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LOOKING AHEAD

March

Mon 13 Cross Country
Parent / Teacher [Bookings](#) open

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
7pm P&F meeting in the Library. All welcome
Reminder: Parent / Teacher [Bookings](#)

Thurs 23 9.30am School Tour for prospective parents

Fri 24 Yrs 2 & 3 Yoga
Gala Day Clinics
Parent/Teacher Booking closed
7.30pm Dads' Curry Night

Thurs 30 9.30am School Tour for prospective parents

Fri 31 Yrs 2 & 3 Yoga
9-11am Gala Day Clinics

April

Mon 3 Yr 4 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
Easter Story Yr 6

Thurs 27 Yr 5 Excursion to Rouse Hill Farm & House
9.30am School Tour

Fri 28 Yoga Yrs 1 & 5
2pm Assembly

Dear Families

I hope during Fallow Week you have made time to spend together as a family. It is very easy in today's hectic pace of living to overlook time with each other. No longer is quality time seen as more important than **quantity time**. Time together doesn't need to be doing something "special" but rather, just "hanging around" in the company of each other. If you haven't had the opportunity yet, make some time this weekend to spend time in each other's company.

Last Saturday evening was the Welcome Evening, an opportunity for many of our families to meet for the first time or to rekindle existing friendships. It was a very well attended event, one of many this year, where our parent community can connect and build relationships with each other. Thank you to the Parents and Friends team for their organisation and efforts in ensuring a great night was had by all.

On Tuesday evening, the St Kieran's School Advisory Council met to discern a focus for the year ahead. Previously, the School Board, as it was known, assisted the principal in matters to do with the broader life of the school. These included the development of a vision statement and building the spiritual life of the school community. This year the council will continue supporting and advising the principal, particularly in areas linked to our goal on Pastoral Care. This includes areas such as parental engagement, student wellbeing and relationships based on mutual respect and understanding. Thank you to the council members for their time and valued contributions.

A reminder that the St Kieran's Open Day is on next Thursday morning. I am looking forward to sharing our wonderful school with families in our community who are visiting for the first time. Again, if there are any families you know who are looking for a quality school for their children next year, tell them about St Kieran's. If you have a child starting school in 2018, you still need to complete an enrolment form and hand in to the office along with the enrolment fee.

Congratulations to all our swimmers at last night's Broken Bay Carnival. A special mention to the Junior Boy's Relay Team who came first in their race and will progress to the Polding Trials at Homebush later in the term.

Michael Gallagher
Principal

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KC	Olivia J and Joseph H	KH	Patrick H, Olivia R and Jonathan M
1L	Gwenni T and Ivy V	1R	Jack P and Aaron C
2C	All of 2C	2S	Baxter E and Declan M
3B	Ana Luiza F and Oscar P	3S	Mila C and Sonny K
4G	Shae L, Jacob S and Lilli G	4K	All Yr 4 for a wonderful assembly
5H	Saskia B and Jas K	5R	Nikola K and Tessa J
6	Zack A and Leilani C	PE	Eli W, Olivia G and Phoenix B
Italian	Olly J, Ruby N, Mattaeus P, Josh A, Sarah H and Charlotte K		

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Student Absences

Commencing this week parents receive an SMS message if their child has not arrived at school and no communication has been made to the school regarding the absence. All teachers mark their rolls prior to 9.30am and the SMS will be sent out around 10am.

Please ensure you have called the school on 9949 3523 or 9949 4063 or 9948 9949 and have pressed 1 to be put through to the absentee line. Please keep in mind that the first bell is at 8.43am and classes commence at 8.45am.

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**.

Car Park Guidelines: Please read [carefully](#)

SCHOOL NEWS

Broken Bay Swimming

Congratulations to all 10 students who represented the Northern Beaches Cluster at Broken Bay last night. It was a very tough competition with so many close finishes.

A special mention to our Junior Boys Relay team (Christian C, Jackson Q, Louis T and Lachlan H) placing 1st and Opal B coming 2nd in the 11yrs 50m Breaststroke. These students will now represent Broken Bay at the Polding carnival! Congratulations!



Science and Technology- Robotics

This week Year 6 participated in the Robotics workshop whereby they extended their knowledge on coding and working with the EV3 robot. They were taught to implement digital solutions using light and sonar technologies. Take a look at the gallery below of Year 6 enjoying their robotics workshop.



I had so much fun at Robotics! I already had some prior knowledge from participating in the after school Robotics programming last year, so it was great to refresh my mind again. Even though it was a serious amount of learning, I still had heaps of fun. I can't wait to do it again in the future! Jack h (Yr 6)

On Monday, year 6 did Robotics. In Robotics we learnt how to make a program for the robots to follow. One of the programs was using the light sensors on the robot. We had to program the robot to stop when it hit light or dark. I had so much fun. Thank you to our great Robotics teachers! Isabel O (Yr 6)

Something I liked about Robotics is that you can program the robot to do funny things and make funny noises. It is challenging to program the right thing because you might program the wrong thing but it is really

fun. I also liked that you can work with people that you don't normally work with and you can problem solve and challenge yourself. Lachlan I (Yr 6)



ICAS Competition

Entries for these competitions have now closed.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

As initiated in 2016, we will be holding our Parent Teacher Interviews at the end of Term 1. This has come about as a result of feedback from data gained through our Parent Survey which was held towards the end of 2015. In order to facilitate the organisation around this, I ask that you please read the instructions below carefully. Our Online Booking System ensures that parents are able to book times that are convenient to them, with ease.

Online Booking for Parent Teacher Interviews.

Below is an explanation of how to book your time for the Parent Teacher Interviews which will be held before the end of this term during Weeks 9 and 10 (the last two weeks of term).

You will be able to access the School Interview website (in order to make bookings) from **Monday 13 March** until **Friday 24 March**. It will be **closed** at 3.00pm on the Friday (March 24th). These interviews will involve all grades from Kindergarten to Year 6. Parents of children in Years K-6, please follow the prompts below.

NB** Please **do not** search for the website by searching Google for “*School Interviews*”...you will be taken to the wrong site!

Go to www.schoolinterview.com.au (no ‘s’) and follow these simple instructions.

Go to www.schoolinterview.com.au

and enter our school code.

Then follow 3 easy steps.

Enter School Code

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Go

1

Register

2

Choose teachers

3

3:30

3:45

Choose times

STEP 1 is where you REGISTER. **Please note that even if you registered last year you may need to register again.**

AFTER you have completed **STEP 1** (Registration) you will be sent a pin which will allow you to then access the **Schoolinterview** website.

STEP 2 – once logged in you will be asked to enter the names of the students you wish to make a booking for. (i.e. the names of your child/children). When you have done this, click on **go to bookings** and use the drop down menu to **choose the correct year level** for your child/ren. You will then need to click on the drop down menu **add a class** in order to select the appropriate teacher for your child.

STEP 3 – Click on the class teacher and select a time!

NB*** Year 6 parents must **only** book in with Mrs Ucchino. Mrs Ucchino and Mrs Brown will **both** be present at the interviews but for “ease of booking” – make sure you select Mrs Christina Ucchino to book a time!



When you click finish, you can either print your interview timetable or email it to yourself! If you don't receive an email straight away – check your junk mail folder.

Also, if something comes up you can return to www.schoolinterview.com.au and change your interviews until bookings are closed by the school.

- Remember interview times cannot be changed or cancelled after **Friday 24 March** when bookings will close.
- If you don't have internet access or need any assistance with bookings, please speak to your child's teacher.
- If there are no suitable times available on the schedule, please inform the class teacher via a written note.

Should you find, that after **Friday 24 March** (due to an emergency) you cannot attend the arranged interview please contact the school office.

Please note – Interview times have been organised into 15 minute timeslots as the actual interview is **15 minutes** in duration.

For parents who have more than one interview please ensure that you do not book consecutive interviews but that you allow at least 15 minutes between your interviews in order to allow for a smoother and more time efficient “flow” to the interviews. As you can appreciate, finishing one interview at e.g. 3.30 and then beginning the following interview at 3.30 does not allow for movement and may then have a flow on effect in terms of time management.

Please find attached to this Newsletter a form which parents should **print out** and **fill in**, returning it then to the appropriate classroom teacher. This form assists teachers to better inform you of key issues you may wish to discuss regarding your child. We ask that you return the form to the class teacher **as soon as possible**. Thank you in anticipation of your attention to this!

Also...The children in Years 2-6 are expected to attend and be involved in the interview process. We believe that students are empowered when included in this process. Research shows us that children who reflect on their learning are better able to plan for future learning, set goals and accept responsibility for their learning journey. These are the skills we aim to develop in our students at St Kieran's because we believe they are valuable aptitudes to have as members of modern society in the 21st century.

Have a lovely weekend!

Marisa Bombardieri

Book Club: the current issue of Book Club is due back Thursday morning 16 March. No late orders will be accepted.

Head, Heart and Hands

Project Compassion is just not about raising money for a worthy cause. It is about developing a capacity in the children for compassion and empathy towards others in the world and an appreciation of the things they have in their lives such as a warm dry bed, breakfast, access to health care and an education. The Head, Heart and Hands model seeks to develop both of these aspects.



Head: The children are given **information** and facts about life of other children living in third world conditions. They may view video, discuss statistics, read life stories and view photos.



Heart: The children are asked to think more deeply what it would be like to live in areas where our basic food, clothing and shelter are not met. The children are asked to **put themselves into the shoes of others** and try to imagine what it may be like. Related scripture is called upon and discussed and the children ponder questions such as “What would Jesus do?” or “As a child of God, what can I do to help?”



Hands: The children act! They instigate a fund raiser to raise money to go towards helping others. From their studies they know that five dollars would purchase a chicken for the Matuba Children's centre to provide food. Ten dollars can provide a water filter giving a family safe access to water. This year we are encouraging the older children **to do something with their own hands** to raise money. This may involve a shoe shine day or a “rice lunch”.

Project Compassion is not about dropping our loose change into a box. In our Catholic School, Project Compassion is about engendering in the children an **understanding and empathy** of the lives many children live. Project Compassion is giving the children the **opportunity to act** and make difference in the lives of others.

Religious Education

Students and Teachers are in the process of completing their first module of Religious Education. Please take the opportunity to chat with your child about what they have been learning in Religion. The modules of work each class is studying are as follows:

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| Kindy: Belonging to God's Family | Year 4: God's Forgiveness And Healing |
| Year 1: Baptism - Jesus Our Friend | Year 5: Sacraments of Service |
| Year 2: Jesus Shows Me How To Love | Year 6: Eucharist Nourishes Us For The Journey |
| Year 3: Reconciliation: Living in A Forgiving Community | |

Fr Paul visited the school this week spending some time with our students who are preparing for the Sacrament of their First Reconciliation. As well as explaining aspects of Reconciliation with the children, Fr Paul took the time to chat with the students about a variety of topics.



Youth Minister for the Parish Deacon Frances is running a short program for those children wanting to be Altar Servers. Any students who are interested in becoming an altar server for either weekends or school Masses need to return the altar server slip towards the end of this newsletter. I will be attending any sessions held during lunch time. Parents are asked to attend any altar serving sessions held in the evenings.

- Evening Junior altar Servers Sessions are as follows;
- 17 March: Junior Servers' Training Session 1, 6-7pm
- 24 March: Junior Servers' Training Session 2, 6-7pm
- 9 April: Installation of New Junior Altar Servers (St Kieran's), 9:30am Mass

PARENT NEWS

P&F Meeting

The first 2017 P&F meeting will be held in the school library at St Kieran's, Monday 20 March for a 7pm start. It's a great way to hear about what is happening in the school including future school community events. Michael Gallagher and Marisa Bombardieri attend these meetings. If you have any agenda items please email by Sunday 19 March to stkierans.pf@gmail.com.

P&F Welcome Evening



Thank you to everyone who attended welcome drinks on Saturday night. It was great to see parents from all years attending.



Dads' Curry Night

The first curry of the year will take place Friday 24 March, this should give you enough time to get it on the fridge and negotiate with the other significant half:)

We will kick off with Ashiana in Manly again, as this is always a good curry, we can have some drinks, and also we can meet up before and/ or after. Contact me for details. Please let me know if you can come along, and I will keep you posted.

Again it's an open invite to any St Kieran's dads so please pass on:

- Friday 24 March 7.30 PM
- <http://www.ashianaindianrestaurant.com.au/>

Look forward to catching up again,

Cheers Howie

Canteen

NEW to the menu: Chicken vegetable stir fry with noodles, and rice paper rolls.

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 5 of each term on a Thursday, 9.00am to 1.50pm, **May 25, August 17, and November 9?**
- 1 x volunteer required for Week 8 **Thursday 23rd March, 9.00am to 1.50pm?**



NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 1 - Week 7):

Wednesday 15 March: Clare Foale, Jo Ingleton

Thursday 16 March: Katrina Beaman, Trisha Byrne

Friday 17 March: Jenni Schofield (M), Di Russo-James, Richard Bartlett, Laura Trew (A)

- 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.

Cancer Council NSW - Eat It To Beat It Nutrition

Please click [here](#) for snippets from the Cancer Council regarding health and nutrition.

Topics include:

- The simplest way ... to get behind Fruit & Veg Month.
- The simplest way ... to know the serves you need.
- The simplest way ... to make easy fried rice.
- The simplest way ... to stock up on lunch box staples.
- The simplest way ... to try healthy Easter treats.
- The simplest way ... to understand UV radiation (SunSmart Snippet).

Uniform:

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Marist College North Shore Open Day** Saturday 11 March 10am – 2pm [here](#)
- **Manly Vale Football Club** is still looking for boys and girls, turning 5 or 6 in 2017 to play in an Under 6 team – the Under 6 Gorillas – on a Saturday morning. We've a few spaces in the Under 6 Gorillas so if any friends would like to play together, I can guarantee they'll be in the same team – because playing with friends is what it's all about. Registrations are at www.myfootballclub.com.au Should anyone have any questions, please call Tom Miles on 0488 424 122
- **St Augustine's College Open Day:** Friday 10 March 3.45 – 7pm. Currently interviewing for Years 5 & 7 2019. For further information go to www.saintaug.nsw.edu.au

RETURN SLIPS



Expressions of Interest for Altar Servers

_____ name, from Year _____ would like to attend altar servers training.



We are interested in serving at **School Masses** and /or **Weekend Masses** and /or **undecided**.

_____ Parent Signature. _____ Parents Phone number

Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar



Parent Observations / Comments

Child's Name: _____

Child's Class: _____

At the Parent/Teacher 15 minute interview, I would like to discuss.

1 Areas of success:

2 Areas of concern:

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____