

### St Kieran's Catholic School, Manly Vale



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### Looking ahead Term 1

Week 2	Week 3	Looking Ahead
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kinder 2015 commence  Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 8.45am First Whole school assembly  Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> MAI testing Stage 1  Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> MAI testing Stage 2  2pm Assembly – Yr 6	<ul> <li>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> <ul> <li>MAI testing Stage 3</li> </ul> </li> <li>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> <ul> <li>9.30am Reconciliation enquiry morning Yr 3</li> </ul> </li> <li>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> <ul> <li>7pm Reconciliation enquiry evening</li> <li>MAI testing Stage 1</li> </ul> </li> <li>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> <ul> <li>Opening School Mass 10am</li> </ul> </li> <li>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> <ul> <li>MAI testing Stage 2</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	February  Tue 17th Literacy Parent Ed K – 1 parents 7-9pm  Wed 18th Ash Wednesday – Yr 5  Sat 21st P&F Drinks under the Stars  Mon 23rd Open Classrooms – Literacy  Tues 24th 7-9pm Parent Ed Literacy K & Yr 1  Fri 27th Staff Development Day – Pupil free day  March  Mon 2nd Robotics Workshop Yr 5  Tues 3rd Yr 3 Boys to St Pauls  Wed 4th Peninsula Swim Carnival  Mon 9th Catholic Schools Week  Fri 13th Cross Country

### **Principal**

### Dear Families,

Welcome to a new year which, no doubt, will have a surprise or two to reveal to us. To all families, existing and new, I offer you the warmest of welcomes. I hope that any smouldering embers of regret about the passing of the holiday period will soon be extinguished by the renewing of old friendships and the making of new ones. However, I'm sure that many parents and students are ready for the routine and rigour of the coming school days!

The beginning of the academic year has been a calm and settled one, despite the first day weather! The teachers have remarked on the excellent way their students have begun their learning and I wish to acknowledge the effort and time teachers have taken in preparing their classrooms for the arrival of K-6 students on Wednesday. We formally welcome our new cohort of Kindergarten 2015 on Monday, however, there have been visits to Big School as the Best Start program of assessments are well underway. The Year 6 students are very much looking forward to welcoming their 'buddies' on Monday. There will be a whole school assembly on Tuesday 3 February when we acknowledge the full complement of students within our school community. Parents are very welcome to gather with us as we raise the national flag and pray as a school community.

We know that children receive the best education when parents and teachers work as a team. Parents' enthusiasm, support and involvement are integral to the success of our school as are the skills, dedication and professionalism of our teachers and leaders. Together, staff and parents can support one another to provide a friendly academic environment and celebrate our achievements.

I hope that throughout the year, our school will be a place where staff, students and families have opportunities to experience God's presence in our lives. Within our school, we can all try to model God's love for each other, by being a renewing community where all members are valued, affirmed and empowered; where our commitment to Gospel values is expressed in every facet of our school's endeavours. For this sentiment to continue throughout the year, it will require our collective wisdom and generosity of spirit to be at the forefront of all our communications.

Education today is a complex engagement because of the intensity and variety of external influences particularly through various forms of media and electronic communications. Our school has a special role in assisting parents with the education of their children, so that all children will develop a sense of personal responsibility. Throughout the

year, our school will provide experiences in liturgy and prayer to assist the spiritual and moral maturity of all our students.

Schools are very busy places and parents are asked to take responsibility for being informed as to what the school is providing for their children and ways that parents can be involved and share their gifts and talents with the wider school community. The Newsletter is regularly published on a Friday and the website contains much information that is worth exploring to assist in greater parental engagement with the quality learning that St Kieran's school strives to deliver.

May this year see staff and parents in partnership in our collective role of education. Our children are our future! We pray....



"God, our Father, We ask that your spirit be a constant in the lives of all Who make up our school community.

Help the students to be discerning, so that the outcomes of their choices will be In accord with Christian values.

As a parish school we welcome Fr Paul Maloney, parish priest / moderator of North Harbour parish. Fr Paul arrived during the holiday break and is settling well into his parish. He has been visiting the school and looks forward to gathering with the school community at a morning assembly and follow up with classroom visits to meet the children.

### Afternoon Dismissal: Car Park.

Last year the Traffic Committee gathered to assist me in organising for the safe dismissal of our students during the car pool dismissal each afternoon. Please watch this space as next week, when all students return to school, there will be some modifications to dismissal via the car park. We are looking to utilize the drive-through between the church and the parish hall as a way to move cars who wish to travel north along Condamine St and not use the King St exit to turn left at the lights onto Condamine St to travel north towards Brookvale.

Please note that all new families will receive new family name tags to place on their car window/wind screen for teachers on duty to identify for pick up. Any existing families that require a new 'name' for easy identification (<u>bold font and correct visible sizing</u>) will need to notify the school office and the staff will be happy to assist by printing a new name tag.

God bless,

Terri Paterson **Principal** 

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### **Assistant Principal**

Welcome back to a rather wet start to our school year! Parents, children and teachers are all looking very well rested and ready to start our 2015 journey together.

At the end of this newsletter you will find an attachment. The attachment is entitled "**About my Child**" and is an opportunity for parents to inform the class teacher for 2015 about their child's strengths, learning needs etc. The teachers value the <u>important perspective</u> parents can offer regarding their children and the quote "It takes a village to raise a child" comes to mind when considering how advantageous and beneficial it is for the students when we <u>all</u> engage in the children's learning journey. At the end of the attachment you will note that there is an opportunity to request a meeting with the teacher. This opportunity is provided only for parents who may wish to discuss a particular area of concern and I must stress that it is <u>not</u> an expectation that all parents meet with the class teacher at this point.

Please print out one form for each of your children, fill it in and return it to the appropriate teacher by no later than  $\underline{\text{Wednesday}}$  of next week  $\underline{\text{February 5}^{\text{th}}}$ . Thank you for your attention to this!

Have a lovely weekend...

Marisa Bombardieri

### Religious Education Coordinator



### Parish Sacramental Program 2014 -2015

The Parish Sacramental Program recommences for Year 3 children with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Parents of children who wish to continue their Sacraments of Initiation are requested to attend the Parent Catechesis Session for Reconciliation on either Tuesday 10 February at 9.30am or Wednesday evening 11 Feb at 7.00pm in the church. Please see the attached PDF or contact the Parish office for more information.

### **Dates for your Diary:**

Opening School Mass
Reconciliation Morning 9.30
Reconciliation Evening 7.00pm
Grade 2 Family Mass
Ash Wednesday 10.00am
Grade 1 Family Mass
Holy Week Liturgy

Thursday 12 Feb 10.00am Church Tuesday 10 Feb 9.30am Church Wednesday 11 Feb 7.00pm Church Sunday 15 Feb 9.30 am Church Wednesday 18 Feb 10.00am Church Sunday 15 March Church 9.30am Thursday 2 April 10.15am Church





### **Family Prayer Packs**

Prayer is a way of communicating and strengthening our relationship with God. Prayer can take many forms and one way that many people pray is as a family. To assist you in your family prayer life, or get you started, your child will be bringing home a Family Prayer Pack. Each class will have one prayer pack which will be shared. Over the course of the year each child will have the opportunity to bring home the class Family Prayer Pack. The pack has user friendly instructions and is tailored to your child's age. Families are invited to use the

pack then return it to school for another family to use. You are encouraged to add your family intentions to the book provided so other families can pray for you.

Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar Religious Education Coordinator

### **School News**

### **Library News**

Welcome back for another exciting year in the library!

Please take note of the day your child is able to borrow books as they **must** have a library bag.

Parent Help – I always need help for shelving and covering books. If you would like to continue, or to start helping in the library, please fill in the form towards the end of this newsletter.

We will send home about a dozen books for covering once or twice a term at most. If you wish to help shelve books you can choose to come in the morning or afternoon – whichever suits you.

Many thanks and happy reading Liz McGuire

### **School Absentee Line**

Please note that the school Absentee Line 9948 9949 is for parent use in advising the school of student absences due to illness. Please do not leave messages regarding general school business or requests for return phone calls on this line. Borrowing and Library Lessons: Tuesday-KC, KR, 1R, 2B, 2S. Wednesday-1L

### Borrowing with classroom teacher:

Year 3- Thursday

Year 4- Monday Year 5- Friday

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Year 6- Monday





- Please encourage your child to be an active borrower.
- Bring library bag every week.
- Return and borrow each week.
- Ask your child to get out their books at home and read with, or to them.
- Make a safe regular place to leave their books in the house, where they can always find them.

Happy borrowing Liz McGuire

### **Drama**

DRAMA SCENE – Weekly Drama Program here at St Kieran's *Term 1* enrolling now.

Term 1, 10 February – 31 March.

- Years K-3, Tuesday Lunchtimes.
- Years 3-6, Tuesdays after school until 4.00pm.

Enrol online www.dramascene.com.au

For more information ring Stephanie Waites 0407 235 914 / 9716 6604.



### **Parent Community**

st.kierans.pf@gmail.com

### **Diary Date**

<u>Sat 21st February 2015 - Drinks Under the Stars.</u> A welcome to the new school year for parents across all years. Last year the DUtS event was a beautiful and fun evening so be sure to book your babysitters now.....

### **Uniform Shop**

- Opening hours: every second Monday from 8.30am 9.30am. Next open 9 February, then 23 February
- Orders will be filled alternate Tuesdays. Orders placed through the office will be filled each Monday. Order forms available at reception or on the website.
- Stock held at office: ties (girls & boys), hats, excursion bags, & scarves. Please have the correct money as only small change is held.
- EFTPOS and credit card facilities are available at the Uniform Shop.
- If you have any uniform queries please email: <a href="mailto:lizsnell72@gmail.com">lizsnell72@gmail.com</a>

### Active Holidays - Try-athalon

St Kieran's school kids had an active summer holidays, culminating with some participating in the Weetbix Kids Tryathalon. The event, held at Olympic Park on 16 & 18 January is one of Australia's fastest growing sports measured by participation. Try-athalon's are a combination of 3 legs - swimming, cycling and running and unlike most kids sports, this event is a test of individual physical and mental fitness. The St Kieran's kids who participated included J Lines (Yr 3), Z Molinia (Yr 3), B Schoene (Yr 3), J Hamill (Yr 3), Z Scholtens (Yr 3), K Janik (Yr 3) and M Hamill (Yr 5) and all performed with flying colours and had a fantastic time. Well done kids.

### **Community News**

- Free Parent Event How to Manage your Child's Meltdowns. Tuesday 3 February 7.30pm 9.30pm. Go to www.kids-first.com.au or phone 9938 5419 for further information
- Manly Allambie United Football Club is YOUR local soccer club. ALL new players receive free uniform PLUS a
  club hoodie. No hidden costs. Visit our website (<a href="www.manlyallambie.com.au">www.manlyallambie.com.au</a>) for registration details or see Frank
  Fiorenza, club Vice-President and school parent. Come and join the friendliest club in the district!
- **Basketball**: Saturday Basketball trainings resumes back this Saturday 31 January. BiddyBall, Pink Ball (girls only), Potter League, Mini Ball and Junior League. Manly Warringah basketball programs can be downloaded from the website <a href="http://www.manlybasketball.com.au/portal/">http://www.manlybasketball.com.au/portal/</a> or phone 99133622
- Allambie Netball Club registration day 2015 is Saturday 31 January 10am 2pm and Monday 2 February 3pm 6pm and online <a href="www.allambienetballnc.nswnetball.com.au">www.allambienetballnc.nswnetball.com.au</a>. Registration at Allambie School for players turning 8 in 2015 and onwards. Contact Cassandra 0412 330 086
- Parenting Courses from NSW Health go to <u>www.nslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services/CAP</u> for information on Tuning in to Kids, Triple P, Communicating with Kids, Tuning in to Teen,, Toddlers, Resilient Kits and many more.

### Return Slips

Library Volunteer f	or 2015		
☐ I am willing to cover	books with plast	ic / contact	
Name			
Child's Name & Class		<del>-</del>	
Contact Number			
☐ I am willing to shelve	e books on:		
□Tuesday (morning/af	ternoon)	☐ Wednesday (morning/afterne	oon)
□Weekly	□Fortnightly	□Monthly	□Once per term
Name			
Child's Name & Class			
Contact Number			

About my child....

PARENT'S NAME:	CHILD'S NAME & GRADE:			
MY CHILD IS GOOD AT:				
I'D LIKE YOU TO KNOW THIS ABOUT MY CHILD:				
MY CHILD LEARNS BEST BY:				
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WE SPEAK THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES IN OUR HOME:				
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MOST OF THE TIME, I SPEAK	TO MY CHILD.			
MOST OF THE TIME MY CHILD SPEAKS	TO ME.			
SOME THINGS I'D LIKE YOU TO KNOW ABOUT MY FAMILY (E.G. CULTURE, ACTIVITIES THE				
FAMILY ENJOYS, OTHER ETC)				
I WOULD LIKE AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET WITH THE TEACHER TO FURTHER DISCUSS THE CONTENTS OF THIS FORM				
YES/NO				

### Welcome Morning Tea

Dn this special day, St Kieran's School Community would like to welcome you

Please join us for morning tea in
the Kieran Room
(at top of the stairs, next to the Library)
on Kindy's first day,
Monday 2nd February
9.15am - 10.15am

No need to RSVP

Come along, meet fellow parents and share your first day stories



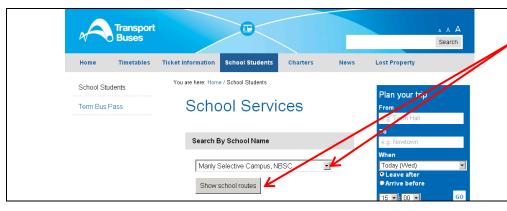
### Dear Parent.

With the 2015 school year upon us we would like to assist you with searching for possible school services which may be available to your child. Please follow the steps below to access timetables and maps of all school services to and from your child's school.

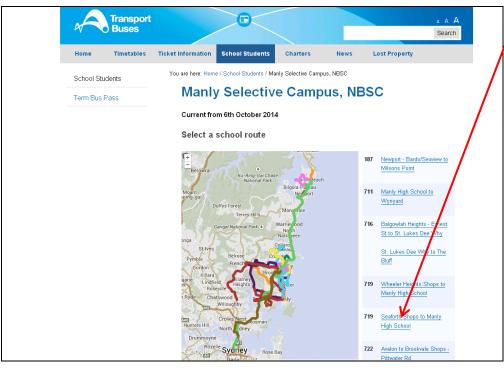
Enter the Sydney Buses website - www.sydneybuses.info



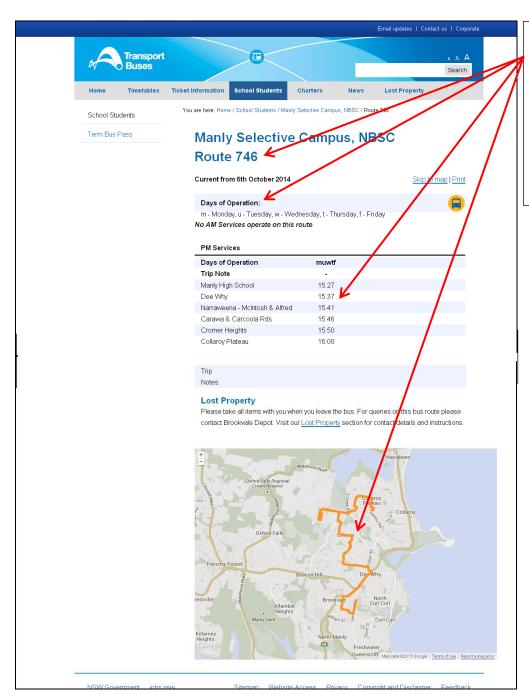
Click on the School Routes link



Select the School and then click on the Show school routes tab



Review map and list of School Services and click on School Service route for timetable information



Detail of the trip can be found here including timetable, map, days of operation and addition info such as trip restrictions, where applicable

### School Student Travel Pass Info

Whilst Transport for NSW are processing new pass application a grace period has been established where a school student travel pass is not required to travel on school services. This grace period will continue to Friday 10 February 2015 inclusive.

And as a reminder a new school pass application is required when a student: enrols in kindergarten, progresses from Year 2 to Year 3, progresses from Year 6 to Year 7 or changes name, school and/or address.

A School Student Travel Pass application form can be picked up from your school's administration office.

Yours sincerely,

Sydney Buses Northern Region

### **SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES**

Current as at 1 July 2014



Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must NOT STOP your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

### **Maximum Penalty**

\$415

+ 2 Demerit Points





Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. Penalty

\$173

+ 2 Demerit Points



Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus. Penalty

\$311

+ 2 Demerit Points



### DOUBLE PARKING

You are NOT PERMITTED to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb. Penalty

\$311

+ 2 Demerit Points

- STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: \$311 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on or near a Children's or Pedestrian Crossing (within 20m on approach & 10m on departure side of crossing): \$415 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: \$173 + 2 Demerit Points

Please Note: fines subject to change without notice.

These penalties apply to offences in school zones only while the zone is active.

### Confirmation 2014

May 14 STAGE 1 ENQUIRY-INFORMATION (1 hr) for so indeed they are."From the Baptism litargy They are now called Children of God, "These children have been reborn in baptism. \*\*\*Attendance at each stage is required\*\*\* 9.30am7.00pm Meeting Parish Centre

STAGE 2 Gathering of documentation

## STAGE 3 ENROLMENT TIME

June 18 9-10 am or 7-8 pm Parish Centre

hand in all documentation. (approx 10 mins) Parent sign up for home-group meetings and \*\*\* Enrolment now closed \*\*\*

### Group Facilitators Training

July 22 @ 9.30am or July 23 @ 7.00pm Parish Centre SK (1 hr)

## STAGE 4 PARENT CATECHESIS (1HR)

July 27 Family Funday after 9.30 mass – including children's activities & BBQ (finish 12noon)

9.30am (1 hr)

July 30 7.00pm (1 hr)

August 9/10 Rite of Welcome.

# Sat vigil or any Sunday Mass in the parish.

# STAGE 5 FAMILY GROUP CATECHESIS

August 23/24 August 18 August 11 Home Sessions Week 2 Home Sessions Week 1

September 1 August 25 Sat vigil or any Sunday Mass in the parish Home Sessions Week 4 Home Sessions Week 3 Ritual of Creed

### September 13 Confirmation Ceremony. STAGE 6 CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT

10am Brimson Centre, St Augustine's College Alfred St, Brookvale

### Reconciliation 2015

Check the parish website for possible changes

is kept safe from the power of sin, to grow always stronger in their hearts." From the Baptism liturgy "See that the divine life which God gives them

School starts. 28th January, 2015

STAGE 1 PARENT CATECHESIS \*\*\*Attendance at each stage required\*\*\*

February Tue 10 9.30am

February Wed 11 7.00pm

Feb 10 @ 10.30am (after parent catechesis) Feb 11 @ 8.00pm (after parent catechesis) Group Facilitators Training (only 2 choices)

STAGE 2 FAMILY GROUP CATECHESIS February 21/22 Rinual of Cross. Wk beginning February 16 Home Sessions Week 1

March 9 March 2 February 23 Sat vigil or any Sunday Mass in the parish Home Session 4 Home Session 3 Home Session 2

STAGE 3 CELEBRATING THE Practice session to be advised

SACRAMENT - 7pm

Wed March 25 J Tue March 24 families book in for particular date Thurs March 19

March 27 Parish 2<sup>rd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation @ SK

March 29 - April 5 Holy Weel

School Holidays: April 3-19



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### Communion 2015

Wed April 29 Tue April 28 'Father' in the midst of the Church." banquet of Christ's sacrifice, calling God STAGE 1 PARENT CATECHESIS "In Holy Communion, they will share the \*\*\*Attendance at each stage required\*\*\* From the Baptism liturgy 9.30am-7.00pm in the church SK

April 28 10.30am or April 29 8.00pm Parish C Group Facilitators Training (after parent cat)

# STAGE 2 FAMILY GROUP CATECHESIS

May 4-10 Home Sessions Week 1

May 11-17 Home Sessions Week 2

May 16/17 Sat vigil or any Sunday Mass in the parish Ritual of Our Father.

May 25-31 May 18-24 Home Sessions Week 3. Home Sessions Week 4

## STAGE 3 CELEBRATING THE

SACRAMENT

June 2 Practice SC 3.30 or 7.00

June 3 June 6 First Communion SK 6.00pm Practice SK 3.30 or 7.00

Jume 7 First Communion

SC. 9.00 am SK 9.30am

June 13 June 14 First Communion First Communion SK 6.00pm

SC. 9.00 am SK 9.30am

First Communion First Communion SK 6.00pm

SC. 9.00 am SK 9.30am

## STAGE 4 MYSTAGOGIA

Parish gathering hosted by 'program' families July 19 "Come to the Table" Held in the grounds at St Kieran's (wet weather in Parish Centre)

Dates correct as at 4.9.2014(2)