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Looking ahead Term 4

Week 10	Week 11	Looking Ahead <i>continued</i>
<p>Monday 7th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 6 Surf Ed at Dee Why Yr 5 Night of the Notables Stella Orientation Day <p>Tuesday 8th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 – 5.30pm Just ASC Christmas Concert <p>Thursday 10th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kinder excursion to city <p>Friday 11th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindy & Yr 1 Swimming / Water Safety session Last day of Canteen for the year 10am Helpers Morning Tea – don't forget to RSVP 6.30pm Start - P&F Carols 	<p>Monday 14th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No canteen this week Yrs 6 lunch Yr 6 Celebration Evening <p>Wednesday 16th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11.30am Thanksgiving Mass Last day for students Happy and Safe Holiday <p>Thursday 17th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Development Day 	<p>January 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wed 27th Teachers return Thurs 28th School resumes for Yrs 1 – 6 & Best Start for K2016 Fri 29th K2016 Best Start <p>February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 1st Best Start K2016 Tuesday 2nd Kinder 2016 commence Thurs 4th Opening School Mass 10am Wed 10th Ash Wednesday Mass 10am Tues 16th Kinder/Yr 1 Literacy Parent Ed Tues 23rd Kinder/Yr 1 Literacy Parent Ed <p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tues 1st Yr 3 Boys to St Pauls Thurs 3rd Peninsula Swim Carnival Tues 8th 9am School Tours

Principal

Dear Families

Yesterday all families would have received a **feedback letter in regards to the MMG survey** that was sent out to all families in Term 3. The feedback from MMG for parents is very comprehensive and gives overall scores in the 'very high' range for all 10 areas. I would like to thank the school community (parents, Year 5 & 6 students and staff) who responded to the survey.



The MMG Report will form the basis of our data collection as the school begins the process of School Review and Development in 2016.

Swimming Carnival

'THANK YOU' for the support given by parents at the Swimming Carnival yesterday. We greatly appreciate your time and talent. Thank you also to our organisers, Kayle Leathem and Eliza Scott-Fell for the hours of work and preparation that went into making the event run so smoothly.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in their events and especially to those who performed their personal best on the day. I would like to mention the Year 6's, in particular the Sport Captains, and thank them for their leadership and good spirit in making this such a special event on our school calendar.

P&F Executive 2016 - 2017

Congratulations to the following parents who have nominated and accepted the executive positions with the P&F for the next two years.

- President: Cameron Matthews (KR) - Cameron is a new parent to the school who brings energy and a strategic vision for engaging parents into the life of the school. Cameron is looking for an enthusiastic and committed parent to fill the role of Vice President for this term of P&F leadership.
- Secretary: Jo Quarrell (KC)
- Treasurer: Vaughn Saady (2B)
- Diocesan Parent Council Representative: Sania Saady (2B)
- Class Parent Co-ordinator: Steph La Greca (3S, 1L & KR)

Staffing 2016

I am happy to announce the teaching staff for 2016. Please note that (Miss) Kirsty Thorpe and (Mrs) Claire Shefford will not be returning to St Kieran's in 2016. Kirsty Thorpe, who has been on leave from St Kieran's for all of 2015, has been seconded to the CSO in a leadership capacity with Education Services as Science and Technology Education Officer for 2016 and 2017. Kirsty will continue working with St Kieran's in her new role assisting the school in this important curriculum area. (Mrs) Claire Shefford has taken a teaching position at St Mary's, Manly for 2016. We are thankful to Claire for her time at St Kieran's and for the passion she has shown in her teaching and relationship with students in her care. I'm sure you will join me in wishing both Kirsty and Claire every blessing as they take on new roles for 2016.

- Kindergarten: Vanessa Ryan and Emily Channel
- Year 1: Michelle Leydon and Wendy Rose
- Year 2: Karen Sullivan and Tracy Brown
- Year 3: Mary Brown and Eliza Scott-Fell
- Year 4: Christina Uchino (nee Chiarella) and we will be welcoming Ms Nikki Robilliard but are currently waiting on paperwork to be finalised.
- Year 5: Kerrie Wetzlar and Kayle Leathem
- Year 6: Jane Hocking and Geraldine Watson.....

Teachers are currently working on assigning classes for 2016. This is a process and it requires thought and professional judgement as teachers are aware of their students learning, behavioural and emotional needs. There are some school systems where parents are not informed of their child's teacher and who is in their class until the first bell goes on the first day of the school year.

At St Kieran's we prefer to give our students some settle time before the end of the year with their new teacher and class. This will occur on December 15th at 2pm (week 11) as all teachers will meet the new cohort for 2016.

The school is busy preparing for the 'last days' of 2015 and there are many events that occur on our calendar as we finish the academic year and acknowledge those within the community who will be leaving us. The official end of year is Wednesday 16th December and there will be a thanksgiving Mass at 11:30. Students are able to begin their holidays and go home with their parents after the Mass. However, please inform the class teacher.



God bless,

Terri Paterson
Principal

Religious Education Coordinator



ANGELS, SHEPHERDS, KINGS, FARM ANIMALS

PREPARE, GET READY !

Christmas Eve Mass is soon upon us and children, young and old, are invited to attend the **6. 00 pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass.**

The Parish of North Harbour would like to send some representatives of our youth to **World Youth Day 2016**. To assist our young people with the cost of WYD the Diocese of Broken Bay has organised a raffle. If you wish to support this Diocesan endeavour you may purchase tickets from the school or parish office.



Our **Christmas Carols Evening** will commence at 6.30pm on the evening of Friday 11 December. Families and friends are invited to join us for an evening of carols. Each class will lead us in song. Families may wish to bring a picnic rug and low beach chairs on which to relax. Picnic hampers filled with a light evening meal are also welcome. Cool, non-alcoholic drinks will be needed to keep our voices in good form.

Thank you to the Year 5 Parents and Children for your hospitality and reverence at Sunday Mass. On behalf the school community Year 5 welcomed the Kindergarten class for 2016 to our Parish community. Parents of our new kindergarten class were made feel very welcome by the Year 5 parents as their children were welcomed into the Parish community both at Mass and at morning tea. The Year 5 buddies were warm and welcoming towards their new little friends. Thank you to **Vicki Loughland** for her musical contribution to the celebration and **Fr Paul** for Presiding. A special mention to **S James and E Stubbs** who served on the altar for the first time, congratulations children a job very well done.



Dates for your Diary

- Friday 11 December: Carols Evening – 6.30pm Playground
- Monday 14 December: Yr 6 Celebration Liturgy Evening - 6pm Church
- Wednesday 16 December: End of Year Thanksgiving Mass - 11.30 Church
- Thursday 24 December: Children's Christmas Eve Mass 6pm

Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

★ ★ ★ Awards



KC	F Moore, L Rudduck	KR	N Collins, L Schofield
1L	J Americano, D Potega	1R	L Hendriks, A Starkey
2B	J Delaney, M Brown	2S	E Bennett, M Allen
3B	O Bird, S Zavaglia	3S	Z Juric, J James, S Baker, J Cooper
4C		4S	E Donohoe
5L	J Nicols, R Chang-Hunter	5W	All of Year 5
6	J Dunn, E Arthurs, E Barcham	PE	C Collins

NSW Transport – Student Travel and School Bus Service Changes

As of Term 1 2016 most School Special bus services will be renumbered to eliminate any duplication of route numbers that may have caused confusion to students in the past.

Please note these changes do not impact the level of service provided to the school or the route taken by these services. The only change is to the three-digit route number of these services.

Route 741 will become 614

Route 742 will become 775

Route 775 will become 779

Detailed information regarding these changes is available on the Sydney Buses website: www.sydneybuses.info

To check the exact bus routes go to: <http://www.sydneybuses.info/schools/stkm>

If your child is **starting** school in 2016 or moving from **Year 2 to Yr 3**, or **Yr 6 to Yr 7** you will need to apply for a new bus pass. Please see the **School Opal Card** information toward the end of this newsletter.

Term Dates 2016

Term 1	Wednesday 27 January to Friday 08 April	Students Yr 1 – 6 commence Thursday 28 January Kinder 2016 commence Tuesday 2 February
Term 2	Tuesday 26 April to Friday 01 July	
Term 3	Monday 18 July to Friday 23 September	
Term 4	Monday 10 October to Tuesday 20 December	Students will finish Friday 16 December 2016

Thank you from the Mission Team

On behalf of the 2015 Mission Team I would like to sincerely thank all parents and students of the St Kieran's community for their extreme generosity for all the initiatives undertaken this year.

It has been very moving and overwhelming to experience the way that we, as a community, give to others in need. Sometimes, as parents, you must feel like you are being asked for so much but that is never evident in the response to all appeals.

Please be heartened that you are teaching your children some important life lessons when you model positive Social Justice behaviours. Thank you once more.

Wishing everyone a Christmas filled with family, joy and happiness.

Wendy Rose and the Mission Team.

Premier's Reading Challenge

We are pleased to award all students a certificate for their participation in the PRC this year.

- The following students will be awarded their **Gold Award** for Participating 4 times: E Dunn, L Durnin, S Filpi, F Hogan, Z Juric, M Keogh, E Nevin, E Nikolic, G Russo, H Smith, K Sweeny and X Wilson.
- The following students will be awarded a **Platinum Award** for participating 7 times: A Chahwan-Harris, L Donohoe, C Durnin, B Osbon, C Porter, L Schopen, E Semken, T Semken, N Townsend and D Wilson.

These students will receive their certificates at assembly next Monday morning. Every other student will receive their certificate from their class teacher. Well done everyone!

Library Borrowing

Many thanks to all the students who have returned their library books. There are still quite a lot outstanding and all books **MUST** be returned by next week. Unfortunately, any books not returned will need to be replaced at the parent's cost. The class who returns all their books first will receive a prize!

Art Congratulations

Sarah H won first prize for 2015 Young Artists held at *If u like Art Studio* recently. We are very proud of you Sarah. Congratulations and well done.



Band

To all Band Students and Parents,

I would like to congratulate everyone on a fantastic concert on Tuesday evening. Everyone played so well and had so much fun. I would like to thank the parents for helping out and supporting the Band Program for 2015. You have been amazing. I would also like to confirm that through the Christmas stall we have raised enough money for a new band piece for next year. I am so excited for 2016 at St Kieran's.

Have a Merry Christmas
Miss Hodges



Gymnastics Congratulations

Thomas S from KR was awarded the Junior Boy Champion trophy at Beacon Hill Gymnastics. We will be watching out for him as a future Olympian. Congratulations Thomas

Sport News

Congratulations to all students who participated at the School Swimming Carnival yesterday. It was fantastic to see great house spirit and everyone trying their best. A huge thank you to all the parent helpers, this day could not be made possible without you! The winning house will be announced at Monday's assembly.

Parent Community

st.kierans.pf@gmail.com

Uniform Shop

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

We still need more volunteers to cover all three days next year! If you can help out next year, please fill out the attached Volunteer form in this week's newsletter - thank you in advance.

NEW - Now available: Fried Rice @ \$4.50 each. Streets Paddle Pops with Yogurt - Tropical Flavour \$1.50.

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 4 - Week 10):

Wednesday 9 December: R Woodland, S LaGreca

Thursday 10 December: S Molinia, L Snell

Friday 11 December: P Daly, N Wall (**our last day of canteen for 2015**)

- 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.

Canteen Closing and Opening Dates 2015 - 2016

The Canteen will close on Friday 11 December and will reopen for 2016 on Wednesday 3 February. If you have a reoccurring order for Flexischools please be aware of these dates

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.

Parish News

World Youth Day

The Diocese of Broken Bay has launched its DBB WYD Krakow 2016 Raffle with amazing prizes to help support our World Youth Day pilgrims. Raffle tickets are only \$2 each and the prizes on offer are:

- 1st Prize - 2016 Hyundai 5 door Accent Active 1.4 MPI, including on-roads, rrp \$16694.70 - Sponsored by Avium
- 2nd Prize - Cosmos 2016 European holiday for two people to the value of \$6000.00 (\$3000.00 per person) - Sponsored by Cosmos
- 3rd Prize - 1x Apple Watch Sport 38mm space grey aluminium case with black sport band, rrp \$499 - Sponsored by Catholic Church Insurance
- 4th Prize - 1x Apple iPad Mini 2 Wi-Fi 16GB, rrp \$369 - Sponsored by Broken Bay Institute

Any money raised from the sale of the raffle tickets will go toward supporting pilgrims who will travel to Krakow, Poland for WYD 2016 as a pilgrim. The raffle will be drawn on Palm Sunday, 20 March, 2016. The tickets are available from our school office.

Community News

- **Mercy Catholic College: Assistant needed for food technology classes** - The College is looking for someone to be an assistant in the Food Technology kitchens. The work entails purchasing food supplies, food preparation for the practical lessons and keeping the kitchens in order. It is for 15 hours per fortnight spread over 3 days. If you are interested please ring the College on 9419 2890 and speak to Louise Turnbull.
- **Warringah Council Vacation Care:** Summer 2016 Vacation Care, Club 567 and Pre-school Vacation Care program and Workshops are now available. Club 567 is aimed at young people in Years 5, 6 and 7 and the focus on the programs is on providing opportunities for young people to participate and develop skills in new activities in a fun, safe and friendly environment. Warringah Council is also pleased to be able to offer a new pre-school vacation care program this January for those children who have finished at daycare and are about to commence primary school in 2016 – full details can be found on the Council website www.warringah.nsw.gov.au.
- **Kids Giving Back - Children's Volunteering Programs:** If your child is interested in volunteering in any form please take the time to look at <http://kidsgivingback.org/>
- **Go4Fun Program:** Join this FREE local Go4Fun program and help transform your 7 to 13 year old child into an active, happy, motivated child this year. Go4Fun involves both parents and children, and focuses on developing healthy eating habits, building self-confidence and getting kids more active. For information please go to www.go4fun.com.au,

St Kieran's Primary School Carols Evening

Friday 11 December, 6pm - 8pm
St Kieran's School Playground
63 Gordon St, Manly Vale

Join the school community of St Kieran's and share
the spirit of the Christmas season

Carols led by talented musicians and students

Car park drop off zone available
No parking in King Street car park

Bring a picnic blanket, food and drinks
(alcohol free event)



Volunteers' thank you Morning Tea

A morning tea will be held for all volunteers on

Friday 11 December at 10am in the Staffroom

For catering purposes:

if you would like to attend please RSVP
by Tuesday 8 December



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V
P

Name: _____

I will be attending the Thank You
Morning Tea on Friday
11 December
at 10am



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School Canteen Information and Roster – 2016

Dear Parents

The Canteen at St Kieran's is managed by the Parent Community and is run by our volunteers. It is open for lunch and recess on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

To keep this service running for our School community, we need a large pool of new volunteers each year to replace our departing families in Year 6. We would like to offer you the chance to get involved and join this wonderful group of volunteers.

Being in the Canteen is a great way to see your child in the school environment. It helps the children see that St Kieran's is a community for all the family.

What's involved:

1. Sign up for a day that suits you – pick from the following shifts:
 - Full day: 8.50am – 1.45pm (feel free to do other drop offs if needed)
 - Morning: 8.50am – 11am (feel free to do other drop offs if needed)
 - Afternoon: 11am – 1.45pm
2. Roster will be sent out to confirm dates and volunteers
3. Turn up on the day – training will be given to all new volunteers
4. Have fun sharing a day at school with your children

The Canteen at St Kieran's uses the online ordering system, FlexiSchools. Our new healthy menu has been prepared with the assistance of Healthy Kids Association NSW. The Canteen is Allergy Aware and caters to those children in our community with special needs.

So please complete the Roster Form below for whatever time you can spare, and be guaranteed you and your child will benefit from this involvement in the St Kieran's community. Thank you in advance.

For any questions regarding the Canteen or the Roster, please email: joanne.nesbitt@dbb.catholic.edu.au.

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St Kieran's Canteen Volunteer Roster for 2016

Please return by Friday 4 December 2015

Name: _____ Contact No: _____

Email address: _____

- I am happy to volunteer:
- Wednesday Thursday Friday
- Full day 8.50am – 1.45pm Morning 8.50am – 11am Afternoon 11am – 1.45pm
- Monthly Termly Weekly

I would like to volunteer but won't know what days or times at present. Please contact me in 2016.

Comments _____

Transport for NSW

Fact sheet: The School Opal card

Who's eligible?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:

- Years K-2 (Infants) there's no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
- Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at transportnsw.info/school-students.

A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

Who needs to apply?

Most students or parents won't need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student's school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016.

However, a new application is required if:

- The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
- The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
- The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
- The student's personal details have changed (e.g. address).

Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

How to apply

Step 1 Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Step 2 Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.

Step 3 The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.

The application may take several weeks and the applicant's email address is required.

If the student doesn't qualify for free travel

They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

Apply at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Find out more

For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit transportnsw.info/school-students.