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Looking ahead Term 4

Week 7	Week 8	Looking Ahead <i>continued</i>
Tuesday 17th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholastic Book Fair Wednesday 18th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholastic Book Fair and Italian Day – mufti. Assembly 1.50pm Thursday 19th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholastic Book Fair (am only) Friday 20th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 6 Spirituality Day Yr 4 taekwondo Yr 5 & 6 Yoga 2pm Assembly – Band & Robotics Sat 21st <ul style="list-style-type: none"> P&F Parents Rio Night 	Friday 27th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 4 Taekwondo Kinder 2016 Optional free play Sunday 29th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Welcome Mass – Yr 5 & Kinder 2016 	December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 7th Yr 6 Surf Ed at Dee Why / Yr 5 Night of the Notables / Stella Orientation Day Tues 8th 4 – 5.30pm Just ASC Christmas Concert Thurs 10th Kinder excursion to city Fri 11th 6pm P&F Carols Mon 14th Yrs 6 lunch & Yr 6 Celebration Evening Wed 16th Thanksgiving Mass – Last day for students Thurs 17th Staff Development Day
	Week 9	
	Monday 30th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 6 & Kinder Teddy Bears picnic P&F meeting December	
	Tuesday 1st <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Band Christmas Concert 6.30pm 	
	Thursday 3rd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming Carnival 12.15 – 3.30pm 	
	Friday 4th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 4 Surf Ed at Manly 	2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School resumes for Yrs 1 - 6 Thursday 28 January

Principal

Dear Families

On Monday at morning assembly this week our Liturgy Team led us in creative prayer relating to the Beatitudes and linking these with the Kingdom of God; (The Kingdom is not something in the future or beyond us, but within us). Many understand 'prayer' as something we say or do, a formulaic collection of words recited. The act of prayer is however a communication with our God; where we open ourselves, the space within us, and allow God to enter and be present with us.

After assembly on Monday there was an opportunity for parent prayer, held in the Kieran Room for any parents that were able to attend and led by our own parents, in this instance, Katrina Beaman (3S & KC). This prayerful morning focused on a meditation of the Scriptural passage **"I have come that you may have life and have it to the full."** Like many parents, I am not able to attend parent prayer, however I do receive a hardcopy of this prayerful gathering, which assists me greatly in my own spiritual search and development. I would like to share the following with the school community, especially those who were not able to be present.

Imagination and Hope: *We used to imagine that, despite the diversity within particular societies and across the world, we could somehow all achieve safe, middle-class ambitions like financial security, a wholesome family life, an education for excellence, a fulfilling job with a handsome wage, good health and white teeth, a house in the suburbs, freedom to worship, protection from terrorism, and an environment ready to do our bidding. Now we know that life is not so straight forward.*

*We are not here to make money, though we need that too. We are not here to just enjoy good health, though we all know what an incredible difference that makes. We are not here solely to live morally good lives, admirable though moral living is. We are here for a project so audacious that something within us finds it hard to believe; **we are here to transform ourselves and our world.** If we cannot believe this, it is because we have downsized our beliefs. It is our greatness rather than our littleness that intimidates us most of all.*

But hope can heal us. Hope can unsettle us with a passionate unrest that aims for the greatest things possible. Hope propels us toward great things and it is imagination that gives us the entrance ticket into the hope-filled world of possibility. God is beyond all that we can ask for or imagine. We can hope in God, for God is the true fulfilment of everything for which we long for and desire. God promises us that the best is yet to come. (Source; Sacred Space 2015, p.292)

Thank you Katrina for the time and effort you put into these opportunities for parents to gather in prayer.

REMEMBRANCE DAY :

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."*



On Wednesday, St Kieran's joined with other schools in the local area at Manly Dam for the Warringah Council Remembrance Trust to commemorate Remembrance Day; 97 years since the end of World War 1.

A special acknowledgement to Liam D who represented the school in delivering a speech on the battle of Hamel fought by Australians on the Western Front in 1918 led by General John Monash. In his speech Liam linked this WW1 event to the lives of young Australians; especially to the students present on the day. We were all very proud of Liam and the contribution he made on

behalf of St Kieran's at this special community event.

"... His (General Monash) meticulous planning and attention to detail has taught us all to face problems no matter the size or circumstance, to have courage to take risks and to engage with each other and communicate on all levels."

Liam ended his impressive speech with a quote from General Monash himself that holds relevance for us all.

"Equip yourself for life, not solely for your own benefit, but for the benefit of the whole community"

LEST WE FORGET.

God bless,

Terri Paterson
Principal



Assistant Principal

I'm sharing with you some important information which has come to us from Catholic Schools Office. As challenging as it is, we need to keep well-informed of the ever-changing Cyber landscape. Please take the time to click on the link below and read through the information. It is well worth the time.

The Office of the Children's e Safety Commissioner has become aware of two Apps that are causing some concern in school communities. These Apps are Animal Jam and Subway Surfer. One of the main concerns with these Apps is that they contain an in-built global chat facility. This facility enables anyone in the world to make contact with users of the Apps. The potential for children to be exposed to phishing scams, grooming and cyberbullying is substantial. The Office of the Children's e Safety Commissioner maintains an excellent resource page that assists parents to better understand these Apps amongst a range of others.

This resource may be accessed at <https://esafety.gov.au/esafety-information/games-apps-and-social-networking>

Have a lovely weekend!
Marisa

Religious Education Coordinator

World Youth Day – Krakow, Poland.

Bishop Comensoli has requested that our the Diocese of Broken Bay send as many youth as possible to World Youth Day (WYD) in July next year.

To assist the youth of our parish cover the costs of travel a WYD raffle has been organised.

Tickets to support the youth of the North Harbour Parish are available at the office.

Thank you for your support.

Why do Catholics go to Mass?

Many people comment / think:



Recharge your life at Mass

Through Sunday rest, daily concerns and tasks find their proper perspective: the material things we worry about give way to spiritual values.

Catholics go to Mass for many reasons:

- To feed your soul: Mass is a spiritual superfood.
- To connect with others.
- To breathe, rest and get off life's treadmill.
- God invited us to do so –do we need a better reason.

But as with all things getting to Mass doesn't just happen. It requires planning.

Tips for getting your family to Mass

- **Plan ahead:** Schedule Mass ahead

of time and fit other activities around it.

- **Free Up Sundays:** Confine kids activities to give yourself time. Get chores done earlier in the week.
- **Get a routine happening:** Establishing a regular Mass time helps establish lifelong friendships with other like-minded people.
- **After Mass Bonus:** Keep the family positivity going. Head out for an ice cream or coffee or family visit.
- **Reduce Stress:** Find a good children's liturgy and take appropriate books and bibles

Adapted from "Frankly" franklymag.org

Masses which are more suitable for the children include:

- The **third Sunday of each month** where the **Children's Choir** leads the Music Ministry at 9.30 Mass with upbeat hymns. They are singing this Sunday.
- Ben Marshall is preparing to raise the roof at Sunday evening Mass on 22 November. In his words:
"We are doing a big shindig at the 6pm Mass. I did it last year and it's pretty inspiring musically because I got everyone to sit all around the church with trumpets, violins and all sorts of bells and whistles and did a massive musical celebration. I called it **RAISE THE ROOF**. There's spaghetti night afterwards and it's a good Mass, especially for the Years 5 & 6. So come along on **Sunday 22 November to the 6pm Mass!**"

Stay tuned for "Youthoria"

Coming to a church near you. Next year a new youth lead music Ministry "Youthoria" will be playing on the second Sunday of the Month. Thank you to Ben Marshall for training and organising the group.

Well done musicians for taking on the challenge.



Dates for your Diary

- Sunday 15 November Children's Choir 9.30am
- Sunday 22 Raise the Roof 6pm
- 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

School Administration

Reminders

- School office hours are from 8:15am to 3:45pm.
- Please advise children of what their after school arrangements are. Lately there have been a lot of late phone calls asking the office to call up to the classrooms to remind children how they are getting home. This interrupts lessons and there is no guarantee the message can get to the child if they are not in their classroom.
- Students need to be accompanied by an adult if arriving at school late as an adult needs to fill in the late note.

School Fees

A reminder that all school fees should be **paid in full by 15 November** unless you have made other arrangements with the office.

Should you be unable to meet your fee commitment please call the office to make an appointment to see Mrs Paterson. Unpaid accounts can be referred to the Catholic Schools Office Fee Administrator for collection



Family Registration Form 2016

Please complete the Family Registration form and return to the office by the due date of **November 20, 2015**. The Family Registration form is used to determine fees and payment schedules for 2016. (eg. any reductions for siblings etc). Thank you for your prompt attention.

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KC		KR	All of KR
1L	C Hull, I Cannon	1R	V Rischmiller, O Potega
2B	I Sharp, W Maunsell	2S	Z Rigato, L Siew, Z Middonte
3B	J Gennusa, K Self	3S	I Meagher, J James
4C	J Thomas, E Lefers	4S	
5L	R Chang-Hunter, S James, S Simon	5W	S Mackenzie, S Choi
6	S Frazer, D Irabarren, R Muoio, R Atherton	PE	All of 4C
Italian	J Cronin, E Camphin, Z Juric, H Smith, L Durnin, R Nevin		

School News



Swimming Caps

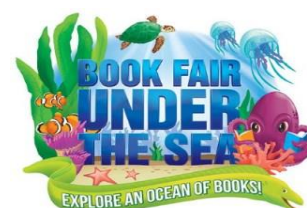
Students are required to wear a 'house colour' swimming cap to participate in the swimming carnival on Thursday 3 December. Caps are available from the school office for \$3 each.

Library News

During week 7 we will be having a Scholastic Book Fair!

The days and times open are as follows:

- **Tuesday 17 November:** 8.15am-3.30pm and 2.50pm-3.30pm
- **Wednesday 18 November:** 8.15am-8.45am and 2.50-3.30pm
- **Thursday 19 November:** 8.15am-8.45am only



The exciting theme for 2015 is **Under the Sea!**



Your child will bring home a wish list and brochure and we encourage you to look at that with them. The brochure is just a selection of the many books that will be for sale so your child will be able to have a look at the books with their class teacher prior to the fair opening to compile their wish list. There are also posters and novelty items such as pencils and rubbers for sale too. You are also able to take advantage of paying by phone or online but please remember to send your payment receipt number with your child when they come to collect their books. If you pay by cheque, please make it out to St Kieran's School.

We would also be truly grateful to those families who would like to purchase a book and donate it back to the library. This is a wonderful way to continue to build on the wonderful books we have in the library. We also put a special sticker on the inside of the book with your family name, acknowledging the donation. Your child will be the first to borrow it.

The Book Fair is also a great opportunity to get in for some early Christmas shopping!

We also have a shell guessing competition where the proceeds goes to the charity in Cambodia supported by Miss Thorpe called, "Free to Shine."

If you have some time to help us conduct our Book Fair, please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and circle the areas where you would like to help out. Send the form back to me.

Many thanks
Liz McGuire

Junior Band Try Out

On Friday 20 March Surrey Hodges, Junior Band conductor, will be giving children in Years 2 & 3 the opportunity to do a 'blow test'. Children will be able to try different instruments to see if they like the sound and whether they can make a sound. The current Senior and Junior bands will then perform at Friday assembly at 2pm.

St Kieran's School Band Christmas Concert

On Tuesday 1 December at 6.30pm all families are invited to the band Christmas Concert in the Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear our talented children perform and entertain. Both school bands will be performing followed by an awards ceremony. Tickets are \$5 per adult, \$3 per child or \$20 for an extended family (including relatives). Glow sticks will be available to purchase.

Just ASC

2016 Enrolments

- All families who currently use Just ASC were emailed the 2016 enrolment details on Tuesday.
- Enrolments must be returned by Friday 20 November.
- Please note that only completed enrolments will be accepted and may be given to the educators or left at the school office. Enrolments are **not** to be emailed.
- If you have not received enrolment information, you must notify Narelle, Carly or Liz.
- Any other families requiring before and/or after school care in 2016 can find the Family Handbook and Enrolment Forms on the St Kieran's School website.



Sport News

Congratulations Ruby T!

Ruby recently flew over to California where she competed in the world's biggest all girl skateboarding contest called Exposure (see website for details). They are a group of dedicated volunteers united by the vision to empower women (of all ages) through skateboarding. The competition was dedicated to supporting women through domestic violence

At 6 years of age Ruby competed in the 14 & under Vert category where she rode a halfpipe which was 14ft high and especially brought in from world skateboarder Tony Hawk. Ruby competed against some of the best skateboarders in the world and finished 8th. Well done Ruby!

Parent Community

st.kierans.pf@gmail.com

Uniform Shop

- **Opening hours:** every second Tuesday from 8.30am - 9.30am – next open **Tuesday 24 November**.
- 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

Fried Rice now available on FlexiSchools @ \$4.50 each.

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

A volunteer required for Friday 11 December please???

Date for the diary - Italian Day on Wednesday 18 November, More Volunteers are required to help serve pizza and gelato from 12.15pm to 1.30pm, please email: joanne.nesbitt@dbb.catholic.edu.au

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 4 - Week 7):

Wednesday 18 November: S Henderson, J Quarrell

Thursday 19 November: **Volunteer Required Please**, D Gennusa

Friday 20 November: N Donohoe, S Zadel, E Wilson

- 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.

Parish News

World Youth Day 2016

The Diocese of Broken Bay has launched its DBB WYD Krakow 2016 Raffle with amazing prizes to help support our World Youth Day pilgrims.

Raffle tickets are only \$2 each and the prizes on offer are:

- 1st Prize - 2016 Hyundai 5 door Accent Active 1.4 MPI, including on-roads, rrp \$16694.70 - Sponsored by Avium
- 2nd Prize - Cosmos 2016 European holiday for two people to the value of \$6000.00 (\$3000.00 per person) - Sponsored by Cosmos
- 3rd Prize - 1x Apple Watch Sport 38mm space grey aluminium case with black sport band, rrp \$499 - Sponsored by Catholic Church Insurance
- 4th Prize - 1x Apple iPad Mini 2 Wi-Fi 16GB, rrp \$369 - Sponsored by Broken Bay Institute

Schools and Parishes will be selling the raffle tickets to raise money for their pilgrims. All money raised by the raffle ticket sales go directly to help fund the WYD 2016 pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland. The raffle will be drawn on Palm Sunday 20 March 2016. The tickets are available from our school office.

Community News

- **Lifeline Northern Beaches Giant Book Fair:** 20 - 22 November 2015 at Balgowlah Boys Campus Balgowlah. Friday 20th 4pm – 9pm, Saturday 21st 9am – 5pm, Sunday 22nd 9am – 2pm. Please note we accept Visa & Mastercard and also have EFTPOS facility available. (Entry by gold coin donation very much appreciated)
- **Narrabeen Grandfriends Group Free Christmas Party:** A playgroup run by grandparents, for grandparents and their grandchildren. Come and join us to celebrate Christmas and the end of the year at our Grandfriends Christmas Party! Kindifarm will be there to entertain the young ones and refreshments will be provided. Thursday 3 December, 9.30am – 11.30am at Narrabeen Baptist Church, 13 Grenfell Avenue, North Narrabeen. For more information, please contact Sue or Jane on (02) 9938 5240 or email suej@ransw.org.au or janeda@ransw.org.au. This project received support and funding through Relationships Australia NSW and

Return Slips

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Sign me up to help at the Book Fair!

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Child's Class: _____

Availability (please circle):

Tuesday 17 November: 8.15-8.45am and 2.50pm-3.30pm

Wednesday 18 November: 8.15am-8.45am and 2.50-3.30pm

Thursday 19 November: 8.15am-8.45am only



I have circled areas where I'd like to help out:

- Helping shoppers at the Fair • Cashiering • Packing up the Fair

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BOOK FAIR IS HERE!



COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR!

WHEN:

Tuesday/Wednesday Nov 17/18:

8.15-8.45am and 2.50-3.30pm

Thursday Nov 19: 8.15-8.45am only

WHERE

St Kieran's School Library

**Great chance to do some Christmas shopping!*

**Buy a book to donate to the school library (your name goes on the inside of the book and your child is the first to borrow it).*

**Competition: Guess how many seashells in the jar!*

50c a guess or 3 guesses for \$1. Proceeds go to Miss Thorpe's charity, Free to Shine.



Fact sheet: School Opal card

The School Opal card provides free travel to school aged students between home and school on weekdays under the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) across the Opal public transport network.

School Opal card can be used:

- On approved travel on school days between the student's home and school, and
- For travel between 06:30 and 19:00 weekdays (21:30 for TAFE school students).



Who is eligible?

To be eligible a student must be a resident of NSW plus:

- Infant student (K-2) older than 4 years and 6 months who lives any distance between home and school; or
- Primary student (Years 3-6) who lives more than 1.6km (straight line) from school, or 2.3km or more by the most direct practical walking route; or
- Secondary student (Year 7-12) who lives more than 2km (straight line) from school, or 2.9km or more by the most direct practical walking route; or
- TAFE student under 18 years of age at 1 January of the year of application and enrolled in a full-time TAFE course for a minimum of 20 hours a week, and is not employed, lives more than 3.2km from the college by the most direct practical walking route, and attends the college closest to their home where enrolment is available.

School Opal Cards enable a student to travel on:

- Mode(s) of transport most applicable for the student's travel requirements; train or bus or both. For bus travel, cards are restricted to individual or a combination of bus operators. For approved ferries; and
- School days only.

For travel outside school hours or days a Child/Youth Opal card is available and provides concession fares and other Opal benefits.

How do parents/students get a School Opal card?

Students with school travel passes this year will not need to apply for a School Opal card *unless* they are changing schools or their home address or moving from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7.

Those students who do not need to apply will have a School Opal card sent to their school for the beginning of the first term in 2016.

For new applications or for students with changing circumstances, the parents, guardians or students over 16 years are required to fill in a form online at www.transportnsw.info/school-students

After filling in the online application they print it off and take it to the school to endorse. Transport for NSW has the data online from the application and waits for the school to then endorse the application and will mail the School Opal card to the applicant's home address.