



St Kieran's Catholic School, Manly Vale

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Looking ahead Term 1

Week 5	Week 6	Looking Ahead
<p>Monday 23rd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Classrooms – Literacy 9-9.30am <p>Tuesday 24th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7-9pm Parent Ed Literacy K & Yr 1 School Board meeting <p>Wednesday 25th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Author Visit Yrs 3 - 6 <p>Thursday 26th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camp Quality puppet performance <p>Friday 27th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Development Day 	<p>Monday 2nd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Prayer Robotics Workshop Yr 5 Yr 3 Planetarium Incursion <p>Tuesday 3rd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 3 Boys to St Pauls <p>Wednesday 4th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peninsula Swim Carnival 	<p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 9th Catholic Schools Week P&F meeting in the iCentre Wed 11th Children's Choir practice at lunch Fri 13th Cross Country Assembly Yr 5 Sun 15th Children's Choir at 9.30am Mass Thurs 19th Playful Parenting in iCentre Sat 21st P&F Car Wash Tues 24th Yrs 3 & 4 Soccer Gala Day Yr 6 Cluster Mass Thur26th Yrs 5 & 6 Soccer Gala Day Friday 27th Assembly Yr 1 <p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thurs 23rd Twilight Open Day

Notices in Attachment Email

- Drinks Under the Stars
- Camp Quality Puppet Performance
- Parent Prayer Invitation
- James O'Loghlin (Author) order form

Principal

Dear Families,

As Catholic Christians, Lent began for us as on Ash Wednesday and now we are on the 'journey'. What does this mean for us? Lent can be a time given to "holy" words of repentance and promises of self-reform but it can also be a time of doing something *for yourself*. How about having a look at how we participate as members of our human family on the wider world stage, how we engage as members of our parish school family, or within our own family, that is equally marvellous and fascinating and perhaps threatening in its diversity?



Stephanie Dowrick in her book "Seeking the Sacred" comments... "Seeing life itself as sacred – yours, mine, all of life – makes our differences far less frightening. More importantly, it makes sense of how like one another we are in our simplest and most profound longings. Whatever our culture, religion, or language, we want food, shelter and good health. We want to be able to get up in the morning enthusiastically and sleep safely at night. We want health, safety and happiness for our loved ones. We want to know that our lives are purposeful and sometimes gracious. We want to feel part of something greater than ourselves. We want and need inspiration and meaning".

Our spirituality is as personal as our breath or our fingerprint; but as we move through the forty days of Lent, we might on occasion, surrender freely to the quiet within us, to rediscover the resources and strengths that are there. We might begin to see better and appreciate more the value of our existence, to see ourselves with more gratitude and respect and to see others in a like manner.

Open Classrooms: Monday 23 February 9am

A reminder to all families that after Monday morning assembly at 9am classrooms K-6 will be open to parents and carers for visiting and observing the class 'in action' during the whole school Literacy Block. Parents who are not

able to visit and participate in this experience are invited to check out the grade Weebly (password protected) on the school website to see students engaging in their learning. Classrooms will be open for 30 minutes. This is a time to view the learning and not take the opportunity to discuss student progress with the teacher as they will be teaching!

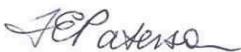
Year 6 Maths Camp

Congratulations and best wishes to four of our Year 6 students who have been selected to attend a Maths Camp for able Mathematicians for 3 days next week; Joshua Rigato, Kyle Ramsay, Hayden Williams and Rory Self. I'm sure the experience of being with other like-minded students will be a very enjoyable learning experience. We wish you well.

While we as Christians begin the season of Lent we can begin a new set of resolutions as many within our community and our Asian geographical neighbours herald in Chinese New Year this weekend. I am looking forward to seeing parents at the '*Drinks Under the Stars*' evening on Saturday in the school grounds.

SDD / Pupil Free Day FRIDAY 27 February

God bless,



Terri Paterson
Principal

Assistant Principal

For those of you who are available, this is a reminder that on Monday morning we will be having **OPEN CLASSROOMS** from 9.00 am to 9.30 am.

The focus for this OPEN is Literacy and we invite you in to the classrooms to see a Literacy Block in action. Of course then as follow up to this, a Literacy Workbook or Sample will be sent home on Friday for you to look through with your child over the weekend.

We had the first of our Literacy Parent Ed Sessions on Tuesday night in the iCentre. It is always pleasing to see so many of our parents attend these sessions as we value very strongly the opportunity to **Equip** our parents with knowledge and information. The teaching and learning Curriculum is very different now to when many of our parents were at school...and it continues to evolve!! By doing this we know that parents are better able to **Embrace** and understand the changes and **Engage** with their child/ren's learning. A very big THANK YOU to Mary Brown who delivered the session and to our Kindergarten teachers, Emily Channell and Vanessa Ryan who both attended.

As you are no doubt aware **Attendance Codes** have changed quite significantly over the past year or two. Teachers now are required by law to adhere to the very strict codes, guidelines and procedures for keeping records of student attendance and this has also had an impact on parents who now need to ensure they are notifying the school of absences appropriately. This has certainly made the things a little more complicated, but in an effort to "streamline" the process and make things a little easier, we have **uploaded all the forms for Absences** onto our **WEBSITE**. This means that parents are able to access the forms, print and fill them in ready for sending to school when required. Below is a summary of all the forms available as well as an explanation of the procedures for each of the forms. Please read this carefully as it will be extremely useful for you when assisting the school to keep accurate records of Absences. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank parents who have been very diligent in communicating with the school regarding Absences!

SUMMARY OF FORMS AVAILABLE TO REQUEST/EXPLAIN ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL.

These forms are all available on the school website. The following is a brief summary of the *purpose* of each of these forms as well as the procedures required for filling in the forms. The school asks that you read the explanations carefully so that correct forms are filled in for absences.

FULL DAY ABSENCE

Full Day/s Absence form is to be filled in for 1-9 consecutive day absences.

Reason is to be cited on the form (Tick Box or explanation)

Form must be signed by the parent and returned to school.

Student must present the form to the Office before school (either on return from leave or where reason for leave is known before actual leave, then prior to leave)

NB* Absences of more than five consecutive days will be communicated to the Principal.

IMPORTANT* Absences of 10 or more days or absences relating to employment in the Entertainment Industry OR participation in an elite Sporting Event require completion of **FORM A1**.

PARTIAL ABSENCES

Partial Absence – Early Departure form is to be filled when student is required to leave school before the end of the school day.

Partial Absence – Late Arrival form is to be filled in when student is late for commencement of the school day.

Reason is to be cited on the form (Tick Box or explanation)

Form must be signed by the parent and handed in to the School Office for processing. **Please note**** When arriving at school late (and going to the office to hand in the Partial Absence-Late Arrival form) your child will need to accompany you to the office before going to class.

PARTIAL ABSENCE (eg. Leave early and return)

The **Leave and Return** form is to be filled in when a student is collected by a parent during school hours in order to attend an appointment and then returned to school before the end of the school day. This means that the child is absent for a few hours during the day.

This form is to be filled in and presented to the School Office on departure. A note will be made of the time of departure. The parents will then be asked to keep the note until returning to school. On return the note **must** then be handed in to the School Office. A note will be taken of the return time and the note will be filed.

Have a good weekend!

Marisa Bombardieri

Religious Education Coordinator

Lent is the season of the Church year leading up to Easter. Lent is preceded by Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday, begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Maundy (Holy) Thursday.

The purpose of Lent is to prepare for the death of Christ on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter Sunday through 40 days of prayer, fasting, repentance, almsgiving and self-denial. The 40 days mirror Christ's fasting in the desert before he began his public ministry.

During Lent, Christians 'do penance' – that is, they make personal sacrifices. Doing penance helps us 'make right' our lives and relationships where we need to, so we become better persons and better reflections of God's love.

Day 1: Start your day with 10 minutes in God's presence through e.g. prayer, reflection or meditation. (Family prayer suggestions are downloadable from the diocesan website www.dbb.org.au/family)

Day 2: Tell family members you will be specially praying for them.

Day 3: Fast from TV, computer or other technical devices you would usually use as part of your leisure time.

Day 4: Decide as a family what good works you will support during Lent e.g. Catholic Mission, Project Compassion, St Vincent de Paul.

Day 5: After Mass, discuss the homily as a family. What lessons did you take from it that you are going to put into practice in the coming week?

Day 6: Give up a treat for a day or so, it might be one of your favourite foods.

Day 7: Read a book about your faith. Discuss what you learn with your children.



We have a lot to be thankful for:

Year 2 children and teachers prepared and participated in a vibrant family Mass last Sunday morning. A huge thank you to all those who contributed in any way to the celebration. The school choir and musicians lifted our prayers to a higher level through the use of hymns and psalms. It is often said that singing is praying twice.

Year 2 children and their families participated in the various processions, prayers, hymns and actions throughout the Mass. From greeting parishioners upon their arrival at the church to a welcome cup of tea and tasty nibbles following Mass the hospitality of the Parish of North Harbour was on display. Once again "thank you" to all those involved in the Family Mass.



Ash Wednesday School and Parish Mass

Thank you to the students and Teachers of Year 5 who so reverently and ably prepared and lead our Ash Wednesday Mass and distribution of the Ashes. The older members of our school choir enhanced our celebration by singing beautifully our psalms and responses – thank you school choir.

Once again thank you to you, the parents and parishioners, who participate in our Masses with such enthusiasm.

Dates for your Diary:

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

'The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness.'

Mark 1: 12

- At school: When I'm feeling upset or lonely, do I trust that Jesus is with me?
- At work or study: What can I learn, how can I change, when life seems very difficult?
- In my family life: Can we see God's hand still with us, when family life is tough?

Prayer this week: God, in the wilderness of hurt feelings, doubt about our lives, anxieties about our futures, stir in us the knowledge that your Spirit will bring us through these times, day by day. Amen.

★★★ Awards



KC	Calan G, Abbey M	KR	Liam O, Malgorzata K
1L	Tim B, Charlotte H	1R	Pia F, Nathan R
2B	William M, Isabel S	2S	Alexander F, Daniela D
3B	Lucas E, Opal B	3S	Ruby N, Jackson J
4C	Luka D, Olivia G	4S	Charlotte K, Kyle A
5L	Ryan M, Jasmine W	5W	Sienna F, Matthew S
6	Jessica D, Daniel W, Emerson A, Ben O	PE	Sarah K, Luka D, Mia B, Emily D, Malgorzata K
Italian	Tessa J, Kye P, Jada S, Ben S, Ethan S, Jayden R		

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.

Photograph/Video Permission Form

All photograph/video permission forms need to be returned to the office by Friday 20 February. This form requests permission for your child to be photographed or filmed at school events. This includes posting photos of school events on our webpage, in the yearbook or in the newsletter. Please rest assured the only time your child's name will appear with a photo is in the year book or in our newsletter. If your child's photo is to be used in a local newspaper we would seek your permission to do so. Not signing the permission form excludes your child from the newsletter, the yearbook, photographs of our swimming carnival, grandparent's day, musical and other school events. We respect the right of parents not to allow their child to be photographed and ask parents not to post other students on social media without permission.



Band News

Congratulations to Sophie F and Joshua R who have been elected Band Captains. We are sure you will do a wonderful job.

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 complete the form in the 'Attachment' email and return with 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>

St Kieran's is now a Crunch & Sip School

At fruit break time we can crunch on vegies and munch on fruit, as well as sip on water.

What kids eat vs what they should eat...

Crunch&Sip@ is a set time in primary schools for students to 'refuel' on fruit and salad vegetables and 'rehydrate' with water. Students who are not hungry and are well hydrated perform better in the classroom, show increase concentration, and are less likely to be irritable and disruptive. We all know that many students are not eating enough fruit and vegetables.

The following are great ideas for Crunch&Sip variety packs. You could try to include two or three different kinds in each pack, maybe one unfamiliar alongside one or two choices your child already loves. Here are some ideas:

Good Luck everyone.

Ali O'Brien



A tub of frozen peas.

Cherry tomatoes and mushrooms



Melon balls.



Kiwi fruit with spoon



Green beans and red capsicum



Grapes and mango



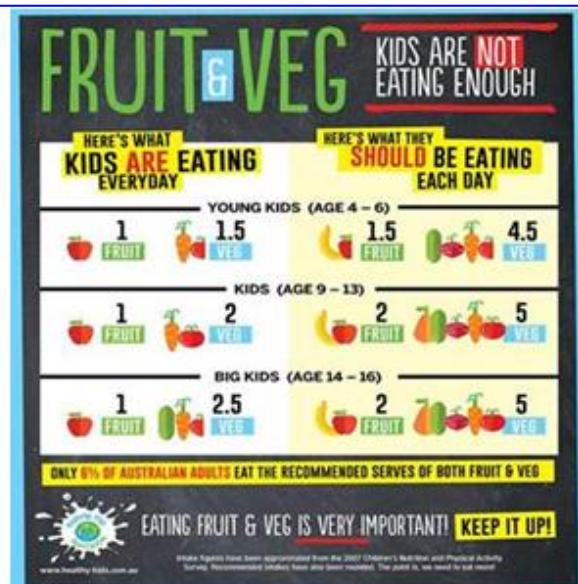
Sugar snap peas and tomatoes



Spicy choice: radish, rocket and cucumber.



Corn, carrots and cucumber



Sport News

Peninsula Swim Team

Congratulations to all the children that have been selected to represent St Kieran's at the Peninsula Swimming carnival on 4 March, 2015. The children in our 2015 team are:

Kai M	Jackson Q	Laura T	Sarah K
Liam D	Jamie G	Libby C	Kirra M
Daniel M	Dylan C	Dahlai A	Opal B
Nicholas H	Sam C	Zoe S	Scarlett S
Kye P	Aiden L	Milla A	Samantha S
Ewen M	Oliver W	Charley P	Isabella K
Luca S	Christian C	Veronica W	Stella M
Kailan S	Ben O	Hannah H	Sienna F
Daniel W	Lachlan C	Catherine B	
Zaney M	Hayley E	Eliza L	

Good luck team.

Ali O'Brien

Parent Community

[st.kierans\(pf@gmail.com](mailto:st.kierans(pf@gmail.com)

"Drinks Under the Stars": [Sat 21 Feb](#) *7pm - 10pm*****

*****Last chance to book tickets for tomorrow's event!!!*****

A fantastic get together welcoming parents & teachers across all years to the new school year. Please refer to flyer in the 'Attachment Email' for further details and some beautiful shots from last year's great event (courtesy of Brendan James!).

\$15pp includes substantial food & welcome drink. Book your tickets via www.trybooking.com/GONK

Term 1 P&F Meeting

The first P&F Meeting of the year is coming up. Please forward any agenda items to [stkierans\(pf@gmail.com](mailto:stkierans(pf@gmail.com) - we look forward to welcoming you there.

Term 1: [Monday 9 March 2015](#) - iCentre/Library

P&F Dates for 2015

Term 2: [Monday 1 June 2015](#) - iCentre/Library

Term 3: [Monday 24 August 2015](#) - iCentre/Library

Term 4: [Monday 16 December 2015](#) - P&F AGM - iCentre/Library

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

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

Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Day - Was a hit with the kids, we sold out of 340 pancakes by the end of Recess, we'll definitely have to order more next year for seconds and thirds!

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

NEW to the Canteen: **Nudie & Soda!** We'll be stocking 3 flavours in 200ml cans (smaller than your usual 330ml can): Apple & more apple; Orange, mango & passionfruit, and; Coconut water, apple, raspberry & cranberry.

These drinks contain:

- 50% real fruit
- NO preservatives, colours, concentrates or artificial flavours
- NO sodium benzoate, potassium sorbate or phosphoric acid (what? phew!)
- Less than 2.5% added sugar per can, and



- They are classified as an Amber product.
- Nudie & Soda are available now on flexischools and in the canteen for \$2.00 each.

There is also **HOMEMADE** Chocolate chip muffins each week available for \$0.30 each (contains eggs).

Nanna's & Creative Gourmet FROZEN Mixed Berries Alert - in our Canteen we use canned (made in the USA from local and/or imported ingredients) or fresh mixed berries in our frozen mixed berry yoghurt cup which are \$0.80 each.



CANTEEN ROSTER: Thank you to all those mums who have helped to fill the roster, and to those that have put their hands up to be casuals when required.

Please email Jo Nesbitt: joannenesbitt@gmail.com or call 0410 629 135 if you have any enquiries.

Next Week's Roster:

Wednesday 25 Feb: N Obad, S Saady (M), S Keogh (L)

Thursday 26 Feb: S Schwarz, A Buckley, N Fagan, A Osbon

Friday 27 Feb: S & P Wilson, D Russo-James, N Covich

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.

Junior Band

Just a reminder that the book we are going to use is called 'Tradition of Excellence' – the red book. Please go to bookdepository.com.au or another online book store to purchase as you will receive it quicker.

See you next Friday

Regards

Miss Hodges, Junior Band Conductor

Traffic Volunteers

Dear parents,

I hope many of you have been able to take advantage of the wonderful new afternoon drive-through between the parish office and the church. The new system seems to be working really well and I think is making the afternoon dismissal process much easier for parents, teachers and students and better for King Street residents and users.

We currently have a roster of 1 parent volunteer and Terri Paterson each afternoon to help with the smooth running of the process. It is not feasible for Terri to continue to do this each afternoon as she has many after school work commitments.

We are calling for some extra volunteers to relieve Terri of this job in the afternoon.

What does a volunteer need to do?

- Collect a fluoro vest from the front office at 2.50pm.
- Stand at either the gates near the canteen to direct people through the cones, or
- Stand at the crossing to stop people crossing while the cars enter the drive-through zone.
- Return the vest to the office once most of the traffic has dispersed at approximately 3.05pm.

How long does the process take?

- From 2.50 – 3.05 – only 15 minutes and you're done!

How often would I be required?

- Once per week to start depending on number of volunteers. Hopefully once per fortnight or once per month if we get 4 volunteers each afternoon and as the process becomes clearer to families.

If we get 4 of volunteers per afternoon we can coordinate a roster where 2 people would be rostered per day every second week. This could work by volunteers helping on either the term's odd weeks or even weeks. Once we have the process running smoothly this may be reduced to 1 volunteer each afternoon and the volunteers would only be required once per month.

Please consider this helpful role as it does make a big difference to the smooth running of our afternoon dismissal which benefits the whole school and it's only for 15 minutes!

Please fill in what day/s you would be available to volunteer in the roster below and email back to
mariakdunn@optusnet.com.au.

Volunteers	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Name: Maria Dunn Phone: 0402 202 135 Email: mariakdunn@optusnet.com.au	Name: Kirsty Conlon Phone: Email:	Name: Rachelle Woodland Phone: Email:	Name: Juliette Cronin Phone: Email:	Name: Sascha Chahwan-Harris Phone: Email:
2	Name: Phone: Email:	Name: Phone: Email:	Name: Phone: Email:	Name: Phone: Email:	Name: Phone: Email:
3	Name: Phone: Email:	Name: Phone: Email:	Name: Phone: Email:	Name: Phone: Email:	Name: Phone: Email:
4	Name: Phone: Email:	Name: Phone: Email:	Name: Phone: Email:	Name: Phone: Email:	Name: Phone: Email:

Many thanks,

Maria Dunn on behalf of the Terri Paterson & the Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC)

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)

Parent Prayer

Parent Prayer kicks off Monday 2 March 2015. Please see the attached invitation. All are welcome - no spiritual passport required. Come as you are. Please feel free to email or call me if you have any enquiries.

Katrina Beaman (3S, KC)

Community News

- **Monte Open Day:** Sunday 15 March from 9.30am – 1.30pm. Information Session at 11am. 128 Miller St North Sydney. For further information phone 9409 6200 or go to www.monte.nsw.edu.au. Bring the family.
- **Marist Expo Day:** Saturday 7 March from 10am to 2pm Come and visit our staff and students and learn about Marist College North Shore's integrated and comprehensive curriculum program that, for every student, promotes faith, encourages excellence, engenders responsibility and develops respect and dignity Currently accepting enrolments for Year 7, 2017. For an application: www.maristcollege.com or contact the Registrar on 9957 5000. Applications close 31st March 2015 www.maristcollege.com.

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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THE FACTS

CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN NSW

Sometimes, messages about Catholic schools can be confused and misunderstood in the media. Here are the facts about NSW Catholic schools and how they are funded.



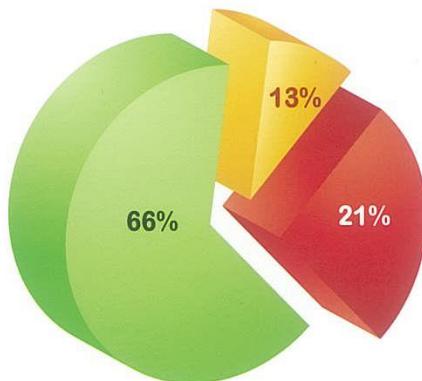
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

- Catholic schools have provided quality education for Australian children since 1806
- There are 583 Catholic schools in NSW, educating more than 251,000 students (or one in five NSW school students)
- Catholic education is one of the largest non-government employers in NSW with more than 27,000 staff, including more than 19,000 teachers
- Catholic schools are open to all students – Catholic, non-Catholic, poor, wealthy, indigenous and those with a disability – and are therefore representative of the wider Australian society
- Enrolments of students with a disability and indigenous students have been the fastest growing components in NSW Catholic schools for the past 15 years

HOW THEY'RE FUNDED

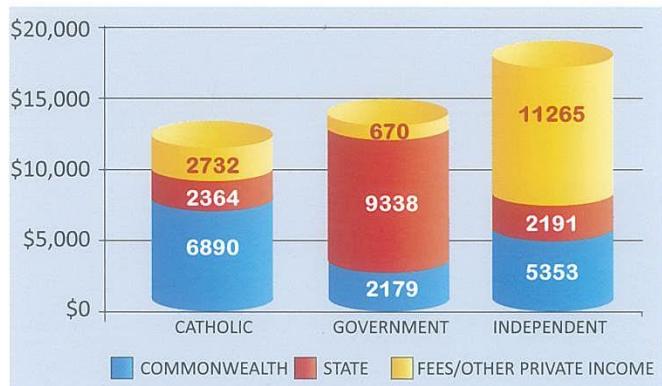
- Catholic schools represent excellent value for money, educating at a lower cost per student than government schools and other non-government schools
- Catholic schools are funded by the Commonwealth (57.5%) and State Governments (19.7%), parental fees and other private fundraising (22.8%). Catholic schools therefore receive much less public funding than government schools
- NSW Catholic school parents paid more than \$1.1 billion in school fees and capital funding in 2012
- Catholic schools strive to keep fees low so that schools remain accessible. No child is ever denied a Catholic education because of their family's financial situation

ENROLMENT SHARE (2013)



■ Government Schools 66%
■ Catholic Schools 21%
■ Independent schools 13%

NSW SCHOOL FUNDING SOURCES 2012



Source: ACARA, MySchool data 2012. All figures are 'per student'.

Leadership, Advocacy and Support

Council of Catholic School Parents

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