



*To Learn*

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*To Love*

TERM 2 WEEK 7, 8 June 2023

## This Week at St Kieran's

What a great turn out and engagement of parents we had on Tuesday night at the P&F meeting. The P&F committee sure know how to bring in the crowd. They provided light refreshments to warmly welcome everyone as we gathered. Thank you for all you do, it is highly appreciated.

Our guest speaker Brenton Gurney communicated a well received presentation on the update of the Southern Peninsula precinct with a particular focus on St Kieran's. Parents had the opportunity to share what excited and challenged them with an opportunity to share their ideas and ask questions. It was a most engaging conversation. Overall there was a feeling of hope and excitement for the implementation of this innovative strategy to enhance our community of schools. The purpose of this project is to attract and retain enrolments, improve school facilities and importantly, enhance and strengthen student learning so we can be the best we can be.

Leigh Mackay shared the role of the School Advisory Team (SAT) in supporting the leadership of the school and parish. Thank you Leigh for your leadership and all the members of the team who provide a strong role of advocacy, shared wisdom and a sounding board from the perspective of all parents. The SAT meets once or twice a term to consult with me on various agendas of school priorities. The new mission and vision statement of the SAT will be posted to the school website shortly as a reference document.

At this meeting, the parents endorsed the purchase of additional resources for play, readers in the classrooms and musical instruments to support the K-6 music program. Thank you for your continued support to enrich the learning environment of our students. Marisa Bombardieri shared the STEM and Japanese language initiative implemented in stage 2. The Year 3&4 students are loving learning a new language and using the STEM design thinking process to design a koala conservation project that will be showcased at Taronga Zoo on the 14 August. Watch this space and view our Facebook posts to see what the students are learning.

We congratulate our Year 4 students who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion from this weekend. We journey with you and keep you in our prayers and thoughts during this important milestone in your faith journey. May the grace of God you receive be a reminder that you are always guided in your life.

The students were absolutely surprised yesterday by a furry four legged adorable dog named Frankie who visited our school during wellbeing week. It is well known that dogs uplift our mood and enhance a positive energy in our environment. Frankie was so well received by everyone. To see the smiles on the children's faces and witness their joy was priceless. Thank you to Ms Pip Rowe for bringing in her dog to school yesterday. Note that a comprehensive WHS risk assessment was completed prior to Frankie's visit to ensure all students, staff and Frankie were safe.

No dogs are permitted into the playground as an outcome of this experience as much as we love animals. This visit was a special experience due to promoting wellbeing week. Thank you for your understanding. I'm sure Frankie will come back for another visit soon.

Our dear friend Kevin is recovering well after his medical procedure last Friday. Our thoughts and prayers are with him. I know we look forward to Kevin coming back to doing what he does best, looking after our safety in the car park.

Enjoy the long weekend.

**Anna Marsella**  
Principal



## Merit Awards

**KB:** Tom P, Nina S  
**1B:** Luca LS, Leon C  
**1W:** Johnny S, Alana U  
**2B:** Grace C, Joanna C, Sofia S  
**3B:** Rocky L, Patrick M  
**4B:** Jack L, Mario R, Mia L  
**4W:** Olivia P, Peter S  
**5B:** Saskia C, Madeleine G  
**6B:** Stella N, Sophia T  
**6W:** Felicity B, Mila C  
**PE:** Christian G, Madison R

## Happy Birthday....

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

**5 June:** Elizabeth G  
**6 June:** Owen L  
**11 June:** Charles S



# Learning and Teaching

Students in Stage 2 are working with teachers and staff from CSBB on a project focusing on STEM skills and the Japanese language.

When working on the STEM aspect, they are familiarising themselves with the design thinking process. By focusing on the conservation problem around Koalas – an opportunity is given for the students to find the exact nature of the problems surrounding Koalas. They work in groups collaboratively, to research and learn about this. An example of how STEM skills are used problem-solve for this focus is that the students design a solution to the life endangering aspect of Koala's crossing busy roads. So, in groups – they get to design a "corridor" for the Koalas. Throughout this project too, students get to work with staff from Taronga Zoo.

The Japanese aspect of this project gives students a chance to learn another language. Much of the language links in with what they are learning about Koalas. As part of this experience, the students have learnt about how Japanese people love koalas and the care they have for their welfare. A fun fact is that the oldest living koala resides in Japan!

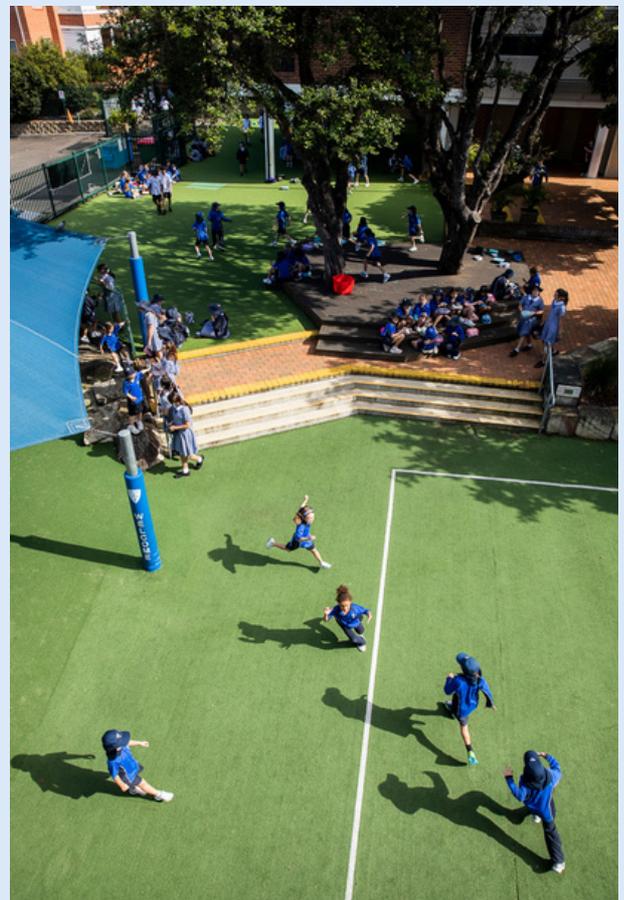
**Marisa Bombardieri**

Learning Diversity Teacher/Assistant  
Principal



## Book Club

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



# Religious Education

## Fallow Week

We hope you are enjoying the pause that Fallow Week affords us and have had a chance to do some “cup filling” activities as a family.

The students and teachers have been participating in some uplifting, restorative and fun activities this week, including yoga, mindful colouring in, time in the sunshine and a very exciting visit from Frankie—Mrs Rowe’s gorgeous dog! Thank you, Mrs Rowe and Frankie for putting a smile on so many faces!



## First Holy Communion

Our Year 4 students are looking forward to completing their Sacraments of Initiation with the celebration of their First Holy Communion over the next three weekends. The students and their families have participated in preparation sessions to ensure they are ready to receive this very special Sacrament.

We continue to keep these students in our prayers and wish them blessings as they become fully initiated members of our Catholic community.

# 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)

## Grandparents Day Celebrations – Save the Date and Photos please

Friday 28 July is the day set aside for this much-anticipated event! Our celebration is timed to coincide with the feast day of Jesus’ grandparents, St Anne and St Joachim. We invite Grandparents to a Grandparent’s Liturgy in the church at 10.00am, followed by classroom visits and morning tea. A more detailed schedule will be published closer to the day.

In preparation for this wonderful celebration, we ask each family to send in a Grandparent photo to contribute to a slideshow to be used in our liturgy. Please send only one photo per family with the subject: Grandparents photo. Photos can be sent to [skmv@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:skmv@dbb.catholic.edu.au) and must be submitted by the end of this term, Thursday 29 June. Photos received after this date will not be included in the slideshow.

## Vinnies Winter Appeal—Stage 3 Winter Sleepout

Supporting the Vinnies Winter Appeal is one part of the wonderful social justice program we have here at St Kieran’s, engaging students’ ‘Heads, Hearts and Hands’.

This year we have two exciting events planned—a whole school Pyjama Day and Stage 3 Winter Sleepout. Both events will take place on **Thursday 3 August**. More information regarding how families can support these events will be published in the coming weeks.

## 2023 Religious Creative Arts Competition

Catholic Schools Broken Bay have officially launched the 2023 Religious Creative Arts Competition.

The theme for this year is Compassion '...be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble' (1 Peter 3:8).

The 2023 competition will be supporting the work of Mary Mac's place by offering opportunities to donate at the Showcase concert in October.

School level entries are due by 18 August with Finalist judging on 7 September and the Finalists showcase evening on 24 October. The Showcase night will feature a visual art display, plus screenings of selected short films and selected performances by finalist in dance, drama and music. All age group winners will receive a prize and a Bishop's choice award will be presented on the night to one recipient. Entries are welcome in the five categories of visual arts, dance, drama, music and short film.



Mrs Nikki Delrennie  
Religious Education  
Coordinator (Acting)

### Sacramental Program

#### Confirmation Parents

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.

## Glory Be

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever  
shall be, world  
without end.**



**Amen.**

## P & F News

Thank you to all the parents who attended the P&F General meeting on Tuesday night we had 20 parents attend for our first meeting for the year.

In regards to how the P&F funds will be spent based on the survey responses a few weeks back it was decided on new readers for K-2 in line with the new syllabus this year and school magazines for years 3-6, mud kitchen for outdoor play, upgrade to the music room with new instruments, new Lego table for the playground and the school logo on the gazebo all this is in the process of being ordered.

We would like to thank Catherine Currin for her time and efforts on the P&F who is stepping down as a committee member. We are so grateful for all that you have done the last couple of years with the online auction last year and running the bake sale for Election Day. We wish you all the best!

*P&F Team*

## 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.



# What's Happening

## P & F News

### UPCOMING PROPOSED EVENTS:

#### SEPTEMBER

Saturday 9: St Kieran's Fun Day

#### DECEMBER

Friday 1: School Christmas Carols

## Upcoming dates

### JUNE

Fri 16: Year 4 Assembly

Mon 19: School Athletics Carnival

Wed 21: Year 6 Camp - Canberra

## Canteen News

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

### JUNE:

Wed 14, 21, 28

Thur 8, 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.

## 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: "Grades do not define our worth".

## Science Club

Science Club is now taking enrolments for Term 3!! Please see details below.

Day: Thursday mornings

Time: 7:30am – 8:30am

Room: Spare downstairs classroom

Start date: Thursday 27 July

Last class: Thursday 21 September

Class information page for parents:

<https://www.eyehartscience.com.au/st-kierans>

# Community News

**63rd** ranked school in NSW - HSC 2022

**Stella Maris**  
COLLEGE MANLY

**ENROLLING NOW!**  
**Year 7 2026**  
(current Year 4 students)

Applications close 28 July

Register and find out more at [stellamaris.nsw.edu.au](http://stellamaris.nsw.edu.au)

**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

**THE FOOTBALL FACTORY**

*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', 'Ronaldo 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

Watch the Video

**Check it Out!**

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

**Fun extracurricular science**

**Young Investigators** is an extracurricular hands-on Science Club run by **Eye Heart Science**.

Developed by Scientists to give students in K-6, opportunities to work scientifically while promoting collaboration and problem-solving skills.

Young Investigators explores a new and exciting Science topic every term including Chemistry, Engineering, Earth Sciences and more.

**young investigators science club**

**Term topic: BUDDING BOTANISTS**  
Head to our website to read about the exciting experiments we will be conducting!

New programs every school term

1 hour class before/after school

New experiments every week

**St Kieran's Manly Vale class details**

**Day** Thursday mornings  
**Time** 7:30 am - 8:30 am  
**Location** Spare downstairs classroom  
**Start Date** Thursday 27th July  
**Cost** \$230 inc. GST (9 week term)  
**For more information visit** [eyeheartscience.com.au/st-kierans](http://eyeheartscience.com.au/st-kierans)

For more information or to register for the Young Investigators Science Club, go to [eyeheartscience.com.au/younginvestigators](http://eyeheartscience.com.au/younginvestigators)

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