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Question of the Week:

Looking ahead Term 2

Week 7	Week 8	Looking Ahead <i>continued</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Holy Communion dates 6th/7th, 13th/14th, 20th/21st <p>Monday 1st</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Jump P&F meeting in iCentre <p>Tuesday 2nd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manly footy Reading Yr 5 <p>Friday 5th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paint a Pinky for Food Allergies 	<p>Monday 8th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Holiday – Queen's birthday <p>Tuesday 9th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manly Footy reading Yr 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tues 16th ICAS Writing, Manly Footy reading Yr 5 Fri 19 Assembly – Library Tues 23rd Yrs 3 & 4 League/Eagle Tag Gala Thurs 25th Yrs 5 & 6 League/Eagle Tag Gala & End term 2 Fri 26th Staff Development Day <p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 13th Term 3 commences

Principal

Dear Families,

PENTECOST: A renewal of the spirit within our lives.

I have returned from a few days of renewal in Dubbo at the Catholic principals' bi-annual conference. The theme of the conference ; *Encounter New Horizons* provided the opportunity to engage with the reality that we live in a changing world; a world in transition, the likes that is far greater than the Industrial Revolution, with unprecedented social and environmental changes. This has an impact at not only the local school level, but at the community, national and global level.

The Catholic Church, indeed Christian churches throughout the world, are in a stage of transition and great change; these are watershed moments for us as 'church'; however these times can also be great catalysts for renewal. The Church (who is the Church? We are!) is a learning Church, reading the signs of the times as it evolves and develops under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Likewise, when compared to how we were five to ten years ago, we now have a better understanding of ourselves and this has led to a more mature approach to life.

**Spirit of God within me, Come to the surface of my busy life
So that my words and actions will reflect to other people
The reality of Your presence within me. Amen.**

National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week is celebrated across Australia each year. The week commemorates two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Marbo decision. This week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.

This week our students K-6 will be engaging in learning activities that focus on reconciliation and in celebrating Indigenous successes.

After School Car Dismissal

I was informed this week of a couple of 'road rage' incidents that occurred last week during pick-up time in the afternoon. I have reported this to the local police. It seems that in our busy city the amount of traffic on our roads and the requirements of travel and schedules give way to bad behaviours especially around schools at pick-up times.

The school has formed a Traffic Advisory Committee and I have had an independent audit of the traffic systems set up at the school. The traffic consultant, the council representative and the police have applauded the systems in place at St Kieran's school for safety of student dismissal.

I am waiting on the Traffic Report as a result of the consultant's visit to observe the dismissal process and procedures in place and will then have another meeting with the TAC team to report on the findings to our parent community.

As the traffic build up on King Street is busy and cars block access along the street, we suggest the following:

- Arrive close to 3.00 pm for the pick-up. (Just before and/or just after 3.00 pm). Ideally, the "system" works well when cars arriving are staggered. Currently we have lots of cars arriving at 2.30pm and as more cars arrive a line up stretching out onto King Street occurs even before children are dismissed from school. This is causing a MAJOR problem! For this pick up to work well we need to ensure traffic in and out of our car park is smooth and flowing.
- Park in nearby streets, even on the eastern side of Condamine Street and walk to school to pick up your child from the playground.
- Ensure your child is clearly aware of any changes to pick up arrangements. Children who aren't sure of their arrangements cause "hold ups" when they don't make their way to the Carpark pick up area.

The school will support parents by dismissing all children who need to be picked up at car park – by the 2.55 pm dismissal bell.

God bless,



Terri Paterson
Principal



Assistant Principal

Mid Year Reports

The Mid-Year Reports will be sent home on Friday 12 June (Week 8). Parent Teacher interviews for parents of children in **Years 1-6 only**, will then be held the following weeks (Weeks 9-10).

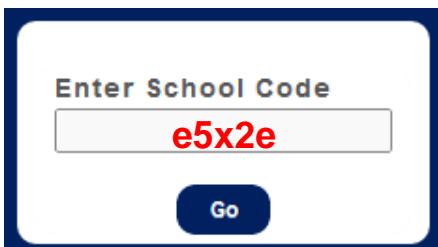
Online Booking for Parent Teacher Interviews.

Below is an explanation of how to book your time for the Parent Teacher Interviews. You will be able to access the School Interview website (in order to make bookings) from **Friday 29 May** until **Friday 12 June**. It will be closed at 3.00 pm on the Friday (12 June).

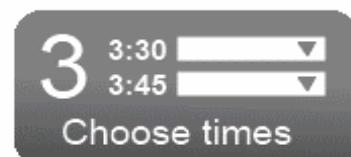
NB* Parents of Kindergarten children **do not** need to book a meeting with the Kindergarten teacher using this online system. Kindergarten parents had interviews at the end of last term so there is no need to have another interview this term. Should any Kindergarten parents however, wish to discuss their child's Mid-Year Report they may contact their child's teacher to arrange a time to meet.

Parents of children in Years 1-6, please follow the prompts below.
Go to www.schoolinterview.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Go to www.schoolinterview.com.au
and enter our school code.
Then follow 3 easy steps.



Enter School Code



- **STEP 1** is where you REGISTER. **Please note that even if you registered last year you may need to register again.** AFTER you have completed **STEP 1** (Registration) you will be sent a pin which will allow you to then access the Schoolinterview website.
- **STEP 2** – once logged in you will be asked to enter the names of the students you wish to make a booking for. (i.e. the names of your child/children). When you have done this, click on **go to bookings** and use the drop down menu to **choose the correct year level** for your child/ren. You will then need to click on the drop down menu **add a class** in order to select the appropriate teacher for your child.
- **STEP 3** – Click on the class teacher and select a time!
- NB*** Year 6 parents must **only** book in with Mrs Jane Hocking. Mrs Hocking and Mrs Watson will both be present at the interviews but for “ease of booking” – make sure you select **Mrs Jane Hocking** to book a time!



When you click finish, you can either print your interview timetable or email it to yourself! If you don't receive an email straight away – check your junk mail folder.
Also, if something comes up you can return to www.schoolinterview.com.au and change your interviews until bookings are closed by the school.

- Remember interview times cannot be changed or cancelled after **Friday 12 June** when bookings will close.
- If you don't have internet access or need any assistance with bookings, please speak to your child's teacher.
- If there are no suitable times available on the schedule, please inform the class teacher via a written note.

Should you find, that after **Friday 12 June** (due to an emergency) you cannot attend the arranged interview please contact the school office.

Please note – Interview times have been organised into 15 minute timeslots as the actual interview is **15 minutes** in duration.

For parents who have more than one interview please ensure that you do not book consecutive interviews but that you allow at least 15 minutes between your interviews in order to allow for a smoother and more time efficient “flow” to the interviews. As you can appreciate, finishing one interview at e.g. 3.30pm and then beginning the following interview at 3.30pm does not allow for movement and may then have a flow on effect in terms of time management. Please find attached to this Newsletter a form which parents should **print out** and **fill in**, returning it then to the appropriate classroom teacher. This form assists teachers to better inform you of key issues you may wish to discuss regarding your child. We ask that you return the form to the class teacher **as soon as possible**. Thank you in anticipation of your attention to this!

Also....The children in Years 2-6 are expected to attend and be involved in the interview process. We believe that students are empowered when included in this process. Research shows us that children who reflect on their learning are better able to plan for future learning, set goals and accept responsibility for their learning journey. These are the skills we aim to develop in our students at St Kieran's because we believe they are valuable aptitudes to have as members of modern society in the 21st century.

Have a lovely weekend!

Marisa Bombardieri

Religious Education Coordinator

Some children in Year 5 have been busy writing for the Australian Catholic Journal competition. The topic they have written about is “Who in my community has inspired me?” This week’s Religious Education section of the newsletter is given over to one of these wonderful entries by Ashleigh Williams.

Kevin Malone

Is there someone in your community who has influenced yourself to be a safe and respectful Catholic? I know someone who has inspired me to follow his footsteps of kindness and gentleness. He is willing to spend his own time for our safety. When this man greets me, a slow smile forms in my face and I feel the butterflies flutter in my stomach. Our school community likes to call him (drum roll please)..... Kevin.

If you could see Kevin now, you’ll see that he is helping all the children cross the road safely in the carpark. And at one o’ clock through to two o’clock Kevin will be picking up all the balls that have been mistakenly thrown into the carpark by the children and accompanying students to and from the oval.

Think that you are a child in Year 5 and you were walking to school so exited that you forgot to check the road before you walk, and a car comes and you didn't know what to do? Of course Kevin will stop the car and remind you to stop, look and listen before you walk on the road.

If you ask him; What do you do Mondays to Fridays Kevin? He would reply "At seven I look out for children crossing the road and from nine thirty to eleven o' clock I read, until its morning tea time when I help little kids open up their snacks since they are really hard to open for kindergartens. While the middle part of the day is progressing, I get back to my book. At lunchtime I pick up the rolling balls that have been thrown into the carpark. At the end of the day, I help the carpark pickup line since it is always a buzz there."

Kevin inspires me by what he does. I really can't believe that he does all those things and that he does it out of his time and that he also does it for free! I couldn't handle waiting all those hours with just a book. Could you? Kevin is a gentle heartwarming man who takes up his time and inspires me to be helpful.

Ashleigh W

A Prayer for You and Your Child Celebrating First Eucharist

Father, After Jesus nourishes us in the Eucharist, we are asked to go out to be "bread for the world." Eucharist calls us to help feed those around us who are hungry. Some people are hungry for food, others are hungry for love, or care, or friendship.



PARENT: Some people in our world are hungry for food. They don't have enough to eat.

CHILD: Open our hands, God. Help us to share what we have with others.

PARENT: Some people in our world are hungry for care. They are sad or lonely. They need comfort and support.

CHILD: Open our eyes, God. Help us to see the needs of those around us.

PARENT: Some people in our world are hungry for friendship. They are excluded because others think they are "different" in some way.

CHILD: Open our hearts, God. Help us to share your love with others.

Together: we ask our prayers through Christ our Lord. AMEN

Together, make a commitment to bring the love of Jesus to someone in need.



National Reconciliation Week.

This week is National Reconciliation Week. This year's theme is "It's time to change it up". Students will discuss what it means to 'change something up' and why it might be important to step up the focus or effort around reconciliation. Through storytelling, reading and viewing aspects of indigenous culture we aim to increase the children's understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their histories and cultures.

Dates for your Diary: Term 2

- First Communion dates: 7, 14, 21 June.

Mrs Kerrie Wetzel, Religious Education Coordinator.

★★★ Awards



KC	Abbey M, Philippa Q	KR	Baxter E, Amelia R
1L	Sofia F, Luke W	1R	Andie B, Kai S
2B	Harrison L, Paria S	2S	Daniela D, Shae L
3B	Zaneyth Molinia, Ella-Jane C-P	3S	Jackson J, Jada S, Kirra M
4C	Jakoby B, Charley M	4S	May J, Wilson L, Ewen M
5L	Rose C, Kai M	5W	Hannah H, Sienna F, Mia H
6	Ben O, Hayley E, Rory S, Mia T	PE	Ryan M, Jessica C, Mya D, Saskia B, Emily Nikolic
Italian	Mia L	Band	

School News

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. Enrol

Student Validation Forms

Please remember to make any changes to the student validation report sent home to all families last week. These must be signed and returned to the school office immediately. It is important that the school has up to date details for your family. Even if there are no changes to be made we need to receive the signed form. There is no need to fill in dates of immunisation.

Chicken Pox

We have been notified that a sibling of one of our students with confirmed with a case of chicken pox. Please be aware of the following:

- **Time from exposure to illness:** 2 – 3 weeks
- **Symptoms:** slight fever, runny nose and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab. Can be more severe in pregnant women and newborns.
- **Absence from school:** Yes, for 5 days after the rash first appears and until the blisters have all scabbed over.

Book Club: The current issue of Book Club closed Friday 29 May. No late orders will be accepted.

The Crossing

On Monday 25 May, Years 3 – 5 had the privilege of watching a play about the crossing of the Blue Mountains. We all learnt so much and even got to participate in the action. It was a humorous as well as an educational play about the three audacious exploring heroes- Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson.

We were all very excited and chattering filled the stage. We all went quiet as the three great actors marched onto the stage and burst with fabulous vocal lyrics. They danced, sang, talked and acted while we learnt, joined in, laughed and even shed some emotional tears! I'm sure everyone would agree that this was one stupendous theatre production.



With great music, actors, humour and emotion. We would definitely recommend this play as a great family production and a great learning tool for Australian history.

By Hannah H and Sienna J

As we were scattering through the hall my eyes were sparkling and I had a big grin from ear to ear on my face. As we went in there was a problem, there were no actors on the stage. When I looked again I saw a faint outline of three bodies behind the curtains, but not kid actors- they were much taller.

Suddenly music started and out came the actors 1, 2, 3 of them. There was an old man and two other men who looked around their 20's. I really enjoyed the play and not once did I talk to the person next to me. Because there was not time to talk during the marvellous play.

After the performance there was a huge round of applause. When Mrs McGuire asked if anyone wanted a photo with the actors my hand shot straight up in the air, unfortunately I was not picked. We were making our way back to the classroom and I heard the bell. Recess!!!

By Lachlan C

Robotics After School Program - Latest News

- Some fantastic programming has been happening on Monday afternoons at our Robotics Workshops for students in Years 5 and 6! This program will continue in Term 3 and new students are very welcome - it is not too late to join in.
- In Term 4 we are pleased to announce after school Robotics Workshops will be held for Year 3 and 4 students. This program will also be held on Monday afternoons and is suitable for beginners. More information will be available next term.
- Enrolment details for Term 3 will be provided over the next week.
- If you have any questions regarding the after school Robotics Workshops please contact Jo Townsend - stage2_3@roboticswps.com.au or 0402 101 708.

Jo Townsend, Workshop Facilitator

Reading in Year 5 took on an “Eagles” flavour with Peta Hiku and Dylan Kelly

Here are two quick responses:

- On Tuesday morning a group of boys and I read with Peta Hiku. Peta is a winger for the Manly Sea Eagles. We read a book about “Sports Rules”. I would have rather a Dragon player because I am a Dragon’s fan. After we read with him we talked about the book. Next the whole class sat and asked him questions. It was great. He signed our papers and books. *By Ethan S*
- Peta Hiku is a Manly Sea Eagles player. He came in to read with some boys in our class. We read a book called “Sports Rules”. I brought in my hat and my jersey to be signed just because I knew someone special was coming in. It was the best reading group I have ever had. *By Liam K.*

Food Allergy Week at St Kieran's - Wk 7

Be Aware

Australia has one of the highest reported incidences of food allergies in the world, and the numbers are growing at an alarming rate. In fact, one in 10 babies born in Australia today will develop a food allergy. Two in 100 adults have a food allergy. An allergic reaction can quickly become life threatening and people can die from food allergy. While the risk cannot be removed, it can be managed.

It's up to all of us to be allergy aware – to know how to minimise the risk of a reaction, to know what to do if a reaction happens, and to understand and support family, friends and colleagues living with food allergies.

See the website at www.foodallergyaware.com.au for more information.

Show You Care

On Friday 5 June paint one pinky nail to symbolise that **one in 10** babies born in Australia today will develop a food allergy. Please remember that at St Kieran's we encourage all children to *share their company but NOT their food!*

Sport News

High Jump

A reminder that Mrs Leathem will be running the High Jump Competition **this Monday 1 June**. This was only made available to children in Years 3-6. Please remember to wear sports uniform if you entered into this event. No new entries will be accepted on Monday, if a child suddenly decides they want to participate. Only entries that were filled out on the original athletics note will be accepted to Jump in their age group.

Mrs O'Brien

JUST ASC

Care at Just ASC on Pupil Free Day

Just ASC will be providing care for the children from St Kieran's, on the Pupil Free Day to be held on Friday 26 June, 2015, from 8am- 5pm.



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

We are excited to be offering the incursion, "Run Away With The Circus," where students participate in circus skills as part of the day's program.

Any families who **do not** use the service, need to enrol with Just ASC as well as complete the booking form at the end of this newsletter. 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 **Wednesday June 17**.

Parent Community

st.kierans.pf@gmail.com

P&F Meeting

Monday 1 June in the iCentre (Library). We would love you to come along, join in, listen, have your say, hear about St Kieran's Current Affairs!

Uniform Shop

- **Opening hours:** every second Monday from 8.30am - 9.30am – next open **Tuesday 9 June, then Monday 22 June**
- 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

New Sushi Flavour available as of today: Salmon (raw). Please place your order on FlexiSchools. Thank you to all the Volunteers, without you our Canteen could not operate.

HELP required: If you would like to go on the Canteen Casual list to fill in for Volunteers who can't make it on their allocated day, either a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, please email your details and I will add you to my list. Let me know which day would best suit. Thank you.

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 2 - Week 7):

Wednesday 3 June: C Starkey, K Beaman

Thursday 4 June: J Schoene, M Polome

Friday 5 June: J Townsend (**M**), S Barbieri, R Tanner

- 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 - SKMV.canteen@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

- **Mercy College Chatswood 125th Anniversary Celebrations:** Saturday 13 June 2015. Reunion Mass 2:00 - 3:00pm at Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church. Open House 3:00pm - 5:00pm - Mercy Catholic College Chatswood. Reflect and Reconnect - We welcome all Mercy ex-students and ex-teachers to attend our celebratory event.
RSVP: mccchatswood125years@gmail.com
- **Warringah Council Vacation Care:** Once again the school holidays are fast approaching and parents will soon be looking for activities to keep their children occupied. Our school holiday program for the Winter 2015 holidays is now available for download from Council's website and bookings for this holiday period are open from next Monday morning (1st June 2015). Brochure and interactive Booking Request Form are available on our webpage: <http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/live/community-support-services/family-and-child-care/vacation-care>
- **Techscience Australia Robotics Workshop:** July Vacation Holiday Workshops Robotics Coding Years K- 6 Community Workshop Curl Curl North Public School Wed 1 July & Thurs 2 July. For more information info@roboticswps.com.au / info@techscience.com.au or go to www.roboticswps.com.au

Return Slips



Parent Observations / Comments

Child's Name: _____

Child's Class: _____

At the Parent/Teacher 15 minute interview, I would like to discuss.

1 Areas of success:

2 Areas of concern:

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

BOOKING FOR PUPIL FREE DAY AT JUST ASC INC. Friday 26/6/15

Please return completed form to Narelle, Carly or the school office NO later than Wednesday June 17.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____



Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Parent Name: _____

Contact details: _____

Any other information: _____

To assist with programming for the day, please indicate any activities your child may like to participate in: _____

As my child is currently using Just ASC, I understand that all the conditions of use apply to Pupil Free Days too. This includes payment of fees via Direct Debit.

or

If you do not currently use Just ASC, an enrolment form must be completed and can be found on the St Kieran's School website. (**Child immunization record and direct debit form must be completed otherwise enrolment will not be accepted**)

I give permission for my child to attend and participate in the activities on the pupil free day:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please note, if your child is booked in for the pupil free day and does not attend, fees will still be charged as Just ASC has staffed the day according to bookings

INFORMATION REGARDING CARE AT JUST ASC ON PUPIL FREE DAYS

Hours: 8.00am-5.00pm



Cost: \$65/child (CCB and CCR available, if eligible)

Venue: Drop off at Parish Centre in the morning. The Parish Centre and school playground will be used throughout the day.

What to wear: Comfortable play clothes with closed in shoes, hat and sunscreen.

What to bring: Morning tea, lunch and drinks (afternoon tea will be provided). Please note that breakfast will not be provided.

Activities: Craft, cooking, sport (games) and a special incursion, "**Run away with the Circus**". The final program will be emailed to families prior to the day after the educators see the activities your child is interested in.

Other: Please remember to sign your child in on arrival and out on departure.