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Looking ahead Term 4

Week 5	Week 6	Looking Ahead <i>continued</i>
<p>Wednesday 4th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 4 Excursion to Maritime Museum <p>Thursday 5th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jnr & Snr Band playing at the Mall <p>Friday 6th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yrs 5 & 6 Yoga Yr 4 Taekwondo Yr 5 Parliament Excursion 	<p>Monday 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 – 9.30am Parent Prayer in the Kieran Rm <p>Tuesday 10th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stella Maris Yr 7 Orientation <p>Wednesday 11th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remembrance Day <p>Friday 13th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 4 Taekwondo Yrs 5 & 6 Yoga 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tues 17th Scholastic Book Fair Wed 18th Scholastic Book Fair and Italian Day – mufti. Assembly 1.50pm Thurs 19th Scholastic Book Fair Fri 20th Yr 6 Spirituality Day / Yr 4 taekwondo/ Yr 5 & 6 Yoga / 2pm Assembly – Band & Robotics Sat 21st P&F Parents Social <p>December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thurs 3rd Swimming Carnival 12.15 – 3.30pm

Principal

Dear Families

Our Family Fun Day is going to be a very exciting and busy time for all involved! The school community benefits greatly from an event such as this. Thank you to all the parents and helpers who have assisted in the planning and organisation. This year the P&F have organised a 'Halloween' theme for FFD. As Catholics we need to understand the origins of Halloween and how it originated. All we need to ensure now is that the weather is going to be good to us!

Our Church celebrates two important events; All Saints Day on the 1st of the month followed by All Souls Day. November is the last month before the season of Advent and Christmas joy is not too far away.

The word Halloween is derived from the term, "All Hallows Eve," which occurred on 31 Oct--the end of summer in Northwestern Europe. "All Saints Day" or "All Hallows Day" was the next Day, 1 Nov. Therefore, Halloween is the eve of All Saints Day. Apparently, the origins of Halloween can be traced back to ancient Ireland and Scotland around the time of Christ. On 31 Oct., the Celts celebrated the end of summer. This was important because it was when animal herders would move their animals into barns and pens and prepare to ride out the winter. This was also the time of the crop harvests and was celebrated as a change of season and lifestyle

Later, around the 5th century, as Christianity grew developed in these Celtic areas this celebration. continued as the Eve before "All Hallows Day", 1 November, where all the saints of the Catholic church were honored. A later custom developed where people would go door-to-door on 2 Nov--requesting small cakes in exchange for the promise of saying prayers for some of the dead relatives of each house. This arose out of the religious belief that the dead were in a state of limbo before they went to heaven or hell and that the prayers of the living could influence the outcome.

We had another session of our Kindergarten 2016 Transition Program today. This has worked particularly well for both the new Kindergarten students and for their families. Parents have so much to take in when children start school and so having the parents involved in the sessions over a period of time, is a positive way to assist in the processing of all the information. As far as the students go, they too have a chance to become familiar with the environment and their 2016 classmates. The teachers too are able to begin the building of relationship with the students.

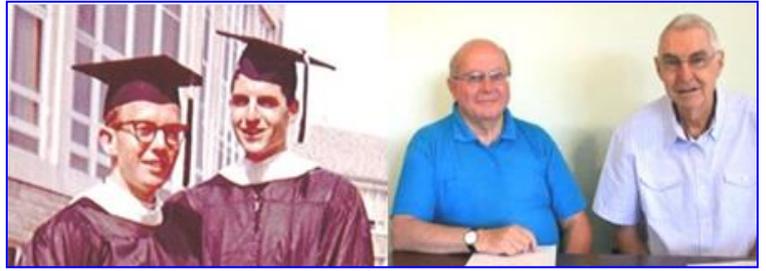
See you at the Family Fun Day!

God bless,

Terri Paterson
 Principal

Religious Education Coordinator

Bishop Peter Comensoli will be celebrating a Mass for **people with special needs and their families** on 1 November at 9.30am at St Kieran's Church. All families are welcome to attend this special celebration.



Golden Jubilee Celebrations

The staff, parents and students of St Kieran's Catholic School wish to extend to Fr Paul and Fr Laurie their congratulations and good wishes at this special milestone in their ministries. We thank Fr Paul and Fr Laurie for their devotion to the Priesthood and we applaud their fifty years of service to the Church and her people. Fr Paul and his classmate Fr Laurie Mooney will be celebrating the **Golden Jubilee of Ordination** with a **Mass this Sunday evening at 6.00pm**. Mass will be followed with light refreshments in the Parish Centre. All members of our school community are welcome to join in the celebrations.

Dates for your Diary

- Sunday 1 November Mass for People with Special Needs 9.30am – Church
- Sunday 29 November: Yr 5 and Kindy 2016 Mass - Church
- Friday 11 December: Carols Evening - Playground
- Monday 14 December: Yr 6 Celebration Liturgy Evening - Church
- Wednesday 16 December: End of Year Thanksgiving Mass - 11.30 Church

Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

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KC	C Gauld, H Little	KR	J Gennusa, D Potega
1L	H Glavin, J Hamer	1R	L Martin, N Rudduck
2B	M Brown, C Ingleton	2S	G Halloway, F Punch
3B	J Rich, X Wilson	3S	E Dunn, D Cahill
4C	I Osbon, Z Americano	4S	L Carey, A Schaafsma
5L	H Conlon, J Nicols, B Gennusa	5W	L Van Brandwijk, M Hamill
6	E Shielsar, J O'Brien, H Economos, J Joseph, J Dunn	PE	E Thompson, S Cott, Z Scholtens, P Frollano, C Ingleton, M Piggott, M Henderson, E Spralja
Italian	R Quinn, A McCloskey, S Frazer, J O'Brien, C Porter		

School News

Year Six visit the Kokoda Memorial Track

On 27 October, all of Year 6 had the exciting opportunity to visit the Kokoda Trail Memorial at Concord. This was a terrific experience for we were able to hear from war veterans who fought at Kokoda. We split into four groups to walk around part of the track with a different war veteran. These men told us fascinating stories about how they had to survive when at Kokoda. They told us about different soldiers who had died when fighting for Australia. We walked over to the Rose Garden where there were plaques honouring the men who had died at Kokoda. This was a very interesting day where all of Year 6 was able to learn a lot about what it would have been like at Kokoda. This was a very informative day where we all enjoyed ourselves.

S Frazer



Library News

As we are getting closer to the end of the year, please check at home for any stray library books. There will be a stock take of books and we need all books returned before the end of this year. Any books not returned will need to be paid for.

We have also had several phone calls this year from other local libraries informing us of St Kieran's library books being returned to them. Please check books carefully before returning as you will be asked to go and collect them.

PRC

We are still waiting for the certificates for this year's Premier's Reading Challenge. They will be distributed as soon as they arrive.

HELP NEEDED Due to the "retirement" of Mrs Schopen, we are looking for a parent to assist in generating the user names and passwords for the students so they can participate in the PRC. Once user names and passwords are generated, they are entered onto a spreadsheet for future reference. Please contact the school office or Mrs McGuire if you think you can assist. Many thanks in anticipation!

Sport News

Water Polo

Congratulations to Ben, Charli, Hayley and Emerson who trialed for the combined Broken Bay and Sydney Diocese Water Polo teams. All four children performed exceptionally well and will all be competing at the Gala Day held 16 November. Good luck.



Parent Community

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Uniform Shop

- **Opening hours:** every second Tuesday from 8.30am - 9.30am – next open **Tuesday 10 November**.
- 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

Canteen

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

Date for the diary - date change: Italian Day on Wednesday 18 November, Volunteers are required to help serve pizza and gelato from 12.15pm to 1.30pm, please email: joanne.nesbitt@dbb.catholic.edu.au

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 4 - Week 5):

Wednesday 4 November: L Bellamy, A Raleigh

Thursday 5 November: T Lynch, K Di Staso

Friday 6 November: A Thompson, J Miller, A Molone

- 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 - joanne.nesbitt@dbb.catholic.edu.au or 0410 629 135.

School Banking

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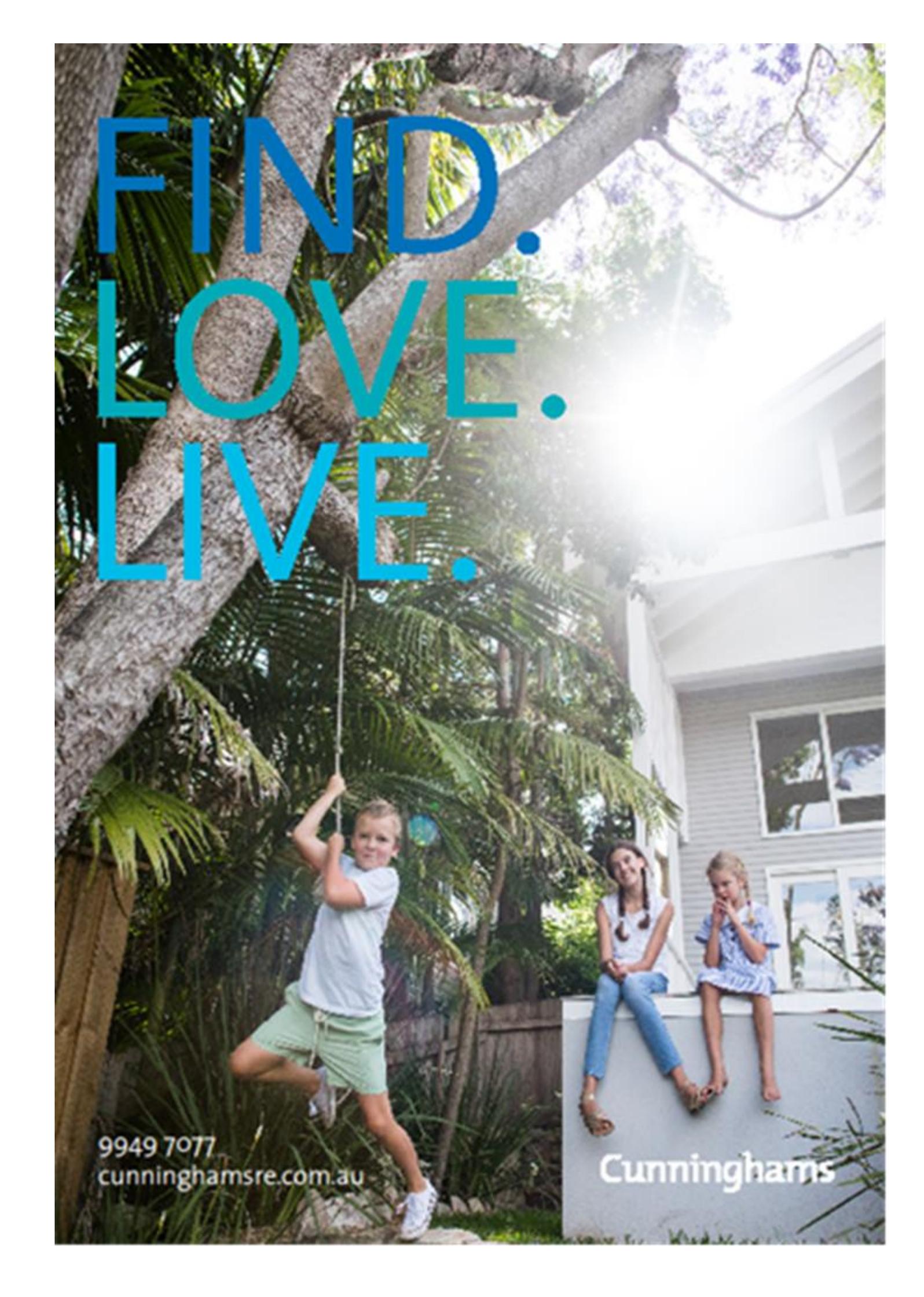
School Banking is back again on **Friday mornings from 8:20** in the playground.

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



A young boy in a light blue t-shirt and green shorts is climbing a rope attached to a large tree. In the background, two girls are sitting on a ledge in front of a modern house. The scene is set in a lush, green backyard with a large tree and a wooden fence.

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Saturday, 31 October 2015

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Thankyou to our Major sponsor

It's on this SATURDAY !

The day has finally arrived for our major fund raising event of the year the St Kieran's Family Fun Day.

Please come along, support the school and invite as many friends, family, neighbours as you can!

A BIG thankyou to our volunteers, helpers, sponsors and supporters of the day. Without your support the day simply would not happen. THANKYOU!

All is set for a GREAT DAY! **See you there**

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You are warmly invited to Contemplation and a Cuppa...

Please join us for **Parent Prayer** on **Monday 9th November** 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 (Yum!!) and something sweet for those who would like to stay for a chat afterwards. You will be well nourished on all levels to start your week!

We will begin with our famous beautiful gratitude meditation to cleanse the complaints and re-ignite our sense of hope and wellness. As our reflection is entitled **"Putting Life into Living"** we will then explore the many things that give us life and those that drain us of life. God loves us deeply and through Jesus we come to know that he calls us to "have life, and have it to the full". We often live out the negative and self-defeating messages in our conversations with ourselves and others, and these deny us of accepting that Love. I know I often find I am surviving the constant juggle and demands of daily life and that these cloud the celebration of life. In our busy, commercial world we also often lose our way and become attached to things that drain us of life and are filled with empty promises, only to find we seem constantly unfulfilled and searching for peace. We only have half an hour to reflect on what is undoubtedly a deep topic but through the quietening of our minds, simply being more aware of these things can ultimately help us point towards putting LIFE INTO OUR LIVING. (Cartwheels optional!) ☺

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.

Katrina Beaman

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