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LOOKING AHEAD

November

- Mon 21st** Family Registration forms due today
7pm P&F meeting
- 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 12.15 – 3.30pm – **no canteen available at the swim centre or school**
- Fri 25th** Scholastic Book Fair – before school only
Yoga Yrs 4/5/6
Yr 6 Spirituality Day
- Mon 28th** Night of the Notables Yr 5
- Wed 30th** Yr 6 Italian Lunch in Leichhardt

December

- Thurs 1st** Return [RSVP](#) date for Terri's Farewell Mass
Band Christmas Concert
Dads Christmas Curry Night
- Fri 2nd** Kinder & Yr 1 Water Safety at Killarney
Band 'Blow Test' Yrs 2 and above
Assembly – Band & C&C Team

- Sun 4th** Kinder 2017 Welcome Mass & Yr 5
- Tues 6th** Kinder 2017 Parent Info Evening
- Wed 7th** Band Breakfast
- Thurs 8th** Terri's Farewell Mass 11.30am
- Fri 9th** 6pm Christmas Carols
- Mon 12th** Yr 6 Lunch in the hall
- Tues 13th** 5pm Just ASC Christmas celebration
- Wed 14th** Yr 6 Celebration Evening in Church 6pm
- Fri 16th** 12pm End of Year Thanksgiving Mass
Students last day

January

- Fri 27th** Teachers return
- Mon 30th** Yrs 1 – 6 commence
Best Start Assessments for Kinder
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February

- Tues 31st** Kinder 2017 commence
- Wed 1st** Opening School Mass 10am
- Fri 3rd** Staff Development Day – Pupil Free
- Fri 10th** MAI Assessments Yrs 1 – 6
Best Start Assessments Kinder
- Mon 13th** Staff Development Day – Pupil Free
MAI Assessments Yrs 1 – 6

Dear Families,



This Sunday begins a special liturgical time of year; ADVENT.

The four weeks of Advent allow us time to ponder how Jesus came into this world in such a stunningly humble way. As we contemplate his birth in a bed of straw in a messy stable, perhaps, we see our own life as being a little messy too.

Our life is often distracted, self-centred and sometimes leaves us wishing we were better people. But if we can slow down and refocus our attention, we might realise that God is there, waiting to love us even though we have so many unfulfilled good intentions and so many desires unfulfilled. As we enter this special season of reflection I pray that you make some time to give thanks for all you have; for what is truly important and the potential we have to do good; for our children, our families and ourselves.

Classes for 2017

Much thought and consideration goes into the placement of teachers for classes each year. As teachers are professionals who are trained to teach K-6 and are now subject to standards from the professional accreditation system, it is a necessary expectation that teachers show evidence of experience and expertise across the grades. Having spent the past few weeks carefully considering all options, the following list outlines classroom teachers for 2017.



Kindergarten: Ms Emily Channell & Mrs Jane Hocking

Year 1: Mrs Michelle Leydon & Mrs Wendy Rose

Year 2: Mrs Karen Sullivan & Mrs Vanessa Clifford

Year 3: Mrs Mary Brown (Literacy Co-ordinator) & Ms Eliza Scott-Fell

Year 4: Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar (Religious Education Co-ordinator) & Mrs Geraldine Watson

Year 5: Ms Nicki Robilliard & (waiting for formal appointment)

Year 6: Mrs Christina Uchino (WH&S Co-ordinator) & Mrs Tracy Brown (term 1)

As a courtesy, we at St Kieran's make the decision to inform parents of classroom teachers and placements before the end of the school year. This does not happen in all schools or systems. Therefore, I want to state that this information is not given to parents so that they can then nominate a teacher for their child for the coming year. However, if for any reason parents have genuine queries regarding placements or cohort concerns, it must be put into writing and given to the principal before **Monday 28 November**.

Teachers are currently planning the class groupings for 2017. When doing this they take into account the following; learning behaviours, social and emotional needs of the cohort. This is a very complex task and teachers are professionally equipped to make the judgement given their overall understandings of the cohort. It is not often understood that a request to make **one** change often has a 'knock on' effect on all other considerations. **There can be no changes to cohort groupings/classes after Friday 2 December. If your child is not returning to St Kieran's in 2017 please notify the office in writing.**

P&F Annual General Meeting

This will be the last P&F meeting for the year and I look forward to seeing parents attending on **Monday 21 November at 7pm**. Cam Matthews, our P&F president, has indicated that he is stepping down from the role due to 2017 work commitments. Perhaps there is someone within the community who would like to fill the role? If so, looking forward to seeing you at the AGM. We have much to celebrate as a school community and I take this opportunity to thank Cam for his cheerful and 'hands on' leadership and for the support he and the P&F executive have made throughout 2016.

God bless,



Terri Paterson
Principal

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KC	Jj P and Daniel M	KR	Nina F and Sophie O
1L	Sophia B and Dylan G	1R	Cooper W and Dylan J
2B	Gemma B and Lucas M	2S	Sefania S, Sonny K and Makayla T
3B	Chloe S and Jai D	3S	Angus M and Paria S
4R	Xavier W and Isabel K	4U	Eva D and Maxime G
5L	Molly M	5W	Grace P and Natasha V
6	Alexander W, Stella M, Dahlai A & Briana G	PE	Lauren E, Millie C, Daniel M and Hannah S
Italian	Chloe W, Jasmine W, Ethan Z and Zara H	Band	Niamh G, Jessica R, Chloe W, Olivia G

SCHOOL NEWS

School Fees

School Fees for 2016 should have been finalised by **15 November** if you are paying in monthly instalments. For those paying fortnightly the final payment was due on **4 November** and the weekly final payment was **11 November**. Please contact the office if you wish to discuss your fees.

Support is available to families experiencing financial hardship in regards to school fees. Should any family be facing difficulty in meeting their financial obligations to the school please contact Julia Postle for an appointment with Terri Paterson to discuss your situation.

Family Registration forms are due 21 November.

Every family is required by the Catholic Schools Office to return this form.

No sibling discounts can be applied to your account if the form is not returned.

Please be aware that the form is 2 sided and needs to be signed by both parents.

Terri's Farewell Mass

A Mass of Gratitude will be held on Thursday 8 December at 11.30am in St Kieran's church. All past and present families are [invited](#). If you are attending and staying for light refreshments please notify the school office by Thursday 1 December. For catering purposes please let us know the number of people who will be attending via email – skmv@dbb.catholic.edu.au or phone 9949 3523 or by returning the slip at the bottom of the invitation.

Swimming Carnival

The swimming program was emailed home yesterday for parents to print if they wish. The parent helper roster was also emailed home yesterday. There will be **NO** additions to the program, but children may withdraw from an event. There is **no canteen** available at the Aquatic Centre at the moment as they are rebuilding. There are however 2 vending machines - one for snacks and one for cold drinks. The school canteen is also closed on Thursday.

State Transit – School Buses

If your child has a current School Opal card or school travel pass for free home to school travel, and the student's details change, for example:

- Progressing from Year 2 to Year 3
- Progressing from Year 6 to Year 7
- Change of school
- Change of address
- Change of name

You must apply online for a new pass. To apply or for information go to:

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/schoolTravelPasses>

Library News - Scholastic Book Fair

St Kieran's will be holding the Scholastic Book Fair in Week 7 (next week) in the School Library:

- Tuesday 22 November - 8.15am-8.45am and 2.50pm-3.30pm
- Wednesday 23 November - 8.15am-8.45am and 2.50pm-3.30pm
- Thursday 24 November - 8.15am-8.45am **only**



Our Book Fair theme is Australia! Story Country: Find your Story at the Book Fair.

There will be lots of wonderful books, posters and novelty items to buy. It is also a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping! You may like to purchase a book to donate to the school.

There will also be a guessing competition and prizes for dressing up too.

On Wednesday 23 November students can come to school dressed as their favourite book character or wearing a touch of Australia.

I would really appreciate the assistance of parents with setting up, selling books, cashiering and packing up at the end of the book Fair. If you are able to assist in any of this, please fill out the form (included in this newsletter) with your preferences and availability.

Your child will bring home a brochure with the Book Fair times and a sample of the books that will be available at the Fair. There will be so many more to choose from.
SEE YOU THERE!

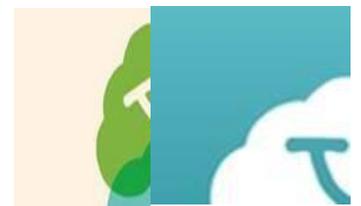


App News – From the Technology Team

SMILING MIND

One of the Health and Wellbeing Apps that we have at school is Smiling Mind. This is a great app for relaxation and calming down. It has a bunch of programs designed for different age groups. It is a simple tool that gives a sense of calm, clarity and contentment. Although you need to set up an account to access it, Smiling Minds is an excellent app for self-calming and regaining control. It can be used at home or at school.

Alexander W, Technology Team Member



Religious Education & Dates

“Celebrate Sunday” and “Spaghetti Nights” are a great way to keep our young people in touch with their Parish. These 6.00pm Sunday night Masses form the basis of the Parish Youth group. Parents of young teenagers may consider attending these youth focusses Masses. Music, led by Ben Marshall, is upbeat and reflective. Joining the Music Ministry with Ben is another fantastic way to ensure your child is an active participant in the Mass.

Please mark the date of the **St Kieran's Christmas Carols** evening in your diary. Children have begun their preparations for this beautiful family evening.

Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar, Religious Education Coordinator

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| • Sunday 4 Dec 9.00am | Welcome Kindy 2017 Yr 5 Family Mass | St Kieran's Church |
| • Thursday 8 Dec 11.30am | Mrs Paterson's Thanksgiving Mass | St Kieran's Church |

- Friday 9 Dec 6.00pm
- Wednesday 14 Dec 6pm
- Friday 16 Dec 12.00

St Kieran's Christmas Carols
Yr 6 Celebration Liturgy
Celebration of Learning

Playground
St Kieran's Church
St Kieran's Church



Skateboarding - Future Star

Ruby T, (7) went to California, America to compete in the world's biggest all girls' skateboarding contest, called EXPOSURE. Ruby came 4th in the under 14's Vert and 11th in the under 14's Bowl out of 36 competitors.

While she was there she was invited to the legendary Tony Hawk who invented a lot of the skateboarding moves and tricks. Here she is skating a doubles run on his ramp with him.

Band – Blow Test

To All year 2 and 3 students and parents with interest in joining the band program for 2017 and beyond, I will be conducting a 'blow test' on Friday 2 December for all Year 2 and anyone interested in Years 3 and above. This is where all the students get to try out a whole range of instruments to see if they enjoy playing an instrument, but more importantly, the sound of the instrument.

These instruments include, Saxophone, Clarinet, Flute, Trumpet, Trombone, and Euphonium. With these instruments you make a sound by using your mouth and blowing into them. There are of course other instruments within the band program such as Percussion (Drums), Bass Guitar and Piano.

The blow test is used to help young children try out as much as they can and pick which sound they enjoy the most. This then helps massively with the correct instrument being given to each child for future enjoyment.

I will be coming around to classes Thursday 1 December to give a quick talk about what will happen, and if there are any questions. I am really looking forward to this day, and meeting all the future children who will have their lives changed for the better by music.

Feeling excited!!!

Miss Hodges, Band Conductor

PARENT NEWS

Canteen

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

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 4 - Week 7):

Wednesday 23 November: Sam Bell, Kerrie Abba

Thursday 24 November: Swimming Carnival – **Canteen Closed, no lunch orders**

Friday 25 November: Alana Janik, Gennie 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.

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

School Banking

We are looking for any mums or dads or grandparents who would like to join the School Banking team in 2017.

It's a fun and rewarding job and takes just over an hour on a Friday.

- Maybe you can help out only occasionally? That's fine! As long as you register with the bank (we will give you the relevant form), then join us on a Friday when you can.
- Maybe you can't stay the whole time? That's fine! Maybe you can just help us at the school banking desk until the bell, or maybe you can just help us count the money and process the transfers after the bell. Any help at all would be welcome!

If you're interested please see us at the banking desk (outside the canteen) on a Friday morning before the bell

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

Blessing of children in Year 6 starting Secondary School in 2017

Families are invited to a special **Blessing of children in Year 6 starting Secondary School in 2017 on Sunday 20 November at the 6pm Mass at St Kieran's Church** and to join in our parish Spaghetti Night to follow this Mass. For catering purposes if you wish to attend the Spaghetti Night please call the parish office 9949 4455.



Parents, grandparents, extended family and all in our community are invited to share in this significant milestone in the lives of our children.

Our parish will be participating in a **National Church Life Survey on the weekend of 26/27 November**. The purpose of this survey is to help churches be more vital and effective. Through this questionnaire you will be able to give your thoughts, opinions and experiences of church life. Your views and perspectives as parents of children from our parish schools will be of great value and you are encouraged to attend any parish mass that weekend and complete the survey.

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

A message from Ben our Parish Music Director

Come to Mass this Sunday night, it will be great. 5.40pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, 6pm mass. Lots of good music, and as much as I would love it to be a surprise, I have on good authority that... **Fr PETER WIENEKI** will be there, and... Spaghetti night after... Parish... WOOO!



This Sunday is the feast of **CHRIST THE KING**.

I'm a big Jesus fan... and it's my favourite feast, because it celebrates not baby Jesus, not suffering Jesus...but JESUS...King of the UNIVERSE!

A massive title, which deserves some massive music.

Trumpets, timpani, flutes and fifes and of course, the many voices of our Parish will come together to celebrate this awesome occasion in the church calendar. Anyone who came last year will tell you what a wonderful liturgical experience it was... let's do it again.

If you usually go to other Masses, it might be one to consider switching to this week!

COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Northern Beaches Council** Vacation Care [Program](#) and Skate Night [Program](#)
- **St Vincent de Paul Kids Camp**: The Broken Bay Youth Team are excited to announce applications are now open for the next Kids Camp! Kids Camp is a week-long program and will be held from **Monday 9 January – Friday 13 January 2017** at Wesley Mission Vision Valley, Arcadia. The program is for **primary school children aged 7-12 years of age**. Click here for more [information](#)

St Kieran's Primary School Carols Evening

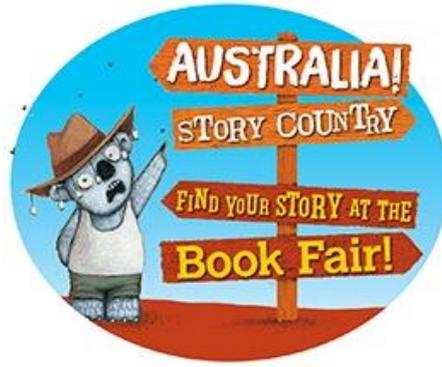
Friday 9 December
6pm - 8:30pm
(6pm School band playing
Carols start at 6.30pm)

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 parents and students |
- Car park available for drop off only
- No parking in parish car park
- Bring a picnic blanket, food & drink (alcohol free event)
- Canteen will be open for drinks & snacks only





Sign me up to help at the Book Fair!

Name _____ Telephone _____

Child's Name and Class _____

I have circled areas, days and times where I can help out:

- Decorating
- Setting up the Fair
- Helping shoppers at the Fair
- Cashiering
- Packing up the Fair

Day(s) and times available:

- Tuesday November 22- 8.15am-8.45am and 2.50pm-3.30pm
- Wednesday November 23- 8.15am-8.45am and 2.50pm-3.30pm
- Thursday November 24- 8.15am-8.45am only