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# St Kieran's Catholic School, Manly Vale



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#### Looking ahead Term 4

Week 4	Week 5	Looking Ahead continued
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> • 9.30am Mass – School Choir Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> • Kinder 2016 Transition Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> • Jnr & Snr Band playing at the Mall Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> • Yrs 5 & 6 Yoga	<ul> <li>Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Stella Maris Yr 7 Orientation</li> <li>Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Fair</li> <li>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Italian Day – mufti. Assembly 1.50pm</li> <li>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Fair</li> </ul>
Family Fun Day		<ul> <li>Thurs 19th Scholastic Book Fair</li> <li>Fri 20th 2pm Assembly – Bank &amp; Robotics December</li> <li>Thurs 3rd Swimming Carnival 12.15 – 3.30pm</li> </ul>

## **Principal**

#### **Dear Families**

This was a very challenging week and I want to thank parents for your support in speaking with your children about appropriate use of toilets and the responsibility we have as members of a community in providing for a safe and healthy environment in which to learn. In partnership I look towards a positive way forward with this matter.



# Mission Sunday: "I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink" Matthew 22:35

Yesterday I accompanied the Mission Team and our REC Kerrie Wetzlar to the diocesan Cathedral for the annual diocesan schools Mission Mass, celebrated by Bishop Peter. Each year throughout the world hundreds of Christians suffer persecution in varying degrees. World Mission Day is celebrated globally on the last Sunday in October. It is a day where we, as Catholics, unite in prayer, mutual friendship and support, both spiritual and material. There are thousands of men and women missionaries who have foregone the pleasant lifestyle that we enjoy to bring the Gospel message of respect, care and

assistance, as well as education and health improvements to disadvantaged and often oppressed peoples in foreign lands and different cultures. They rely on our support and Caritas and Catholic Mission are two really effective groups through which our material support can be challenged.

Parents are able to contribute to the Catholic Mission 2015 Church Appeal by picking up an envelope at the school office.

#### **Swimming Carnival**

St Kieran's Swimming Carnival is on <u>Thursday 3 December</u> at the Warringah Aquatic Centre beginning at 12:30pm. Planning is well underway and the student information supplied to the sport coordinators have been collated for students to be placed in their races. In the past the Swimming Carnival was held in the first term but due to access to the quality facilities of the Warringah Aquatic Centre, a change was introduced and evaluations of students, teachers and parents (Board and P&F meeting responses) indicated that this change was beneficial for the school. Timings of races for students aged 8-12 years are used for the Peninsula Carnival held in Term 1 2016. THANK YOU to those parents who have offered to assist us on the day. Your support is greatly appreciated.

#### Strong Roots.... Tall Trees

The program Strong Roots... Tall Trees that was shared at the last P&F meeting is due to begin this afternoon. We are indeed fortunate to be able to offer this to our students and their families.

**Congratulations** and **Well Done** N Townsend on your brave and responsible actions. We are very proud of you!!!

#### **Deepest Sympathy**

I was informed this week that Mrs Claire Shefford's mother passed away and that the funeral will be held next week. Claire and her family travelled to the UK to visit her sick mother. Claire has informed me that she will be returning to St Kieran's to begin in Week 6. Ms Jessica Macri will continue in 4S until Mrs Shefford returns.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Claire and her family at this difficult time.

#### FAMILY FUN DAY.... It's coming!

Thank you families for your efforts with those tombola jars! The school yard was a very busy place and hive of activity this morning... I anticipate this to be the same throughout the coming week as preparations are made.

God bless.







#### **Assistant Principal**

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our Open Classrooms on Monday morning. We open our classrooms this way for parents to be able to view a lesson across a variety of KLAs. The daily timetable in our school usually begins with the Literacy Block between 9.00 and 11.00am however, since our aim is to engage our parent community by equipping with information, we open our classrooms on specific dates each term at the Monday morning time of 9.00am as we understand how busy working parents are!

Today as a follow up to the Open Classroom for RE, teachers will be sending home a work sample of work book in RE. Over the weekend it would be a lovely idea to look through this with your child and talk about their learning experiences in Religious Education.

Enjoy the weekend.

Marisa

### **Religious Education Coordinator**

Congratulations to the children, parents and teachers who participated in and attended last weekend's Year 4 Family Mass. Thank you parents for providing a wonderful morning tea. Once again the school choir, led by Kathryn Williams and her group "Sonic Spirit", enhanced the quality of our celebration. Thank you to the children who sang, played instruments, lead the psalm, and carried the Gospel and our gifts to the altar.

A Synod on the Family was held from 4 - 25 October to consider the role of the family in church and society. Below is the prayer which the synod embraced over their period of reflection and discernment. You may wish to share this prayer with your family.



#### Prayer for the Synod on the Family.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalised find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

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.

Following our open classrooms focussing on Religion the children will be bringing their Religion books home this weekend. Please return the books on Monday ready for learning in the area of Religion.

Bishop Peter Comensoli will be celebrating Mass on 1 November at 9.30 at St Kieran's Church. The Mass will be celebrated for people with special needs and their families. If you wish to attend and participate in the Mass please advise Colleen or Leanne on 9847 0448 or register at registrations@dbb.org.au

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

- Sunday 1 November Mass for People with Special Needs 9.30am Church
- Sunday 29 November: Yr 5 and Kindy 2016 Mass Church

- Friday 11 December: Carols Evening Playground
- Monday 14 December: Yr 6 Celebration Liturgy Evening Church
- Wednesday 16 December: End of Year Thanksgiving Mass 11.30 Church

Yours in Religious Education, Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

#### \*\*\* Awards



KC	O Parker, A Thompson	KR	A Sutherland, B Edmunds	
1L	M Bartlett, E Spralja	1R	D Atkinson, A Starkey	
2B	E Keating, J Wyss	<b>2S</b>	C Ricketts, E Simpson	
3B	J Hamill, S Fawcett, O Fiorenza	<b>3S</b>	K McGovern, N Kania	
4C	J Wells, J Bell	4S	K Atkinson, J Hartley	
5L	A McCloskey, S Rindfleish, J Williams	5W	5W J Meagher, S Ross	
6	R Atherton, N Iemma, E Nevin,	PE	E L Cannon, J Connor, E Lynch, E Wilson,	
	C Porter		A Noble, J Nicols	
Italian	C Williams, O McMillan, K Janik, K Sweeny			

#### School News

#### **School Fees**

Please ensure you are up to date with your school fees. If you are paying by 3 standard instalments the third and final payment was due 24 July. Unless arrangements have been made with the office, outstanding accounts will be forwarded to the **Catholic Schools Office for collection.** 

For those families paying by weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalments, all accounts will need to be paid in full by mid-November unless alternative arrangements have been made with the office. If you are behind in your instalments please bring your account up to date.

#### **Mission Mass Report by the Mission Team**

All schools in the Diocese of Broken Bay were represented at the annual Mission Mass. Anita from Catholic Mission highlighted the importance of clean water in Madagascar. Bishop Peter spoke to all the schools about our Mission. Mission means to "send on a purpose" and we are sent by Christ to the world. When we are like Christ to others we are missionary. By being missionary we help bring the Kingdom of God to our earth. We celebrated the good works of the schools of Broken Bay with a Mass.



#### **Earn and Learn**

Thank you, thank you for a fantastic effort from all parents for the Earn and Learn program. We have been able to purchase so much including resources for science, sport, art and items across all the key learning areas. The students will love them

#### **Head Lice**

There have been a number of reported cases of nits/head lice at school. Please check your child's hair for nits/lice tonight using the methods recommended in information from NSW Health <a href="http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx">http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx</a>

If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as recommended. Your assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

#### Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website <a href="http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/Information-for-childcare-and-schools.aspx">http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/Information-for-childcare-and-schools.aspx</a> Dr Vicky Sheppeard, Director Communicable Disease Branch, NSW Health

#### **Band**

There are two performances coming up that need some attention. Firstly for the Family Fun day the bands are playing from 10 – 10.30am. Please be there by 9.30am for set-up and wait for conclusion for pack-up.

Secondly both bands are playing in the Warringah Mall eisteddfod on Thursday 5 November at 1.15pm. We will need volunteers to help walk the children to the Mall at 12pm. There will be a permission slip sent out, please fill in and get back to the school office by 30 October.

Looking forward to all the great music.

Warm regards *Miss Hodges* 

#### **Parent Community**

st.kierans.pf@gmail.com

#### **Uniform Shop**

- Opening hours: every second Tuesday from 8.30am 9.30am next open Tuesday 27 October.
- 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.

#### Help Required: a volunteer needed for Friday 6 November - Please?

**Date for the diary:** *Italian Day* on Friday 11 November, Volunteers are required to help serve pizza and gelato from 12.15pm to 1.30pm, please email: <u>joanne.nesbitt@dbb.catholic.edu.au</u>

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

Wednesday 28 October: N Obad (M), S Saady (M), S Keogh (L), J Hoey (L)

Thursday 29 October: Jo Hull, Eileen Thompson

Friday 30 October: Helen Carey, Jenni Schofield, Nicole Covich

- 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 - joanne.nesbitt@dbb.catholic.edu.au or 0410 629 135.

#### **School Banking**

#### BE AN 'OUTER SPACE SAVER' WITH SCHOOL BANKING

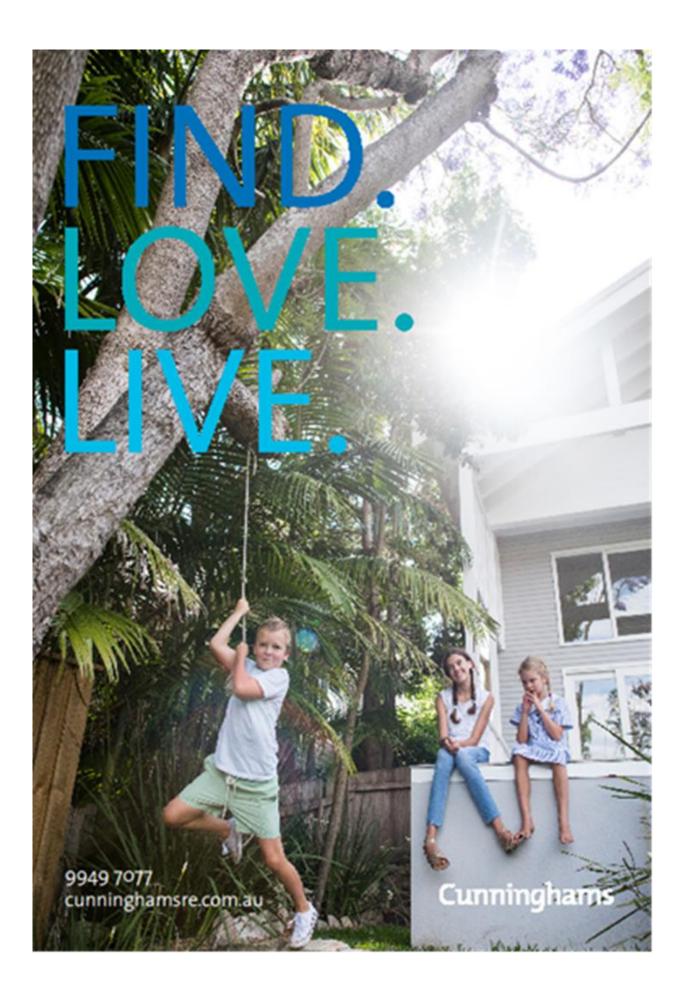
School Banking is back again on Friday mornings from 8:20 in the playground.

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**

Manly Warringah Basketball association will hold their Representative trials this Sunday 25 October. NCAS
Basketball Level One coaches course is on Sunday 8 November 2pm - 6pm in Pittwater House
School gymnasium 70 South Creek Road, Collaroy. For enquiries Ph: 9913 3622





# Saturday, 31 October 2015

Thankyou to our Major sponsor



# ONLY 8 MORE SL

Unlimited Rides - purchase a ride band for \$25 on Flexischools before Wednesday October 28th to get the Earlybird special otherwise \$30 on the day. Individual rides \$5 each. Pre-booked ride bands and individual tickets will be sent to you via the eldest child at St Kieran's. Make sure you look after these as they are non-replaceable.

Jam Competition - a little 'old school' Master Jammer competition - make the best jam, sauce or chutney on the day and receive some great prizes. See the flyer in the Newsletter. Entry forms must be in by Wednesday 28th October, Bring your jars to the school office on Friday 30th or to the FFD on Saturday 31st between 10am and 11am.

Mortgage Choice KindiFarm - bring the kids to the animal farm to visit some of the cutest little critters around. Why not join in the 'Name the Pig' competition?

Halloween Dress-up and Dance-off - if you are a lover of Halloween (or not), strut you best scary outfit in the Halloween Dance-off to the fabulous live band New Tricks.

Class Stalls - some old favourites and some new additions ...... don't forget to bring in your Tombola jars and the kids will be in mufti this Friday 23rd October.

Fun Activities - there's lot more fun to be had with Paper Planes, Trick or Treat Door, Sand Art, Pass the Footy and get some crazy Halloween hair and face art. Don't miss the opportunity to bring your favourite person along to be dunked in our water dunking machine!

Commercial Stalls - why not stroll down Market Lane for a spot of early Christmas shopping....there are candles, jewellery, toys, kids gifts, skincare along with Christmas decorations.

Food - Relax in the Alfresco Cafe with a little treat from the Cake Stall - don't forget to do a little baking for the Stall as requested in the Newsletter. If sweets aren't your thing, head to the BBQ for a snag. Thanks to our BBQ sponsor Cleavers who are providing yummy and healthy Paleo sausages along with Roseberry Street Roasters who will have the coffee van jumping from early until late. There are also lots of goodies available in our Canteen.

Our very generous sponsors PartyTime hire are delivering all the stalls and other equipment on Friday 30th October in the afternoon. The P&F would love at least 4 more volunteers to help with setting up of the stalls after school finishes from 4pm or as soon as you can make it. If you can help, please send an email to stkierans.pf@qmail.com.

Thankyou to our Silver and Gold sponsors ....















# "Early Bird Offer" Unlimited Ride Tickets

# Ends Wednesday 28th October

On Saturday 31st October 2015, the school car park will be closed and filled with a variety of rides.

Take advantage of this special <u>Early Bird Offer</u> and buy your ride tickets now for only **\$25 per child**. These tickets will give the child unlimited rides all day on:

## \*Dodgem Cars\* Inflatable Slide \* Cup and Saucer \*Mini Pirate Ship \*Jumping Castle \* Disco Show \*

- To purchase go to Flexischools and pay by credit card (option will pop up once
  you start an order for your child)
- If you prefer to pay by cheque or cash, please complete the form below and send to the Office before Wednesday 28th October
- Unlimited ride tickets will be \$30 per child on the day or \$5 per single ride
- Payment by cheque (please make payable to St Kieran's P&F)

note armbands can NOT be replaced if lost.

 Armbands will be distributed on Friday 30th October where possible, or can be collected on the day at the Ride Stall

Please indicate whether the child is an immediate family member or other. Please

	Child's Name:			Class:
	Child's Name:			Family/Other
	Child's Name:			Family/Other
	Child's Name:			Family/Other
	Child's Name:			Family/Other
	Child's Name:			Family/Other
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# Your family can get FREE dental care

# Did you know...?

- ALL CHILDREN under 18 years old can have FREE dental care
- Have a Government concession card?
   You are eligible for FREE dental care
- Anyone listed on your Government concession card are also eligible for FREE dental care
- Waiting times are reducing due to extra funding so it's a good time to register your family!



#### **CLINIC LOCATIONS:**

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PHONE 1300 732 503

