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# St Kieran's Catholic School, Manly Vale



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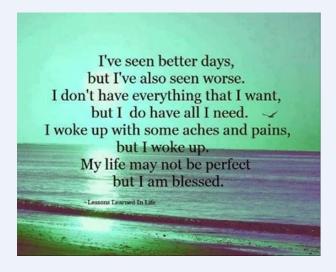
## Looking ahead Term 3

Week 6	Week 7	Looking Ahead continued
Peninsula Athletics     Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Yr 3 excursion to Art Gallery;     Yr 1 excursion to Wildflower Garden;     Yr 2 Confirmation     Sat / Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> Yr 2 Confirmation	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> P&F meeting in iCentr;  Bear Pit  Yr 4 incursion – Human Body Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> P&F Book Fair & Mufti Day (for FFD) Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Assembly – Yr 2  Kinder Zoo excursion	September  Tues1st School Tours; 10.45am Lunch with the Stars  Wed 2nd Kinder 2016 Transition  Fri 4th Fathers' Day Breakfast & Liturgy  Mon 7th Yr 5 Disability Awareness Band Committee meeting 7pm in Hall  Fri 11th Assembly Yr 4; St Kieran's Day – liturgy and mini fete  Mon 14th Yr 5 Disability awareness  Tues 15th Yrs 3 * 4 Gala Day – Cricket/ AFL/ Netball  Thurs 17 Yrs 5 & 6 Gala Day – Cricket/ AFL/ Netball  Fri 18th End Term 3

# **Principal**

#### Dear Families,

Today the school gathered to honour our spiritual mother, Mary, for the Feast of the Assumption. Father Paul asked us to reflect on Mary as an example of "Plus Ultra" meaning going beyond our own limited understanding.



#### **SEL: Strategies for Parents**

Parents attended an informative learning session on Social and Emotional Learning in July and requested that there be a follow up workshop focusing on strategies parents can use with their children. I am happy to announce that this will occur on **Tuesday 1 September** starting at 7pm in our i-Centre.

Social and Emotional skills are important factors of well-being and social development. Children can learn some of these skills which help them to manage friendships, work better with others and develop their understanding of how to be responsible for themselves and their emotions. This session will

- support Social and Emotional Learning in the home
- Social & Emotional Stages of Development
- Brain development and learning
- How to develop your child's Social & Emotional Skills at home

Practical application – strategies into action

Parents wishing to attend are asked to complete the tear off sheet in this newsletter and return ASAP or else contact the school via email or phone indicating their attendance. **Should there not be** the demand for this to occur then the session will be cancelled.

#### **GIFT Cook Team**

This year many of our parents have been actively involved in supporting the Parish GIFT program of cooking for those within the local wider community and donating their time and efforts to the Cromer Food Bank and covering an estimated 700 families in need.

Any parent who is interested and would like to be part of this experience please contact your class parent for further details. Again, a wonderful effort from our parents in reaching out to those within the community... and having lots of fun too I understand in doing so!!!

#### **Principal Contract Renewal**

On Monday 31 August I will be going through the process of renewing my contract as principal at St Kieran's. Any parents who would like to meet the review panel after Monday morning assembly are more than welcome to do so to.

Please let the office know if you would like to be part of the process in this way. As part of a lengthy and detailed School Review process to occur in 2016, next month parents will be asked to fill in an online survey about the school to support the future direction of the school.

P&F Meeting 24 August 7pm in i-Centre. ALL PARENTS WELCOME!!!!

This year the new Science syllabus was implemented in all NSW schools. St Kieran's school will have a Staff Development Day on <u>Tuesday 6 October</u> reviewing the teaching and learning of the Science curriculum at St Kieran's (Monday 5 October is a public holiday). **Students will return to school to commence Term 4 on WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER** 

God bless,

Terri Paterson **Principal** 

# Religious Education Coordinator



The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, but we don't know how it first came to be celebrated. In its earliest days the feast was titled the "Memory of Mary", where all the events of her life were remembered. This day was extended by the Roman Emperor to be celebrated in Rome under the title of the "Falling Asleep" ("Dormitio") of the Mother of God.

Soon the name was changed to the "Assumption of Mary," and it is a celebration of all things Mary, not just her journey to heaven. Whether or not Mary died and went to heaven or Jesus took her to heaven body and soul, we remember Mary and her devotion to her son throughout her life. A discussion paper on the Assumption can be found at: <a href="https://www.ewtn.com/library/ANSWERS/AOFMARY.HTM">https://www.ewtn.com/library/ANSWERS/AOFMARY.HTM</a>

THANK YOU to Year 4 students, Miss Chiarella and Mrs Shefford for their wonderful preparation for the Mass of the Assumption. Thank you also to Ben Marshall for sharing his musical talents with the school and parish community. We are appreciative of Father Paul for presiding at the Mass of the Assumption.

Please remember in your prayers the children and families of Year 2 who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you to the Teachers and Parish Sacramental Team who are working behind the scenes preparing work and the celebration of the Sacrament.

# Dates for your Diary

- Kindergarten Family Mass: Sunday 16 August 9.30am church
- The Sacrament of Confirmation: Friday and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Parish to advise the times.
- Feast of St Augustine Mass: Friday 28 August 10.00am church
- Father's Day Liturgy: Friday 4 September 7.30 9.30am
- St Kieran's Feast Day: Wednesday 9 September 10.00am church

Yours in Religious Education, Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

#### \*\*\* Awards



KC	All of KC	KR	All of KB
1L	H Glavin, S Sunny	1R	R Trew, S Kwon
2B	L Giles, C Choi	2S	All of 2S for excellent work in Maths!
3B	J Connor, A Booth, S Zavaglia	3S	D Cahill, A Brown, N Gordon
4C	I Day, O Wilson	48	L lemma and 4S
5L	All of 5L for outstanding narrative writing!	5W	C Collins, S Mackenzie
6	E Shielsar, S Frazer, R Self	PE	Yr 6 Girls and Yr 6 Boys
Italian	D Miners, H Hunt, B Foster,	Band	K Self
	A Williams		

#### **School News**

#### **MSP Group Photos**

MSP notes were sent home a week or two ago to each student giving them their own individual code to access their particular group photo/s and enable photos to be ordered online. If you have misplaced this note please contact MSP directly 9499 6555.

#### P&F Book Fair and Mufti Day (for Family Fun Day)

Come along on Wednesday 26 August dressed as your favourite book character and donate a book (new or preloved) to the Family Fun Day Book Store.

#### Year 6 Canberra Camp 2015



<u>Australian Government Assistance for National Capital Excursion</u>

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their national capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you (the parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

Activities undertaken as part of the educational tour are outlined below. We hope that the excursion was a rewarding learning experience for all students.

#### Canberra Excursion - A Year 6 review

#### Old Parliament House

Our time at the Museum of Australian Democracy (Old Parliament House) was spent at a hands on exhibit, where we learnt about our Australian Parliamentary system. We had to wear white gloves in order to protect the historical exhibits. We completed a series of questions using touch screens. Then we made our way to the Senate. We talked about the positions of parliament and some class members dressed as past senators.

#### • Electoral Education Centre

The AEC was very interesting because we watched a film all about the history of democracy and the voting system. Then we went into a special room where we learnt about the way voting works. These activities were fun and fascinating. After that, we went into the voting room to vote for our favourite fruit (peaches, apples, bananas and oranges) - the overall winner was oranges. We learnt about the preferential voting system and different electorates in Australia. It was very enjoyable.

#### Telstra Tower

Our coach zoomed up Black Mountain Road to Telstra Tower. We caught the lift to the top watching the elevation change. At the lookout (870m above sea level) we saw magnificent views of Canberra. We were then able to go to the upper deck where we posed for some photos.

#### Parliament House

When we arrived at Parliament, we walked through the foyer to the Grand Hall to see the tapestry which was based on artwork by Arthur Boyd. We then headed upstairs to participate in a role play. The room was set up as the House of Representatives. Some students got to dress up and debate *Should TV ads be banned during children's TV programs?* Then we went on a tour to the House of Representatives and the Senate. We also saw portraits of Prime Ministers that we have been researching in HSIE.

• The War Memorial

We were fortunate to visit the War Memorial on the 100 year anniversary of the Battle of Lone Pine. When we arrived at the War Memorial we watched a video about the history. Next, we spilt into groups to tour the memorial. Our tour continued when we visited The Discovery Zone - a hands on exhibit. This included a submarine and a helicopter where we experienced what it was like to be in the war. We saw what the trenches were like and saw what our feet would have looked like with trench foot. We saw the poppies on the walls and read the names of fallen soldiers. It was an amazing experience.

#### CSIRO

The first thing we did at the CSIRO was to watch a film about the inventions they have made - including Aeroguard to protect the Queen from flies when she visited Australia, Wi-Fi and safer children's clothes. We learnt about the environment and investigated many items using microscopes. In the interactive area we explored many activities – we explored the rope challenge, made puzzles and investigated money. It was very enjoyable and informative.

#### The Australian Institute of Sport.

After a tiring day and a lovely dinner, Year 6 hopped on the bus to visit the AIS at night. This institute was created by Sir Malcolm Fraser in 1981 following the results of the 1976 Olympics. Grade 6 were given a guided tour through the centre. We saw athletes in training and enjoyed the interactive sports facilities. These included a basketball court with a wheelchair, skiing, rock climbing, long jump, soccer and bike riding. We also visited the AIS swimming pool which is the most advanced in the world.

#### Questacon

We were all very excited about going to Questacon! When we arrived we went straight to the top of the building and explored each 'hands on' room. We went into the natural disaster zone where we built structures to withstand an earthquake and we saw real lightning, as well as a twister made of steam. Then we went to the play centre which included the Drop Zone and robot air hockey. A trip to the shop concluded our visit!

#### Engage 2015

Our Engage program continued this week with our Year 3, 4 and 5 groups. Year 6 students led the children with a focus on **Self-Management**.

During <u>Week 6 and Week 7</u> the focus of the Engage Program is **Self-Awareness**. During the sessions the students will be involved in games and activities assisting them to appreciate different perspectives.

For more information about SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) please go to the KidsMatter website - http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/







#### **Library News**

#### **Premiers Reading Challenge**

Only 4 weeks to go but it's not too late to take up the challenge. Many of the books may have already been read. There is also the option of participating in the **Book Bonus**! This not only raises funds for the purchase of books for St Kieran's, but also assists priority schools in NSW. The parental consent can now be completed online so the registration process can be done all at once.

Book Bonus is open until 28 August, so there's still plenty of time for students to be involved. The more students that participate in Book Bonus the more books our school will receive. Even if only 10 students raise \$25 each that's \$250 worth of new books for St Kieran's School. Please see the note below on how easy it is to participate:

# **DEAR PARENTS & CARERS**

#### HELP US GET MORE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL!

This year our school is participating in a read-a-thon linked to the <u>NSW Premier's Reading Challenge</u> (PRC) called Book Bonus. <u>Book Bonus</u> is an online campaign organised by Dymocks Children's Charities where students fundraise for new books for their school while reading.

Each child is encouraged to achieve reading targets for the year, so we're asking for your support in our efforts to increase the number of great quality books we have to offer them!

Our school will receive books chosen by us to the value of funds raised and we'll also be helping schools in need across NSW. 50% of all funds raised from the campaign will be used to provide books to schools in <a href="Dymocks Children's Charities">Dymocks Children's Charities</a> literacy support programs.

Note also, there are **rewards** for the students' participation with each child raising over \$200 receiving a book of their choice\* (valued up to \$20) and prizes for the top fundraisers in the state.

#### **How Book Bonus works:**

- 1. Students participate in the PRC
- 2. Students/parents register at <u>bookbonus.org.au</u> and create their own fundraising page (after parental consent is confirmed!)
- 3. Students read their books and ask family and friends to support them!
- 4. At the end of the PRC Schools and award winning students select their books



If you have any questions about Book Bonus or our school's involvement, please contact Mrs McGuire or Dymocks Children's Charities on (02) 9224 0453 or info@dymockschildrenscharities.org.au.

Many thanks,

Liz McGuire, Librarian

\*Books chosen from a list of PRC books provided by Dymocks Children's Charities.

### **Sport News**

#### **Peninsula Athletics**

Good luck to the following students who are competing for St Kieran's at the Peninsula Athletics Carnival next Wednesday.

A Ingleton B Schoene C Ingleton D Wilson D Cahill E Stubbs	K Porter	C Porter	J Dunn
	L Cahill	C Williams	J Rich
	L Iemma	C Jeffery	L Townsend
	L Simpson	D Arrastia	L Durnin
	M Martin	E Semken	L Quinn
	N Townsend	E Sheilsar	M Joseph
E McBean F Allen H Conlon H Williams J Thomas J Meagher J O'Brien	O McMillan R Atherton R Munro S Buckley S Youngman W Laurendet A Woodland	E Arthurs E Simpson G Hardy G Polome H Hunt H Economos I King	M Tully M Arthurs O Bird R Chang-Hunter S Sterrantino S James Z Hains



#### **Skateboarding Congratulations**

RubyT has just been acknowledged by an international skateboarding company who specialise in skateboarding for young girls and who have recently asked her to become a team rider and their Australian ambassador to help encourage & promote girls skateboarding from the ages of 1 - 15 up. See the link below that showcases Ruby's bio-introduction on their site. <a href="http://pinkhelmetposse.com/meet-the-girls/">http://pinkhelmetposse.com/meet-the-girls/</a>

This is a huge achievement for Ruby who has only been skating one year. The company has just been received with the latest US Gap clothing advertisement: GenGapKids x ED Collection alongside Ellen Degeneres, Americas talk show host, a campaign to encourage young girls to embrace and celebrate their individuality. As a brand ambassador - Ruby now receives free

skateboards and clothing - which she is most excited about.

## **Parent Community**

st.kierans.pf@gmail.com

#### Term 3 P&F Meeting in the iCentre/Library: Monday 24 August 7pm - 8:30pm

Please submit any items you would like to add to the agenda by Wednesday 19 August to stkierans.pf@gmail.com

We would love to see you at the meeting and don't forget we are in the process of recruiting a new P&F team for the next two year term. It's both fun & rewarding and you're assured a smooth handover from the existing team. We are looking for volunteers to fill the following roles:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- · Class Parent Co-Ordinator

So please come along to the meeting and register your interest or email the current team at stkierans.pf@gmail.com

#### **School Working Bee**

We are still working on the date for this but it will be soon! If you emailed us to offer help we will be in touch soon with further information. If you'd like to help email us at <a href="stkierans.pf@gmail.com">stkierans.pf@gmail.com</a>

#### FFD Day: 31st October 2015

As always, we are overwhelmed by the donations & support from the school community. THANK YOU.

We need heaps of volunteers for the day so please email your interest to <a href="mailto:stkierans.pf@gmail.com">stkierans.pf@gmail.com</a> and check the FFD section of the newsletter for further details.

#### **Uniform Shop**

- Opening hours: every second Tuesday from 8.30am 9.30am next open Tuesday 25 August
- Orders will be filled alternate Tuesdays. . 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.

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 3 - Week 6):

Wednesday 19 August: J Funtanilla, J Quarrell

Thursday 20 August: K Di Staso, S La Greca, T Lynch

Friday 21 August: J Worthington, S Chawn-Harris, Deb Sweeny

- 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 - **SSKMV.canteen**@dbb.catholic.edu.au or 0410 629 135.

#### **Woolworths Earn and Learn**

St Kieran's will be participating again this year in the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion. From now until Tuesday 8 September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box near the office at school. The more stickers we submit, the more educational resources that Woolworths will fund for our school. Sticker sheets can be collected instore or can be downloaded online at <a href="https://www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn">www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn</a>

#### **School Banking**

The banking team are in need of a volunteer or two to assist on Friday mornings when one of our team is away. We particularly need someone between 8.15am and 8.45am to serve our little bankers and if able, to stay on till 9.15am to help process the banking in the library.

Please contact Allison Browne on 0422 322353 if you can help us out. Please read the attached flyer about the exciting prizes on offer this term.

Kind regards

The Banking Team

#### 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.

In addition to the regular rewards, The Commonwealth Bank is running a competition in Term 3. Just make 3 or more deposits through School Banking in Term 3, and you will automatically be in the draw to win prizes. You can double your chance of winning by completing a 'Money Mission' at <a href="mailto:commbank.com.au/prizeportal">commbank.com.au/prizeportal</a>. See the brochure attached to this newsletter for more details!

#### The Band Committee Meeting

The Band Committee is holding our Term 3 Band meeting on Monday 7 August at 7pm, in the Parish centre (middle section of the hall). We welcome any parents wanting to join or assist the band committee.

## **Community News**

- Diocesan Parent Council: Free Seminar for Parents & Carers: Dr JUSTIN COULSON- What Your Child Needs from You. The Broken Bay DPC provides seminars and workshops each term for all parents in schools across our diocese. This term the DPC are working with one of Australia's most respected parenting speakers, authors, and researchers Dr Justin Coulson. There are endless do's and don'ts that surround parenting. In his practical seminar, What Your Child NeedsfFrom You, Dr Justin shares essential strategies that get to the heart of raising a happy child and creating a connected family. Justin is an engaging presenter and his stories have audiences laughing and nodding in agreement he really gets it with real life examples that really do help parents.
  - This not-to-be-missed seminar is being hosted by OLGC Catholic School, Forestville on **Tuesday 18 August 7 9pm**. All parents from schools across our diocese are welcome and there is no cost. To assist with numbers, please go to the DPC website to RSVP <a href="https://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com">www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com</a>
- Seaforth Little Athletics club registrations are open. Have fun and stay fit during summer! Events include running, high/long/triple jump, shot put, discus, javelin and hurdles. Competition Saturday mornings at Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen starting 12 September. Training at Seaforth oval Wednesdays 5.30-7pm starting 9<sup>th</sup> September. Registration is online seaforthlac.org with athlete number and uniform collection nights Wednesday 2 and 9 September.
- Stella Maris College 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion. We are organising a reunion for ex-students who left Stella Maris in 1975 (year 12) or 1973 (year 10) on Sunday October 18, 12 noon at the Harbord Beach Hotel. Any questions please call Bernadine on 0414519108 or email <a href="mailto:bernie\_mcgrath@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au">bernie\_mcgrath@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au</a>. There is a Facebook page 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Stella Girls/1975 where you can see photos and any other information. Hope to see as many ex students from those years as possible. Please let us know if you think you can make it.
- Vacation Care Cheeky Monkeys Play House: 1101/4 Daydream Street Warriewood NSW 2102 Email: info@cheekymonkeysplayhouse.com.au Open 7 days \*9999 0388 www.cheekymonkeysplayhouse.com.au
- Brigidine College St Ives for Year 7, 2017: If your daughter is currently in Year 5 and wishes to attend Brigidine College St Ives for Year 7, 2017 now is the time to apply. Limited places are still available. We would be delighted to show you around the College. Requests for a tour or an Enrolment Application Form can be made via our website or contact the Registrar. Jennifer Kirkby Registrar <a href="www.brigidine.nsw.edu.au">www.brigidine.nsw.edu.au</a> phone 9988 6281
- North Curl Curl SLSC Nippers Registration Day Sunday 13 September from 9am 3pm www.nthcurlcurlslsc.com.au / www.facebook.com/nccslsc or office@nccslsc.com.au
- Manly Nipper Registration 6 & 13 September from 8.30am 12.30pm www.manlylsc.co.au / nippers@manlylsc.com / 0429 916 380

Return Slips						
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	Year 3 Alter Servers –	Expressions of Interest				
	Expressions of interest are asked for children, Year Three and older, who would like to learn to serve on the altar. If you would like to serve on the altar during school masses please return the slip below.					
My childaltar.	class	is interested in learning how to serve on the				
Parent's name:						
Parent's phone number:	·····					
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SEL: Strategies f	or Parents - Socia	I and Emotional Learning				
I/we will be attending the Soc	ial and Emotional workshop or	n Tuesday 1 September starting at 7pm in the i-Centre.				
Names:						
Child's Class/es		Number of people attending				





# Saturday, 31 October 2015

# WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

The 2015 St Kieran's Family Fun Day is less than 3 months away and the team has been busy organising what will be a great day for the school.

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

If you haven't already done so, block out the day in your calendars. Saturday 31 October.

#### **FACEBOOK**

facebook.

Find us, follow us, like us and support the St Kieran's Family Fun Day page.

#### **BOOK STALL**

The next stall to think about is the Year 4 Book Stall. In the spirit of Book Week, we'll be having a Book Week Mufti Day on Wednesday 26th August where the children will come dressed as their favourite book character, and donate a book (excellent quality second hand, or new).

#### TOMBOLA

Thinking ahead – start saving your jars for the Year 5 Tombola Stall!

#### VINTAGE CLOTHING

Start looking through your wardrobes for excellent quality vintage clothing, accessories, shoes and bags for the Year 3 Stall. Both of these will have collections early in Term 4.

Thankyou to everyone for supporting your school and a BIG thankyou to this year's sponsors! Please support them!

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# BOOK WEEK MUFTI DAY

Wednesday 26th Aug

Come dressed as your favourite character and donate a book to the Family Fun Day

Book Store.

New or pre-loved.

