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LOOKING AHEAD

August

Mon 1st Yrs 3 – 6 After School [Robotics](#) commences
RE Open classrooms – 9 – 9.30am

Tues 2nd ICAS English

Mon 8th Yr 2 Robotics
7pm – 8.30pm Parent Education Session – [Numeracy](#) in the iCentre

Fri 12th Yr 2 Robotics
Kinder excursion to Community Gardens
2pm Italian Assembly – Library Team
10am Assumption Mass – Yr 4

Mon 15th ICAS Maths

Tues 16th Peninsula Athletics

Wed 17th Fair Dinkum Book Week Musical Yrs 1, 2 & 5 attending

Thurs 18th Book Week – Australia: Story Country

Mon 22nd Yrs 3-6 Author James O’Loghlin visiting

Wed 24th 11.30am St Augustine Feast Day Mass

Fri 26th School Disco – Circus Theme

Tues 30th Library Team – Lunch with the Stars

Wed 31st

K-2 Author visit
123 Magic parent workshop 7pm

September

Thurs 1st Kinder excursion – Taronga Zoo

Fri 2nd Fathers’ Day Breakfast & Liturgy 7.30 – 9.30am

Sat 3rd The Great Gatsby [Ball](#) 7pm

Mon 5th P&F meeting

Wed 7th 123 Magic parent [workshop](#) 7pm

Fri 9th 10am St Kieran’s Day liturgy – Yr 3 presenting
Kinder 2017 transition 9.15am

Mon 12th Chess concludes

Fri 16th 2pm Assembly – Kinder & Enviro Team

Tues 20th Netball / Cricket Gala Day Yrs 3 & 4

Wed 21st Yr 6 Canberra Camp

Thurs 22nd Netball / Cricket Gala Day Yrs 5

Fri 23rd Yr 6 return from Canberra
End Term 3

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Families,

This term St Kieran’s is participating in a School Review & Development (SR&D) process, undertaken by all schools in the diocese of Broken Bay. Our last School Review occurred in 2012 and while some aspects of the process have changed, there is the same amount of rigor and accountability. There are two aspects of this process; Tier 1 which is about compliance and Tier 2 which is quality assurance. At this time the school leadership and administration staff are busy preparing reports and presentations, as required, for the panels to visit and check school processes and procedures for both compliance and quality assurance.

During the next few weeks there will be a variety of outside auditors and visitors coming to the school for the purpose of signing off on Tier 1. The Tier 2 panel arrive on August 23 & 24, comprising CSO personnel, peer principals and an outside diocesan representative, and take residence in the I-Centre for this time. They will be visiting classrooms and will be asking for parents and students to take part in focus groups as they validate the areas the school has nominated as strengths and achievements since the last SR&D.

Please note that if you would like to take part in this process, there will be a **parent focus group on Tuesday 23 August at 2pm**. This will finish before the end of school. All parents are welcome to attend and take part in this important event that will set the strategic direction for St Kieran’s.



Also, please be advised that next week the school will have the August Census. This is always a very busy time for our administration staff, and in particular for Julia, as senior administrative officer.

Terri Paterson

KC	Teddy H and Kai D	KR	Nina F and Ruben S
1L	Sarah S and Aiden T	1R	Leo R and Zoe M
2B	Faren B and Lachlan H	2S	Daniel P and Sefania S
3B	Noah K and Ella T	3S	Lily S, Oliver P and Lauren E
4R	Mia L and Jas K	4U	Eliza L and Sam B
5L	Isabel O and Zack A	5W	Jack H and Olivia G
6	Hugh M, Mischa H, Hannah H and Julian W	PE	Mya B and Lily Q
Italian		Band	Illy G, Kaiden S, Hugh M and Noah K

Parent Education in Numeracy

Come and find out the answers to the following questions:

- What is Numeracy and what is Mathematics?
- What are the Curriculum expectations in Mathematics?
- What are some of the current theories underpinning how Mathematics is taught?
- What is conceptual understanding?
- What is procedural understanding?
- How can I best support my child in Mathematics?

If you would like to attend, please complete the attached [form](#) and return it to school as soon as possible.

2016 Years 3-6 Afterschool Robotics Program Mondays Term 3

During Term 1 and 2 this year your son or daughter participated in our robotic workshops. Due to the success of the workshops we will be providing an after school program.

For further information on the program and to book please click [here](#).

All students will be taught at their individual level depending on their prior experience. We will be building up lots of new skills coding the latest EV3 Mindstorms robots and enjoy achieving many challenges.

Jo Townsend, Senior Manager Robotics WPS

Engage 2016

Engage is a personal development program allowing all students at St Kieran's to collaborate and interact with a focus on social skill development, relationships, communication and resilience. Throughout the sessions the students will be involved in activities to assist in developing the five key Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) competencies – Self-awareness, Self-management, Responsible decision-making, Relationship skills, Social awareness. To read more about SEL please go to the Kidsmatter website - <http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/>

Small mixed groups (K-2 and 3-5) led by our Year 6 students, will meet fortnightly. During each session the students will be involved in a number of fun activities developing social and emotion competencies.

During Week 2 and Week 3 the focus of the Engage Program is **Self-Awareness**. During the sessions the students will be involved in games and activities assisting them to recognise emotions and explain how the appropriateness of emotional responses influences behaviour.

Here are some photos from the K-2 Engage session last Monday:



Alice the Musical is fast approaching!

Lock the following dates into your diary



Term 4 Week 4:	<u>1 November</u>	<u>2 November</u>
	9am – 12pm Whole cast rehearsal for Alice 9-12	School Musical Alice 11:00am matinee and 6:30pm evening performance

All students from Song club and Year 5 and 6 are involved in this performance. More details as the event draws closer.

Mrs Clifford and Ms Leong

Religious Education

Grandparents Day was indeed a special occasion with a Liturgy, classroom visits and a morning tea all in honour of our Grandparents. We acknowledge all the thoughtful work of Year 2 children, teachers and parents in their preparation of this reflective day.

Please remember in your prayers the students preparing for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. [Click here for important dates for Confirmation](#).

Dates for your Diary

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| • Feast of the Assumption Mass | Monday 15 August | 10.00am - church |
| • Kindergarten Family Mass | Sunday 27 August | 9.30am – church |
| • Feast of St Augustine Mass | Friday 26 August | 11.30am - church |
| • Father's Day Liturgy | Friday 2 September | 7.30am – 9.30am |
| • St Kieran's Feast Day | Friday 9 September | 10.00am |

Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar



RE Open Classrooms – Monday 1 August

Parents are invited to open classrooms this Monday 1 August. Classrooms will be open from 9 am – 9.30 am. Students will be working in the area of Religion.

PARENT NEWS

Volunteer Required for Diocesan Parent Council Representative

Due to health reasons our school representative has had to retire from this position and we need a replacement. This requires a commitment of 18 months and includes the following:

- Keep parents informed about Diocesan Parent Council issues;
- Provides written and oral reports to the parents and parent meetings, and arranges for the distribution of newsletters and other communications to parents
- Inform the DCP about parent concerns and issues;
- Attend DCP meetings

If you are interested in this position please contact the P&F via the school office

Entertainment Books:

Keep the kids entertained these school holidays with an Entertainment Membership and enjoy some great savings! 20% of every membership sold contributes to our School. Help us achieve our goal by sharing this link with your Friends and Family. Thanks for your support! To order a new Entertainment Book follow the attached link - <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2001d10>

Canteen

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

Volunteers needed, PLEASE: Thursday 11 August 9.00am-1.50pm and Friday 23 September 8.50 – 1.50pm?

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

Wednesday 3 August: Lessa Bellamy, Shannon Morrell

Thursday 4 August: Joanne Hoey (M), Jane Smith, Kristie Hardy

Friday 5 August: Natasha Gennusa, Peita Daly, Ali Hoile

- 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

Uniform

Pickles has officially taken over from the School Uniform shop. To order please go to the Pickles [website](#). At this stage School ties and hats are still available from the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Keyboard Lessons:** If you would like your child to learn the keyboard please see information [attached](#).
- **Kids First: Free parent event – How to help your child become a better reader.** Wed 3 August.
- To reserve your place, book on-line at www.kids-first.com.au/free-events/ or call Kids First now on 9938 5419
- **Lifeline Book Fair:** Click [here](#) for information regarding the book Fair to be held 5 – 7 August at Warriewood
- **Ebay comes to St Lucy's:** If you would like to rehome your treasures and support St Lucy's disabled students please click [here](#).