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Looking ahead Term 2

Week 8	Week 9	Looking Ahead <i>continued</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Holy Communion dates 6th/7th, 13th/14th, 20th/21st <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 	<p>Monday 15th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uniform Shop open <p>8.30am Tuesday 16th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICAS Writing, Manly Footy reading Yr 5 <p>Friday 19th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt a Bear Mufti Assembly – Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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,

Well winter has certainly arrived and the days, while sunny, certainly have cold starts and the wind chill factor at recess and lunch play times is making children feel very cold. We have a number of children who are presenting at the school office, being sent down by their class teachers, who are coughing and generally feeling very unwell.

Parents have been informed that the school has 7 cases of Whooping Cough reported so far, and I understand that this is something that is fairly rife on the Northern Beaches.

As this is the 'cold and flu' season, I have procured a pamphlet from the local Chemist which contains the following information and important to share with the community: *Colds are usually passed on from person to person by touching hands or objects (e.g. toys, tissues) or by breathing in droplets from sneezes or coughs. It is important to know how to prevent the spread to others:*

- Cover your mouth when sneezing or coughing
- Keep hands away from eyes, nose and mouth
- Use tissues to blow your nose and throw away after use
- Wash your hands with soap, particularly before touching or eating food and after blowing your nose
- Avoid sharing of eating utensils and food.
- Colds may make ongoing medical conditions worse (i.e. Asthma).



Of course if your child is very sick then the best place for him/her is to be at home. Children who come to school and are not feeling well come to the office and parent/s are called to come and take them home. If parents can't be reached a nominated emergency contact is called. **Schools are not the best place for children when they are not well.**



I have noticed that there are many students who arrive at school without jumpers, or jackets. As many of our children leave their warm homes and are driven to school in heated cars *they may say they are not cold*, but the temperatures decreasing during the winter months, they are often seen shivering and the wind chill factor is of a concern. **Please ensure that your child/ren come to school with appropriate clothing that they may put on to play at recess and lunch times.**

On Saturday, Pope Francis met with 200 children who were the participants in the annual 'Children's Train,' sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Culture in association with the Italian national railway. The train passengers this year were sons and daughters of prisoners from Rome, Civitavecchia, Latina, Bari and Trani.

During the enthusiastic encounter, full of song and dialogue, the Pope stressed God is love. The 78-year-old Pontiff reflected on the gift of a plant the children brought him, to speak about how inside the earth there is darkness and what they are to learn from this. Whenever there's darkness, one is to go

toward the light, he stressed. "The light. It is inside of us, always. Because the light gives us joy, it gives us hope."

The Holy Father encouraged them to see that everyone can find the light. He also asked them how to make a better world, to which they responded: "With love!"

"Who is God?" Francis said. He affirmed the children's response that "God is love."

"God is love... And we go towards the light to find the love of God. But is the love of God inside of us, even in the dark times? Is the love of God there, hidden? Yes, always! The love of God never leaves us. It is always with us," he said.

"When the love of God is ahead, everything goes well," he said.

Marriage Debate – What Can You Do?

Please find the following statement that came to the school from the director of Schools at the Catholic Schools Office:

As you may be aware, the question of Same Sex Marriage has taken on a certain urgency recently. This question is not something that should only be left for Parliamentarians to decide, based solely on the views of lobbyists and pressure groups. We all have a responsibility and a voice to make clear that a change in the definition of marriage will impact our local communities in very real and immediate ways. To assist you in being well informed, a number of resource and information materials are available on the Diocesan website www.dbb.org.au including a Draft letter to Members of Parliament and contacts for those representatives in Broken Bay. To find out more about what you can do, please contact the Diocesan Communications Office on 9847 0724 / news@dbb.org.au.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

St Kieran's has a Staff Development Day on Friday 26 June, the last day of the school term. The focus for staff professional learning is on Literacy with a focus on working towards our School Improvement goal of students attaining spelling benchmarks through the Writing process.

Staffing News

Many will be aware that Mrs Ali O'Brien will be leaving on maternity leave next week. We wish Ali well as she awaits the birth of her third child. I am happy to announce that Ali will be replaced by Miss Jessica Macri who is currently working in 3B while Mrs Brown is on leave. Mrs Liz McGuire will be going on leave and will be replaced by Mrs Penny Rafferty during the two weeks she will be away. Mrs Rafferty has worked at St Kieran's as our librarian and we welcome her back to the school in this capacity again. Mrs Narelle Leathem is also going on leave and she will be replaced by Mr Patrick Sheedy for all of term 3. We welcome Patrick as our PE teacher during Narelle's absence.

I do hope that parents took the opportunity this week to enjoy FALLOW WEEK.

All the best to our families who bring their children to celebrate their First Eucharistic celebration over the next few weeks.

God bless,



Terri Paterson
Principal



Assistant Principal

The lunchtime **CHESS CLUB** begins next term at St Kieran's. It will be held every Friday during lunchtimes from 12.50-1.50pm. The children in Chess Club will eat their lunch at 12.40pm and then move to the Year 6 classrooms. There they will work with a Chess Tutor from the **SYDNEY ACADEMY OF CHESS** and learn techniques as well as strategies for Chess.

Chess is a highly beneficial activity to be involved in. Some of the reasons for this are as follows:

- Research has demonstrated that playing Chess can actually raise your IQ.
- It exercises both sides of the brain.
- It improves memory and increases creativity.
- It increases problem solving skills.
- It improves concentration.
- It develops planning and strategic thinking skills.

CHESS CLUB is available for all interested children from **Years 2 – 6**. The program runs for 10 weeks and the cost is \$85.

For organisational reasons, payment and confirmation of a place in the **CHES CLUB** will need to be finalised before end of this term. So I ask that if you would like to enrol your child in Chess Club you need to do the following-

1. Pick up an enrolment form from the office.
2. Finalise payment (directly to [Sydney Academy of Chess](#)) as outlined on the enrolment form.

Mid Year Interviews

Thank you to all those parents who have already booked in for Mid Year Interviews using our Online Booking! Please remember that the Online Booking Site will be **closed** next **Friday 12 June**, so I would urge you to book in for your time if you have not already done so! Please refer to the instruction included in last week's newsletter (29 May) on how to access the site.

Also, 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!

Have a lovely weekend!

Marisa Bombardieri

Religious Education Coordinator

Fallow Week – a reflection

Fallow week is not a new idea. Letting the land lay fallow is a biblical teaching and commandment of God to the Israelites to let their lands rest every seventh year as a reminder that the land belongs to God and that God's people must trust in God's providence. Just as the land needs to be worked and planted the land also needs to lay fallow. The same is true for us.



When we become overly engaged in the "too much" of our life and culture there often comes a time when our minds and bodies seem to rebel and we sense our "fruitfulness" ebbing away. We are unable to produce and often feel a great desire to be alone or rest. These experiences are sometimes hard to understand and we may berate ourselves for losing our momentum and enthusiasm, for failing to meet our responsibilities as employee or family member. But God's wisdom is greater than ours as God's love for us is certainly greater than our love for ourselves.

So it seems, God, who has already commanded us to keep holy the Sabbath day, sometimes "encourages" us into a longer period of fallowness, so we can rest and regain our strength and hopefully, in the process, be reminded that we belong to God.

God has called us to be a Sabbath people, to offer our Sundays as gifts of prayer and worship back to the God who made us and to see these seventh days, in the words of S W Duffield, as "quiet islands on the tossing seas of life." Perhaps if we did as God commanded we wouldn't find ourselves drowning quite so often.

Adapted from <http://www.catholic.org/featured/headline.php?ID=218>



Celebrating First Eucharist

Congratulations to the children who will be celebrating their first Holy Communion over the next few Sundays. Thank you to their parents, teachers, parishioners and families who have encouraged and prayed for them during their journey of faith.

Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar, Religious Education Coordinator.

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KC	Freya M, Hayden L, Nicholas H	KR	Joel M, Lachlan S
1L	Gretel W, Charlie C	1R	Ollie F, Mikayla L
2B	Lily Q, Jai D	2S	Grace H, Charlie R, Mitchell A
3B	Khoder A, Millie C	3S	Sam B, Eliza L, Niamh G
4C	Alannah W, Fraser A	4S	Isabella K, Eloise W
5L	Ted R, Cleo J	5W	Lachlan C, Matthew S
6	Sophie F, Arianne C, Tayla S, Grace H, Rory A	PE	Mia H, Briana G, Sabrina F, Ella T
Italian	Cleo J, Jaydon R, Kirra M, Lucas E	Band	Emily D
Music	Mitchell A, Andie B, Mya B, Charlotte K		

School News

Student Validation Forms

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.

Late Arrival and Early Departure

Lately there has been a significant increase to the number of children arriving late to school. The warning bell goes at 8.43 and the expectation is that all children are settled into their class by 8.45am. If your child is late to school he or she must be accompanied by a parent to the office. The parent is to fill in the late arrival form and give to the office staff. Children will be given a late slip to present to their teacher. Please help to reduce the amount of interruptions to teaching staff by having your child to school on time. Full day absences and partial absences will be recorded on school reports being sent home in week 9.

School Fees

At the beginning of every month fee statements are sent home via email to all families. Please check your statement and bring any overdue balances up to date. If you have opted to pay via weekly, fortnightly, or monthly instalments please adhere to your payment schedule. For those families paying by three standard instalments, a reminder that the 2nd instalment was due on **2 May**. School fees are essential to the financial viability of our school and, to enable us to pay our accounts as they become due, we have to control closely our cash flow. Unpaid school fees will be followed up with a phone call, email or letter and may be referred to the Catholic Schools Office for collection.

Maths Challenge 2015

For the last three weeks, six Year 6 students have attended the Maths Challenge workshops at St Paul's High School and St Mary's Primary. Year 6 worked collaboratively with students from other schools to solve fifteen mathematical problems.

- *I think it was a worthwhile experience working with other kids and making friends outside of our school. We could share our mathematical ideas. Jessica D*
- *The mathematical problems tested our mathematical knowledge and skills to the limit. Hayden W*
- *It was great to work on challenging mathematical problems which extended my thinking. Sophie F*
- *It was a great chance to share my knowledge with children I haven't worked with before. The problems were really challenging. Cole D*
- *I enjoyed working with the children from different schools and I'm happy with the way I have solved the problems. Kyle R*
- *It was interesting to see how other children solve the same problems. Joshua R*

Mission Day

Last Thursday, 28 May the Year 6 Mission Leadership Team attended St Joseph's School at Narrabeen to participate in the Peninsula Cluster Mission Day.

The focus of this day was 'Homelessness.' Our team worked with St Cecelia's as a Parish group to discuss and create an action plan to take back to our school and parish. Through the action plan, we developed ideas to raise awareness about homelessness and formulate ideas about how to raise funds for certain charities. Guest speakers at our day included representatives from St Vinnies, Mater Maria College and St Paul's High School. They informed us about what they have been doing.



We will now work with our teacher mentor to continue to develop our action plan.

Sophie F, Rory A, Rebecca M, Tom C, Dylan I

Don't Miss Out on our Class Weeblys!



resources via the Class Weebly.

*Just a reminder about the **fantastic** Class Weeblys that we have at St Kieran's. Each grade has its own individual Weebly that showcases the excellent learning that is happening in the classrooms. These Weeblys are accessible at home and through any mobile device, including your mobile phone. You can also access any notes, homework and student learning*

This is a fantastic resource at St Kieran's that allows parents to keep in touch with what is happening in their child's classroom. It is also a great way to have students talk through their week of learning with their parents. Keep an eye out on your child's Weebly for regular updates of excursion photos, video links and student work samples.

Class Weeblys can be accessed via the St Kieran's School website as below. For privacy reasons, each Weebly has its own unique password. You can ask your child or teacher for this unique password.

<http://www.skmvdbb.catholic.edu.au/> - Learning and Teaching – Class Pages

We hope you enjoy! ☺

Mrs Tracy Brown, ICLT Coordinator

Whooping Cough

Please refer to the information emailed home earlier this week for signs and symptoms of Whooping Cough. For further information please call your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055 or visit the New South Wales Health website www.health.nsw.gov.au

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

Term 2 P&F Meeting

Thanks to the people who turned up on a cold Monday night for the term 2 P&F meeting. Minutes will be published on the SKMV website next week.

(Don't mention the.....) State of Origin

Thanks also to the dads who attended the State of Origin night; a good time was had by all, despite the disappointing result!

St. Kieran's Family Fun Day - Saturday 31 October

Preparations are well underway for this year's St Kieran's Family Fun Day (HALLOWEEN!). As such we will be calling on our wonderful families to support this event in various ways in the lead up to the big day. To kick things off we will be having an "Adopt-a-bear" Mufti Day on Friday 19 June where children bring in either a new or pre-loved teddy that is in great condition. There is no need to go to great expense with the teddy – just make sure it is in excellent condition and one that you would be happy if your child came home with!

Year 2 mums will be collecting the Bears from each year's classrooms on this day. Your children will be asked to complete an Adoption Certificate that will be provided naming their Bear (so come prepared with a name!). On the Family Fun Day, children can purchase a bear for \$5 by choosing an adoption certificate from the lucky dip bowl. The certificate will match the bear's name tag on the stall. Please see attached flyer for further details.

Uniform Shop

- **Opening hours:** every second Monday from 8.30am - 9.30am – next open **Monday 15 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

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

"Wednesday" Specials:

- Steamed vegetable gyozas (with soya sauce and/or sweet chilli sauce), 3 per serve @ \$1.50, and
- Steamed chicken dim sim, large (with soya sauce and/or sweet chilli sauce), 1 per serve @ \$1.5

"Thursday" Special:

- Homemade Beef taco wrap with your choice of lettuce, tomato, cheese, carrot, and sour cream @ \$3.00 each.

"Friday" Special:

- Homemade Pizzas with your choice of ham, cheese, and pineapple @ \$3.00 each.

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 8):

Wednesday 10 June: J Ruddock, C Wells (M), S Nicols (L)

Thursday 11 June: B Hartely, A McPhee

Friday 12 June: K Lewis, K Meagher, N Wall

- 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 - SSKMV.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

- **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>

'Adopt-A-Bear' Mufti Collection Day for St Kieran's Family Fun Day



Friday 19th June

Year 2 have the "Adopt-A-Bear" stall this year, and are asking for the support of the whole school for donations towards their stall.

On **Friday 19th June**, St Kieran's children should **wear mufti to school and bring in either a new or pre-loved teddy** that is in great condition. There is no need to go to great expense with the teddy – just make sure it is excellent condition and one that you would be happy if your child came home with!

Year 2 mums will be collecting the Bears from each year's classrooms on this day. Your children will be asked to complete an Adoption Certificate that will be provided naming their Bear (so come prepared with a name!).

On the Family Fun Day, children can purchase a bear for \$5 by choosing an adoption certificate from the lucky dip bowl. The certificate will match the bear's name tag on the stall.

Guidelines to clean pre-loved teddies: Wash in washing machine in a cloth bag, place in dryer or hang on washing line, then place in a bag in the freezer for 2 hours to kill any further germs!

Thank you for your help. To ensure the success of our Family Fun Day we will be asking for your help with donations for some class stalls. We will be staggering collection dates for various stalls throughout the next few terms.



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.