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## Looking ahead Term 3

Week 4	Week 5	Looking Ahead <i>continued</i>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cupcakes fundraiser for Band at recess</li> </ul> <b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 – 9.30 School Tours</li> </ul> <b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 6 Canberra Camp</li> </ul> <b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 6 return from Canberra</li> </ul>	<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ICAS Maths</li> </ul> <b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Assumption Mass Yr 4</li> </ul> <b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kinder Family Mass 9.30am</li> </ul>	<b>August</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Peninsula Athletics</li> <li>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Yr 3 excursion to Art Gallery; Yr 1 excursion to Wildflower Garden; Yr 2 Confirmation</li> <li>Sat / Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 23<sup>rd</sup> Yr 2 Confirmation</li> <li>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> P&amp;F meeting in iCentre; Bear Pit; Yr 4 incursion</li> <li>Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Book Fair</li> <li>Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Assembly – Yr 2</li> </ul>

## Principal

### Dear Families,

Last Monday, the first Assembly of the term (due to wet weather and photo day) a new item was included into our assembly routine. We, like many other schools and communities across the nation, began an *Acknowledgement and Welcome to Country* as a way of paying our respects to the traditional owners of our land. Each Monday before the national flag is raised and the National Anthem is sung members of the Civics Team will recite the following Acknowledgement:

*We meet today on the traditional homelands of the Guringai people.*

*We acknowledge the Guringai people as the custodians of this land and pay respect to their traditions, customs and long continuous culture and history.*

*We pay respect to the elders past and present of the Guringai nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginal people present.*

Pope Francis reminds us that encountering God's love helps us become more human; when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being. We can see God's love when people engage with Aboriginal peoples beyond "Welcome to Country" and engage meaningfully with their experiences of being Aboriginal. This is just a beginning.

**We also acknowledged our Kindergarten 2015 cohort who celebrated their first 100 days of school on Monday. Well done Kindies!!!**





## ALADDIN

A BIG 'thank you' to teachers Vanessa Ryan (KR) and Jordan Waller (Creative Arts) who were the creative team behind the annual Senior School Musical. This is a wonderful opportunity for our senior students to showcase their many talents and creative strengths, and I am always amazed at just how talented our students are; this provides a wonderful showcase. Thank you also to supporting teachers, Deborah Morehouse (Italian Song Club), the Year 5 & 6 teachers for their support of this creative arts program and to those teachers who attended with all the behind scenes work of prop design and supervision. WELL DONE senior students... we are so very proud of your success!!!

### “Growth Mindset “

Parents who attended the DPC seminar this month were informed of how important it is for our children to have a 'growth mind set.' Teaching staff at St Kieran's are well aware of the current educational research being done in this area as it pertains to student learning. I include this short video link for parents as a means of explaining this and how parents can support their child/ren's learning given the latest research into this important area.

<https://www.mindsetkit.org/growth-mindset-parents>

### Welcome

This term St Kieran's welcomes new families to the school and wish them every blessing as they begin their time as members of our parish school community. **The Collins family** (KR; 3S and 5W); the **Day family** (4C); the **O'Brien family** (5L)

This term we commence the *Transition to School* process for our 2016 Kindergarten. Parents will be emailed with the upcoming dates for these sessions next week.

### FAMILY FUN DAY.....It is coming!!!

Thanks to the organising committees who are getting into full swing in preparation for our special day Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup>. I would like to take this opportunity in thanking Cunningham Real Estate who again support our school community at this time. A sponsorship of \$5,000 will come to the school of which we are extremely grateful and certainly very appreciative of.

God bless,

Terri Paterson  
Principal



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## Assistant Principal

Many of you have been aware that the Australian Curriculum is being implemented in New South Wales. We have implemented the English and Mathematics Syllabuses at St Kieran's and are currently working with the new Science and Technology Syllabus.

During 2016 and 2017 you will hear a lot about the implementation of the new History and Geography Curriculum. These will both replace the HSIE (1998) Syllabus. This will mean that much of what formed the content for our "Integrated HSIE units of work" will now be treated as two separate Key Learning Areas. The new **History** Syllabus will be taught in place of the Change and Continuity strand in the current HSIE Syllabus and the new **Geography** Syllabus will replace the Cultures, Environments, Social Systems and Structures strands.

Both Key Learning Areas will be structured around an inquiry approach based on Key Inquiry Questions which will provide a focus for topics covered. History will have a more specific focus on the *sources* of history and will ask the question "How do we know?" Students will continue to study familiar topics such as:

- Personal family and community histories in Early Stage 1.
- Local community history in Stage 1
- British colonisation and Indigenous peoples in Stage 2.
- The development of Australian democracy in Stage 3.

Geography will involve the opportunities for the students to investigate a more specific focus on geographical skills and tools, for example maps and spatial technologies. The student will also explore contemporary geographical concepts such as place and sustainability. Students will continue to:

- Investigate environments and communities from local to global scales.
- Develop an understanding of being informed, responsible and active citizens.

If you would like to find out more about these two new Syllabuses....you may wish to click on this link which will provide a guide for parents.

Enjoy the weekend!  
Marisa Bombardieri

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## Religious Education Coordinator

**Core Scriptures passages form the basis of our Religious Education modules:** Yesterday Simon Hyland conducted a Creative Arts Bible Workshop based on each class' Core Scripture. During the day each class worked with Simon in the Parish Centre learning hymns and movements. At 2:00pm the whole school came together for a Liturgy to celebrate the messages of our Bible. The children are to be commended for their reverence and enthusiasm during the Liturgy. We wish to thank Simon for his passion and energy for proclaiming the messages of the bible through Creative Arts.

Some comments from Year 5W:

- "We had a great time singing hymns and learning dance moves to go with the hymn" *Ashleigh Williams*
- "The whole school learnt different hymns and dances to share at our Liturgy" *Sophie Ross*
- "It was exciting to see other children express themselves through singing" *Laura Townsend.*
- "I liked our song and the groovy moves" *Dahlai Arrasti*
- "We appreciated Simon coming in to spend time teaching us exciting ways to sing and dance the bible messages" *Sophie Pawley*

Dates for your Diary

- **Feast of the Assumption Mass:** Friday 14 August 10.00am - church
- **Kindergarten Family Mass:** Sunday 16 August 9.30am – church
- **The Sacrament of Confirmation:** Friday and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Parish to advise the times.
- **Feast of St Augustine Mass:** Friday 28 August 10.00am - church
- **Father's Day Liturgy:** Friday 4 September 7.30 – 9.30am
- **St Kieran's Feast Day:** Wednesday 9 September 10.00am  
*Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar, Religious Education Coordinator.*



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## ★ ★ ★ Awards



<b>KC</b>	F Daly, A McGrath	<b>KR</b>	A La Greca, M Piggott
<b>1L</b>	J Americano, M Murrell	<b>1R</b>	A Smith, J Wall
<b>2B</b>	E Thompson, L Andreone	<b>2S</b>	L Siew, E Chahwan-Harris
<b>3B</b>	K Janik, C Williams	<b>3S</b>	L Durnin, E Di Staso, B Schaafsma
<b>4C</b>	K Sweeny, E Lefers	<b>4S</b>	W Laurendet, N Viscuso-Tucci
<b>5L</b>	S Rindfleisch, R Ricketts	<b>5W</b>	E Stubbs, L Townsend
<b>6</b>	All of Year 6 for a wonderful week and fabulous Aladdin	<b>PE</b>	All of 2B

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## School News

### Poetry Competition

At the beginning of Term 2, Year 6 entered the 'Australia, My Country' writing competition, run by our local RSL. All of Year 6 wrote amazing poetry in response to an ANZAC class study and won three awards in the poetry category. Congratulations to E Nevin - 1<sup>st</sup>; C Durnin - 2<sup>nd</sup>; S Frazer - 3<sup>rd</sup>. These students were presented with a certificate and a cheque at a special ceremony at Balgowlah RSL last Sunday.



### Engage 2015

Our Engage program continued this week with our Year 3, 4 and 5 groups. Year 6 students led the children with a focus on **Self-Awareness**.

During Week 4 and Week 5 the focus of the Engage Program is **Self-Management**. During the sessions the students will be involved in games and activities assisting them to explain the influence of emotions on behaviour, learning and relationships.

For more information about SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) please go to the KidsMatter website - <http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/>



## Library News

### Premiers Reading Challenge

Only 4 weeks to go but it's not too late to take up the challenge. Many of the books may have already been read. There is also the option of participating in the **Book Bonus!** This not only raises funds for the purchase of books for St Kieran's, but also assists priority schools in NSW. The parental consent can now be completed online so the registration process can be done all at once.

Book Bonus is open until 28 August, so there's still plenty of time for students to be involved. The more students that participate in Book Bonus the more books our school will receive. Even if only 10 students raise \$25 each that's \$250 worth of new books for St Kieran's School. Please see the note below on how easy it is to participate:

## DEAR PARENTS & CARERS

### HELP US GET MORE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL!

This year our school is participating in a read-a-thon linked to the [NSW Premier's Reading Challenge](#) (PRC) called Book Bonus. [Book Bonus](#) is an online campaign organised by Dymocks Children's Charities where students fundraise for new books for their school while reading.

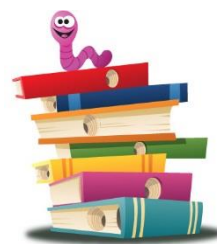
Each child is encouraged to achieve reading targets for the year, so we're asking for your support in our efforts to increase the number of great quality books we have to offer them!

Our school will receive books chosen by us to the value of funds raised and we'll also be helping schools in need across NSW. 50% of all funds raised from the campaign will be used to provide books to schools in [Dymocks Children's Charities](#) literacy support programs.

Note also, there are **rewards** for the students' participation with each child raising over \$200 receiving a book of their choice\* (valued up to \$20) and prizes for the top fundraisers in the state.

#### How Book Bonus works:

1. Students participate in the PRC
2. Students/parents register at [bookbonus.org.au](http://bookbonus.org.au) and create their own fundraising page (after parental consent is confirmed!)
3. Students read their books and ask family and friends to support them!
4. At the end of the PRC Schools and award winning students select their books



If you have any questions about Book Bonus or our school's involvement, please contact Mrs McGuire or Dymocks Children's Charities on (02) 9224 0453 or [info@dymockschilrencharities.org.au](mailto:info@dymockschilrencharities.org.au).

Many thanks,

*Liz McGuire, Librarian*

\*Books chosen from a list of PRC books provided by Dymocks Children's Charities.

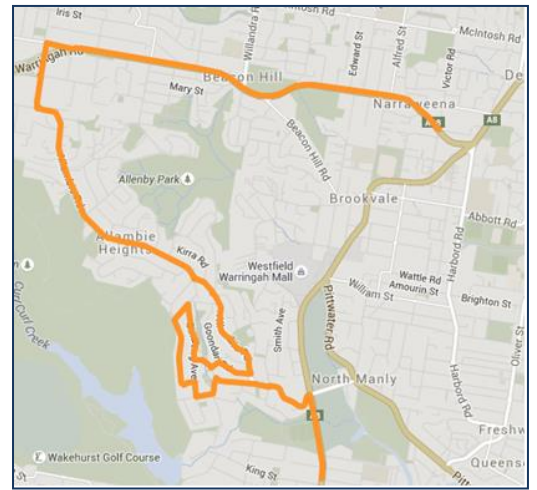
### Aladdin DVD Orders

Order forms for a copy of the Aladdin Musical held last Wednesday can be found in the 'Return Slip' section of this newsletter. Copies are \$12 each. Please send in the correct money in an envelope marked '**Foresto**' and return to the school office by Monday 10 August.

## School Bus Route 742

Please be aware that the route for the 742 bus has changed. To see a full map of changes please go to

[http://www.sydneybuses.info/schools/stkm/742a?activation\\_date=2015-04-19#map](http://www.sydneybuses.info/schools/stkm/742a?activation_date=2015-04-19#map)



## Sport News

### Rugby League



Congratulations to the boys who competed for St Kieran's at the NSWRL All Schools Competition on Monday 27 July. The boys drew their first two games and really stepped it up a gear to win their third game, taking them into the Semi Finals. They lost the Semi Finals, however were up against a tough team from Kurnell Public who went on to win the whole competition. All the boys should be congratulated on their efforts coming 4<sup>th</sup> in state and for displaying such sportsmanship. Well done!

## Parent Community

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

### 2015 ALL STAR SCHOOL DISCO

What a night! There was an incredible amount of energy in the air last Friday night and lots of fun had by all. We just want to say a big thank you to ALL the volunteers and teachers on the night who so generously gave up their Friday evening to help set up, supervise, feed and clean up. Without the parent support events like this would not be able to happen. The photo booth was a great success, we are still uploading the photos and when ready will share the link through the class parent network.

Thank you again.

*Year 4 Parents*

### Uniform Shop

- **Opening hours:** every second Tuesday from 8.30am - 9.30am – next open **Tuesday 11 August**
- Orders will be filled alternate Tuesdays. . 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 needed for: Thursday 15 October? Please, and thank you in advance.**

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 3 - Week 4):

**Wednesday 5 August:** L Bellamy, A Raleigh

**Thursday 6 August:** M Polome, J Schoene

**Friday 7 August:** K Murrell, S Barbieri, F Kenny (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.

### Woolworths Earn and Learn

St Kieran's will be participating again this year in the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion. From now until Tuesday 8 September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box near the office at school. The more stickers we submit, the more educational resources that Woolworths will fund for our school. Sticker sheets can be collected in-store or can be downloaded online at [www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn)

### 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.

In addition to the regular rewards, The Commonwealth Bank is running a competition in Term 3. Just make 3 or more deposits through School Banking in Term 3, and you will automatically be in the draw to win prizes. You can double your chance of winning by completing a 'Money Mission' at [commbank.com.au/prizeportal](http://commbank.com.au/prizeportal). See the brochure attached to this newsletter for more details!

## Parent Prayer

You are warmly invited to ....

Contemplation and a Cuppa...

Please join us for Parent Prayer on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August in the Kieran Room. We will commence at 9am and our reflection will conclude by 9.30am. There will be a fresh plunger of coffee and something sweet for those who would like to stay for a chat afterwards.

As usual, we will place our blue Community Prayer book at the front office for those who would like to make a particular petition or pray for someone in need. We always include these prayers in our reflections for those who are unable to join us. If you prefer you can email your petition to me and I will ensure it is included.

Look forward to seeing you there for half an hour's escape from the busyness of our minds into the serenity of the given moment.

If you haven't yet been to a Parent Prayer, please come along and bring a friend. There is no compulsion to contribute and no spiritual passport needed. Come as you are. No need to RSVP but please feel free to email me if you have any queries.

Katrina Beaman

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## Community News

- **Diocesan Parent Council: Free Seminar for Parents & Carers:** Dr JUSTIN COULSON- What Your Child Needs from You. The Broken Bay DPC provides seminars and workshops each term for all parents in schools across our diocese. This term the DPC are working with one of Australia's most respected parenting speakers, authors, and researchers - Dr Justin Coulson. There are endless do's and don'ts that surround parenting. In his practical seminar, What Your Child Needs From You, Dr Justin shares essential strategies that get to the heart of raising a happy child and creating a connected family. Justin is an engaging presenter and his stories have audiences laughing and nodding in agreement – he really gets it – with real life examples that really do help parents. This not-to-be-missed seminar is being hosted by OLG Catholic School, Forestville on **Tuesday 18 August 7 – 9pm**. All parents from schools across our diocese are welcome and there is no cost. To assist with numbers, please go to the DPC website to RSVP [www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com](http://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com)
- **URGENT - WANTED – HANGING FOLIAGES** Does your garden or do you know of someone that has long trailing ivy, jasmine, smilax or similar hanging foliages that need a really good prune? We are in urgent need for our School Annual (St Cecilia's) fundraiser in late August and appreciate any assistance. If you are able assist Please contact Janet on 0419 615 693 or email [enquiries@janetsajowitz.com.au](mailto:enquiries@janetsajowitz.com.au)
- **KidsOT – Free joint Speech Pathology and Occupational Therapy drop-in clinic.** 2.30 – 3.14pm Thursday 23 July and 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month for Term 3. No bookings required. Suite 13, level 1 Forestway Shopping Centre [www.kidsot.com.au](http://www.kidsot.com.au)
- **Catholic Care - Staying Positive Parenting Support Group:** Are you a parent or carer of a child with tricky or challenging behaviour? This FREE group will be facilitated by experienced community workers and parenting educators. This is a monthly drop in group with discussion topics suggested by parents and carers. No need to book. When: 1st Wednesday of every month during school term from 10.00am – 12.00pm at Relationships Australia Community Hub Northern Beaches, South Hall, Brookvale Community Centre, 2 Alfred Road, Brookvale. More information: Contact Jane on 9938 5420 or [janeda@ransw.org.au](mailto:janeda@ransw.org.au)

## Return Slips



# Aladdin DVD



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Copies: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile / Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Eldest Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose \$12 (correct change please) in an envelope addressed to 'Foresto' and hand to school office.



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We will begin with a meditation and reflect on a beautiful old artwork entitled "*Mary, Untier of Knots*". I was recently introduced to this painting and it resonated on many levels. While unfortunately I wasn't travelling through Germany where it is housed in the Church of St Peter, the painting nonetheless found a home in me. I am no qualified opinion when it comes to fine art and trying to keep a clean house is about as artistic as I get, but immediately *Mary Untier of Knots* spoke to me as a mum, wife, colleague...and the many different hats I wear in any given moment...as I am forever trying to untie knots! The devotional prayer attached to the painting is used to ask Mary for help with struggles and problems for which we don't see any solution. These include family discord, particularly anguish and deep hurts in marriages or between parents and children, or general absence of peace and joy in the home. There are also the knots of depression, fear, unemployment, alcoholism, loneliness or violence to name a few.

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