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LOOKING AHEAD

December

Fri 9th Online assessment [Booking](#) opens today
School Banking now closed
6pm Christmas [Carols](#)

Mon 12th 8.30am Lost clothing give-away
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

Tues 31st Best Start Assessments for Kinder

February

Wed 1st Kinder 2017 commence

Fri 3rd Opening School Mass 10am

Fri 10th Staff Development Day – Pupil Free
MAI Assessments Yrs 1 – 6
Best Start Assessments Kinder

Mon 13th Staff Development Day – Pupil Free
MAI Assessments Yrs 1 – 6

Dear Families

What a wonderful celebration yesterday! The school and parish community of St Kieran's put on a spectacular tribute to Terri Paterson in recognition of the strong legacy she leaves at St Kieran's. It was a particularly lengthy Mass but our students rose to the occasion, recognising the significance of the event. Congratulations St Kieran's students!

Thank you to all who were involved in the organisation, including Kerrie Wetzlar who planned the liturgy; the musicians and choir; the students with special roles; and Christina Uchino who decorated the hall. Thank you also to a wonderful group of parent helpers who assisted with catering. Thank you also to the teachers and admin staff for their "behind the scenes" support.

We are all looking forward to a fabulous Carols Night tonight...the weather looks like it is in our favour!
Looking forward to seeing you there...

We ask that you keep the Donohoe family in your prayers. Our thoughts and prayers of encouragement are with the family during this challenging time.

Marisa
Acting Principal

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KC		KR	Willow B Sienna S
1L	All of 1L for a fantastic year!	1R	Thomas M and Raphy M
2B	Mila C and Oskar P	2S	Gretel W, Owen B and Jaden W
3B	Eve S and William M	3S	Lauren E
4R	All of 4R for being so good in Mass!	4U	Jessica C and Saskia B
5L	All of 5L	5W	Daniel M and Kye L
6	All of Yr 6	PE	Molly L

SCHOOL NEWS

[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.

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.**

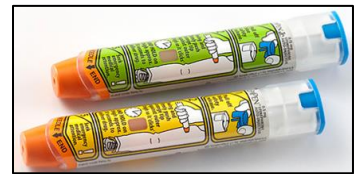
As you can appreciate it is not possible to hold on to this clothing indefinitely so anything not taken on that day will go into the Vinnies Clothing Box. The only stipulation is that if you take something, you make sure you label it clearly with your own child's name, so that it can be returned if it 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.



Religious Education & Dates

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| • 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 |



LIBRARY- End of year returns

All books borrowed from the School Library must be returned now. Stocktake of the collection needs to happen before the end of the year. The teachers have been actively pursuing outstanding books but we also need the students to be responsible for their return too.

If books are not returned by next Tuesday, you will be asked to pay for their replacement. To avoid this, it's a very good time to clear out and check bookshelves or any other hiding places at home.



School Banking: School Banking has now closed for the year.

Broken Bay Sports Council Awards

Congratulations to Kai M who received an Outstanding Achievement Award from the Broken Bay Sports Council. What a wonderful achievement!! Kai wished to acknowledge and thank everyone for all the support, encouragement and opportunities he has been given throughout his years at St Kieran's. Well done Kai.



Manly Warringah Basketball

Congratulations to Kodie J, Lucas E & Opal B from Yr 4, who made the Manly Warringah basketball rep squad.

It's lovely to see STK students achieving greatness in sports, also FYI all of these students were competing against 12 year olds for the rep side.

Carols Booklet: Please click on link [here](#)



Car Park Helpers Required

Would anyone like to help volunteer to assist for approximately 20 mins at school pick up time to help with the flow of traffic and keeping everyone safe at the crossing point. We would love to get some more parents/carers/grandparents on the roster, if possible, as some of our wonderful volunteers will be leaving our school this year. You will get the opportunity to wear one of three coloured floor vests, full training will be given on how to manoeuvre the STOP/SLOW sign! Your children will love to see you out there helping so please let the office know, if you are able to help in anyway. Even if it's just once a term that would be very welcomed.

Car Park Safety

During the week it has been brought to our attention that some parents/carers/grandparents are double parking at school drop off time, on the left side near the presbytery. This makes it very difficult for people trying to leave and we would prefer that you park and walk children in, to avoid blocking the road near the exit point.

At the drop off location near the wall please always drive right down the very end of the drop off area, even if it is raining/drizzling, as it assists the flow of traffic and helps keep the cars off King St. Please be mindful of all parents who are also trying to do a 'kiss and drop' as quickly as possible. If you are concerned that your child is going to get wet if it is raining, please park and walk them in with an umbrella.

From the Mission Team

Dear St Kieran's Community,

As 2016 draws to an end, The Mission Team would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to all families for the enormous support for all the initiatives that we have undertaken. Some of our initiatives have been:

- The Caritas Project Compassion Drive,
- The Vinnies Winter Appeal,
- The Winter Sleep-out,
- The St. Kieran's Mini Fete,
- The GIFT Cooking,
- The on-going goodies for the Vinnies Night Patrol Van and
- The Christmas Hampers and their distribution.

It is clear that our Community is a very giving one when it comes to supporting the less-privileged and we have been happy to lead this aspect of our Christian development this year. As a Community we have really "walked the walk" this year.

Once again, thank you and have a wonderful Christmas,

The Mission Team: Simon A, Rose C, Harry C, Sophie P, Ruby Q, Samantha S, Mary B and Wendy R.

Band - Instruments for Hire

We have some instruments available for hire in 2017 for anyone who is part of the band program. Instruments available are: 1 x clarinet, 1 x trombone, 1 x bass clarinet, 1 x tenor saxophone and 2 x euphoniums. If you are interested in more details about hiring an instrument please contact our band director, Surrey Hodges, at surreyhodges@gmail.com or our band co-ordinator, Gayle Connor, at stkierans.band@gmail.com.



The Junior and Senior Bands performed recently as part of the Warringah Mall Schools Showcase. This was a great performance opportunity and all the kids got a buzz out of performing.

PARENT NEWS

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Canteen

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

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

Wednesday 14 November: Nicole Wall, Lessa Bellamy

Thursday 15 December: Mel Carey, Jennifer Lee

Friday 16 December: Canteen closed

<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 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

Christmas Eve Family Mass at 6pm at St Kieran's Church

All children are welcome to participate in this Mass and come dressed as angels and shepherds (optional). Any assistance with the following would be greatly appreciated:

- Helpers to sit with angels and shepherds;
- Welcoming;
- Collecting;
- Ushers.

A short practice will be held on Sunday 18 December after Mass at 10.30am in the St Kieran's Church.

Please contact Janette by email at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au if you and your family can assist in this joyous parish celebration.

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.
- **Netball:** Are you turning 8 or 9 in 2017 & keen to play netball? Grab some friends to make up a team or let us join you in a team at Queenscliff Netball Club. For more information go to queenscliff.asn.au or contact Elaina on Elaina@goolygost.net Online registration opens 15 January 2017

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



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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