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Looking ahead Term 3

Week 7	Week 8	Looking Ahead <i>continued</i>
<p>Monday 24th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> P&F meeting in i-Centre; Bear Pit Yr 4 incursion – Human Body <p>Wednesday 26th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> P&F Book Donation & Mufti Day (for FFD) <p>Friday 28th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly – Yr 2 Kinder Zoo excursion 	<p>Tuesday 1st</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 – 9.30am School Tours 10.45am Lunch with the Stars <p>Wednesday 2nd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kinder 2016 Transition <p>Friday 4th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.30am- 9.15am Fathers' Day Breakfast & Liturgy 	<p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 7th Yr 5 Disability Awareness Band Committee meeting 7pm in Hall Fri 11th Assembly Yr 4; St Kieran's Day – liturgy and mini fete Mon 14th Yr 5 Disability awareness Tues 15th Yrs 3 * 4 Gala Day – Cricket/ AFL/ Netball Thurs 17 Yrs 5 & 6 Gala Day – Cricket/ AFL/ Netball Fri 18th End Term 3

Principal

Dear Families,

At St Kieran's we work together in partnership to develop and support positive relationships that underpin the school's pastoral care policies.

As a Catholic school community immersed in the Gospel of Jesus and filled with his Spirit, we are committed to the values of *compassion, tolerance, forgiveness and reconciliation*. The ways in which people interact with each other in the daily life of the school significantly affects each person's sense of well-being, identity and self-worth and contribute to the culture of the community.

The Diocese has developed a "Sustaining Strong Catholic School Communities" policy that recognises parents as the primary educators of their children and acknowledges the commitment required of school staff, parents, families, volunteers, contractors, parishes and the wider Church to work together in partnership. We do this when we: *support the principal and staff in the development of a Christ-centred learning community; act in the best interests of the students and their learning; develop and maintain positive, supportive and respectful community relationships and are open to learning conversations while building relational trust.*

TIPS for Parents working in Partnership with Schools (as per Policy)

- *Disclose fully and accurately any information required by the school in its enrolment process and update this information when required*
- *Engage with students in their learning*
- *Ensure children are punctual and consistently attend school*
- *Engage constructively with teaching and learning and the delivery of curriculum by the school*
- *Contribute constructively to behaviour, academic and other personalised support plans in place at the school. Collaborate with staff directions in all educational and school activities, including camps and excursions, and respect and comply with reasonable requests or directions of the principal when on school premises or participating in school excursions*
- *Be mindful of school grounds as places of learning*
- *Enter a classroom only after invitation from a teacher or principal.*

The Policy "Sustaining Strong Catholic School Communities" can be accessed via the school website.

SEL : Strategies for Parents: 1 September 7pm

As mentioned in last week's Newsletter the school will be providing an informative learning session on Social and Emotional skills; strategies for parents, **starting at 7pm in the i-Centre**. I would encourage parents to attend this session, requested at the precious SEL gathering in July. So far we have had a poor response to this quality offering.

Should there not be the demand for this session from our parent community I will be required to cancel. If interested PLEASE indicate via the school ASAP either by tear- off sheet OR telephone/ email.

P&F Meeting :Monday 24 August in I-Centre at 7pm

ALL parents are welcome to attend the Term 3 P&F meeting. Parents on enrolment committed to attending one P&F meeting a year. We only have two meetings left!!!

On the agenda for this meeting is a presentation by an educator who is looking to run an afterschool program for our children and is seeking interest and support from our parent community. The "Strong Roots... Tall Trees" initiative, currently being run at St Mary's, Manly, is a 5 week program run outside of school hours, that focuses on developing and integrating 5 core foundational qualities for Wellbeing. Also, there will be a presentation by Bryan Starkey, (father from 3S & 1R,) a member of TAC (Traffic Advisory Committee) who will share the findings from our recent Traffic Report.

If you feel you have gifts and talents to offer our school community please think about sharing these with the school community in the capacity of P&F executive member for the coming term of office beginning in 2016. **WE NEED YOU!!!**

BOOKWEEK

On Wednesday there will be a short morning assembly (weather permitting) to acknowledge the efforts the children have gone to in coming to school dressed as their favourite book character. Parents are welcome to attend.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN results arrived this week and all parents in Years 3 & 5 received their child's personal results. Overall, the school results indicate that St Kieran's is above national, state and diocesan averages. A more detailed analysis of results in areas of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy will be undertaken by the Leadership Team and school staff as we move forward into setting a School Improvement Plan, goals and targets for 2016.

Parents will receive a more detailed overview after this evaluation.

God bless,



Terri Paterson
Principal



Assistant Principal

August 31 to September 4 is **National Literacy and Numeracy Week**. This year marks the seventeenth National Literacy and Numeracy Week; a week dedicated to celebrating the importance of Literacy and Numeracy which form the foundations of all other learning. National Literacy and Numeracy Week is an Australian Government initiative.

Parents and Carers are being encouraged to get involved this year because research shows that positive parental engagement and involvement promotes improved learning in Literacy and Numeracy. Parents and Carers are able to subscribe to the newsletter available from the website and/or they may also like to visit the website for regular updates. There is a range of useful tips and resources also available on the website.

For further information, please visit: <https://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/parents>

At school during National Literacy and Numeracy Week, we will be engaging the students in a number of interesting tasks and activities to celebrate Literacy and Numeracy.

This week the children in Years 2 to 6 sat for the PAT Reading Comprehension Assessment. This is a standardised assessment managed by ACER and supports the school in gathering additional data on the students. Professionally, it is always best to gather data from a variety of sources in order to gain a clearer picture of progress and/or ongoing learning issues. Information that one particular assessment can give often needs to be verified from a different perspective or assessment. This forms part of our overall Assessment Program at St Kieran's as we aim to gather a comprehensive range of data about our learners which in turn informs our teaching and learning.

Enjoy the weekend!

Marisa Bombardieri

Religious Education Coordinator



Please remember in your prayers the children and families of Year 2 who are celebrating the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Thank you to the teachers and Parish Sacramental Team who are working behind the scenes preparing work and the celebration of the Sacrament.

Congratulations to the **Kindergarten children**, their parents and teachers for their wonderful organisation of last Sunday's 9.30am Mass. Kindergarten sang a recessional hymn as only Kindy students can and they were FANTASTIC. Thank you to the parents who arranged hospitality and took on specific roles in the Mass.

The St Kieran's Children's Choir

Once again the boys and girls of the choir enhanced the quality of our prayers with their beautiful harmony and talent. Choristers don't just happen, a lot of planning, hard work and rehearsals go into the preparation of the psalms and hymns that the choir and musicians lead us in. Thank you to the parents who organise and practise the choir for their hard work and dedication that is all too evident when they sing and play.



Thank you also to the "HARVEST" Music Ministers who play on the third Sunday of each month and many other occasions in Parish life. They thoughtfully amend their repertoire to include child friendly hymns and work tirelessly with the choir.



Looking for Altar Server

Children from Years 3 to 6 are encouraged to involve themselves in the Mass by serving on the altar. This is a great way to understand and participate in the Mass and other liturgies of our Church. Training will be provided at lunch time and you can choose to serve only for school Masses or volunteer for the Parish serving roster. Please complete the slip towards the end of this newsletter and return it to the office if you are interested in becoming an altar boy of altar girl.

Dates for your Diary

- **The Sacrament of Confirmation:** Friday and Saturday 21st at 7pm and 22nd August at 10am & 2pm. 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 - church

Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

★ ★ ★ Awards



KC	P Quarrell, A Thompson	KR	N Collins, D Joseph
1L	J Stubbs, L La Greca	1R	R Hardy, L Martin
2B	A Wright, W Maunsell	2S	A Funtanilla, H Dileep
3B		3S	E Di Staso, R Finn, Z Scholtens
4C		4S	A Schaafsma, J Schopen, N Viscuso-Tucci
5L	M O'Brien, A Wilson	5W	L Keogh, L Cahill
6	F Hogan, B Osbon, J O'Brien, M Keogh	Band	E Dunn

School News

Year 6 Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to Charlie W and Nicholas T who represented Year 6 at the Br Tony Whelan Public Speaking Competition last Tuesday. Nicholas was awarded 2nd place and will now represent the Peninsula schools at the Broken Bay Diocese finals.



Engage 2015

Our Engage program continued this week with our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 groups. Year 6 students led small groups with a focus on **Self-Awareness**.

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

P&F Book Donation and Mufti Day (for Family Fun Day)

Come along on Wednesday 26 August dressed as your favourite book character and donate a book (new or pre-loved) to the Family Fun Day Book Store.

Book Club

The current issue of Book Club closes on Friday morning 28 August. No orders will be accepted after this date.

Premiers Reading Challenge- FINISHES TONIGHT!

All books read must be entered online by **11.59pm TODAY (Friday, 21 August)**. Every student who completes their online Student Reading Record by the Challenge closing date for students and has it validated by me, is eligible to receive a PRC certificate, signed by the Premier, in Term 4.



I would also like to take the opportunity to say a massive **THANK YOU** to Mrs Bec Schopen for all the work she has put into the administrative side of the PRC. Many hours have gone in to generating user names and passwords for all the students so they can participate in the PRC. I truly appreciate her assistance. Thank you Bec!

Now that the PRC for 2015 has concluded, students can continue their great reading into the 2016 PRC. Happy reading!



Book Week August 24-28, 2015

The theme this year for Book Week is, Books Light Up Our World! We are looking forward to an exciting week and the students are eager to know the winners in each of the categories. The students in K-2 have made their predictions for some of the categories and are keen for the results.

Students will participate in activities throughout the week, including dress up to donate a book for the Family Fun Day and reading by torchlight on Wednesday 26 August. There will also be a colouring in competition that students may enter if they wish. The class teachers have the entry forms. These need to be returned by Wednesday 26 August to your child's class teacher. The wonderful Library Team will judge these and winners will be announced by Wednesday afternoon.

Head Lice

It has come to my attention again that we have a problem with headlice in the school. Headlice are more of an inconvenience than a serious health problem, however they are a problem none of us wishes to have. We realise that this is not a reflection on the hygiene of your child or your family as headlice can infest anybody. Our aim is to eliminate the problem at our school. **We urge all families to address this issue as it is one which can be easily eradicated with vigilance.**

To help us break the cycle of infestation, could you please check **your** child's hair and if you see any symptoms please treat your child/ren's hair for eradication. Further information can be obtained from the NSW Health on their Nitbusters website – <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx>

Sport News

Peninsula Athletics Congratulations

Congratulations to all the students who represented St Kieran's at the Peninsula Athletics Carnival on Wednesday. All students should be very proud of themselves for representing our school at this level of competition.

A special mention to the following students who have made it to the next round, competing at Broken Bay Athletics Carnival next Wednesday 26 August.

R Atherton, O Bird, A Ingleton, C Ingleton, S James, W Laurendet, O McMillan, R Munro, J O'Brien, K Porter, E Semken, E Simpson, L Simpson, J Thomas, N Townsend, H Williams, S Youngman.

We wish them all the best for Wednesday.



... And Special Congratulations to our Senior Boys

Well done to Senior Boys Relay Team. The boys ran brilliantly to come 1st at the Peninsula Athletics Carnival last Wednesday.

Parent Community

st.kierans.pf@gmail.com

Uniform Shop

- **Opening hours:** every second Tuesday from 8.30am - 9.30am – next open **Tuesday 25 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

Pub2Pub Run

Good luck to all of those from the St Kieran's community running in the Pub2Pub this weekend. If you haven't registered and would like to run/walk 14.5km or the shorter the 3km then feel free to join the Cure4Ed Pub2Pub for Treatment Drug team. Not keen to participate but would like to donate then feel free to sponsor a either the Yr 2 parents or couple of the Yr 2 children who are participating in the 3km run. More details can be found at <http://pub2pub.gofundraise.com.au/page/AliMalone> or <https://cure4edsharp.wordpress.com/>

Canteen

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

HELP required:

- For Lunch (11.30am to 1.45pm) Wednesdays 26 August, and 25 November?

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 3 - Week 2):

Wednesday 22 July: N Obad (M), S Saady (M), S Keogh (L), J Hoey (L)

Thursday 23 July: A Perry, J Ruddock, K Sui (M)

Friday 24 July: E Griffiths, A Malone, K/P McCahey (M), J Townsend (L)

- 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.

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

School Banking

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read

Concerns have been raised regarding the 'Cosmic Light Beam Torch' reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch.

Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any 'Cosmic Light Beam Torches' their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a 'Cosmic Light Beam Torch' are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

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. See the brochure attached to this newsletter for more details!

Community News

- **How to Manage Mean Kids in the Playground Politics** – Free seminar Tuesday 8 September 7.30 – 9.30pm. To reserve your place book online at www.kids-first.com.au/managing-mean-kids or phone 9938 5419
- **KikOff Spring Holiday Soccer Camps.** To find out more and / or register go to www.kikoff.com.au or phone 9119 3673

- **Sacred Heart Catholic School Golden Jubilee Celebration** Saturday 17 October 2015 ~ 5.00pm. Mass with the Most Reverend Peter Comensoli | Memorabilia Display | Cake Cutting | Entertainment by the Sacred Heart Band and Choir. Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Cnr Waratah & Keenan Streets, Mona Vale | Enquiries: 9999 3264

Return Slips



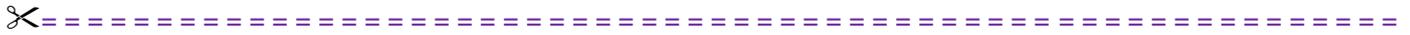
Year 3 Alter Servers – Expressions of Interest

Expressions of interest are asked for children, Year Three and older, who would like to learn to serve on the altar. If you would like to serve on the altar during school masses please return the slip below.

My child _____ class _____ is interested in serving on the altar for school Masses

Parent's name: _____

Parent's phone number: _____



SEL: Strategies for Parents - Social and Emotional Learning

I/we will be attending the Social and Emotional workshop on **Tuesday 1 September** starting at 7pm in the i-Centre.

Names: _____

Child's Class/es _____ Number of people attending _____



Saturday, 31 October 2015

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Get on boardFind us, follow us, like us and support the St Kieran's Family Fun Day page.

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SAVE THE DATE

Tel your friends, family, your neighboursand block out the day in your calendars. **Saturday 31 October.**

VINTAGE CLOTHING

The dates are confirmed for the collection days! Start looking through your wardrobes for excellent quality vintage clothing, accessories, shoes and bags for the Year 3 Stall. The collection days will be Thursday 15 and Friday 16 October.

THANKYOU for the STORAGE!

Thanks a million to David and the team at Kennard's Self Storage in Brookvale who have been very generous by assisting with the storage of prizes, goods etc leading up to the Family Fun Day.



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BOOK WEEK MUFTI DAY

Wednesday 26th Aug

Come dressed as your favourite character and donate a book to the Family Fun Day Book Store. New or pre-loved.

