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Looking ahead Term 1

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| Monday 14th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 6 Robotics 7pm P&F meeting in the iCentre Tuesday 15th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Day 9.30 – 11am Yr s Excursion to Normanhurst Historical House Thursday 17th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Patrick's Day – wear a touch of green | Monday 21st <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9-9.30 Open Classrooms – Literacy Tuesday 22nd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Tours 9 – 9.30am Thursday 24th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 5 Holy Week Presentation Friday 25th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good Friday | March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 28th Easter Monday Tues 29th Yr 6 Easter Story 8.45am Wed 30th Just ASC AGM 7.30pm in the Library April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fri 1st School Photos Mon 4th Cross Country Tues 5th Yrs 3&4 Soccer Gala Day Thurs 7th Yrs 5&6 Soccer Gala Day Friday 8th End Term 1 Tues 26th Term 2 commences |

Principal



Dear Families

I BELONG. YOU BELONG. WE BELONG

The theme for Catholic Schools Week gives us the chance to celebrate the sense of belonging we are building as we begin a new year and to highlight the spiritual, academic and creative opportunities offered within the school community.

On Thursday I attended the Peninsula Cluster Year 6 Mass with our students and teachers. It was an important day for the students as they were commissioned by the Bishop as senior leaders of the school as well as being part of the wider Church and Catholic community on the peninsula. I acknowledge our altar servers, Joe M and Ethan S, as well as vocal soloist Ashleigh W who contributed to the celebration in a very meaningful way.



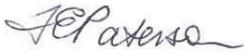
Next week we 'showcase' our special school with **OPEN DAY** on Tuesday for prospective parents who will be making the choice about joining our community in the future. Thank you in advance to the parents who will be assisting on the day and welcoming our visitors. Our Senior Band will set up in our play area to give a festive welcome and introduction to our visitors. This Saturday both Junior and Senior Band will take part the Semester 1 workshop on site at the school. We wish all band members the best as they continue to develop their skills and talents in this creative pursuit.

During Open Day the classrooms K-6 will be open for our visitors and the Year 6's will guide and engage with our visitors as school leaders. I would like to thank Marisa Bombardieri for her creative efforts and logistical support in organising for this special day.

Open Day is a precursor to the enrolment process and with Catholic schools the official enrolment period is the month of May. If you are aware of any families who are considering enrolling at St Kieran's or indeed if you have a sibling that will be joining us in 2017, then enrolment forms need to be in the office by May 31st.

As part of our Catholic Schools Week, I encourage parents to consider attending the first P&F meeting for 2016. The new committee welcomes you and is keen to share directions for 2016. The P&F will be meeting on Monday 14th in the I-Centre beginning at 7pm. ALL parents are welcome to attend as we acknowledge belonging to the St Kieran's school community.

God bless,



Terri Paterson
Principal



Assistant Principal

As explained in a previous newsletter, we will be holding our Parent Teacher Interviews earlier this year than has occurred in the past. This has come about as a result of feedback from data gained through our Parent Survey which was held in 2015. In order to facilitate the organisation around this, I ask that you please read the instructions below carefully. Our Online Booking System ensures that parents are able to book times that are convenient to them, with ease.

Online Booking for Parent Teacher Interviews

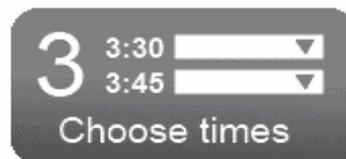
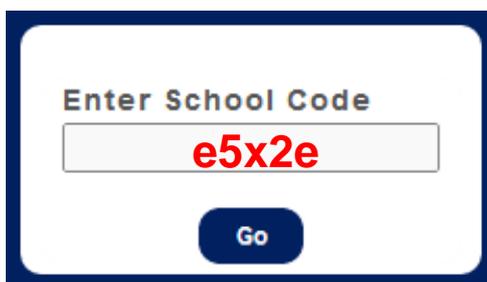
Below is an explanation of how to book your time for the Parent Teacher Interviews which will be held before the end of this term during Weeks 10 and 11 (the last two weeks of term).

You will be able to access the School Interview website (in order to make bookings) from **Monday 14 March** until **Thursday 24 March**. It will be **closed** at 3.00pm on the Thursday (March 24th)

These interviews will involve all grades from Kindergarten to Year 6. Parents of children in Years K-6, please follow the prompts below:

Go to www.schoolinterview.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Go to www.schoolinterview.com.au
and enter our school code.
Then follow 3 easy steps.



STEP 1 is where you REGISTER. **Please note that even if you registered last year you may need to register again.**

AFTER you have completed **STEP 1** (Registration) you will be sent a pin which will allow you to then access the **Schoolinterview** website.

STEP 2 – once logged in you will be asked to enter the names of the students you wish to make a booking for. (i.e. the names of your child/children). When you have done this, click on **go to bookings** and use the drop down menu to **choose the correct year level** for your child/ren. You will then need to click on the drop down menu **add a class** in order to select the appropriate teacher for your child.

STEP 3 – Click on the class teacher and select a time!

NB*** Year 6 parents must **only** book in with Mrs Jane Hocking. Mrs Hocking and Mrs Watson will both be present at the interviews but for “ease of booking” – make sure you select **Mrs Jane Hocking** to book a time!



When you click finish, you can either print your interview timetable or email it to yourself! If you don't receive an email straight away – check your junk mail folder.
Also, if something comes up you can return to www.schoolinterview.com.au and change your interviews until bookings are closed by the school.

- Remember interview times cannot be changed or cancelled after **Thursday March 24th** when bookings will close.
- If you don't have internet access or need any assistance with bookings, please speak to your child's teacher.
- If there are no suitable times available on the schedule, please inform the class teacher via a written note.

Should you find, that after **Thursday March 24th** (due to an emergency) you cannot attend the arranged interview please contact the school office.

Please note – Interview times have been organised into 15 minute timeslots as the actual interview is **15 minutes** in duration.

For parents who have more than one interview please ensure that you do not book consecutive interviews but that you allow at least 15 minutes between your interviews in order to allow for a smoother and more time efficient “flow” to the interviews. As you can appreciate, finishing one interview at e.g. 3.30pm and then beginning the following interview at 3.30pm does not allow for movement and may then have a flow on effect in terms of time management.

Please find attached to this Newsletter a form which parents should **print out** and **fill in**, returning it then to the appropriate classroom teacher. This form assists teachers to better inform you of key issues you may wish to discuss regarding your child. We ask that you return the form to the class teacher **as soon as possible**. Thank you in anticipation of your attention to this!

Also....The children in Years 2-6 are expected to attend and be involved in the interview process. We believe that students are empowered when included in this process. Research shows us that children who reflect on their learning are better able to plan for future learning, set goals and accept responsibility for their learning journey. These are the skills we aim to develop in our students at St Kieran's because we believe they are valuable aptitudes to have as members of modern society in the 21st century.

Have a lovely weekend!
Marisa Bombardieri

Religious Education Coordinator



Jubilee of Mercy
Merciful Like the Father

Responding to the spiritual and emotional needs of others is a form of mercy.

Being patient when you are wronged responds to the emotional and spiritual needs of both yourself and the other person. In our homes patience may look like:

- being less critical of others
- overlooking minor flaws and mistakes
- giving people the benefit of the doubt
- praying for those who have wronged you
- assuming that people who may have hurt you did so because they are enduring pain of their own.

Year 6 Peninsula Cluster Mass

Year 6 participated in the Peninsula Cluster Mass yesterday. Bishop Peter Comensoli presided with Fr Paul and Fr Senan assisting. The Bishop spoke to the children about keeping God as their focus and not being lead from God by passing trends and belongings. St Kieran's Year 6 were especially proud of Ashleigh W, Joseph M and Ethan S. Ashleigh led the congregation in singing the psalm whilst Ethan and Joe were diligent in their duties as altar servers. Ethan was given charge of the Bishops mitre and Joe took on bell ringing duties.



Please remember in your prayers the Year 3 children from our school and parish who are receiving their First Reconciliation this evening. Thank you to the parents and group leaders who have ably led their children in their faith journey. Next week will see more of our children receiving their First Reconciliation.

Dates for your Diary

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| Grade 1 Family Mass | Sunday 20 March | 9.30 am | Church |
| Palm Sunday Liturgy by Kindergarten | Monday 21 March | 8.45 am | Assembly area |
| Holy Week Liturgy | Thursday 24 March | 12.00pm | Church |
| Resurrection Liturgy prepared by Yr 6 | Tuesday 29 March | 8.45am | Assembly area |

Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

☆☆☆ Awards



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| KC | Kai D, Darcy B | KR | Max D, Emilia G |
| 1L | Noe C, Finnlay D | 1R | Declan P, Addison L |
| 2B | Joel S, Amy S | 2S | Pia F, Charlie C |
| 3B | Elisha K, Finlay P | 3S | Jordan W, Isabelle L, Paria S |
| 4R | Isabel K, Bailey S | 4U | Hannah S and Maxime G |
| 5L | Milla A, Kye P | 5W | Charlotte K, Eloise W |
| 6 | Mischa H, Nicholas H, Simon A, Zara H, Laura T | PE | Isabella K |
| Italian | Mitchell A, Heba D, Eva B, Oliver F | Band | Julia C, Sabrina F |

School News

Sibling Enrolments 2017

Enrolments are now open and application forms are available [online](#) or from the school office. If you have a sibling starting at St Kieran's in 2017 we ask that you complete and enrolment form and return to the office as soon as possible. We ask that all enrolments are in by the end of May.

Book Club

Orders for the current issue of Book Club have now closed. No late orders will be accepted.

Kokoda Walkway

On Tuesday 1 March, Grade 6 were invited to visit the Kokoda Walkway at Concord. As the students walked the track in small groups with Ex-Servicemen who had fought in Papua New Guinea, they heard personal accounts and many interesting facts about how the Kokoda track survivors had suffered and fought to protect our nation. It gave Grade 6 the opportunity to realise how grateful they are to live in our incredible country.



St Kieran's is recognised by the Cancer Council as being a Sun Smart school. As part of our Sun Smart action plan St Kieran's has purchased Ombra Ultra Sport 50+ Sunscreen tubes for each stage and extra pump dispensers for oval days. Students

are welcome to use the school sunscreen supply and are encouraged to reapply at school. If your child has sensitive skin and can only apply a particular brand of sunscreen, please ensure that they have their own supply of preferred sunscreen in their bags. A reminder that it is essential that students have hats to wear every day to be protected from harsh UV Rays. We kindly encourage all parents to check that their child has a St Kieran's hat and that it is kept in their school bag.



Sport News

Broken Bay Swimming Carnival Results

Congratulations to all the students who represented Peninsula at the Broken Bay Swimming carnival on Tuesday night at Tumbi Umbi. St Kieran's came 9th overall out of 36 Broken Bay primary schools, congratulations swimmers on this fantastic achievement!

A special mention to the following students who did exceptionally well in their events and have made it through to Polding:

- Kai McGovern: ✓ 100m Open Freestyle ✓ 50m U11 Freestyle ✓ 50m U11 Backstroke
✓ 200m Senior Individual Medley
- Lachlan Hendricks: 50m U8 Freestyle
- Opal Bird: 50m U10 Breaststroke

Parent Community

st.kierans.pf@gmail.com

P&F Meeting this Monday 14th

Monday 14 March is our first 2016 P&F committee meeting (iCentre, 7pm). The new P&F team would like to welcome as many parents as possible to attend. We will be discussing an exciting new P&F schedule of events for the 2016/17 years, feedback from the P&F survey, and key funding initiatives that will support the school - as always we value your feedback and happy to take any questions you may have. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there!

Uniform Shop

- **Opening hours:** every second **Thursday** from 8.30am - 9.30am – next open **Thursday 24 March and then every 2nd Thursday after (7 April etc).**
- Orders will be filled alternate Thursdays. . 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

EASTER CANTEEN SPECIAL: Baker's Delight Fruit Hot Cross Buns will be available from now through to Easter, while stocks last each week, at a cost of \$0.80 each.



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

VOLUNTEER REQUIRED: There is a permanent spot on a **Wednesday in Week 8 of each term:** 15 June, 7 September, and 30 November. If you can help out on these days please text or email Jo Nesbitt. Thanks in advance.

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 1 - Week 7):

Wednesday 16 March: Sam Bell, Kerrie Abba

Thursday 17 March: Jennifer Wynne, Shahn Schwarz

Friday 18 March: Alana Janik, Virginia Marsh, Nicole McGovern

- Full day Volunteers are required from 8.50am to 1.50pm.
- Morning Volunteers are required from 8.50am to 11.15am (M).
- Lunch Volunteers are required from 11.15am to 1.50pm (L).

<https://www.flexischools.com.au>

Any changes to the canteen roster, please contact: Jo Nesbitt - joanne.nesbitt@dbb.catholic.edu.au or text 0410 629 135



Free Friday Fitness –Walking Group

Capturing just some of the many mums who joined our Friday Walking Group. Last one was today! We found new friends and muscles we never thought we had.



Parish News

Youthoria for Year 6

St Kieran's Year 6 students are warmly invited to join Mr Ben Marshall and YOUTHORIA !

YOUTHORIA is a group of young people who get together to sing and play at Mass. YOUTHORIA will be playing this coming Sunday, 2nd Sunday of the month. The group will be practising from 4pm on Sunday afternoon in St Kieran's Church. YOUTHORIA will then play at the 6pm Mass. If you have an instrument or a good voice come along and join YOUTHORIA. If you have a YOUTHORIA book from last year please bring it along.

Mr Ben Marshall

Community News

- **Mater Maria Catholic College Warriewood Open Day** – Sunday 13 March, 2016 11.00am - 2.00pm. A warm welcome is extended to all prospective families to join us for Open Day. We are now enrolling students currently in Year 5. Please visit the College website www.matermaria.nsw.edu.au or contact our Enrolment Registrar for a prospectus. Application for Enrolment or to register for a tour. Applications for Year 7, 2018 close on April 6, 2016.
- **Sydney FC play Wellington** this Saturday, 12 March at Allianz Stadium. Kick-off is normally 7:30pm on a Saturday night but this weekend, it is 5:15pm which is better for kids. Sydney FC are trying to get as many families to the game as possible and are running a Sporting Schools Program where 2 kids can get in for free with every paying adult by using the password SPORTINGSCHOOLS through Ticketek.

Parent Observations / Comments



Child's Name: _____

Child's Class: _____

At the Parent/Teacher 15 minute interview, I would like to discuss.

1 Areas of success:

2 Areas of concern:

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Join us for the **AGM**

Wednesday 30 March at 7.30pm

in the School Library

Light Supper Provided



Hear
about the
wonderful things
your children do at ASC



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ASC

Before and After School Care



Support the Educators,
Committee and the
service that
supports
you!

Meet the wonderful
Educators

Have a say in the
activities at Just ASC



Stella Maris College
Open Evening

Wednesday 16th March

4.00pm - 8.00pm

All Welcome

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www.stellamaris.nsw.edu.au
9977 5144



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Envelopes will be sent home
Monday 14 March

say cheese

School Photo Day is Friday 1 April 2016

Have your child's school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

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- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office
- If paying by cash please enclose correct money as no change is given on photo day. **NO CHEQUES ACCEPTED**
- Credit card payments can be made online (please follow instructions on envelope) or by calling our Office prior to the day. Your child will still need to take their envelope with them on the day.
- Sport/Specialty Photo Orders will be organized after photo day on a separate form.



Warringah Council Holiday Activities

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES Autumn 2016



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Vacation Care bookings open Monday 14th March 2016!!
To download the full program and Booking Request Form please go to: www.warringah.nsw.gov.au

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Warringah Council presents

CLUB 567 KARAOKE NIGHT

Fri 1 Apr, 6 - 8pm

Lucky Door Prizes

Belrose Library

Glentrose Place, Belrose

Ages 10 - 13

\$10

Bookings and Info 9942 2401

youth@warringah.nsw.gov.au

Download KALOF for northern beaches youth events

