



©St Kieran's Catholic School Manly Vale

Address: 63 Gordon St, Manly Vale  
 Email: [skmv@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:skmv@dbb.catholic.edu.au)  
 Fax: 9949 2230

Office: 9949 3523  
 Student Absences: 9948 9949  
 Website: [www.skmvdbb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.skmvdbb.catholic.edu.au)  
 Issue: 19

Date: 19 June 2015

## Looking ahead Term 2

| Week 10   | Week 1 – Term 3  | Looking Ahead <i>continued</i>   |
|---|--|--|
| <p><b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yrs 3 &amp; 4 League/Eagle Tag Gala</li> </ul> <p><b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yrs 5 &amp; 6 League/Eagle Tag Gala</li> <li>End term 2</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff Development Day</li> </ul> | <p><b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Term 3 commences</li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aladdin rehearsal</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chess commences</li> <li>Discus comp at oval <i>tbc</i></li> <li>Stage 3 Winter Sleep out 6 – 9pm</li> </ul> | <p><b>July</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> School Photos 7-8.30pm The Power of Social &amp; Emotional Skills for Children</li> <li>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Aladdin dress rehearsal</li> <li>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Grandparents Mass &amp; Kids Disco</li> <li>Tues 28<sup>th</sup> ICAS English &amp; Aladdin rehearsal</li> <li>Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Aladdin Musical</li> <li>Fri 31<sup>st</sup> 2pm Assembly - Italian</li> </ul> |

## Principal

### Dear Families,

How does this statement sit with you?

***"We see things not as they are but as we are".*** Annals Nin

Over the last weeks I have been in conversation and dialogue in regards to the "Happiness" conference held in Sydney recently. Having the privilege of interviewing new families for school enrolments 2016, the response from parents as to what they are looking for in a school for their child/ren is that they want to be part of a supportive faith based community and that they are wanting their child to be happy. *Happiness* is something we hear about a lot and may invoke a certain response, and yet in most instances, it seems to involve the inner life; that the concept of *happiness* is seen as a decision we make; that it somehow links with choice and attitude. There seems no association of *happiness* with the accumulation of possessions or with *having* or *wanting*.

How good are we as parents in separating happiness from possessions and locating its source as internal and not external? Do we invest in our children's character at least as much as we invest in 'things' or possessions? Building an inner resource is the greatest gift a parent can give their child/ren as these resources will be the reservoir from which will flow a stream of enduring enjoyment and happiness for life.

Last week I left the Director / Principals meeting with an amazing resource that I am slowly working my way through titled *"Will Catholic Schools be Catholic in 2030?"* which explores issues that are of essence in the unfolding story of Catholic schools and of the Church in Australia.

Here are **some words of wisdom from our leader, Pope Francis**. This gives the last word on the concept of *Happiness*:

*"When we live out a spirituality of drawing nearer to others and seeking their welfare, our hearts are opened wide to the Lord's greatest and most beautiful of gifts. Whenever we encounter another person in love, we learn something new about God. Whenever our eyes are opened to acknowledge the other, we grow in the light of faith and knowledge of God. If we want to advance our spiritual life, then, we must constantly be missionaries. The work of evangelisation enriches the mind and the heart. It opens up spiritual horizons; it makes us more sensitive to the workings of the Holy Spirit, and it takes us beyond our limited spiritual constructs. A committed missionary knows the joy of being a spring which spills over and refreshes others. **Only the person who feels happiness in seeking the good in others, in desiring their happiness, can be a missionary.** This openness of heart is a source of joy, since *"it is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35). We do not live better when we flee, hide, refuse to share, stop giving and lock ourselves up in our own comforts. Such a life is nothing less than slow suicide. *Evangelii Gaudium* 272*

### School Maintenance

During the winter break there will be some significant work being carried out in the school. The administration area will be repainted and then recarpeted. The boxes have arrived and the big task of moving items from cupboards and

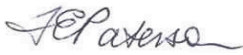
clean out has begun! The administration section of our iCentre, water damaged with the big storm at the beginning of the term will also have the carpet replaced as will the carpet in 4S.

Parents will have noticed the *skip* that arrived in the car park at the beginning of the week. This assists the school in removing unwanted items and rubbish from our admin area and for teachers to have the opportunity to remove unwanted items from their classrooms. **This is for school use only.** The *skip* will be removed next week.

**Diary Date for Term 3 - Monday 20 July (Week 2 Term 3) at St Kieran's 7 – 8:30pm**  
**THE POWER OF SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SKILLS for CHILDREN**

Social and emotional learning programs foster children's academic success and lifelong learning by improving social and emotional skills, attitudes, behaviour and academic performance. Genuine and inclusive school-family partnerships play a crucial role in improving a child's social and emotional skills. See *School News* for further information and visit DPC website. RSVP: DPC Website [www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com](http://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com)

God bless,



Terri Paterson  
**Principal**



**Assistant Principal**

This week Karen Hughes (Learning Support Teacher) and I have been meeting with the class teachers discussing the learning needs of individual students. The Learning Team Meetings are an important aspect of our Learning Support Program in that the teachers use data to focus on the progress and needs of individual students. Goals are identified and set for students based on their needs and then progress is monitored. Once directions have been identified for Term 3 our Learning Support Assistant, Teachers' Aide and the Learning Support Teacher will either support classroom teachers through the implementation of teaching/learning programs or work with small groups and/or individual students on specific programs.

The parents of children who will be supported in this way, will receive a letter confirming this at the start of Term 3. Enjoy the weekend!

Enjoy the weekend...  
*Marisa Bombardieri*

★★★ **Awards**



|                |                                  |             |                                |
|----------------|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>KC</b>      | Oscar P, Jacob R                 | <b>KR</b>   | Maddison R, Addison L          |
| <b>1L</b>      | Tim B, Ashleigh W                | <b>1R</b>   | Braylon D, Amelia S            |
| <b>2B</b>      | Cole I, Isabelle L               | <b>2S</b>   | Illy G, Zyra M                 |
| <b>3B</b>      | Nikola K, Jessica R              | <b>3S</b>   | Iggy M, Elizabeth C, Jackson C |
| <b>4C</b>      | Sophie M, Mattaeus P             | <b>4S</b>   |                                |
| <b>5L</b>      | Samantha S, James N              | <b>5W</b>   | Luke V, Simon A                |
| <b>6</b>       | Rory A, Ella B, Joshua O, Liam D | <b>PE</b>   | Yr 5 Girls                     |
| <b>Italian</b> | Josh O, Ella S, Saxon Y          | <b>Band</b> | Zoe S                          |

**Religious Education Coordinator**

**Celebrating First Eucharist**

Congratulations to the children celebrated their First Holy Communion last weekend.



**The earthquake in Nepal** led to the loss of life, the loss livelihood and the loss and family and homes for thousands of people in the region. Year 5 children would like to raise awareness of the ongoing hardship experienced by the people of Nepal and raise funds to donate to CARITAS Australia to support them.



In the last week of school Year 5 children will be conducting a number of working fundraiser activities that the whole school may support.

- **On Tuesday Year 5 children will be washing desks during lunch time.** Children in the school who wish their desks scrubbed with soap and water are to leave a gold coin donation on their desk prior to lunch.

- **On Wednesday Year 5 children will be cleaning shoes in the playground.** Children who wish to have their shoes polished can line up on the chairs in the sails area for a shoe shine. The cost of the shoe shine is a gold coin donation.

Year 5 students are certainly acting the spirit of Saint Mary Mackillop whose motto was “**Never see a need without doing something about it**”. Learning through actions and service to others is a powerful experience in developing social justice and empathy within children. In giving up their lunch time and performing the work themselves Year 5 children are learning that their actions can make a difference to other people in the world.

*Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar, Religious Education Coordinator.*

---

## School News

### Student Validation Forms

There are still many families who have not yet returned the student validation forms sent home a few weeks ago. 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, employers names nor the addresses of contacts other than parents or guardians.

### Drama Classes at St Kieran's

Does your child have friends going to Drama? Has your child been asking how they can join?

Enrolments are now open for new students to join our Lunchtime & After School Drama Groups in Term 3.

- **Yrs K, 1, 2:** 3 SPOTS available, Tuesday Lunchtimes.
- **Yr 3 & 4:** 5 SPOTS available, Tuesdays After school to 4.00pm.

Enrol online [www.dramascene.com.au](http://www.dramascene.com.au). For more information, please ring Stephanie on 0407 235 914

### Information from NSW Health - Whooping Cough Alert

Some students who attend St Kieran's have recently been diagnosed with Whooping Cough (pertussis).

#### What are the symptoms?

Whooping cough usually starts with a runny nose, followed by persistent cough --often worse at night --that comes in bouts. Bouts may be followed by gagging, vomiting or gasping for air. Whooping cough can cause a very severe illness in young children particularly those aged under 6 months.

#### How is it spread?

Whooping cough is usually spread by direct contact with the droplets from the nose and throat of an infected person produced whilst coughing. People at greatest risk of getting the illness are those who have had a considerable amount of face-to-face contact with a person with the disease. Whooping cough can occur in people previously vaccinated.

#### What should parents do?

Anyone developing symptoms should consult their local doctor and mention that there are cases of Whooping cough in the school. Children who are diagnosed with Whooping cough need to stay away from school until they have taken 5 days of a special antibiotic.

For further information please refer to NSW Health at the Northern Sydney Public Health Unit on 9477 9187.

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/Information-for-childcare-and-schools.aspx> or contact Sincerely,

*Mary Burns, Public Health Nurse*

### St Kieran's Family Fun Day

A booklet regarding Family Fun Day was sent home this week. If you misplaced this information please find it towards the end of this newsletter.

### Library News

Library lessons for all students in K, Yr 1 and Yr 2 next week will occur on **Monday**. Students may return their books on Monday or Tuesday or keep them for the holidays. If you are going away, please do not take library books with you. There will not be any borrowing next week for all students K-6.

## Junior Band

Thank you for a fantastic 2<sup>nd</sup> term. You are all working so hard both in and out of class time. Keep it up. Band rehearsal will commence the first week back in Term 3, Friday 17 July. See you then.

Warmest regards

*Miss Hodges, junior Band Coordinator*



# SCHOOL DISCO

Save the date

FRIDAY 24TH JULY  
K - YR2 4.30PM TO 6.00PM  
YR3 - YR6 6.30PM TO 8.30PM  
MORE DETAILS TO COME

## The Power of Social & Emotional Skills for Children's Learning

*with* **Jane Nethery**

*Educational Officer*

*Student Wellbeing - Catholic Schools Office*

FREE Seminar for Broken Bay Parents & Carers



MONDAY  
20 July  
7 - 8.30 pm

**St Kieran's Catholic School**

63 Gordon Street, Manly Vale

*All Welcome No Cost*

RSVP: DPC Website

[www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com](http://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com)

Proudly presented by the Diocesan Parent Council

---

## Sport News

### Polding X-Country

The Polding X Country was held last Friday 12 June. Congratulations to the following students:

- Dahlai A- 18<sup>th</sup> U/10
- Kye P- 16<sup>th</sup> U/9
- Kai M- 6<sup>th</sup> U/10
- Oscar M- 1<sup>st</sup> U/9

The four champions were also part of the Gold Medal winning Broken Bay teams for U/9 & U/10. Well done everyone.



---

## Parent Community

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

### P&F Minutes

Please be advised the minutes from the last two terms P&F meetings have been added to the school website: <https://www.skmvdbb.catholic.edu.au/school-community/177/p/>

There is also mention of a GREAT talk that Terri Paterson recommended by Ken Robinson: Are schools killing creativity? You can view his TED talk here:

[http://www.ted.com/talks/ken\\_robinson\\_says\\_schools\\_kill\\_creativity?language=en](http://www.ted.com/talks/ken_robinson_says_schools_kill_creativity?language=en) It is really interesting, highly amusing & well worth a watch!

### Adopt-a-Bear Mufti Day

Huge thanks to everybody who brought in a Bear for Oct's Family Fun Day! The response was overwhelming. The children are loving it and your support, as ever, is very much appreciated.

### P&F Executive & Committee Roles for the 2016/17 Term

Your school needs you! The new team needs to be recruited over the next two terms for a smooth handover to occur. These roles are rewarding and fun and a great way to get to know the fantastic community of St. Kieran's better. Feel free to talk to any of the existing team for further information. Please register your interest for any of the following roles to [stkierans.pf@gmail.com](mailto:stkierans.pf@gmail.com)

**P&F Exec** (Please note; these roles can be shared as done in 2014/15)

President (currently Anthony Molinia/Anthony Gennusa)

Vice President (currently Jo Allen/Emma Wilson)

Treasurer (currently Julie Russo/Nioka Jeffery)

Secretary (currently Sarah Molinia)

#### Band Committee

Joanna Miller

#### Dad's Committee

Mike Punch

#### Fundraising Team

(Refer to P&F Exec)

**Shoes Reminder:** Just a reminder that The Athletes Foot stores will donate \$5.00 to our school from every pair of school shoes or trainers purchased in their stores. The Athletes Foot has discounted black leather school shoes (including Clarks) and approved trainers. Just remember to mention that your children attend St Kieran's Manly Vale when purchasing the shoes at the register."

### Uniform Shop

- **Opening hours:** every second Monday from 8.30am - 9.30am – next open **Monday 13 July**
- 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](mailto:lizsnell72@gmail.com)

## Canteen

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 10):

**Wednesday 24 June:** C Day (M), A Molone (M), A Hardy (L), M Noble (L)

**Thursday 25 June:** S Schwarz, K Dougherty

**Friday 26 June:** "Pupil Free Day"

- 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](mailto: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

- **Manly Warringah Basketball:** 3 Day Camp during the school holidays. For information go to [www.manlybasketball.com.au](http://www.manlybasketball.com.au) or phone 9913 3622
- **Northern Beaches Go4Fun Program:** help transform your 7 to 13 year old child into an active, happy, motivated kid this year. To find out more information, make a free call to 1800 780 900, visit [www.go4fun.com.au](http://www.go4fun.com.au), or contact the Go4Fun Coordinator on 9976 9579.
- **Kidsfirst Children's Services** – Specialising in Anxiety and Resilience support for children. For information go to [www.kids-first.com.au](http://www.kids-first.com.au) or phone 9938 5419

## ***St Kieran's Family Fun Day Saturday 31 October 2015 from 10am – 4pm***

---

Family Fun Day is held every 2 years and is our major fundraiser, helping to provide essential learning equipment and facilities for our kids.

We know how busy family life is and so we wanted to give everyone in the school community an idea of where and when we will be reaching out to you for help for Family Fun Day. Whatever time you or your extended family can give before or on the day will be hugely appreciated. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, older siblings are all invited to get involved if they can. This is a fantastic family event and a way to get to know other people in our friendly community.



Over the next few months, the Family Fun Day organisers will be asking for help with the following:

### **Class stalls**

Your class parents will be in contact with you about this – a team will be needed for each year group to prepare the “stock” for the stall and a roster will be set up of hourly “shifts” to run the stall on the day.

- Kindy – Chocolate Wheel
- Yr 1 – Cake Stall and Alfresco Café
- Yr 2 – Adopt-a-Bear
- Yr 3 – Designer Vintage and 2<sup>nd</sup> hand clothes/accessories
- Yr 4 – New Toys and 2<sup>nd</sup> hand books
- Yr 5 – Tombola
- Yr 6 – Wine Stall

### **Donations**

The school community will be asked to give items that can be sold at Family Fun Day – we have a schedule in place for this so you won't be asked for everything at once. You will be given more details but here's an overview of what we will be requesting over the coming months:

Chocolate wheel – prize items  
Tombola jars – contents for boys and girls  
Cakes  
Bottles of wine  
Pre-loved teddy bears in as new condition (19<sup>th</sup> June)  
Vintage clothing and accessories in as new condition  
Pre-loved books for children and adults in as new condition

### **Other activities at Family Fun Day**

We have some super fun activities planned (especially as it is also Halloween!) and will need volunteers with a healthy sense of humour to set up and run various entertainment activities on the day.

Here we give you an idea of where we will need help (NB. PM means Project Manager for the activity – organising the set up of the activity and roster for the day)

**Pass the Footy** – volunteers required on the day for 2 hour shifts

**Crazy Hair and Facepainting** - Run by Year 6 students with parent supervision

1 PM required to source and set up equipment, painting patterns/guidelines and coordinate roster. Year 6 children and their parents will be needed on the day.

### **Trick or Treat Door**

Children ring the bell or knock on the door to receive a trick or treat (it's a game of chance!)

Volunteers required on the day.

### **Lucky Dip**

1 PM required to sort contents (which have already been sourced), sort them into boy and girl presents, wrap, make the “dip” and organise roster  
Volunteers required on the day.

### **Water dunker**

1 PM required to organise set up and coordinate the roster (equipment provided)

Volunteers required on the day.

**Cake and Jam competition**

1 volunteer required on the day, judges will be recruited by the PM

**Kool Art (Sand Art)**

Craft activity – equipment is provided.

Volunteers required on the day

**Paper Plane Flying Competition**

Flying competitions will be held throughout the day

1 PM required to plan and organise schedule, set up, rules, equipment, prizes. Volunteers required on the day.

**Kindifarm**

A small enclosure of cuddly animals with activities during the day – this comes fully staffed but will require:

Volunteers required on the day to coordinate entry and exit and monitor queue.

**Food**

Our canteen will have a fantastic menu on offer and will require volunteers to help prepare and serve the orders. Our Dads' committee will be looking for Dads/ other family members to run the BBQ.

**Set up and clean up**

Our wonderful friends at PartyHire will be providing most of our equipment for the day but we will need a team to set up Friday afternoon/ early Saturday morning.

**Ticket sales and rides**

Volunteers will be needed to sell tickets on the day and to help supervise entry/ exit to rides.

**Commercial vendors and sponsorship**

We have some great opportunities for local businesses:

Commercial Stalls – for a small fee, businesses can operate stalls on the day

Sponsorship – there are many opportunities for businesses to increase their profile in the community by being part of our day sponsoring activities or stalls.

If you have any sponsorship/ commercial stall enquiries, please contact the Family Fun Day team at

[stkierans.pf@gmail.com](mailto:stkierans.pf@gmail.com)

More details about Family Fun Day and how you can get involved will be distributed over the next few months. In the meantime if you are happy to be a Project Manager (PM) for the activities we have mentioned please contact us at [stkierans.pf@gmail.com](mailto:stkierans.pf@gmail.com). You'll be given a set up plan to follow and lots of help from the Family Fun Day team.

Whether you are able to give time, donations, sponsorship or support on the day - thankyou in advance for being part of this fantastic event for St Kieran's. Make sure your friends and family "save the date"!