



## Issue: 39 16 December 2016

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### January

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup>** Teachers return  
 Online Assessment Booking closes  
**Mon 30<sup>th</sup>** Yrs 1 – 6 commence  
 Best Start Assessments for Kinder

**Tues 31<sup>st</sup>** Best Start Assessments for Kinder

#### February

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup>** Kinder 2017 commence

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup>**

Opening School Mass 10am  
**Staff Development Day** – Pupil Free  
 MAI Assessments Yrs 1 – 6  
 Best Start Assessments Kinder  
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 MAI Assessments Yrs 1 – 6  
 6.30pm Kinder Information Evening  
 6.30pm Parent Ed in Literacy

### Dear Families

This is my last Newsletter to the St Kieran's community and as I leave I want to thank you for being part of my life journey as principal of St Kieran's school. I acknowledge the wonderful farewell last Thursday and I am so grateful to all those who made this a special day for myself and my family. I have been so touched and overwhelmed by the response from the whole school community, in both words and actions, and I am so appreciative of your expressions of gratitude.



The gifts presented to me from the school parent community were greatly appreciated particularly the plaque for the playground and the amazing photo of the students in the school playground which I will treasure. The family comments are a special memento of the relationships within the community. Thank you for the stunning jewellery which I will wear with great pride.

The Carols Night last Friday was a wonderful tribute to the community of St Kieran's. I want to again thank the generosity of the parent community for their fundraising efforts this year, and while I was not able to see the playground take shape this term, I so enjoyed being part of the initial planning process and anticipate that the children and their families will benefit in the years to come. I understand that next week the synthetic grass will be laid in the playground so I will make sure I return in January to see that all went well!

I am so grateful for the love and support given to me over the past 12 years. I am so thankful for all I have received in being part of this vibrant school community. As I move into retirement I am very much aware that the school now begins another chapter. I hope that as I leave part of my legacy includes an 'attitude of gratitude' for all that we have and for the many blessing we have received. Thankfulness is a major part of wellbeing. It creates inner wellbeing, an inner harmony. Within our lives, thankfulness can be a kind of superglue, as it gives a strong sense of hope and confidence about the future. With life as busy as it is, we don't seem to take time to count our blessings, to be thankful for our life, our friends, our family, for insights into our purpose for existence, for the ability to love and be loved.

**God, our Father, we give thanks for the gift of life. We are grateful that, as intelligent beings, we can reflect upon the many gifts and blessings we have been given and be thankful for them. Amen.**

**I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and all the best for the coming year. Enjoy your summer break and time with your children. Till we meet again...**

God Bless

Terri Paterson  
 Principal



★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

<b>KC</b>	All of KC	<b>KR</b>	All of KR
<b>2B</b>	All of 2B for an excellent year of learning! ☺	<b>2S</b>	All of 2S
<b>3B</b>	All of 3B for a brilliant year!	<b>3S</b>	All of 3S
<b>4R</b>	All 4R for a fantastic year	<b>4U</b>	All of 4U
<b>5L</b>	All of Year 5	<b>5W</b>	All Year 5 for a brilliant year
<b>6</b>	Year 6 for a wonderful grade liturgy	<b>Italian</b>	Alexander F, Kirra M, Charlie R, Ruby N & Tara N

## 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 and close 27 January.

### Staffing 2017

Now that staffing has been finalised for 2017 the following is a complete list of Staff for the year.

Principal	Michael Gallagher
A P/Learning Support	Marisa Bombardieri
Kindergarten	Jane Hocking & Emily Channel
Year One	Wendy Rose & Michelle Leydon
Year Two	Vanessa Clifford & Karen Sullivan
Year Three	Mary Brown & Eliza Scott Fell
Year Four	Kerrie Wetzlar & Geraldine Watson
Year Five	Nicole Robilliard & Ariane Howard
Year Six	Christina Uchino & Tracy Brown
PE Teacher	Narelle Leathem
Library	Liz McGuire
Creative Arts	Amaris Leong
Italian	Deborah Morehouse
Teacher's Aide/Learning Support Assistant	Kerrie Powell Karmena Hayden
Senior Administration Officer	Julia Postle
Administration Assistant	Bev Butler
Coordinator Release 3B	Samantha Moffitt
Coordinator Release (Wednesdays)	Therese McNamara
REC Release (Thursdays)	Patrick Sheedy
Tuckshop	Jo Nesbitt
Volunteer and wonderful person	Kevin Malone

\* *Indicates School Leadership Team*

We welcome Samantha Moffitt and Therese McNamara to our staff for 2017. Samantha and Therese will be teaching in classes while coordinators are off class due to their various responsibilities. Samantha will be in 3B on Mondays when Mary Brown (Literacy Coordinator) works on Literacy initiatives and co teaching.

We also welcome back to St Kieran's, Patrick Sheedy. Patrick will be on Kerrie Wetzlar's class on Thursday as she works on Religious Education Coordinator duties.

Marisa Bombardieri will resume the role of Learning Support Teacher and will continue the EMU program as well as co teaching responsibilities and her Assistant Principal role

Congratulations to Kirsty Conlon who will be the President of the P & F for 2017. We welcome back the members of the P&F Executive; Jo Quarrell, John McKee; Vaughn Saady and Alyson Perry (DPC Representative). We look forward to a wonderful year of community building in 2017.

Below you will find a summary of the Year 6 Leadership Teams for 2017. Congratulations to our Year 6 2017 students and their current teachers Kerrie Wetzlar and Kayle Leathem who have worked with the students to prepare them for their roles.

Liturgy	Environment	Sport	Civics and Citizenship
Sara Callow Mya Dahl Natasha Viscuso- Tucci Olivia Glavin	Neve Doughty Ella Halloway Ruby Mascarenhas Kyle Atkinson Jedd Thomas	Milla Arthurs (G) Grace Polome (R) Daniel Miners (B) Albert Ingleton (Y)	Kye Porter Thomas Sokolow Charlotte Keating Elise Lefers Alannah Woodland
Technology	Pastoral Care	Mission	Library
Jack Hartley Lachlan Iemma Jessica Wells Isabel Osborn	Amy Schaafsma Sophie Maunsell Eloise Wilson Ellie Donohoe	Leilani Cannon Isabella Day Charlotte McPhee Luka Delaney Zack Americano	Sarah Hiscocks Molly Latta Isabella King Kye Largier Mattaeus Pascuzzo

### **Flash Mob**

What a fantastic way to send off Mrs Paterson. The children had a great time preparing for the Flash Mob. We have successfully uploaded two perspectives of the video for parents to see. Please visit the school website to view.

### **Student Medications**

All student medication was sent home today. When returning in 2017 please send in medication and updated forms. All 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.



[https://www.allergy.org.au/images/stories/anaphylaxis/2016/Anaphylaxis\\_Epipen\\_Personal\\_Action\\_Plan\\_2016\\_WEB.pdf](https://www.allergy.org.au/images/stories/anaphylaxis/2016/Anaphylaxis_Epipen_Personal_Action_Plan_2016_WEB.pdf)



Ashleigh and Dahlai for your dedication to the job and your service to the St Kieran's school community.

On behalf of our school community I wish to thank our wonderful Liturgy Team. Together we have worked to prepare a Monday Morning Assembly Liturgies for the school. The girls have been only too happy to assist in anything and everything Liturgy whether it be in the church or within the school. Thank you Sienna, Michaela,

Parents work in partnership with their children's teachers. I wish to thank all the parents who have assisted with building community this year. Parent Prayer, Sunday Morning Family Masses, Year Six Luncheons, Pancake Tuesdays and Christmas Carols to name a few. Sharing your talents with the community is a very Catholic thing to do. We would not be the strong Catholic community we are today without your assistance.

To our wonderful Augustinian Priests - We thank you for the many ways in which you forge and develop strong relationships between school and parish. We are also appreciative of the many parishioners who enhance the life of our school. To Mr Ian Woodbury; thank you for your assistance at each and every liturgy this year. To Mr Ben Marshall; thank you for sharing your musical talents. To the wonderful LAP team members, thank you for your invaluable contribution to school life. A special thank you also goes out to the lovely ladies in the Parish office who help to coordinate the life of the school and the life of the parish. To all Parish workers we say 'Thank you'.

I would also like to express thanks to my conscientious and talented colleagues. Together we have worked to enhance the quality of Religious Education and Prayer life at St Kieran's. Thank you for your professionalism and dedication to the nurturing of our cherubs in their faith journey.

To one and all, may I wish you a happy and Holy Christmas. May the peace and joy the Christ child brings fill your holidays and may you return to school in January safe and relaxed.

Yours in Religious Education,  
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

### **Band**

Congratulations to Emily D, Sara C, Jessica W and Jackson Q who, after auditioning, have been accepted into the Primary Wind Ensemble for 2017 of the Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble (NSSWE). As a member of this Ensemble each musician progresses, learns, develops and ends the year at a musical stage far in advance of where they started 12 months before. We hope this is a great experience for you.

Applications for Junior Band for 2017 are still being processed. Confirmation of instruments will be sent out as soon as they are finalised (even if it's after term ends).

### 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 welcome.



## PARENT NEWS

### Canteen

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

### ROSTER (Term 1 - Week 1):

Wed 1 Feb: Steph La Greca, Rachele Woodland

Thurs 2 Feb: Sondra Hamill, Jaclyn Schoene

Fri 3 Feb: Kirsty Conlon, Virginia Marsh, Alana Janik

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Any changes to the canteen roster please contact: Jo Nesbitt - [joanne.nesbitt@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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.**

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## 2017 CALENDAR

**2017 Dates** Please note some dates may change so remember to check the weekly newsletter

### **January**

30 Jan Mon -Best Start Kinder 2017

Mon - **Years 1 – 6 commence**

31 Jan Tues - Best Start Kinder

### **February**

01 Feb Wed - Thurs - **Kinder Commence** – morning tea for Kinder parents

03 Feb Fri – Opening School Mass 10am

10 Feb Fri – School closed **SDD** / MAI Assessments Yrs 1 – 6 & Best Start K

10 Feb Fri – Yoga Yrs 1 – 3

13 Feb Mon – School Closed **SDD** / MAI Assessments Yrs 1 - 6

15 Feb Wed – 6.30pm Kinder Information Night

17 Feb Fri – Yoga Yrs 2 & 3

21 Feb Tues - 6.30pm Parent Ed in Literacy

24 Feb Fri – Yoga Yrs 2 & 3

27 Feb Mon – Robotics Yr 5 All day

28 Feb Tues - Northern Beaches Swim Carnival

### **March**

01 Mar Wed - Ash Wednesday

02 Mar Thurs - Yr 6 Leaders Day

03 Mar Fri – Yoga Yrs 2 & 3

06 Mar Mon – Robotics Yr 6 All day

09 Mar Thurs - Broken Bay Swimming at Mingara

10 Mar Fri – Gala Day clinics 9-11am



13 Mar	Mon – Cross Country
16 Mar	Thurs – 9.30am Open Morning
17 Mar	Fri – Gala Day clinics 9 – 11am
20 Mar	Mon – Start Smart Yrs 4 & 6
24 Mar	Fri – Yoga Yrs 2 & 3 and Gala Day clinics
28 Mar	Tues - Soccer Gala Day Yrs 3 & 4
30 Mar	Thurs - Soccer Gala Day Yrs 5 & 6
31 Mar	Fri – Yoga Yrs 2 & 3
<b>April</b>	
05 Apr	Wed - SOPAC Swimming
07 Apr	Fri – Holy Week Liturgy Yr 5 & <b>End Term 1</b>
24 Apr	Mon - <b>SDD</b>
26 Apr	Wed - <b>Term 2 Commences</b> for students & Easter Story Yr 6
28 Apr	Fri – Yoga Yrs 1 & 5
<b>May</b>	
01 May	Mon - School Photos
03 May	Wed – Northern Beaches Cross Country – Rat Park
05 May	Fri – Robotics Yr 4.1 / Yoga Yrs 1 & 5 and Yoga Yrs 1 & 5
09 May	Tues – NAPLAN
10 May	Wed – NAPLAN
11 May	Thur – NAPLAN
12 May	Fri – Robotics Yr 4.2 & Mothers’ Day liturgy - Kinder
14 May	Sun - Mother’s Day
19 May	Fri – Robotics Yr 3.1 and Yoga Yrs 1 & 5
23 May	Tues – Broken Bay Cross Country
26 May	Fri – Robotics Yr 3.2 and Yoga Yrs 1 & 5
29 May	Mon - Kinder Robotics
<b>June</b>	
02 Jun	Fri – Kinder Robotics and Yoga Yrs 1 & 5
05 Jun	Mon – Yr 1 Robotics
07 Jun	Wed – Yr 6 to Canberra
09 Jun	Fri – Yrs 6 return from Canberra
12 Jun	Mon – Public Holiday
13 Jun	Tues – ICAS Writing this week
14 Jun	Wed – ICAS Spelling
19 Jun	Mon – Yr 1 Robotics
27 Jun	Tues – Gala Day League & Eagle Tag Yrs 3 & 4
29 Jun	Thurs – Gala Day League & Eagle Tag Yrs 5 & 6
30 Jun	Fri – <b>End Term 2</b>
<b>July</b>	
17 Jul	Mon – <b>Term 3 commences</b>
17 Jul	Mon – School Athletics Carnival at Narrabeen
21 Jul	Fri – Chess commences
24 Jul	Mon – 10am Grandparents liturgy
28 Jul	Fri – Yoga Yrs 4 & 6
<b>August</b>	
01 Aug	Tues - ICAS English
04 Aug	Fri – Yoga Yrs 4 & 6
07 Aug	Mon – Robotics Yr 2.1
11 Aug	Fri – Robotics Yr 2.2 and Yoga Yrs 4 & 6
13 Aug	Tues – ICAS Maths
15 Aug	Tues – Feast of the Assumption Yr 4 10am
17 Aug	Thurs – Northern Beaches Athletics at Narrabeen
18 Aug	Fri – Yoga Yrs 4 & 6
25 Aug	Fri – St Augustine Feast Day Mass 10am
29 Aug	Tues – Broken Bay Athletics at Narrabeen
<b>September</b>	
01 Sep	Fri – Fathers’ Day liturgy – Yr 1
03 Sep	Sun – Fathers’ Day
08 Sep	Fri – St Kieran’s Day Liturgy and Children’s Fair
15 Sep	Fri – Chess ends today and Yoga for Yrs 4 & 6
19 Sep	Tues – Gala Day Cricket/AFL /Netball Gala Day Yrs 3 & 4
21 Sep	Thurs - Gala Day Cricket/AFL /Netball Gala Day Yrs 5 & 6
22 Sep	Fri – <b>Term 3 concludes</b>
<b>October</b>	

09 Oct Mon – **Term 4 commences**  
20 Oct Fri – Yoga Yrs 4-6  
27 Oct Fri – Yoga Yrs 4-6  
31 Oct Tues – Scholastic Book Fair  
**November**  
01 Nov Wed – Scholastic Book Fair  
02 Nov Thurs – Scholastic Book Fair  
19 Nov Sun – K 2018 & Yrs 5 Buddies Welcome  
**December**  
11 Dec Mon – Yr 6 Celebration Evening  
15 Dec Fri – **End Term 4**

# 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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