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### LOOKING AHEAD

#### February

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup>** **Staff Development Day** – Pupil Free  
MAI Assessments Yrs 1 – 6  
Best Start Assessments Kinder

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup>** **Staff Development Day** – Pupil Free  
MAI Assessments Yrs 1 – 6

**Tues 14** 9.30am Parish Reconciliation meeting for Yr 3 parents

**Wed 15** Kinder Information Evening 6.30pm  
Yr 3 Rugby League Reading program  
Parish Reconciliation Meeting for Parents 7.30pm

**Fri 17** Yrs 2 & 3 Yoga

**Wed 22** Yr 3 Rugby League Reading Program

**Tues 21** Parent Education in Literacy

**Fri 24** Yrs 2 & 3 Yoga

**Sun 26** Yr 2 Family Mass 9.30am

**Mon 27** Yr 5 Robotics

**Tues 28** Northern Beaches Swim Carnival  
Yr 3 Boys visit St Paul's

**March**

**Wed 1** Ash Wednesday Mass 10am  
Yr 3 Rugby League Reading Program

**Fri 3** Yrs 2 & 3 Yoga

**Mon 6** Yr 6 Robotics  
Catholic Schools Week commences

**Thurs 9** Broken Bay Swimming – Mingara

**Fri 10** Gala Day Sport clinics

**Mon 13** Cross Country

**Thurs 16** 9.30am Open Morning

**Fri 17** Gala Day Clinics

**Sun 19** Yr 4 Family Mass

**Mon 20** Start Smart Yrs 4 & 6

**Fri 24** Yrs 2 & 3 Yoga  
Gala Day Clinics

**Fri 31** Yrs 2 & 3 Yoga  
Gala Day Clinics

**April**

**Tues 4** Soccer Gala Day Yrs 3 & 4 – Rat Park

**Thurs 6** Soccer Gala Day Yrs 5 & 6 – Rat Park

**Fri 7** Holy Week Liturgy – Yr 5  
End Term 1

**Mon 24** **Staff Development Day** – Pupil Free

**Tues 25** ANZAC Day

**Wed 26** Term 2 commences

#### Dear Families

I wish you all a very warm welcome to St Kieran's for 2017. As I begin a new journey as principal of St Kieran's, I look forward to meeting all our families during the coming months. On Wednesday morning I had the pleasure of sharing that special time in a child's life, and parents too; that of the first day of school. We had 48 eager children begin a 13 year journey of education, accompanied by many proud and excited parents and grandparents there to begin the journey with them. A very special thank you to the teachers, Mrs Hocking and Miss Channell, for their many hours of preparation to ensure the morning began well. Thank you to the class parents who provided the welcome morning tea to those gathered in the Parish Hall.

I would like to thank the staff of St Kieran's for their very warm welcome. After 16 years in my last school, it is quite a steep learning curve starting over, but the task has been made easier by the friendly, helpful and generous teaching, office and support staff. I would especially like to acknowledge the contribution of Mrs Terri Paterson to the school during her 12 years of service to St Kieran's. Her leadership, along with the dedicated work by all staff, has made St Kieran's the high achieving and quality school that it is today. I look forward to continuing this great work.

A school is ultimately about children! I have sensed a great warmth and affection amongst the children which is indicative of the motto of the school, "To Learn and to Love". It is well and truly alive within the school. I look forward to getting to know the children more and eventually learn all the names! Hopefully sooner than later!


As we begin our school year, I wish you and your family a happy, healthy and prosperous year ahead. I strongly believe that together as parents and educators we work in partnership to ensure that our children feel supported and

PLEASE  
NOTE

**Staff Development Days**  
**Pupil Free**

- ❖ **Friday 10 February**
- ❖ **Monday 13 February**
- ❖ **Monday 24 April**

safe in a school environment. Our focus is to develop our children as a “whole person”, that is, academically, spiritually and emotionally. This should be our focus during the year.



Michael Gallagher  
Principal

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

<b>KC</b>	All Kindergarten	<b>KH</b>	All Kindergarten
<b>1L</b>	Jake B and Sophie O	<b>1R</b>	Nina F, Milli T, Mya W, Sienna S, Aurelia S, Blake L and Sam M
<b>2C</b>	Max H and April U	<b>2S</b>	Aiden T and Malgosia K
<b>3B</b>	Lachlan H and Eve S	<b>3S</b>	Issac C and Varenna R
<b>4G</b>	Charlie R, Catherine B, Louis T	<b>4K</b>	Oliver J and David S
<b>5H</b>	Dylan C and Ruby N	<b>5R</b>	Nikola K and Chloe W
<b>6</b>	All of Year 6	<b>PE</b>	Baxter E and Eve C
<b>Italian</b>	Pia F, Lill-Rose M, Jackson C, Ollie F, Charlie R and Zack A		

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

**Arrival and Dismissal**

- Please try to ensure your children **arrive at school on time**. Arriving late and walking into a settled classroom after the bell can often cause a child unnecessary anxiety and separation problems.
- **Dismissal** - Also please ensure your child knows how they are getting home and with whom. Late messages are sometimes hard to deliver, especially if the class is at sport, yoga, Italian, music, library, church etc
- Parents using **drive through pick up** from the car park in the afternoons are to ensure they have the correct (surname) sign for the teachers on duty to see. Handwritten signs and signs written in light/thin font are not visible and can cause confusion.
- **Kindergarten parents** received signs this week and if there are **any parents** in other grades requiring a new or updated sign, we ask that you contact the office and request one.
- **Parking** - Please be respectful of our **neighbours**. When dropping the children off in the morning or collecting them in the afternoons please respect the rights of our neighbours and refrain from pulling up in their driveways even for a short time. Rangers frequently patrol at their request.
- **IMPORTANT - All Families:** Please complete and return a **Dismissal** Form for each of your children and return to your child's class teacher regarding their normal dismissal arrangements.

**Student Medications**



All student medication must be accompanied by the correct forms. Please ensure medication is current and well within its expiry date. Please send in medication, clearly marked, 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.



[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)

**School Fees**

Invoices for 2017 were emailed to all families at the end of January. This invoice shows the total due for the year and the amounts and dates payment is required. Please adhere to your payment schedule as requested on your family registration form.

- If you are paying in the standard three instalments first payment is due by 24 February,
- If you are paying monthly, fees are due by 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- For other instalment types please check your invoice.

If you wish to change your time payments or discuss your fees please contact [Julia.postle@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Julia.postle@dbb.catholic.edu.au) Statements will be emailed to all families at the beginning of each month showing amounts owing. Unpaid fees will be referred to the Catholic Schools Office for collection unless other arrangements have been made.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Staffing 2017

Principal	Michael Gallagher
A P/Learning Support	Marisa Bombardieri
Kinder	Jane Hocking Emily Channel
Year 1	Wendy Rose Michelle Leydon
Year 2	Vanessa Clifford Karen Sullivan
Year 3	Mary Brown Eliza Scott Fell
Year 4	Kerrie Wetzlar Geraldine Watson
Year 5	Nicole Robilliard Ariane Howard
Year 6	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

### About My Child - Parent Teacher Interviews

As initiated in 2016, we will be holding our Parent Teacher interviews towards the end of this term. This allows for communication earlier in the year regarding your child's progress. The early part of Term One is spent gathering data about individual learning progress and settling into the class in for a positive year of learning.

Part of our data gathering involves parents providing the teachers with *their* perspective regarding their child. This supports the aim of the school to **equip** (with all the appropriate data/information) **embrace** (by inviting *all* members of the community to contribute) and **engage** our community.

Please make sure you return the form (included in this newsletter) to the appropriate teacher by next Thursday 9 February.

### Urgent - Car Park Helpers Required



We are urgently in need of volunteers to help at dismissal time for approximately 20 minutes on Tuesdays and/or Fridays. Are you intending to be in the school playground on a Tuesday or a Friday every 3<sup>rd</sup> week after school?

Ideally, we just need two people, who can then alternate their weeks with each other.

You will get the opportunity to wear one of three coloured fluoro vests, full 'on the job' training will be given if required 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.

### Family Prayer Packs



Prayer is a way of communicating and strengthening our relationship with God. Prayer can take many forms and one way that many people pray is as a family. To assist you in your family prayer life, or get you started, your child will soon be bringing home a Family Prayer Pack. Each class will have one prayer pack which will be shared with the children over the term. The pack has user friendly instructions and is tailored to your child's age. Families are invited to use the pack then return it to school for another family to use. You are encouraged to add your family intentions to the book provided so other families can pray for you.

Please find [linked](#) a copy of our proposed Mass and Liturgy Roster for 2017, (correct as of 2/2/17). Early dates for the diary this term are the **Year 2 Family Mass on 26 February** and the **Year 4 Family Mass on Sunday 19 March**. Both Masses commence at 9.30am in our Parish Church.

*Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar, Religious Education Coordinator.*

## PARENT NEWS

### Canteen

Welcome back, and thank you to all our new, and returning volunteers to the Canteen for 2017. We said "goodbye" at the end of last year to some very long serving loyal volunteers, and it is nice to see we have so many new eager volunteers to replace them.

For all the new volunteers, just seeing the Roster for the first time, you are generally on 4 times a year, maybe more as requested, but your allocated slot and times are the same Week of each Term.

We still have a couple of gaps on the Roster to fill, if you are able to help out Termly for these below dates it would be greatly appreciated.

- 1 x volunteer required for Week 7 of each term on a Wednesday, *morning shift, 9.00am to 11.15am*, **March 29, June 21, September 13 and December 7?**
- 2 x volunteers required for Week 8 of each term on a Thursday, *9.00am to 1.50pm*, **March 23, June 16, September 8 and December 1?**
- 1 x volunteer required for Week 7, once off fill in, **Wednesday March 15, 9.00am to 1.50pm?**

Thank you to all the Volunteers, without you our Canteen could not operate. To view the current roster please click [here](#)

### NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 1 - Week 2):

- **Wednesday 8 February:** Juliette Cronin, Julie Russo
- **Thursday 9 February:** Alyson Perry, Kathy Sir, Shahn Schwarz
- **Friday 10 February:** Assessment day - Pupil Free Day

- 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](mailto:joanne.nesbitt@dbb.catholic.edu.au) or text 0410 629 135.

**Fire Sale** on all Paddle Pops, \$0.50 cents each until sold out. These are still within the used by date but are slightly icy. We are making way for a fresh batch. Once sold out they will go back to \$1.50 each.



I am currently in negotiations with "Rolld", the new shop near Woolworths down the Mall, that sells Vietnamese rolls, to add to our everyday menu, as these are another healthy lunch option. I would be interested to hear which flavours your child/ren like? Thank you.

**FlexiSchools** have updated our Class lists for this year. Can you please ensure you have your child/ren in the correct Class for 2017. Thank you. Apologies to those who tried earlier in the week, FlexiSchools was overwhelmed by requests due to it being a new school year.

### Uniform:

To order please go to the Pickles [website](#).

**School Banking:** school banking won't commence until Friday 17 February.

## PARISH NEWS

### Sacramental Program News

- Parents of children in **Year 3** (and older) are reminded that the **First Reconciliation Program** commences this term with the **Parent Information Meeting on Tuesday 14 February at 9.30am OR Wednesday 15 February at 7.00pm;**
- The next **Baptism of Young Children Program (for children aged 7 – 11 years)** will commence in **May 2017**, prior to the beginning of the 2017 – 2018 Children's Sacramental Program;
- **Parents new to the school** with children in Year 3 (and older) who would like their children to join the **First Reconciliation** program are asked to contact me;
- Advance notice - The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated by Bishop Peter A Comensoli on **Friday 25 August 2017 at 5.30pm OR 7.30pm.**

All relevant forms can be downloaded from the parish website at [www.northharbourcatholic.org.au](http://www.northharbourcatholic.org.au) under the Sacraments tab.

For further information please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at [sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au](mailto:sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au) .  
*Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister - Catholic Community of North Harbour*

# 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.



Enrolments open online now for Term 1  
**[www.dramascene.com.au](http://www.dramascene.com.au)**

STEPHANIE WAITES: 0407 235 914

CELEBRATING OUR 4TH YEAR OF ST KIERAN'S DRAMA SCENE

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**Manly Warringah Basketball** - Saturday basketball resumed Saturday 28 January at NBISC. 2.30-3.30pm for students aged seven and under 3.30-4.30pm for student 8-14 years for \$9 no need to book just come on down to NBISC (Jacksons road Warriewood)

Pink ball is our girls only basketball coaching program will restart 4 February 2.30-3.30pm at NBISC. For information go to <https://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=237717>

Potter League is a beginner basketball league a great way to start. There are six divisions in school year ages. Players or teams can enter through the website link <https://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=238068>

Allambie Netball Club – registration online

<https://42474.sportzvault.com/common/pages/noauth/olregstart.aspx?type=1&sslredirect=1&entityid=42474&fl=1&id=30582> . For further information contact Honey 0313 559 746 or [allambienetball@gmail.com](mailto:allambienetball@gmail.com)

Parents,

This form is being sent home for you to fill in and return by

*Thursday 9 February* to the class teacher.

Thank you.

*About my child.....*

Parent's Name:	Child's Name & Grade:

My Child Is Good At:

I'd Like You To Know This About My Child:

My Child Learns Best By:

We speak the following languages in our home: Most of the time, I speak _____ to my child. Most of the time my child speaks _____ to me.
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Some Things I'd Like You To Know About My Family (E.G. Culture, Activities The Family Enjoys, Other Etc)

## PARENT EDUCATION IN LITERACY 2017 FOR KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY  
6.30 - 8.30 PM

This session aims to give parents strategies to help their child become a confident reader in their early school years.

Also, we value parent help in our school and know that this works best when we work together with shared understanding.

For this reason, **if you wish to assist as a parent helper with reading or writing in the Kinder classes, you need to have attended this session.** However, the course needs to be completed only once, so there is no need to repeat the course if previously attended when an older sibling was in Kindergarten.

The 2 main components of the course are:

- An introduction to how children learn to read – with a St Kieran's perspective
- How to help with reading at home and at school

The Kinder teachers will join me to also offer input from the point of view of the classroom teacher.

If you are interested, please complete the registration form below and return to the school office by **Tuesday 14 February.**

Regards,  
Mary Brown  
(Literacy Coordinator)

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**Parent Education in Literacy Course Registration Form**

***Please return by Tuesday 14 February***

Yes, I/we would like to attend the Literacy Kindergarten Parent Education Course on **Tuesday 21 February** at 6.30-8.30pm.

Name(s): (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_