pm
Sunday Masses
7.30am, 9.30am
Christmas Eve Masses
5.30pm, 8.00pm
Midnight
Christmas Day Masses
7.30am & 9.30am
No Evening Mass



St. Cecilia's Balgowlah:

Christmas Eve Reconciliation
4.00-5.00pm
Sunday Mass
9.00am
Christmas Eve Masses
5.30pm & 7.30pm
Christmas Day Mass
9.00am

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Year 3-6 robotics program in Term 1

St Kierans on Wednesday Afternoons Term 1, 2018

TIME: 3.15pm to 4.30pm

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DATES: 7 February – 11 April

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St Kieran's Catholic School, Manly Vale

School Car Park Roster – 2018

Dear Parents,

Would you like to help keep your children and others safe at school pick up time? Would you be available for just twenty minutes at school pick up time any day of the week? Would you like to wear a lovely 'fluoro' vest and hold the lollipop 'stop/slow' sign? Then this is the job for YOU!

The more volunteers we have, would mean you wouldn't have to do it every week. Please can you help by volunteering to be part of the car park roster team? We need a large pool of new volunteers to replace our departing families in Year 6. We would like to offer you the opportunity to get involved at our school and join another wonderful group of volunteers.

It helps the children see that St Kieran's is a community for all the family.

What's involved?

1. Sign up for a day that suits you
2. Roster will be sent out to confirm dates and volunteers
3. Turn up on the day – training will be given to all new volunteers

Full on the job training will be offered.

Please complete the Roster Form below for whatever time you can spare, and be guaranteed you and your child will benefit from this involvement in the St Kieran's community. Thank you in advance.

For any questions regarding the Car Park or the Roster, please email Juliette Cronin on croningj@bigpond.com.

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St Kieran's Car Park Volunteer Roster for 2018

Please return by Friday 8 December 2017



Name: _____ Contact No: _____

Email address: _____

I am happy to volunteer: Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐

☐ weekly ☐ monthly

☐ I would like to volunteer, but won't know what days or times at present. Please contact me in 2018.

Comments _____

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