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Chronicle

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LOOKING AHEAD

October

Sun 16th 8am – 4pm P&F Bunnings BBQ and Cake Stall – volunteers required
Mon 17th **Staff Development Day** – Pupil Free
Tues 18th Basketball Gala Day for those invited
Wed 19th Alice Stage 3 musical rehearsal
Thurs 20th Mission Mass
Fri 21st Due date for Swim Carnival [forms](#) to be returned
Kinder 2017 Transition – session 2
Yoga Yrs 4, 5, 6
Book Club orders due today
Wed 26th Alice Stage 3 musical practice
Fri 28th 2pm Assembly – Yr 5 & Liturgy Team
Yoga Yrs 4, 5, 6
Mon 31st Yr 5 Parliament House & Art Gallery excursion

November

Tues 1st Alice the Musical Whole cast rehearsal
Wed 2nd Alice the Musical Performances 11am & 6.30pm in the Parish Centre ([invitation](#))
Fri 4th Kinder 2017 Optional Development Play 11.30 – 12.30pm
Yoga Yrs 4/5/6
Mon 7th Open Classrooms - Literacy
Tues 8th Peninsula optional Tennis day for those who applied
Wed 9th Kinder 2017 Transition session 3
9.15am
Thurs 10th Jnr & Snr Bands at Warringah Mall 1.15pm
Peninsula optional Tennis day for those

Fri 11th who applied
Yr 3 Excursion to Botanic Gardens
Yoga Yrs 4/5/6
Fri 18th 11.30am Kinder 2017 Optional Developmental Play
Yoga Yrs 4/5/6
2pm Yr 2 Assembly & Mission Team
Tues 22nd Scholastic Book Fair – before and after school
Wed 23rd Scholastic Book Fair – before and after school
Thurs 24th 9.15am Kinder 2017 Transition – #4
Swimming Carnival
Scholastic Book Fair – before school only
Fri 25th Yoga Yrs 4/5/6
Yr 6 Spirituality Day
Sun 27th Kinder 2017 Welcome Mass & Yr 5

December

Thurs 1st Band Christmas Concert
Dads Christmas Curry Night
Assembly – Band & C&C Team
Fri 2nd Kinder 2017 Parent Info Evening
Tues 6th Band Breakfast
Wed 7th Christmas Carols
Fri 9th Yr 6 Lunch
Mon 12th Yr 6 Celebration Evening in Church
Wed 14th 12pm End of Year Thanksgiving Mass
Fri 16th Students last day

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the last term of the year... how quickly the year seems to be going! I trust you had some special time during the holidays to rest and relax with your children and enjoy the beautiful weather that presented itself... summer is coming!

Term 4 brings with it a variety of events and opportunities and I encourage you to make note of these and mark them in your family calendar. At this time of year we think of our Year 6 students as they reflect on their last term of primary school in preparation for new beginning in 2017, as well as the Year 5 students who will be learning about leadership this term and have some experience of this during their engagement at camp held this week.

As a result of the excellent outcome of the School Review and Development and follow up with strategic planning for 2017, together with the appointment of the new principal, Michael Gallagher, I wish to advise the school community that I am taking up a transition to retirement opportunity for term 4.

This means that I am reducing my days at St Kieran's to 3 days a week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, till the end of the year. Marisa Bombardieri will be the Acting Principal and Mary Brown (3B) will be Acting Assistant Principal

for the remainder of the term. Miss Claire O'Brien, who currently works in 3B on Mondays, will be in 3B on Fridays this term, in a shared teaching role with Mary Brown.

I am positively anticipating my transition to retirement as it will allow me to focus on presenting the school for a new leadership journey to begin in 2017 as well as having some extra time for a family transition to a new home and lifestyle in the Southern Highlands.

Playground News

During the holidays I met with a landscape architect to further plans for our school play space, specifically to address some safety concerns (levels in top playground) and to look at ways to better utilize the available play space area. As part of a bigger conversation with the landscape architect, currently working in our diocese to provide developmentally appropriate play spaces, much of our existing play area is under consideration. A plan, complete with detailed drawings, is being developed for review as we move towards the refurbishment of our King Street play area.

This year our parents have committed to supporting the school via P&F fundraising, with replacement seating in the play areas; namely, along the garden beds and around the tree. This will be a consideration when the plan is drawn and presented. I would like to see some playground developments begin this term, especially to address the top playground area, and am awaiting a detailed plan from the architect with a timeline for staging purposes. The initial meeting was positive and discussion around the possibilities of a vibrant and exciting area for our students looks very promising indeed!

School Advisory Council Retreat

I'm sure your prayers and well wishes will be with the School Council this weekend as we gather for our Annual Retreat. The theme this year is "Pilgrims on the Journey". This is a special time for our Council as we gather to reflect on the past, present and especially the future of our school. Our new principal Michael Gallagher is also able to attend. Know that our thoughts and prayers will be with the St Kieran's community at this time.

A Reminder that there is a SDD on Monday : PUPIL FREE DAY

God bless,



Terri Paterson
Principal

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KC	Zach T and Elloise R	KR	Alicia M and Ivy V
1L	Lachlan S and Olly O	1R	Malgosia K and Tom M
2B	Mikayla L, Timothy B and Max M	2S	Pia F and Braylon D
3B	Phoenix B and Zoe R	3S	Etienne C and Lily S
4R	Kirra M and Lucas E	4U	Jada S and Kodie J
5L	Mya C and Charley M	5W	Jack H and Albert I
6	Ruby Q, Zara H, Matthew S, Ryan M	PE	Raphyte M and Eve S
Italian	Jordan W, Matthew S, Ethan Z, Ruby N, Nadia J & Stella N	Band	

SCHOOL NEWS

Term Dates 2016 – 2017

Year & Term	Commence	End
<u>2016</u>		
Term 4	Monday 10 October	Friday 16 December for students Tuesday 20 December for teachers
<u>2017</u>		
Term 1	Friday 27 January for teachers Monday 30 January for students Yrs 1 - 6 Kinder 2017 to be advised	Friday 7 April
Term 2	Monday 24 April	Friday 30 June
Term 3	Monday 17 July	Friday 22 September
Term 4	Monday 9 October	Friday 15 December for students <i>tbc</i> Tuesday 19 December for teachers



Alice the Musical - Costumes

The Alice Musical is fast approaching! Your child should have received a *costume note* about **what to wear** for the upcoming Musical. Please contact the school office for costume requirements for all cast members. Thank you for your support in organising these costumes.
Click here for Alice the Musical [invitation](#)

The Musical will be held in Term 4 / Week 4:

- ▶ Tuesday 1 November 9am – 12pm Whole cast rehearsal for Alice 9-12
 - ▶ Wednesday 2 November School Musical Alice 11:00am matinee and 6:30pm evening performance
- Please lock these dates into your diary.* All students from Song club and Year 5 and 6 are involved in this performance.

Mrs Clifford and Ms Leong

Water Polo Trials

Please click the [link](#) if your child (Yrs 4-6) is interested in attending the Water Polo Trials for Broken Bay. Please note it is up to the Sport Co-ordinators' discretion to send students, based on their experience in the sport.

Also, if any student who has represented Broken Bay this year still has their singlet, please return it to the office ASAP.

Swimming Carnival – Thursday 24 November

All students we given a carnival note on Wednesday 12 October. This note consisted of:

- Information regarding the carnival
- Parent Helper Request
- Entry Form (each student to be on an individual form)
- Travel arrangements

Forms are to be **return** by **Friday 21 October**. If you have misplaced your form please click [here](#) .

Thank You to the Lions Club of Manly

The school is in receipt of a cheque for \$300 generously donated by the Manly Lions Club. The Club regularly supports many schools, organisations, foundations and medical research. We sincerely thank them for their generosity.

Book Bonus - Library

While completing the Premier's Reading Challenge, Scarlett and Josh P were sponsored by family and friends. As a result, we were able to purchase these wonderful books for the school library! Also, a school less fortunate than us was able to get books too. Many thanks Scarlett and Josh, a great effort!

1L's library lesson next week will be on Thursday (not Wednesday).

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held later this term, November 22-24 (week 7). Please save the date and further details will follow!



Year 5 Camp

Scary and hairy were the spiders.
We were adventurers not readers and writers.
High In the sky we were and much fun did occur.

Year 5 Camp at the Collaroy Centre was a big hit! We did a variety of action packed activities and we learned many life skills. We are now prepared to be leaders in 2017.

Year 5, 2016

Australian Government Assistance for National Capital Excursion

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their national capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you (the parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

Activities undertaken as part of the educational tour are outlined below. We hope that the excursion was a rewarding learning experience for all students.

Canberra Excursion- A Year 6 Review

Old Parliament House

At the Museum of Australian Democracy we participated in a hands-on exhibit exploring new sections. We were working on touch screens to find out fast facts about past Prime Ministers. We had to wear white gloves to prevent ruining the historical exhibits. After completing a series of questions we made our way to the Senate. We discussed the purpose of Parliament and some class volunteers dressed up as past Senators and discussed their impact on Australian democracy.

Electoral Education Centre

When we arrived at The Electoral Education Centre we watched a video where it looked like mini people were talking. They looked so real! We learnt about Federation, Voting rights and Democracy. We then participated in the voting process and voted for our favourite fruit. It was great fun!

Telstra Tower

When we arrived at the Telstra tower it was really cold and wet. The elevator took us up to the first level where we were level with the clouds. We all gathered for some photos and then went to the Observation Deck where we could see the whole of Canberra. Everywhere we went on our trip, we could see Telstra tower up on Black Mountain. Telstra tower is 195m tall.



Parliament House

As we arrived at Parliament House we first went into a room where we role played the passing of a Bill. Some of our classmates got to dress up and the rest of us were Senators. After that we toured the huge building passing the Gallery of Prime Ministers portraits and the Senate and the House of Representatives. We then entered the Great Hall and viewed Arthur Boyd's famous tapestry. Our guide made our tour interesting as she was very engaging.

The War Memorial

As we entered the National Australian War Memorial we watched an informative video about the War Memorial and we paid our respects to the lost and passed. We then made our way through the Memorial, listening to different stories during other wars, observing the wall that had all the soldiers names and where everyone gazed amongst the endless red poppies. We also went to visit the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier where we respectfully and reverently honoured our past Australians. We then made our way through the War Memorial to observe the amazing air show that engaged and informed us about the wars. We ended our tour with visiting the Discovery Zone, which was a hands-on exhibit, where we could experience only a bit of what the scenery would be like. We were reminded of how lucky we are when we walked through the War Memorial.

The National Library

We arrived at the National Library of Australia on the second day of the excursion. We were doing a tour called Stacks of Stories. As we arrived there, we were taken inside and split into two groups. As we went inside the Library, we were taken down into the underground levels. First we went to a place where old newspapers were kept, even from when the Titanic sank. We saw pipes which teleported messages from place to the other, and as we turned it on, we sent a tube up and it came into a room that was close by. We then saw an underground storage area, where we got to see where books were stored. There was also a room with mini films, which displayed newspapers from all the newspapers of Australia, and they collect about 450 of them every day. At the gallery, we also saw a mini gallery full of interesting things that are historical.

The National Gallery- Sculpture Garden

Being in the Sculpture Garden was such an amazing experience. We had studied some of the sculptures in class and they ended up being twice the size of us. All of the sculptures were so unique.

The Australian Institute of Sport

After the bus pulled up outside the AIS we were taken upstairs to a fun interactive room where we were able to try out different Olympic sports. After spending a while in there we were split into two groups and were taken to the real places throughout the AIS that Olympians and other sports people have trained. We saw the pool, the fitness gym, the gymnasium and the volleyball courts. We were especially lucky to see the volleyballers training and one of them just happened to have been a part of the Olympics.

Questacon

Questacon was an amazing experience! We firstly saw the spider exhibition which was quite creepy as we saw the different types of spiders. Then we went to the electricity room and watched the lightning bolt and we also saw how a tornado begins. We got to go on the free fall. The free fall is a very tall slide, you hold onto a metal bar and when the instructor says 3, 2, 1 you let go of the bar and free fall. There was also a special suit that you wear so you don't get skin burns (it also makes you slide faster). At the end we got to go to the shop and buy science objects.

School Choir

St Kieran's school choir is playing this Sunday at 9.30am in the church. Please be there at 9am for a warm up.

Thanks,

Maria and Kathryn

Congratulations

Congratulations Jan K who performed on the Today show with other students from Evergreen Music School. A star in our midst.

Win a Free Term of Dance Lessons

The school has been given a voucher for a term tuition at JS Dance School in Brookvale valued at \$181.50. If your child is interested in trying dance for a term please ask them to submit 25 words or less saying why they would like to learn. Entries are to be returned by Wednesday morning 19 October and they winner will be notified that day. Please ensure entries have the child's name and class and a contact number.

PARENT NEWS

Dads Xmas Curry Night is booked for:

Thursday 1 December at the Urban Tadka in Terry Hills. Please Contact Howard on Howardgiles100@hotmail.com for further details. All School dads welcome.

Canteen

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

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 4 - Week 2):

Wednesday 19 October: Rachelle Woodland, Steph La Greca

Thursday 20 October: Alyson Perry, Kathy Siu

Friday 21 October: Sandra Wilson, Gabi Selwyn, Priya Vincent

- 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.

To view the canteen roster please click [here](#) .

Uniform

Pickles have officially taken over from the School Uniform shop. To order please go to the Pickles [website](#).

At this stage School boy's ties, hats and some excursion bags are still available from the school office.

Children will return to school in Term 4 in their summer uniform.

PARISH NEWS

Baptism Program for Older Children commences on 13 November 2016

For parents who may be interested:

Our Parish offers a preparation program for:

- children aged seven years and older who are not baptised and would like to receive the Sacrament of Baptism;
- children who have been baptised into another Christian denomination who wish to be received into the Catholic Church and participate in the Children's Sacramental Program;
- children/young people/adults who have been baptised Catholic who may not have received all the sacraments.

Please contact Janette (mobile 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au) if you would like to have a conversation about any of the above and/or a copy of the program.

Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister - Catholic Community of North Harbour

Justice of the Peace

On Wednesday 19 October Cathie Burrows JP will be available in the parish office between 9:00am and 4:00pm for anyone in need of the services of a JP.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Stepping Stones Triple P Parenting Seminars Series:** Most of the time, you know you are doing a good job with parenting. But there are times when things get a little tricky. Like when your toddler won't eat her dinner. Or

your six year old won't share his toys. If only someone could give you some ideas to make those times easier! If this sounds like you, then a Stepping Stones Triple P seminar may be right for you. Tuesday 8 & 15 November at Allambie. RSVP by contacting the NSW Stepping Stones Triple P Project Team Call (02) 9114 4106 or email hs.steppingstones@sydney.edu.au For more information contact: Stepping Stones Triple P Project Team NSW - (02) 9114 4106 or fhs.steppingstones@sydney.edu.au

- **Saturday Afternoon Basketball** Learn to Play – Play (only \$9 per session). Excellent coaches – Ages 7 & Under (2.30-3.30pm). Ages 8 & above (3.30 – 4.30pm) on this Saturday and all term. Come on down and have some fun!! Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre. Enquiries MWBA 9913 3622
- **Go4Fun Healthy Lifestyle Program.** Get in quick for the Go4Fun Term 4 Hornsby Program!! If you would like your child to: Get active every day / Spend less time watching TV or on the computer each day/ Drink more water and drink less sugar-sweetened drinks OR/ Eat nutritious food - then Go4Fun may be for you For further information go to www.nshealthpromotion.com.au

1. The school and the Diocese both independently and through its schools collect personal information, including sensitive information about students and parents or guardians before and during the course of a student's enrolment at the school. This may be in writing or in the course of conversations. The primary purpose of collecting this information is to enable the school to provide schooling to students enrolled at the school, exercise its duty of care, and perform necessary associated administrative activities, which will enable students to take part in all the activities of the school.
2. Some of the information we collect is to satisfy the school's legal obligations, particularly to enable the school to discharge its duty of care.
3. Laws governing or relating to the operation of schools require certain information to be collected and disclosed. These include education, public health and child protection laws.
4. Health information about students is sensitive information within the terms of the Australian Privacy Principles under the Privacy Act. We may ask you to provide medical reports about your child from time to time.
5. If we do not obtain the information referred to above, we may not be able to enrol or continue the enrolment of your son/daughter.
6. The school may disclose personal and sensitive information for educational, administrative and support purposes. This may include:
 - Other schools and teachers at those schools
 - government departments and agencies
 - the Catholic Schools Office
 - the Catholic Education Commission NSW
 - the Diocese of Broken Bay and its parishes
 - medical practitioners
 - people providing educational, support and health services to the school, including specialist visiting teachers, sports coaches, volunteers, counsellors and providers of learning and assessment tools
 - assessment and educational authorities, including the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority
 - people providing administrative and financial services to the school
 - anyone you authorise the school to disclose information to
 - anyone to whom the school is required or authorised to disclose the information to by law, including child protection laws
7. Personal information collected from students is regularly disclosed to their parents or guardians. On occasions information such as academic and sporting achievements, student activities and similar news is published in school newsletters, magazines and on our website. This may include photographs and videos of pupil activities such as sporting events, school camps and school excursions. The school will obtain permissions annually from the pupil's parent or guardian (and from the student if appropriate) if we would like to include such photographs or videos (or other identifying material) in our promotional material or otherwise make this material available to the public such as on the internet.
8. Parents may seek access to personal information collected about them and their son/daughter by contacting the school. Older students may also seek access to personal information about themselves. However, access may be refused in certain circumstances such as where access would have an unreasonable impact on the privacy of others, where access may result in a breach of the school's duty of care to the student, or where students have provided information in confidence. Any refusal will be notified in writing with reasons, if appropriate.
9. The school from time to time engages in fundraising activities. Information received from you may be used to make an appeal to you. It may also be disclosed to organisations that assist in the school's fundraising activities solely for that purpose. We will not disclose your personal information to third parties for their own marketing purposes without your consent.
10. If you provide the school with the personal information of others, such as doctors or emergency contacts, we encourage you to inform them that you are disclosing that information to the school and why.
11. The school may use online or 'cloud' service providers to store personal information and to provide services to the school that involve the use of personal information, such as services relating to email, instant messaging and education and assessment applications. Some limited personal information may also be provided to these service providers to enable them to authenticate users that access their services. This personal information may reside on a cloud service provider's servers which may be situated outside Australia. Further information about the school's use of online or 'cloud' service providers is contained in the school's Privacy Policy.
12. The Diocesan Schools System Privacy Policy sets out how to make a complaint about a breach of privacy and how the school will deal with such a complaint.

Alice the Musical

Wednesday

2 November 2016

11am or 6.30pm

for both students and parents
in the Parish Centre

Featuring all of Years 5 & 6 plus
Song Club and Italian Club

Words and music by Mark and Helen
Johnson and Richard Davis

No reserved seating.

Doors open 10.45am and 6pm

- ◆ Individual tickets \$5
- ◆ Family tickets \$20 available for purchase at the concert

Alice—Call for Helpers

- I can help set up seats
- I can help collect tickets
- I can serve food / drinks during intermission
- I am happy to help anywhere that's required

Name: _____ Contact No: _____