

St Kieran's Catholic School, Manly Vale



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Looking ahead Term 2

Week 5	Week 6	Looking Ahead
Sunday 17 th Children's Choir at 9.30am Mass 17th – 23rd Family Week Monday 18 th Athletics Carnival Millers Reserve Tuesday 19 th Parent Ed Numeracy 7-8.30pm Thursday 21 st Yr 3 Rocks excursion	 Monday 25th Open Classrooms Maths 9am Wednesday 27th P&F State of Origin Brothers Club, Nolan Park Friday 29th 2pm Assembly Yr 3 	June First Holy Communion dates 6th/7th, 13th/14th, 20th/21st Mon 1st P&F meeting in iCentre Mon 8th Public Holiday – Queen's birthday Tues 16th ICAS Writing Fri 19 Assembly – Library Tues 23rd Yrs 3 & 4 League/Eagle Tag Gala Thurs 25th Yrs 5 & 6 League/Eagle Tag Gala & End term 2 Fri 26th Staff Development Day

Principal

Dear Families,

"The family comes alive as it reaches beyond itself, families which do so communicate their message of life and communion, giving comfort and hope to more fragile families and thus building up the Church itself which is the family of families." (Pope Francis, World Communications Day Message, 23 January 2015)

This coming week St Kieran's celebrates National Families Week. At this time we give conscious recognition of families and acknowledge opportunities to celebrate family life by encouraging families to spend more time together and highlight the important role families play in Australian society.

The theme of National Families Week for 2015 is 'Stronger Families, Stronger Communities' (a continuation of the 2014 theme). This theme once again highlights the important role families play as the central building block of our communities and Australian society and that community and national wellbeing is enhanced by family wellbeing.



Each classroom will be having their own 'families' focus and this will be reflected in their homework tasks over the week. As a school we encourage parents to look at how family meal times can be enhanced. Meal time prayers provide an opportunity for children to understand the purpose of praying. Included in today's Newsletter are two examples of Prayer Before Meals which can be used by families to enhance the special time of gathering as a family at meal times.

I wish all our St Kieran's families a week of joy in the recognition of the importance of families; all different and unique in their own ways, but all providing the basic ingredients of love, acceptance and reconciliation for those within its embrace.

Staffing News

Mrs Mary Brown (3B) will be going on leave this term (25 May till 12 June, a period of 3 weeks). Miss Jessica Macri will be teaching 3B during this time. Mrs Ali O'Brien (Executive Release) will be beginning maternity leave with her third child and leaves 11 June. I have advertised for this position which will be filled to begin term 3 till the end of

2015. Mr Jordan Waller, Creative Arts teacher, will be extending his time at St Kieran's till the end of 2015 when Ms Amaris Leong returns from maternity leave.

Athletics Carnival

The rescheduled Athletics Carnival will occur next Monday 18 May at Millers oval on Condamine Street. The school will gather for morning assembly and then the Year 2-6 classes will walk to the oval with their teachers to commence the carnival. Kindergarten and Year 1's will have their special Games tournament at school in the playground. The extended weather forecast is for the possibility of some rain, so I ask that the children come dressed in their sport uniform and have appropriate jumpers and rain coats to allow for this.

The athletics components, other that the running races, will be completed during school time. High Jump will occur on Monday 25th with Mrs Leathem coming in to organise. Long Jump will be organised with classes during the term.

A reminder that our Athletics Carnival is a school day; it is expected that all students will attend the event and will return to school for their usual end of day dismissal process. You may also consider bringing a picnic blanket for your child to sit on in case the ground is damp. Again, thank you to the parents who are assisting on the day.

Next week I will be participating in a Conference for principals from the Catholic schools sector within NSW & ACT in Dubbo. The theme of the conference Encounter New Horizons will allow delegates to explore leadership, innovation, and the spiritual dimensions of the role of principal within our contemporary context, as we encounter and renew each other in a spirit of faith-filled collegiality.

I would like to thank the school Leadership Team in anticipation, as they will be 'covering' for me during the time I will be away attending this conference.

School Band Workshop Weekend

All the best to our students who will be attending the school band workshop at St Kieran's on Saturday. This will be a wonderful opportunity to develop musical skills and to further explore and learn to work together. Thank you to the Band coordinators for your efforts in preparing for this day. The school band is an extra curricula activity the school provides for our students and we are very proud of their achievements and successes.

Happy birthday Kevin! On behalf of the St Kieran's school community we wish you every blessing for today and all the days to come!

God bless.

Terri Paterson **Principal**

Assistant Principal

During 2014 we collated data on all children who require of some level of support either for a medical or learning condition. This came about due to a Government directive, which asked that schools must now collate this information as part of a process for the National Data collection for Students with Disabilities.



All children with identified academic needs, health needs (including children who are anaphylactic, diabetic etc), social/emotional needs and behavioural needs – need to be included in the process.

Information about the child's needs and how the school is meeting those needs is then also shared with the Catholic Education Commission (CEC).

This process is now being updated for 2015 and many of the children who were on our Database for 2014 have been included on the updated list.

For further information about this please read the attached Fact Sheet. Should you require more clarification, please contact me at school.

We had the first session of our Parent Education for Numeracy this week. I find it really motivating and interesting to hear parents' perspectives, beliefs and experiences with the Key Learning Area of Mathematics. The session covered aspects such as Curriculum expectations; the difference between Numeracy and Mathematics as well as aspects of our particular context here at St Kieran's. Next week we will explore current theories in the teaching and learning of Mathematics and how it looks in practice at our school. We will also explore ways for parents to best support their child in this Key Learning Area.

This week the children in Years 3 and 5 sat for the NAPLAN tests. Three days of testing can be quite "taxing" for the students! The results of this year's NAPLAN testing will be made available to parents in late August. For those of you who would still like to find out more information about the NAPLAN tests....remember that we do have a school "Weebly" that you can access. The website contains useful links and information about the NAPLAN tests. The website can be found at.... http://naplan2015.weebly.com Contact the school for the password

Have a lovely weekend! Marisa

Religious Education Coordinator



'Stronger Families, Stronger Communities'

Commencing next week, St Kieran's Catholic School Community will undertake a family orientated homework grid. Homework need not be returned to school until the following Monday to allow families the weekend to participate in some of the family activities on the homework grid or indeed, add some of your own

As part of our Families Week all children will be bringing home a paper doll chain. The children are asked to decorate their paper dolls in the likeness of their family members. Please feel free to add to the template to reflect your family dynamics or to include grandparents. Children may colour in their paper families, add bits of material or wool, create collage or write words to describe their families.

Don't miss an opportunity to learn more about your faith. Consider taking part in Catholicism – A Journey around the World and Deep into our Faith.



The Parish of North Harbour is hosting, free of charge, a series of ten lectures that explore Catholicism. **Each lecture is a standalone lecture** so you can participate as much or as little as you like. Catholic art, architecture, literature, music and the richness of the Catholic traditions are illuminated by Fr Robert Barron.

Date: Monday evenings from 18 May – 27 July / Time: 7.00pm – 9.00 pm / Location: St Kieran's Parish Centre / Contact: The Parish Office 9949-4455

Please remember in your prayers the Yr 3 children who are preparing for the **Sacrament of the Eucharist**. Thank you to the parents, group leaders, teachers and Parish Sacramental team who are leading the children in their journey of faith.



The Parish of North Harbour is currently running an appeal to support the Asylum Seeker Centre at Newtown. The centre provides practical and personal support for asylum seekers living in our community. Over the next week each class will be asked to prepare a box of essentials items for an asylum seeking family. Notes will be sent home indicating which items are

included in the essentials box. Thank you to those families who are able to assist in the preparation of these basic needs to those people who are without a country.

Thank you to all the families who have returned their CARITAS Project Compassion Boxes. Boxes which were returned to the school have now been forwarded to the Parish office. If you are yet to return your box you may drop it off at the school or Parish office.

FOOD ITEMS	TOILETRY ITEMS
Breakfast Cereal	Nappies
Spices and curry powder	Deodorant
Tea	Razors
Long life milk	Shampoo
Instant soups	Conditioner
Chocolates and sweets	Soap
Cooking oil	Toothbrushes
Cous cous	Toothpaste
Rice noodles	Sanitary napkins
Pasta	Washing powder
Tinned fruit and vegetables	
Tinned fish	
Tomato paste	

Pope Francis and "permesso, grazie, scusa"

As an attachment to this newsletter we have included some words of wisdom about families from Pope Francis. What does a man who lives outside a nuclear family know about families I hear you asking? Pope Francis has some basic, down to earth advice that I feel goes a long way. Please take the time to read what he has to say.

Dates for your Diary: Term 2

- National Families Week: Week 5: 18 May 22 May
- Mission Project Team: Thursday 28 May Mission Day at Narrabeen
- First Communion dates: 7, 14, 21 June.

Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar, Religious Education Coordinator.

*** Awards



KC	Jacob R, Lachlan W	KR	Max H, Oliver O
1L	Carlo A, Lennox L	1R	Pia F, Zoe A
2B	Noah K, Elisha K	2S	Eve S, Finlay P
3B	Hannah S	3S	Saskia B, Niki K, Lily-Rose M
4C	Kailan S, Kye P	48	Jude S, Charlotte K, Libby C
5L	James N, Ted R	5W	Laura T, Lachlan C
6	Saxon Y, Emerson A, Jessica D,	PE	Jackson C, Oscar M
	Ella S, Tom C		
Italian	Sophie R, Charley M, Stella N, Elise L, Samantha S, Sareta R, Sara C, Ewen M		

School News

Sibling Enrolments 2016

Enrolments are now open and application forms are available online or from the school office. If you have a sibling starting at St Kieran's in 2016 we ask that you complete and enrolment form and return to the office ASAP.

Mission Team News

Thank you parents and friends of St Kieran's for your generosity last Friday when we had our Mufti Day to raise funds for Nepal. We raised \$1091.70 and that money has been sent to Caritas to support the people of Nepal.

Also our Winter Appeal is still in progress with donations of food, clothing, sleeping bags and blankets being distributed between St Vincent de Paul and Asylum Seeker Centre. Again, heartfelt thanks for your ongoing generosity.

Wendy Rose and the Mission Team

Student Validation Forms

Forms for each child will be sent home early next week. Please mark any changes in red pen (if possible), sign and return to school by Friday 29 May even if no changes have been made. ALL forms are to be signed and returned.

Whooping Cough

There has been a case of Whooping Cough reported at St Kieran's. Symptoms start with runny nose, followed by persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts may be followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air. Those affected are infectious until 5 days after antibiotic treatment has begun, or for 21 days from the start of coughing.

For further information please call your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055 or visit the New South Wales Health website www.health.nsw.gov.au

Band

Just a reminder that the Band Workshop is on tomorrow from 1 – 5pm. Please have your children there no later than 12.45pm as we need to sign them in and get things organised and set-up for the workshop.

There will be a performance for parents at 4pm so please come along and have a listen to how your children have progressed so far this year.

I am really excited about tomorrow and how they will learn so much through the workshop program. Warmest regards

Miss Hodges, Junior Band Conductor

Sport News

Athletics Carnival

A reminder that the Athletics carnival is this Monday 18 May.

We are still in need of parent volunteers, if you are able to assist on the day we would really appreciate your help. If you could head down to Miller's Reserve at 8:45am and let either Miss Leathem or Miss Scott-Fell know you are there to help that would be amazing. Thank you in advance.

No spikes will be permitted on the day as the children are running on grass not on the track.

The long jump competition will not be run on the day. Instead the shot put competition will be run. If your child is unsure whether they are entered they can head to the marshalling area to check when their age group is marshalled. K-2 games will not be run at the carnival. The infant teachers will return to school with their classes and do some fun activities. Parent helpers will not be required.

Please pack a healthy lunch for your child along with a lot to drink. Children will also need their school hat and suncream on for the day.

All children will be returning to school at the completion of the carnival. Parents will not be permitted to take their children home from Millers.

Let's hope it's a beautiful sunny day. Have a wonderful day everyone.

Cross Country

Good luck to the 22 competitors heading to the cross country on Tuesday to represent Broken Bay. A busy 2 days for you all but we know you will do a fantastic job. Mrs Hocking will be there on the day should you have any questions or need any assistance.

Ali O'Brien

Parent Community

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State of Origin

St Kieran's Dads Committee State of Origin 1 Night - NSW V Queensland!! All St Kieran's dads are invited to the Origin 1 Night to be held at Brothers Club, Nolan Park, North Manly (access off Kentwell Road) on Wednesday 27 May 2015. Please RSVP to Mike Punch at michael.punch@aurecongroup.com by 22 May.

P&F Meeting

Monday 1 June in the iCentre (Library). We would love you to come along, join in, listen, have your say, hear about St Kieran's Current Affairs!

From the Mothers' Day Breakfast Committee

Dear all,

WOW what a turn out! Thank you to everyone who attended. We are so pleased you enjoyed the morning to celebrate with your little ones, or not so little ones and how adorable were the Kindy's delivering the liturgy!

While Deb and I organised the event we could not have done it without an awesome team behind us! There were many minions (you know who you are...), along the way however the most notable were, Sascha Chahwan-Harris & Cris Unwin who were madly filling gift bags, packaging cupcakes and running errands across the Northern Beaches the day before! Along with Nathan Sweeny, John McKee, Mike Punch, Karen Ackery as they stayed late into the night packing the breakfast boxes. Without all of them it was sure to be a disaster!



We would like to say thank you to the all the dads who volunteered both on the day and particularly the night before. You were all just fantastic. It was a wonderful effort.

Secondly, A big thanks to the Schoene family of Bakers Delight Stocklands for donating the bread. How good is their fruit loaf!

I big thank you Platinum Boutique who donated decorations and their time decorating the hall for us.

Lastly and not least YOU, the families of St Kieran's, for without you the event could not have been as successful as it was without your support and enthusiasm.

We would like to congratulate the winners of the raffle prizes

For the Hunter Valley Wine and Chocolate Tasting Tour: The Janik Family For the \$350 Carol Gibbons Photography Voucher - The Chahwan-Harris Family

Warmest regards and God Bless
Sania (Sunny) Saady and Deb Sweeny

Uniform Shop

- Opening hours: every second Monday from 8.30am 9.30am next open 25 May.
- 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: lizsnell72@gmail.com

Canteen

Thank you to all the Volunteers, without you our Canteen could not operate.

HELP required:

1. If you would like to go on the Canteen Casual list to fill in for Volunteers who can't make it on their allocated day, either a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, please email your details and I will add you to my list. Let me know which day would best suit. Thank you.

Next Week's Roster (Term 2 - Week 5):

Wednesday 20 May: S Henderson, N Pawley

Thursday 21 May: S Hamill, D Gennusa & J Cronin

Friday 22 May: B Kromrych, A Osbon, K/P McCahey (M) & S Arthurs (L)

- Full day Volunteers are required from 9.00am to 1.45pm.
- Morning Volunteers are required from 9.00am to 11.30am (M).
- Lunch Volunteers are required from 11.30am to 1.45pm (L).

https://www.flexischools.com.au

Any changes to the canteen roster, please contact: Jo Nesbitt - <u>SSKMV.canteen@dbb.catholic.edu.au</u> or 0410 629 135.

School Banking

BE AN 'OUTER SPACE SAVER' WITH SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is back again on Friday mornings from 8:20 in the playground.

This year you can earn tokens with every deposit you make. Get 10 tokens and select one of the super rewards. You also earn St Kieran's commission with every deposit you make – that's a WIN WIN!

If you would like to join, go to your nearest Commonwealth Bank branch and open a YOUTHSAVER account then come along and start saving.

Community News

- Do You Have a Child Diagnosed with AD/HD? Are you looking for positive strategies to help manage your child's behaviour? Is your child between 6 and 12 years old? You are invited FREE OF CHARGE to attend a well-known parenting program at Macquarie University. The program is designed to assist parents to manage challenging behaviour and build a positive relationship with their child. The program is part of an evaluation study and participants will be asked to attend evening sessions and to fill in questionnaires (anonymously). For more information or to express interest in this study please contact: Julie Chesterfield (Department of Psychology, Macquarie University E-mail: julie.chesterfield@students.mq.edu.au Phone: 0412 414 114
- Mater Maria College Festival Friday May 29, 2015 1.00pm-7.00pm. Please join us for the Mater Maria Festival which is scheduled for Friday May 29 from 1.00pm to 7.00pm at the College (5 Forest Road, Warriewood). All are welcome! This will be an afternoon and evening to enjoy international foods, rides, performances by our musicians and dramatists and to pick up some bargains at a heap of stalls. Eat, drink and be merry! For further information please visit www.matermaria.nsw.edu.au



Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

School Students with Disability



2015 information for schools

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

In 2015, all schools in Australia will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection). The national data collection is an annual collection that counts the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment they are provided with.

This national data collection will collect information about students with disability in a consistent, reliable and systematic way.

The national data collection will draw on the ongoing work teachers and education staff do to support students with disability. It is because of the commitment of teachers, principals and schools that a rich source of data will be developed to inform policy and programmes for students with disability.

WHY IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION NECESSARY?

Previously there has been a lack of comprehensive and nationally comparable data about school students with disability. This nationally consistent approach will enable all governments to best target support and resources to assist these students to complete school and continue on a pathway to further education or employment.

The implementation of the national data collection will provide all Australian schools, education authorities and the community with information about:

- the number of school students with disability
- · where they are located
- the level of reasonable adjustment provided for them to participate fully in schooling
- each student's broad type of disability.

The national data collection is also an opportunity for schools to review their learning and support systems and processes to continually improve education outcomes for their students with disability

WHAT PROFESSIONAL LEARNING AND SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL STAFF?

Professional learning on the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (the DDA) and the Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the Standards) is available for schools. Contact your local educational authority or principal about what training is available in your area and how to access it. You can view or download a copy of the DDA and the Standards from www.comlaw.gov.au.

The University of Canberra, in partnership with all Australian school systems, has developed a suite of online professional learning materials on the Disability Standards for Education 2005.

The e-learning resource is available under licence at http://dse.theeducationinstitute.edu.awlogin/.

This resource provides school staff with an understanding of their responsibilities under the Standards to ensure that students with disability are able to access and partipoate in education on the same basis as other students.

There are licencing arrangements to access this resource. Contact your local education office or jurisdiction for more information. Contact details are available from

www.schooldisabilitydatapl.edu.au/#contactus 1

School staff can also visit the purpose designed and built national data collection professional learning website at www.schooldisabilitydatapl.edu.au.

WHICH STUDENTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE DATA COLLECTION?

The national data collection draws on documented evidence provided by, and in consultation with, parents/carers as well as diagnostic and other data and judgements made by teachers and appropriate school staff. This evidence supports the school team to determine the level of reasonable adjustment provided, both within and outside the classroom, to assist in student's learning

programmes, courses, and to access their school's facilities and services.

A student will only be included in the national data collection if they satisfy two criteria:

- The student meets the definition of a person with disability as defined under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992.
- The functional impact of the student's disability results in the school actively addressing their needs.

The national professional learning website has guidance materials to help schools to complete the national data collection.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DATA COLLECTION AT MY SCHOOL?

The national data collection is a collaborative process involving teachers, principals and other school staff. However, principals are ultimately responsible for signing off on the national data collection for their schools.

HOW WILL DATA BE COLLECTED AND WILL A STUDENT'S PERSONAL DETAILS BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL?

As the collection of information on students is a sensitive matter, data security and protection is a high priority. Data will be de-identified at the school level. To safeguard the privacy of the individual student, only de-identified school level data will be used.

School staff will draw on evidence at their school to identify the level of adjustment being provided for students with disability. They will record the level of adjustment being provided for each student and the broad category of disability that is the main driver for their adjustments. School staff will only have access to recorded data for their own school.

Further information about privacy is available in the Public Information Notice at

www.education.gov.au/notices.

WHAT IF PARENTS AND CARERS DON'T WANT THEIR CHILD TO BE INVOLVED?

Parents and carers will be engaged in consultations with school staff as part of the process for determining the educational adjustments provided for their child as required under the Disability Standards for Education 2005. Evidence of this consultation is required for a student to be included in the national data collection. Education authorities and school principals can provide advice on what parents and carers need to do if they do not want their child to be counted in the national data collection.

HOW WILL THE INFORMATION BE USED?

De-identified school level data on students with disability is reported to education authorities and is aggregated and reported so anonymity and privacy of students is maintained.

The national data collection enables the collection of accurate information about the number of school students with disability, including the levels of adjustment and support provided, and will inform planning and decisions at the national, state and sector level. This information will assist all Australian schools to better meet their responsibilities under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and improve support for the learning needs of students with disability.

The national data collection will provide an evidence base on students with disability, the national distribution of students with disability and the level of reasonable adjustment they receive. The processes around the national data collection, including the professional learning, have the potential to contribute to a more inclusive schooling system for all Australian students.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability and related information visit:

www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistentcollection-data-school-students-disability

www.schooldisabilitydatapl.edu.au.





Pope Francis Gives Three Ingredients for Family Living

During General Audience, Reminds Faithful That Even If Plates Are Flying, Don't Finish Day Without Making Peace

Vatican City State, May 13, 2015

Pope Francis has given families some practical advice during this morning's General Audience in St. Peter's Square.

Continuing with his catechesis on the family, the Holy Father reminded the faithful of three words that "must be in the home": "May I, Thank You, Pardon Me [permesso, grazie, scusa]."

For happy family life, the Pontiff said, these phrases are required in our hearts, homes and communities, and mean more than just having good manners.

Speaking on asking 'May I?,' the Pontiff said we should not just assume we have the right to certain things. When we ask this permission, he said we establish trust and respect among our loved ones.

Proving his point, Francis recalled the words of Jesus in the book of Revelation: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me "(3:20).

"Even the Lord asks permission to enter! Do not forget that."

On saying 'Thank you,' the Pontiff said our society has a great need for gratitude, which makes us more sensitive to the dignity of the human person and the demands of social justice.

"Listen well to this: a Christian that doesn't know how to thank is one that has forgotten the language of God. This is ugly."

'Sorry,' the Pope acknowledged is the hardest of the three to say, yet he noted that when it's not used many bad things happen, especially in marriage. He asked those gathered to ponder how we can be pardoned if we are not willing to forgive.

"Have you fought?" Francis asked. "The problem is not the fighting," he said as much as letting it last into the next day.

"Never finish the day without making peace," even if it's not easy, the Pope said. "A little gesture, a caress, without words," he pointed out, can be enough, for it "stops the infection."

The Holy Father invited all those gathered to repeat the three Italian words: 'permesso grazie, scusa.'

After underscoring these "are the truly the words for entering into the love of the family," Francis called on them to say, "Never finish the day without making peace."







St Kierans State of Origin 1 Dad's Night

7pm, 27 May 2015 at Brothers Club, North Manly (see map below)

Yes Dads it's that time of year again -

Mate against Mate!

State against State!!

Blues V Maroons!!!

Cockroaches v Cane Toads!!!!

NSW finally restored Origin order last year – What will happen this year??

Game 1 of 3 will be played out on 27 May – will you be there?

BBQ Steaks / snags, lucky door prize, first try raffle and refreshments available



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RSVP to michael.punch@aurecongroup.com by 5pm 20 May 15 for catering numbers

