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### LOOKING AHEAD

#### February

**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  
**Sat 4** 7.30pm P&F Welcome Evening  
Wakehurst Golf Club  
**Mon 6** Yr 6 Robotics  
Catholic Schools Week commences  
Premiers [Reading](#) Challenge commences  
**Thurs 9** Broken Bay Swimming – Mingara  
**Fri 10** 9 – 11am Gala Day Sport clinics  
Final date for ICAS [entries](#)  
**Mon 13** Cross Country

**Thurs 16** 9.30am Open Morning  
**Fri 17** 9 – 11am 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  
9-11am Gala Day Clinics

#### April

**Mon 3** Yr 3 to Hyde Park Barracks  
**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 – Public Holiday  
**Wed 26** Term 2 commences

### Dear Families

As you may have read by now, *Just ASC Incorporated*, our OOSH provider for the past 22 years, will be ceasing operation at the end of this term. This is a decision that has not been made lightly. However, to ensure that a service is still being offered here at St Kieran's, negotiations are in place with *CatholicCare*, the Diocese of Broken Bay provider of school care in many of the local Catholic schools. The service provided will not be that different to the one already in place. Most importantly, fees and hours will remain the same with the same high quality of care provided. Existing families will continue to have priority to places for next term. More information will be available in the near future.

The Shared Space is on its way to functioning once again. *Southern Cross Health* has worked towards returning the space to its previous condition however, the school has taken the opportunity to improve the overall quality of the space by replacing the grass and redesigning seating so that the area can become a more interactive and natural play space for the children. We are aiming to have the area completed in time for Open Day on 16 March.

After another hot start to the year, we have organised for air conditioning to be installed in the remaining six classrooms in the school. Climate change is definitely impacting on student learning as well as conditions for teachers. This will be installed during the autumn holidays to minimise impact on students.

Our teachers at St Kieran's are a dedicated group. We have had two information evenings during the past fortnight for Kindergarten parents, one about school and the other about the teaching and learning of Literacy. I was able to attend both evenings to see at first hand the professionalism, dedication and deep knowledge of our teachers. Thank you to Mrs Mary Brown, Mrs Jane Hocking and Miss Emily Channell for their contribution to these nights.

Fr Paul Maloney has informed me that the parish will be receiving a special visit from the Augustinian Father General on 22 March. There will be a parish reception for him with invitations extended to various groups within the parish, including the school. It would be great for the school to be represented by students, staff and parents. I will share more information on this as the time gets closer.

Finally, I have received information on an online game that poses a threat to children's safety. Information about this can be found at this link - [Kidspot](#) Talking with your child about online safety is a vital part of ensuring they are educated and monitored with online safety.

Looking forward to seeing many of our families at Mass on Sunday morning at 9.30am.



Michael Gallagher  
Principal

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

<b>KC</b>	Scarlett M and Marlon W	<b>KH</b>	Juan D and Olivia J
<b>1L</b>	Emilia G and Michael L	<b>1R</b>	Kai D and Matthew C
<b>2C</b>	Iona R and Nicholas H	<b>2S</b>	Oliver O and Belinda M
<b>3B</b>	Luke W and Pia F	<b>3S</b>	Isla D and Ollie F
<b>4G</b>	Cole I, Chloe S and Jaden K	<b>4K</b>	Lily Q and Jai D
<b>5H</b>	Jess H and Maxime G	<b>5R</b>	Georgia R, Xavier W, Tara N and Emily N
<b>6</b>	Jessica W and Kye L	<b>PE</b>	Harrison D, Elsie G, Zara B, Myles R and Stella N
<b>Italian</b>	Daniel P, Jessica C, Tessa J, Opal B, Dylan C and Natasha V	<b>Band</b>	Jackson Q and Etienne C

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

**Whooping Cough**

The school has been notified of a student who has whooping cough. If your child has been unwell and has a persistent cough please seek medical advice.

For more information regarding whooping cough visit [NSW Health](#)

**Sibling Enrolments 2018**

Enrolments are now open for Kinder 2018. If you have a child starting next year please download Enrolment forms from the school [website](#) and come along to the Open Morning 9.30am Thursday 16 March.

**School Fees**

School Fee statements are sent home to all fee payers via email at the beginning of each month (a bit like receiving your monthly credit card statement). Fee statements show any payments which have been made and list overdue payments.

If your child is in the junior or senior band, annual band fees will now show on your statement. These will be divided equally amongst your remaining instalments.

- If you are paying in the standard three instalments first payment is due **today 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) Fees which remain unpaid may be referred to the Catholic Schools Office for collection unless other arrangements have been made.

**Does Your Child Require Medication**

If your child requires regular medication please ensure the school has updated paperwork including plans. If in doubt contact the school office. Allergy Punk online has a range of medical containers, bags etc, <http://www.allergypunk.com.au/collections/medical-epipen-bags>

**Electronic Sign**

You may have noticed the school's electronic sign hasn't changed all week. We are currently waiting on a service call. Hopefully this will happen sometime in the near future.

## Library News

- **Library borrowing:** All the classes have settled well into their library borrowing. Each class has a particular borrowing day so please ensure your child returns books on time and has a library bag. The library bag is particularly important in protecting the books. Unfortunately, students are unable to borrow if they don't have a library bag.
- **Book covering:** We are very fortunate to have a steady stream of new books come into the library. These books need to be covered before they go on to the shelves.

If you can help with this, please fill in the slip at the end of the newsletter. Thank you for your help.

- **Premier's Reading Challenge:** The 2017 Challenge kicks off **Monday 6 March** and closes **Friday 25 August** (midnight) for **students**. Every student will have a user name and password so they can log the books they read.
- The table below shows the number of books that need to be read:

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

For information about the PRC, please see <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>.

There are also some useful tips for parents at the end of the newsletter.

## iPad Cables Round up!

We are currently trying to source some unused iPad charger cords for students and teachers to use when downloading items from the iPad to the laptop. We are asking any families that have any iPad chargers and cords that they are no longer being used to donate to the school. We currently need both the larger iPad 2 cords and the smaller iPad Air cords.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance.

*Tracy Brown, ICLT Coordinator*

## Swimming

We are still in need of a couple more timekeepers for the Northern Beaches Cluster Swimming Carnival. Unfortunately, St Kieran's will not be able to compete if we do not fulfil our requirements which is timekeeping one lane for the day. The more parent helpers we have, the less time you will be required to time keep. Please see Miss Scott Fell if you are able to help. Also [linked](#) is the order of events for the carnival.

## Cross Country

If your child is interested in competing in School Cross Country please hand back the permission slip ASAP. If your child did not receive one, please see [link](#) . Please note this is NOT a compulsory event and is for only students 8yrs-12yrs.

## International Football Exchange

Here is a photo of all the sports gear donated by our wonderful St Kieran's families! Thank you for your generosity. This gear will put lots of smiles on the faces of children around the world. 😊

## ICAS Competition

Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) conducts an Academic Competition called 'International Competitions and Assessments for Schools' (ICAS) for students in Years 3 – 6 who are achieving at a high level and wish to participate in the competition. If you would like to know more and/or enter your child please click [here](#)

## Wayside Chapel Donations

It's not too late to donate new underwear to the Wayside Chapel for distribution to the homeless. The donation boxes will remain outside the school administration office for the remainder of February.





### **Religious Education**

Lent is almost upon us. Our school and parish community will be attending the **Ash Wednesday Mass at 10 am next week**. Parishioners, parents and friends are invited to join us.



[Linked](#) to today's newsletter is an appendix "Families and Lent". This handout gives daily examples of ways in which our families can prepare for Easter during the forty days of Lent. Thank you Janette Davidson our Family and Sacramental Minister for preparing this wonderful family friendly resource.

### **Fr Paul's Show and Teach**

On Friday, Year 6 went to the church and visited Father Paul. He taught us about the order of the Mass and the Eucharist. We watched a clip on the preparation of the Mass and the meaning of all the things that take place during the Mass. We learnt about what happens throughout the Mass and why it happens. Did you know that everything during Mass and all the symbols have their own special meaning? The clothes that the Priest wears at a Mass aren't made to look fancy, they are to cover him up so Jesus can shine and be the focus. While we were there Father Paul answered our questions and explained to us about why the Eucharist is so important. It was a great experience that allowed us to learn so much more about the Mass in depth. Year 6 would like to thank Fr Paul for helping us understand more of the Eucharist.

*Charlotte K and Alannah W – Yr 6*

### **Dates for your Diary**

Grade 2 Family Mass	Sunday 26 Feb	9.30 am	Church
Ash Wednesday 10.00am	Wednesday 1 March	10.00am	Church

Yours in Religious Education,  
*Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar*

## PARENT NEWS

### **Canteen**



**Please place all orders by midnight tonight for next Tuesday Pancake Day on FlexiSchools!** We will need at least 15 volunteers for an hour to help setup and serve 10.30-11.30am, thank you in advance.

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 1 - Week 5):

**Wednesday 1 March:** Elanor Hill (M), Kate Foley (M), Carla Guinee (A), Melissa Noble (A)

**Thursday 2 March:** Rachel Woman (M), Rebecca Mirabito, Ana Maria Heninandez (A)

**Friday 3 March:** Sania Saady, Angelia Sokolow, Sascha Chahwan-Harris

- 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.

### **Uniform:**

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

## PARISH NEWS

### **Sacramental Program**

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*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

- **St Paul's** Open Evening Thursday 2 March 4 – 7pm [here](#)
- **Mater Maria** Open Evening Thursday 9 March 4 – 7pm [here](#)
- **Marist** College North Shore Open Day Saturday 11 March 10am – 2pm [here](#)
- **Sports Festival Cliff Side Fun Run** 9 April. [Register](#) by 1 March.



## RETURN SLIPS

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### Library Volunteer for 2017

I am willing to cover books with plastic / contact (please circle preferred)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

I am willing to shelve books on:

Tuesday (morning/afternoon)

Wednesday (morning/afternoon)

Weekly

Fortnightly

Monthly

Once per term



Stella Maris College  
**Open Evening**

Wednesday 15th March  
4.00pm - 7.30pm

All Welcome

Guided tours by our student  
ambassadors throughout the evening

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## Premier's Reading Challenge

### Tips for parents and carers for participating in the Challenge

- Find out the name(s) of your school's Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) coordinator(s) and how they plan to administer the Challenge.
- Familiarise yourself with the [PRC website](#). Logon is not required to view the [Booklists](#) or read the [Rules](#).
- Visit the new [Premier's Reading Challenge Support website](#). It allows you to search for information about the PRC and also [contact the PRC team](#).
- Set reminders for Challenge [opening and closing dates](#) in your and your child's calendar.
- Find out your [child's logon details](#). For public schools, students' logon will be the same one they use to access computers and the internet at school.
- Assist your child to borrow books from the school or local library. Listen to your child read and talk about the story/ characters/ information. Read to or with your child if she/he is participating in the K-2 Challenge.
- Help your child to add books to her/his Student Reading Record regularly. Log on and go to: Student Reading Records > enter books by ID or Title or Author. To [enter a Personal Choice book](#), select the 'Add a Choice Book' tab > enter part of the title or author > select 'Search'. If your book appears as an option, select 'Add'. If it does not appear, scroll down to the 'Still can't find a book?' section > enter the full title and author > select 'Add'.
- Check your child's [Challenge history](#) – log on to the website, go to Student Reading Records and select tab 'My Information'. If Challenge participation at a previous school is not listed, contact your child's PRC coordinator.
- Contact your child's PRC coordinator if:
  - Your child has any difficulty using her/his logon details to access the PRC website.
  - You are concerned that your child's name is spelt incorrectly in the PRC website.
- Your child's online Student Reading Record (SRR) must have the required number of books recorded to complete the Challenge by the [student closing date](#). School PRC coordinators have an extra week to validate the SRR. Only students with a validated SRR are eligible for a certificate.
- In the final weeks of the Challenge, log on regularly to the website to check the status of your child's SRR. Contact your child's PRC coordinator if you are concerned your child's SRR has not been validated.



**Welcome to a new school year,  
all new and returning families please  
join the Parents and Friends  
Committee**

**to meet each other, as well as  
Principal, Michael Gallagher**

on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March

7.30pm

Wakehurst Golf Club

Upper Clontarf Street, Seaforth

Cost: \$25pp (includes canapés only)

rspv by 24<sup>th</sup> February

via Flexischools [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

