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Looking ahead Term 1

Week 4	Week 5	Looking Ahead
<p>Sunday 15th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children's Choir singing at 9.30am <p>Tuesday 17th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literacy Parent Ed K – 1 parents 7-9pm Aladdin Auditions Yrs 5 & 6 Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) <p>Wednesday 18th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ash Wednesday – Yr 5 Aladdin Auditions Yrs 5 & 6 <p>Saturday 21st</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drinks under the Stars 	<p>Monday 23rd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Classrooms – Literacy 9am <p>Tuesday 24th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Author Visit Yrs 3 - 6 7-9pm Parent Ed Literacy K & Yr 1 <p>Friday 27th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Development Day 	<p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 2nd Robotics Workshop Yr 5 Tues 3rd Yr 3 Boys to St Pauls Wed 4th Peninsula Swim Carnival Mon 9th Catholic Schools Week Wed 11th Children's Choir practice at lunch Fri 13th Cross Country Sun 15th Children's Choir at 9.30am Mass Sat 21st P&F Car Wash Tues 24th Yrs 3 & 4 Soccer Gala Day Thur 26th Yrs 5 & 6 Soccer Gala Day <p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thurs 23rd Twilight Open Day

Notices in Attachment Email

- Just ASC Booking Form for Staff Development Day
- Daily Dismissal Arrangements
- Families and Lent
- Playful Parenting Workshop

Principal

Dear Families,

At the Opening School Mass yesterday, Fr Paul reminded us that as we begin our new academic year we are embarking on a journey together; not just with our academics and social interactions, but in the mission we all share as members of a Catholic community in building the Kingdom of God.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis said during a morning Mass in the chapel of Domus Sanctae Marthae where he lives, "Whoever does not go on a journey will never know the image of God, will never find God. The only way we get to know God is to embark on a journey and in order to go on that journey it is necessary to have that restlessness that God himself puts in our hearts and that carries us forward to seek him."

The Pope asked that "the Lord give all of us the grace of courage to always embark on the journey in order to seek the face of the Lord, that face that we will see but that here on earth we have to go and seek".

On Wednesday we Christians begin our journey of Lent. Once again we follow Jesus into the desert for 40 days of fasting and prayer. Our Lenten journey helps teach us some spiritual discipline! Most of the religions of the world observe fasting. In *Islam*, it is an entire month, Ramadan, when they take nothing during the daylight hours. Some *Buddhists* take no food after noon. For *Hindus*, it may be a certain day of the week. *Jews* fast six days of the year. *Mormons* observe Fast Sunday each month, and members of the *Bahai* faith fast for one month. Fasting and hunger strikes are also powerful political tools. India's Gandhi undertook several long fasts. Cesar Chavez went on a fast for 25 days. It takes real discipline to follow our faith. Fasting — and Lent — help us to be stronger. Tuesday we acknowledge Shrove Tuesday. This is not a day of fasting... quite the opposite in fact!

Another name for Shrove Tuesday is Pancake Day. Long ago this was a day for feasting and having a good time. People went to church to confess and would be 'shriven' or forgiven before the start of Lent. In the old days there were many foods that observant Christians would not eat during Lent: foods such as meat and fish, fats, eggs, and milky foods. So that no food was wasted, families would have a feast on the shricing Tuesday, and eat up all the foods that wouldn't last the forty days of Lent.

The need to eat up the fats gave rise to the French name Mardi Gras; meaning *fat Tuesday*. Pancakes became associated with Shrove Tuesday as they were a dish that could use up all the eggs, fats and milk in the house with just the addition of flour

[Please see the Canteen section of the Newsletter re the opportunity to purchase pancakes on the day!](#)



Years 2-6 will join the parish community for [Ash Wednesday Mass at 10:00am](#). Parents are welcome to join us for this Mass. Kindergarten and Year 1 will receive their ashes in their classrooms during a class-based liturgy.

Each family in the school receives a copy of the diocesan publication, Broken Bay News (BBN). In this edition, there is an address by Pope Francis "Protect your Families" and Bishop Peter's first message to us as our new bishop. I encourage you to take the time to read from our church leaders.

After School Dismissal

Thank you to parents Maria D, Kirsty C, Rachelle W, Juliette Cronin and Sascha C-H who have provided support by managing pedestrian traffic flow procedures during this initial change to traffic at dismissal time. Thank you parents for your attention to this procedure.

Please note that **it is illegal to park on Condamine Street after 3:00pm. This is a NO STANDING ZONE**

Thank you parents for remembering to indicate your intention to:

- Turn right to exit via King Street (right indicator)
- Continue through to turn left on Condamine Street (Left indicator).

A special thank you to parents for your support on Thursday in regards to the large funeral held at the church.


This really helps our Kevin manage the exit of all families using the drive through and pedestrian crossing.

School

Parents are requested to clearly indicate daily dismissal arrangements, using the provided proforma; one form per child (see attachment email). Please complete and return to classroom teacher asap. Thank you for your support with the organisation of smooth dismissal.

Looking forward to seeing our Year 2 families at the Parish Mass at St Kieran's church this Sunday at 9:30am. Thank you to the children who have been so committed to the choir and will be singing this Sunday as well.

God bless,



Terri Paterson
Principal

Assistant Principal

We've only come to the end of Week 3 but already this term has moved into "industrious" mode as we work through a number of projects on our schedule.



The teachers have mostly completed the MAI Assessments with their students and the results will be analysed at our Staff Development Day on February 27th. These results are crucial to providing the teachers with thorough information about each of their students' ability in the areas of Counting, Place Value, Addition & Subtraction as well as Multiplication & Division. From this data teachers are then able to design a specific learning agenda which will better meet and further develop individual needs

Parents will receive the results of the MAI Assessments before the end of February. When reading the results, parents must remember that the results are **not** part of a report on their child's progress. They are simply the MAI Assessment Results and they form the basis of the teaching and learning strategies designed specifically for the student.

One valuable aspect of our whole school MAI Assessments is that children in Year One who are considered "vulnerable" in areas of Number are identified and are given the opportunity to work as part of a small group to develop and consolidate understandings. This ensures that they are better able to manage in the typical Numeracy Block in the classroom. This initiative is known as EMU (Extending Mathematical Understanding) and has been implemented in our school since 2012. Children who are identified work with me as the EMU Specialist. The group meets daily for a period of 20 weeks. Once MAI Assessments have been finalised and analysed, we hope to be able

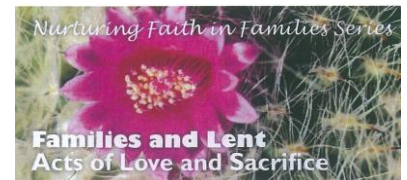
to begin the EMU Group by Monday of Week 5 of this term. Parents of children who will participate in the EMU Program, will receive a detailed letter before the program commences.

This year, we hope to identify and work with an additional EMU Group. This group would be formed from children in the Middle Primary grades. The Middle Primary group will not commence until the Year 1 program has been completed. I will be attending training for the Middle Primary EMU Program during the next few months and plan to commence the program early in Term 3.

Have a good weekend!
Marisa Bombardieri

Religious Education Coordinator

In the *Newsletter Attachment Email* is an appendix "Families and Lent". This handout gives daily examples of ways in which our families can prepare for Easter during the forty days of Lent. Thank you Fr Paul for sending on to the school this wonderful publication.



Opening School Mass, prepared by Year 6

Thank you to Year 6 and their teachers for their thoughtful preparation of yesterday's Opening School Mass. The various Year 6 leadership teams are certainly assuming their responsibilities around the school displaying dignity and humility as servant leaders.

Father Paul and the assembled community blessed our Year 6 Leaders with the following prayer.



Father,
 Bless these student leaders and their badges of office as they begin their pastoral service in their senior year of primary school.
 May the Holy Spirit strengthen them in the task they are to begin and inspire generosity in the way they carry out these acts.
 We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord,
 Amen.

Dates for your Diary:

Grade 2 Family Mass	Sunday 15 Feb	9.30 am	Church
Ash Wednesday 10.00am	Wednesday 18 Feb	10.00am	Church
Grade 1 Family Mass	Sunday 15 March	9.30am	Church
Holy Week Liturgy	Thursday 2 April	10.15am	Church



Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar, Religious Education Coordinator.

Question of the Week

'Make an offering for your healing.' Mark 1: 44

- At school: Have I ever really thanked God for this wonderful world, for yummy food, for...?
- At work or study: Gratitude to God for my life means I will....?
- In my family life: How has our family experienced healing, last week, the week before?

Prayer this week? God, each day new skin cells grow all over me, fresh blood is made and my nails start growing again. Thank you, God of healing and growth. You are Amazing!

☆☆☆ Awards



KC		KR	Tahlia M, Michael P
1L	Luke W, Sofia F	1R	Andie B, Lachlan H
2B	Jacob S, Sabrina F	2S	Charlie R, Grace H
3B	Jessie C, Jamie G	3S	Kirra M, Austin J
4C	Zack A, Alannah W	4S	Leilani C, Ewen M
5L	Scarlett S, Alexander W	5W	Stella N, Hugh M
6	Tayla S, Tom C, Nicholas I, Nicholas T	PE	Ben S, Max H, Isla D, Bailey F, Thomas S, Luke W, Daisy C
Italian	Nicholas T, Sophie J, James N, Jackson J		

School News

School Fees

Invoices for 2015 were emailed to all families at the end of January. This invoice shows the total due for the year and the amounts and dates payment is required. Please adhere to your payment schedule as requested on your family registration form.

- If you are paying in the standard three instalments first payment is due by 23 February,
- If you are paying monthly fees are due by 15th of each month.
- For other instalment types please check your invoice.

Should you have any concerns regarding your fees, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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.

Parent Contact Details

Please advise the office immediately if you have changed address, phone numbers or persons to contact in case of emergency, if you cannot be reached. It is essential that we be able to contact a nominated adult if there is an issue with a child.

Term Dates 2015

Term 1	Wednesday 28 January	to	Thursday 2 April
Term 2	Monday 20 April	to	Friday 26 June
Term 3	Monday 13 July	to	Friday 18 September
Term 4	Tuesday 6 October	to	Wednesday 16 December

Parish Car Park

Please do not park in the 'Disabled' parking unless you have an RTA Disabled notice displayed in your car. There are many parishioners who require this parking and are unable to do so as places are 'taken' by non-approved drivers/passengers.

Author Visit

On Wednesday, 25 February at 11.15am we are having a visit from author James O'Loghlin. James has written a novel called "The Adventures of Sir Roderick, the not Very Brave." This is his 2nd children's book. The students from Years 3-6 are invited to listen to James read excerpts from the book as well as hear about his journey as an author. Many parents may have heard James on radio or seen him on TV as host of "The New Inventors." Parents are most welcome to join us (no pre-schoolers please).

The students have an opportunity to purchase the book and it will be signed by James. **Payment is cash only (\$17/book) and may be brought in on the day. Please put the correct money in an envelope with your child's name and class.** If you would prefer to send it in earlier I'm happy to collect money so it's ready on the day. Please see the attached flyer with further information about the book.

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

The 2015 Premier's Reading Challenge opens on 2 March. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. All students from K-6 are able to participate.



If your child has participated in the PRC before, they use the same user name and password. You do not inform the school that you are participating as each student needs to enter their own books read. The teachers encourage students to participate and last year every student in Year 6 completed it! Students new to PRC can request a user name and password. There is a slip at the end of the newsletter for this.

Your child may commence reading and keep a list of books read which can be logged once it opens. Please refer to the link below to logon (from 2 March) but also for reading lists and lots of information regarding the challenge.
<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>



Kids Club

Kids Club is a safe, quiet, yet fun lunch time club that provides children with the opportunity to develop their social skills through positive modelling and guidance from Year 6 Pastoral care leaders and the Pastoral Care teacher, Mrs Sullivan. Children are given the opportunity to play and to take turns by participating in group games. They learn to interact with others, ask questions and greet others politely, in order to learn to communicate effectively in social situations. It happens once a week for children chosen by the class teacher.

- Kids Club to begin at **12.50pm** every Friday and go until **1.20pm** in the Library.
- Chn to eat their food lining up at the bottom of the Library steps with Mrs Sullivan and the Pastoral Care team.
- K – 2 children will attend on the odd weeks of the term.
- Yrs 3 – 6 attend on the even weeks.

- Kids Club activities will include games or craft activities or story time or the occasional movie, suited to the children's ages.
- Kids Club to begin in Week 3.

Karen Sullivan

Book Club

The current issue of Book Club is now closed. No late orders will be accepted.

St Kieran's Tech Club – Starts Friday!!!



The St Kieran's Tech Club started today at lunch time. Tech Club is an initiative that was discussed by the Technology team for 2015. The purpose of Tech Club is to give St Kieran's students an opportunity to experience some of the exciting technology at the school, in particular the iPads. It is also a great way for our senior students in the Technology Team to work as role models with the younger students of the school.

This week Tech Club will be held for some students in Years 1 and Years 2. There will be a 1:5 ratio of Year 6's to students. Tech Club will be held at 2nd half lunch in the Lighthouse every Friday and will be supervised by the Technology Team teacher mentors, Mrs Tracy Brown and Ms Christina Chiarella.

Keep an eye out for photos of this week's Tech Club in next week's newsletter!

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir will be singing at 9.30am Mass at St Kieran's this **Sunday 15 February**. Please have your children at church by 9am.

We'd love to welcome lots of new singers!!!! So if you've never been in the choir before, come along to practice, we'd love you to join us! If your child usually goes to oval on this day, please remind them not to go to oval and they can have some fun singing with us instead! The next Children's Choir Mass will be Sunday 15 March.

Please note there is no Children's Choir in April due to school holidays

We're looking forward to hearing lots of wonderful voices in 2015!

God bless,

Maria Dunn & Kathryn Williams

Found

A Mercedes remote (black) - no key attached. Please contact the school office if this belongs to you

Sport News

Swimming Carnival Results

Congratulations to the Blue colour house for winning this year's overall point score at our swimming carnival. Another big congratulations to the Gold colour house who won the spirit house trophy.

The age champions this year were:

- Junior champions: Kai McGovern & Laura Townsend
- Senior Champions: Hayley Economos & Liam Donohoe

Another record was broken at the carnival in the 12 yrs girls 50m freestyle. Hayley Economos broke this record, great job Hayley.

Peninsula Swimming

The 2015 Peninsula swim team will be announced at Monday morning assembly. A Peninsula school hat will be issued to the students who are making this team for the first time. Permission notes will also be coming home with these talented students. Please have these notes back to school by next Wednesday 18 March.

Ali O'Brien

JUST ASC

Staff Development Day Care

Just ASC will be providing care for the children from St Kieran's, on the Pupil Free Day to be held on Friday 27 February from 8am- 5pm.



Families who currently use the service only need to fill in the booking form that was emailed to you this week. There is also one at the end of this newsletter.

Any families who **do not** use the service, need to enrol with Just ASC as well as complete the booking form which can be found in the *Newsletter Attachment* email. Enrolment forms for Just ASC are found on the school website.

We are very fortunate that such a service is available to every family at St Kieran's School and hope that parents take advantage of such an offer. Booking forms must be returned by next **Wednesday 18 February**.

Parent Community

st.kierans.pf@gmail.com

Uniform Shop

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

Canteen

Pancake Day: Shrove Tuesday is next **Tuesday 17 February 2015**. Pancakes will be served by a team of generous volunteers at **Recess** (11.00am) and will cost a **\$1.00 each**. The pancakes are the large size Golden brand. There will be a choice of:

- a drizzle of maple syrup, or
- a spread of strawberry jam.

Please send your child/children to school with the correct amount money for the pancakes they will be buying on the day (\$1.00 each).

Pancakes **do not** need to be ordered prior.

Apologies but the canteen will **not** be open for any other items.

Thank you to our Pancake Day generous volunteers: Alison Buckley, Kirsty Conlon, Angela Osbon, Nadine Fagan, Jaclyn Schoene, Sanja Arsenovici, Kaye Kinsey, Juliette Cronin, and Jo Hull.

Reminder: No frozen confectionary (icecreams and iceblocks) are sold at recess.

Canteen Roster: We require further volunteers for our current Roster, if you are available to help out for these dates it would be greatly appreciated.

- Thursdays: June 11th, September 10th, and November 12th (1 minimum volunteer required), and
- Fridays: May 29th, July 31st, and October 30th (2 minimum volunteers required).

We also need people to be available as substitute (casual) volunteers if our volunteer on the roster can't make it for one reason or another on a certain day. If you are able to help, let me know what days would suit ie: Wednesday/Thursday/Friday or all three etc.

If you are available to help, please email Jo Nesbitt: joannemesbitt@gmail.com or text 0410 629 135.

Next week's roster:

Wednesday 18 Feb: S Henderson, N Pawley

Thursday 19 Feb: J Cronin, S Hamill, D Gennusa

Friday 20 Feb: N Donohoe, L Wilson, E Wilson

Band stkierans.band@gmail.com

There are still plenty of positions (saxophone, trumpet, euphonium and drums) for anyone wishing to play in the Junior Band this year.

If interested please email the band at above email address. We look forward to hearing from you.

Warmest regards

Miss Hodges, Junior Band Conductor

Parent Well Being Workshop

EMBRACE – EQUIP – ENGAGE

Parents! Become equipped for authentic engagement!

Research clearly shows that parental engagement leads to positive outcomes in a child's education. To be authentically engaged means to be curious and excited about our children's school life. However, this cannot happen if we do not look after ourselves.

Our own sense of wellbeing is so very important in allowing us to engage.



We invite you to a
PARENT WELLBEING WORKSHOP
to be held in St Kieran's Church Hall
on Saturday 14 March
from 10.30 am to 1.30pm



The day will include a short introduction to the principal of wellbeing and a choice of workshops designed to help you to explore different practices you can employ to enhance your feeling of wellbeing as well as a nice cuppa and a chat.

Please put this diary in your diary and stay tuned for more information on the workshops being offered.

Priscilla Chang – Diocesan Parent Council representative.

Any queries can be sent to me at stkieranspandf@gmail.com

Lenten Gathering

Looking for something to do for Lent? I would like to welcome any mums & dads (children most welcome too) to my home for a low key gathering each Wednesday morning from 9am - 10am during Lent. Join us for a cuppa and morning tea as we are guided through Lent with some beautiful reflections and discussions. My aim is to include everyone, wherever they feel they are, in their faith journey. It is always wonderful to hear your comments or perspectives from wherever you are in life. If you can only make one session or all six, we would LOVE you to come. The sessions will run each Wednesday during Lent from 9am – 10am at 46 Quinlan Pde, Manly Vale (which is quite close to school, just off King St on the way to Manly Dam). No need to RSVP, just come along, we'd love to see you! Bring your children if they're not yet at school, there's a great backyard and plenty of toys! Feel free to contact me on 0402 202 135 if you have any queries. Dates: Wednesdays: Feb 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1.

God bless, Maria Dunn (Yr 6 & Yr 3)

Community News

- **Manly C Bros Rugby League Registrations** in all age groups (U6 to U15s). Come and try league on Wednesday 11 March at 4.30pm at Nolans Reserve North Manly. More information on the website www.manlybrothers.com.au or contact Jacky McCauley 0413 514 809
- **KidsFirst free parent event** – How to help your Anxious Child on Tuesday 24 February 7.30pm – 9.30pm at the Chairman's Lounge Brookvale Oval. Reserve your place online at www.kids-first.com.au/free-events/ or phone 9938 5419
- **Sydneycoastrek:** Volunteer with us 6 March 2015. 55km challenge, teams of 4, Help restore sight, choose a fun role, training provided. RSVP by Tues 24 Feb at www.coastrek.com
- **RunForestRun:** Sunday 22 March – Walkers, joggers and runners plus food activities and stalls. For further information go to runforestrun.com.au for adults and children
- **Potter League Basketball** starts 10 March. Enquiries: MWBA office ph 9913 3622 Fax 99133644
- **Manly Vale Football Club** - 2015 Season Registrations NOW OPEN !! New Players to the Club aged 5 – 9 pay half price. Registration is online at myfootballclub.com.au and very easy to do.
- **St Paul's Open Evening:** Thursday 3 March from 4pm – 7pm. Free BBQ, guided tours, demonstration classes, music performance, science experiments. Applications for enrolment for Yr 7 2017 close Friday 17 April 2015
- **Mercy Catholic College Open Day** Sunday 8 March 2015, 11am – 2pm. Celebrating 125 Years of Excellence in Teaching and Learning 101 Archer Street Chatswood NSW 2067 | 02-9419 2890 | mercy@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Return Slips

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PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE:



I would like to participate in the **Premier's Reading Challenge:**

Name..... Class.....

____ I have lost my password

____ I am doing the PRC for the first time.

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Username:_____

Password:_____

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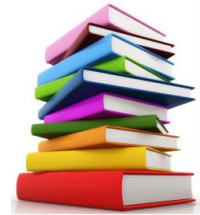
Library Volunteer for 2015

I am willing to cover books with plastic / contact

Name _____

Child's Name & Class _____

Contact Number _____



I am willing to shelve books on:

Tuesday (morning/afternoon)

Wednesday (morning/afternoon)

Weekly

Fortnightly

Monthly

Once per term

Name _____

Child's Name & Class _____

Contact Number _____

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