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LOOKING AHEAD

December

Sun 4th Kinder 2017 Welcome Mass & Yr 5
 Mon 5th JUST ASC Open Day –
 BSC 7-8am / ASC 4-5pm
 Tues 6th Kinder 2017 Parent Info Evening
 Wed 7th Band Breakfast
 Thurs 8th Terri's Farewell Mass 11.30am
 Fri 9th Online assessment [Booking](#) opens
 today
 6pm Christmas Carols
 Yr 6 Lunch in the hall
 Mon 12th 5pm Just ASC Christmas celebration
 Tues 13th Yr 6 Celebration Evening in Church 6pm
 Wed 14th 12pm End of Year Thanksgiving Mass
 Fri 16th

January

Fri 27th
Mon 30th

Tues 31st

February

Wed 1st
Fri 3rd
Fri 10th

Mon 13th

Students last day

Teachers return
Yrs 1 – 6 commence
Best Start Assessments for Kinder
Best Start Assessments for Kinder

Kinder 2017 commence
Opening School Mass 10am
Staff Development Day – Pupil Free
MAI Assessments Yrs 1 – 6
Best Start Assessments Kinder
Staff Development Day – Pupil Free
MAI Assessments Yrs 1 – 6

Dear Families

Last week I visited my Queensland family for my eldest grandson's fifth birthday (where has the time gone? And "big school" next year!). One of the many memorable moments was the afternoon we 'dressed' the Christmas tree together; a family tradition, the first Sunday in Advent that has carried through to yet another generation. The joy experienced when both boys saw the tree 'grow' and 'become' and the discussion around the concept of 'waiting'; why the star goes on the top of the tree; a donkey as transport; is Bethlehem near Sydney? Shepherds, sheep and angels; carol singing with words and actions.....

Of course, each of us gathers treasures of memories and experiences of teachings and principles as we age and mature. Christmas seems to be a time of drawing out these treasured memories that reach back as far as childhood. Carols and songs, decorated tree and with gifts/presents underneath, cultural traditions and midnight Mass, all have rich emotions attached, that give meaning to what we do in this season of Christmas and give meaning to who we are and what we value. As parents, we continue to build and develop these for our own children. What a privilege!

God bless,

Terri Paterson
Principal



★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KC		KR	Emilia G and Blake L
1L	Aoife S and Oliver S	1R	Iona R and Thomas S
2B	Amy S, Regan Y and Lachlan H	2S	Ruby T and Joshua A
3B	Eva B, Isabel S and Finlay P	3S	Angus M
4R	Zaneyth M and Caitlin W	4U	Emelia C and Eliza L
5L	Luka D, Zack A and Sara C	5W	Natasha V and Lachlan I
6	Kai M, Nicholas H, Lachlan C and Sareta R	PE	Lauren E, Ben S, Bailey S, Jack H, Catherine B and Jackson J
Italian	Mia B, Noah K, Makaela O, Ashton B, Milla A & Ava W	Band	

SCHOOL NEWS

Class Lists for 2017

Class groupings for 2017 have been finalised. You will be notified of which class your child/ren is/are in for 2017 early next week. Once you know who your child's teacher is, please read the information below carefully regarding online booking for assessments.

Online Booking for Best Start and MAI Assessments Beginning 2017

[Linked](#) is an explanation of how to book your time for the assessments being held at the start of the 2017 school year. A reminder that Kindergarten students are required to do the Best Start Assessment (45 minutes duration) and **all students in Years 1-6 are required to do the MAI** (30 minutes duration) Assessment. Online bookings will open Friday 9 December.

Just ASC

- **Just ASC Open day to be held next Monday 5 December.**
 - > BSC 7 – 8am
 - > ASC 4-5pm
 Everyone is welcome
- **2017 enrolments have CLOSED.**



Unclaimed lost property.

There is a substantial amount of clothing that has accumulated over the year that either has no name on it or has the name of a past family and obviously has been handed down and names not changed. All items have been washed. **If you would like to take a look at this clothing and acquire something in good condition at no cost, it will be out for collection on the lower playground seats before school and during Monday morning Assembly on 12th December.**

As you can appreciate it is not possible to hold on to this clothing indefinitely so anything not taken on that day will go into the Vinnies Clothing Box. The only stipulation is that if you take something, you make sure you label it clearly with your own child's name, so that it can be returned if it gets lost. That applies to all clothing and all handed down clothing as well. The job of monitoring lost property is made so much easier when items are clearly labelled. Clothing is expensive and it is a waste of money when things are not labelled and they cannot be returned. Thank you for your support in this area.

Wendy Rose.

Student Medications

All student medication will be sent home on Friday 16 December. If your family is holidaying prior to that date please collect your child's medication on their last day.

When returning in 2017 please send in medication and updated forms. Any new medication needs to be accompanied with signed consent by the referring doctor. No medication will be given under any circumstance without a medical practitioner's consent. Please also check the expiry dates on your child's medication.



Scholastic Book Fair

What a successful Book Fair we had! Lots of books and goodies were sold. We also had several families donate books to the school. A huge thank you to everyone for their participation and contribution but I'd also like to thank the parents, teachers and members of the library team who gave up their time to help. All moneys raised will go towards resources for the school.

Premier's Reading Challenge 2016

A HUGE congratulations to the students who completed the PRC this year. The certificates have arrived and will be distributed next week.

I'd like to acknowledge the following students who received gold or platinum certificates:

- **Platinum** (7 years of participation in the PRC): Hannah H, Laura T, Alexander W.
- **Gold** (4 years of participation in the PRC): Catherine B, Lachlan C, Sara C, Etienne C, Illyra G, Jack H, Nicholas H, Ryan M, Scarlett P, Lily Q, Sophie R, Eve S.

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.

Religious Education & Dates

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 | St Kieran's Christmas Carols | Playground |
| • Wednesday 14 Dec 6pm | Yr 6 Celebration Liturgy | St Kieran's Church |
| • Friday 16 Dec 12.00 | Celebration of Learning | St Kieran's Church |

Mission Team GIFT Evening

On Wednesday 16 November, our Year 6 Mission Team gave up their evening to volunteer for the Parish GIFT Program. Rose C, Ruby Q, Samantha S, Sophie P, Harry C and Simon A chopped, peeled, sliced and stirred, under the excellent tutelage of Mrs Rose and parent helpers, to prepare delicious Chilli Con Carne meals for those in need. Approximately 80 containers, each with a double serve, were prepared - a wonderful contribution to helping others.

These meals are distributed by volunteer organisations to those in need in our local community. The students worked with an excellent spirit and 'Masterchef' skill, but the night could not have occurred without the support of their parents. Special thanks to parents Steph, Kirsty and Liz for their hard work on the night.



The Mission Team have also visited the Estia Health Nursing home at lunchtime once a month throughout the year. They have shown empathy and kindness to the residents and their visits were greatly appreciated. We feel the Mission Team have experienced 'service to others' in a powerful way this year and we thank them for their commitment.

Wendy Rose and Mary Brown

Swimming Carnival Results

Congratulations to **Green** Colour house awarded overall winners, first time in 20 + years !!!

The following students have been selected to represent St Kieran's at the Northern Beaches Cluster Carnival which will be held early next year:

Boys

Daniel M	Jackson Q	Michael P	Thomas S
Lachlan H	Kye L	Jack H	Zack A
Christian C	Jedd T	Tadhg M	Albert I
Louis T	Kye P	Dylan C	

Girls

Lily Q	Milla A	Jessica W	Iona R
Eliza L	Isabelle L	Sabrina F	Zoe M
Opal B	Eva D	Hannah S	Mila C
Zoe S	Jada S	Jessica R	Mia B
Isabelle K	Kirra M	Eve S	

Well done to the following students were awarded age champions!

- Junior Girls: Joint 1st Isabelle L and Lily Q
- Junior Boy: Lachlan H
- Senior Girl: Milla A
- Senior Boy: Daniel M

Year 6 Leichhardt Immersion Day 2016



PARENT NEWS

Canteen

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

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 4 - Week 9):

Wednesday 7 November: Sania Saady (M), Nelly McGrath (M), Amanda Raleigh (A), Susan Nicols (A)

Thursday 8 December: Evana Christofides, Jenni Schofield

Friday 9 December: Riany Tanner, Nicole Covich, Jo Hull

- 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, girls's 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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lions Club of Manly Christmas Cakes and Puddings: If you would like to purchase a pudding or cake from the Lions Club please see the [linked](#) document on where to find them.

ST KIERAN'S 2017

* DRAMA CLASSES *

Yrs K,1,2 MONDAY Lunchtimes | Yrs 3,4,5,6 MONDAY Lunchtimes



TERM 1
starts
13 FEBRUARY

1st child: \$165.00 inc GST.
2nd child: \$150.00 inc GST.
3rd child: \$150.00 inc GST.



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STEPHANIE WAITES: 0407 235 914

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

