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Looking ahead Term 3

Table with 3 columns: Week 8, Week 9, and Looking Ahead continued. Week 8 includes Tuesday 1st and Friday 4th. Week 9 includes Monday 7th, Friday 11th, and Saturday 12th. Looking Ahead continued includes September and October events.

Principal

Dear Families,

There are many blessings that come with the role of principal and over the past weeks these have been granted as I attended two events that involved our students in Public Speaking competitions.



The diocesan competition held at St Kevin's, Dee Why, had Nicholas T (Yr 6) and Charles W (Yr 6) representing the school and on Monday of this week, Emily N and Opal B attended the Premier's Bear Pit Public speaking competition at NSW Parliament House in Sydney.

Congratulations to each student on this significant achievement. The school, parents and wider school community must be very proud of the efforts and focus our students made with their involvement in both Public speaking competitions.

Congratulations to Nicholas T who came third in the Brother Tony Whelan Diocesan Public Speaking Competition held at St Patrick's, Asquith on Tuesday evening. Nicholas' chosen topic was "Every Refugee has a Name, a Story and a Dream".

Today the school celebrated the Feast of St Augustine with an Eucharistic liturgy with the wider parish community. Christianity would not be what it is today without the towering figure of St Augustine of Hippo; his authority in basic matters of Faith is acknowledged and is recognised as the greatest Christian thinker after St Paul.

Augustine writings are focused on building community based on 'love and learning.' Augustine's writings begin with the question as to how human beings can find true happiness. After he spent his early life in a state of restlessness, searching for answers, answers that everyone wants, as there is no one that does not desire happiness. Augustine's answer was LOVE.

"Love, and then do what you want, for from that root nothing but good can spring"

I would like to acknowledge our Augustinian Fathers as they celebrate the Feast of their patron, Saint Augustine. We thank all Fathers, and especially Fr Paul, our Parish Priest, for their pastoral care and support of us as members of the local Catholic parish school. May they continue to be blessed and guided in their ministry.

FALLOW WEEK & Wellbeing for families

I am hoping that all families took the opportunity to use this time of the school scheduled 'Fallow Week' to quieten and relax as a family. I acknowledge that efforts of parents in Book Week held during the week and thank them for their amazing support, as attested by the wonderful character costumes children came wearing at school.

There was a presentation to parents at the P&F meeting in regards to having a program begin at St Kieran's in Term 4 "Strong Roots... Tall Trees". Please access this Newsletter for further information and should you be interested in your child participating in this program please complete the tear off sheet and return to school. First in best dressed as the program can only take a maximum of 13 -15 students.

Principal Contract Renewal

On Monday I will be going through a process to extend my contract as principal at St Kieran's with a visiting team from the Catholic Schools Office. Any parents who would like the opportunity to meet with the panel are invited to do so after Monday morning Assembly.

SEL workshop

Thank you to the families who have responded to the SEL workshop on Tuesday September 1st at 7pm in the i-Centre. The workshop will go ahead given this response. I am very much looking forward for this opportunity for our parent community.

I take this opportunity to welcome the Bennett family (Eva in 2S) to St Kieran's school community.

God bless,



Terri Paterson
Principal



Assistant Principal

The NAPLAN results were sent home last week and parents of the children in Years 3 and 5 would have received their child's report.

Once the results have been finalised and communicated by the testing authority, the school is then also able to access an online site (SMART Data) which provides very detailed information regarding individual student growth and achievement as well as whole school data around strengths, weaknesses and trends. It is the **very explicit** analysis of this data (as well as data gained from other assessments e.g. PAT Reading Comprehension and PAT Maths; the MAI assessment, Running Record results) that enables the school to then plan for 2016 across a variety of areas encompassing Teaching and Learning, Professional Learning for the teachers, School Improvement Plans and goal setting.

Results demonstrate that most of the students have achieved in the top two bands across Reading, Writing and Numeracy. As the children move from Year 3 to 5 and participate in NAPLAN, the test serves as an indicator of growth and progress. This of course continues into Year 7 with further testing. SMART Data allows us to ascertain how well our Year 5 students have done in achieving "value added" from their Year 3 test. Students are expected to achieve a certain amount of "growth" from their Year 3 test and our Year 5 results show positive growth in that over two thirds of our students achieved *greater* than expected growth.

Enjoy the weekend!

Marisa Bombardieri

Religious Education Coordinator

Dates for your Diary

- **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	All of KC	KR	All of KR
1L	D Potega, I Cannon	1R	O Potega, V Rischmiller
2B	E Keating, I Sharp	2S	S Perry, P Bell, J Quarrell
3B	K Self, E Callaghan-Payne	3S	S Cott, G Russo
4C	S Maunsell, E Halloway	4S	E Hansen, D Miners, I King
5L	R Quinn, N Hendriks	5W	S Ross, J Meagher
6	G Hardy, M Tully, L Simpson, H Economos		

School News

Book Club

The current issue of Book Club closed today. No orders will be accepted.

Engage 2015

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

During Week 8 and 9 the focus for Engage groups will be Relationship Skills. The planned activities and games will assist children to identify and explain the factors that influence effective communication in a variety of situations. For more information about SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) please go to the KidsMatter website - <http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/> Here are some photos from last Monday:



Parking Around St Kieran's

Please consider our neighbours when parking in Gordon and King St. We have had recent complaints of parents parking across driveways and leaving their car to bring students into the school. This is not acceptable and rangers will be called to book cars parking illegally.

Book Week

What an exciting day we had with students dressing up. They all looked amazing! Many thanks to the Library Team for all their hard work, especially in the judging of the colouring in competition. Students received a certificate and a prize for the competition, as did the students chosen for their costumes. The reading by torch light in the library at lunch time was a hit too. Our world was definitely lit up!



Premier's Reading Challenge

I'm so pleased to announce that 134 students from St Kieran's School completed the PRC this year. This is a huge achievement and congratulations to all students who participated. Certificates will arrive next term.

Change for Library Lessons Week 8 Only (next week)

Students in KC, KR, 1R, 2B and 2S who usually have library on a Tuesday, will have their lesson next **Monday 31 August** (instead of Tuesday). Please remind your child to bring their library bag. 1L's lesson remains on Wednesday, as usual.

Composting Help

HELP!! . . . Any parent with an interest in and time to assist with composting and food waste management at school please contact the school office.

Junior Band

There will be no Junior Band practice next Friday 4 September due to the Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy.

Car Park Pick Up in the Afternoon

Parents, to ensure that the car park pick up flows as smoothly as it can, please can we all try and utilise both left and right lanes. It would appear that part of the grid lock that is being experienced on King St could possibly be helped if some parents utilise both lanes, not just using the right hand lane. To keep up the flow, we really need to drive into both left and right lanes if possible please.

When you get to the pick-up area, to ensure that we maximise the limited space here, please drive right down to the bollard, and this will then enable us to get three cars in this pick up area zone. Happy Pick Ups!

From the TAC Committee

Lions Club of Manly

We would like to thank the Lions Club of Manly for their generous donation of \$300 to the school. The club continually gives donations to local community groups, schools, Lions projects and foundations and medical research organisations. Their support is very much appreciated.

Sport News

Peninsula Athletics

Congratulations to all those students who represented St Kieran's at the Broken Bay Athletics Carnival on Wednesday of this week. A special mention to the students who did exceptionally well, making it through to Polding and will be competing next Friday at Newcastle! The students going through to Polding are:

- A Ingleton for 100m
- R Atherton 200m
- O McMillan 800m
- H Williams Discus

All students will be congratulated and acknowledged at Mondays Assembly.

Parent Community

st.kierans.pf@gmail.com

Uniform Shop

- **Opening hours:** every second Tuesday from 8.30am - 9.30am – next open **Tuesday 8 September**.
- 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

Father's Day Breakfast

Today is the last day to place your order for the Father's Day Breakfast, followed by a special liturgy to be held next Friday 4 September. To place an order please go to <http://tinyurl.com/FathersDayBF>

Canteen

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

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 3 - Week 8):

Wednesday 2 September: C Cole (M), C Starkey (L), K Beaman

Thursday 3 September: J Schoene, S La Greca

Friday 4 September: D Barton, R Tanner, S Barbieri

- 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.



WORKING BEE: TAKE 3.

After several false starts due to wet weather the **School Working Bee** is now on **Saturday 12 September from midday though to 4pm.**

If you can assist even if only for an hour It would be really appreciated. Please email Chris Hamill on chris@driveaway.com.au if you can help.

Many Thanks

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!



2015 Term 4 St Kieran's Robotics Program Extra Curricula

In Term 4 Year 3 and 4 students have the opportunity to enrol into the robotics afterschool program for the first time. Year 5 and 6 students are also welcome and all levels of experience and knowledge will be catered for.

Term 4 Year 3-6 Robotics EV3

Mon 3 00 – 4 30 pm

Weeks 2 -9 Mon Oct 12 – Nov 30 8 weeks

Try Booking link www.trybooking.com/154963

Host Jo Townsend

Cost \$176

The robotics after school program is held in the Kieran Room straight after school.

The workshop series provides students with the opportunity to be involved with innovative learning through adventure, discovery, exploration and collective knowledge construction.

Students use the Lego Mindstorms robots to learn to use ICT effectively and appropriately to access, create and communicate information and ideas, solve problems and work collaboratively with a partner.

The robots involve enhancing enquiry learning and students adapting to new ways of doing things as their robotic programs are created and developed throughout each session.

If you wish to find out more about the robotics workshops we run please see our website for more details
www.roboticswps.com.au

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Parish News

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

This is the time of the year when we are asked to consider whom among our family and friends may be interested in the Catholic Faith. For such people we will be holding an enquiry/information session on 20 September after 6pm Mass in the parish centre where enquirers could learn of the steps they might take to advance towards membership of the Catholic Church or simply to learn more about the Catholic faith. For more information please contact Phillip Cooney on 0425 210 802.



Community News

- **Sacred Heart Catholic School Golden Jubilee Celebration** Saturday 17 October 2015 ~ 5.00pm. Mass with the Most Reverend Peter Commensoli | 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
- **Loreto Spring Fair:** Sunday 30 August 2015 at 35 Carabella St Kirribilli. Music, gourmet food, lollies, coffee, Devonshire tea, jumping castles, cake & cup cake baking competition, photography competition, stalls, pies and lamingtons, curries, BBQ and much, much more. For further information go to www.loreto.nsw.edu.au
- **Department of Primary Industries Kids' Fishing Workshop:** for 8 – 14 years at Narrabeen. To book and for further information: e-mail carl.bevilacqua@dpi.nsw.gov.au or ring Carl Bevilacqua, 02 9741 4846 or 0448 837 677 or go to: <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/info/workshop>
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Return Slips

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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

As HAPPY as a PIG IN MUD!

The Mobile Kindi Farm is confirmed and locked in for the St Kieran's Family Fun Day. Thankyou to Michael McGowan and the team at Mortgage Choice in Brookvale for their support with this activity!



What a line up!

A never ending day of entertainment is being put together for the big day including Tempo Red Dance, Bradford school of Dance and Dance Pointe studio's performing live on stage. In line we also have the St Kieran's School Bands, Ben Marshall and the crew from Evergreen, Kevin Mascherana's band as well as New Tricks including the Halloween Fancy Dress dance off. What a day it will be!

Thankyou Thankyou Thankyou!

Thank you to everyone who has donated books for the book store. We still need some more books for Mums and Dads to buy so if you have any books you are finished with please feel free to drop the books into the school office for collection for the day.

FACEBOOK

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Father's Day

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Hosted by St Kierans P&F

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FROM 7AM TO 8:30

St Kieran's Parish Hall

RSVP NO LATER THAN
28 AUGUST '18

<http://tinyurl.com/FathersDayBF>

Email enquiries only to
mrs.study@icloud.com

STRONG ROOTS – TALL TREES

A 5 week program using **creativity** and **meditation** to develop and integrate 5 core foundational qualities that support children's **wellbeing**.



In term 4 we are so delighted to be offering this very beautiful after school program for students at St Kieran's. Like the name suggests Strong Roots – Tall Trees is offered with the intention of helping children to grow strong, stable, solid roots which can support them to stand with dignity self-respect, trust, playfulness and joy, kindness and compassion for themselves and others in their everyday lives. Each week in a fun, creative, safe, **small** group setting we will explore a different foundational quality:

- Respect – week 1
- Trust – week 2
- Playfulness and Joy – week 3
- Courage and Resilience – week 4
- Kindness and Compassion – week 5

Using the tools of **meditation** and **art making** each child will explore and discover their relationship to these qualities within themselves and practise ways to integrate these qualities within their everyday lives.

WHEN: 5 weekly sessions beginning **Thurs 22 Oct until Thurs 19 Nov.**

TIME: 3.30 –5.00pm

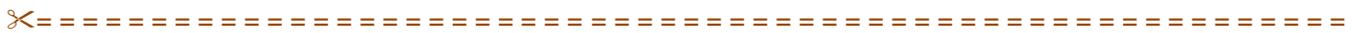
WHO: Children from 8 – 12 years.

WHERE: St Kieran's Primary School, Manly Vale.

COST: \$200 includes all art materials

This program was created by Louise Kissane a K-12 Personal Development and Meditation teacher at St Mary's Manly and Clio Doughty a Transpersonal Art Therapy practitioner and will be facilitated by them. The program is currently run with students at St Mary's Manly as an in school program supporting social and emotional learning.

To book or for further information please email Louise Kissane lkissane@optusnet.com.au
Mob: 0438 679 041



STRONG ROOTS – TALL TREES

I would like my child to attend the Strong Roots – Tall Trees program from Thursday 22 October to Thursday 19 November

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

To book or for further information please email Louise Kissane lkissane@optusnet.com.au Mob: 0438 679 041 St Mary's Manly