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LOOKING AHEAD

May		Fri 26	Gala Day clinics
Mon 15	9-9.30am Open Classrooms for Maths	Mon 29	Kinder Robotics
Tues 16	Entertainment™ Books distributed	Wed 31	1-2-3 Magic Parent Ed Course 7pm
Wed 17	7pm 1-2-3 Magic Parent Ed Course in the iCentre	June	
Thurs 18	9.30am School Tour Cyber Safety – wear a touch of silver	Fri 2	Kinder Robotics & Yoga Yrs 1 & 5 Vinnies Collection Yrs 3 & 6 2pm Assembly
Fri 19	Yr 3 Robotics & Yoga Yrs 1 & 5 Walk Safely to School Day	Mon 5	Yr 1 Robotics
Tues 23	Broken Bay Cross Country	Wed 7	Yr 6 to Canberra
Wed 24	1-2-3 Magic Parent Ed Course 7pm in the iCentre 11.30am National Simultaneous Storytime	Tues 13	ICAS Writing this week
Fri 26	Yoga Yrs 1 & 5, Yr 3 Robotics &	Wed 14	ICAS Spelling
		Fri 16	Gala Day clinics Yrs 3 – 6
		Mon 19	Yr 1 Robotics
		Wed 21	Stage 3 rehearsal
		Fri 23	Gala Day clinics Yrs 3 - 6

Dear Families

Our Kindergarten children led a beautiful liturgy for our mothers in the KC classroom this morning. Unfortunately, due to the damp ground, we weren't able to hold the liturgy on the playground as planned but we will be holding it again on Monday morning at assembly.

No doubt you will have heard or read about the funding proposals by the Federal Government in the news over the last week. It is very unclear how the changes will affect St Kieran's and other systemic Catholic schools. It appears that the changes will impact more on independent Catholic schools but it is still too early to predict at this stage. The Catholic Schools Office will communicate with families once details are clearer.

The new state member for Manly, James Griffin MP, visited our school today. He was very keen to hear about our community and how he may be able to assist. Having gone through the Catholic school system and a graduate of a Catholic university, he has a good understanding of our Catholic community. He met our Year 6 students and extended an invitation to our leaders to visit parliament later in the year.

Many of our children are caught up in the "fidget spinner" craze that is sweeping the nation! While there is a place for them in schools for some children, they have become a distraction for teachers and other students. If your child has been recommended to use one at school by an occupational therapist then it is fine to have it in the classroom otherwise I would ask parents to ask children to leave them at home.

The question of riding bicycles to school has been raised and to seek an answer I would like to begin the conversation by conducting a brief survey of families. If you click on the link [Click Here](#) you will be taken to a short four question survey. It should only take a couple of minutes to complete.



If you haven't heard the wonderful news by now, Mrs Tracy Brown and her husband Jon are the proud parents of Jesse, a bouncing baby boy. All are doing very well!

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers.



God bless

Michael Gallagher, Principal

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KC	Sophie T, Ella C, Alana R and Kalan M	KH	Jacob B, Zac B and Patrick H
1L	Will P and Lachlan F	1R	Elloise R and Darcy B
2C	Lachlan W and Cooper W	2S	Liam O and Malgosia K
3B	Pia F and Tadhg M	3S	Charlotte H and Joel S
4G	Paria S, Cole I and Isabel S	4K	Nadia J and Scarlett P
5H	Emily D and Eva D	5R	Eliza L and Ashley N
6	Neve D and Ella H	Italian	Ashleigh W, Sofia F, Alexander F, Braylon D, Louis T and Isabella D

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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](#) .

SCHOOL NEWS

Polding Soccer

Congratulations to Isabella King who has been selected for the Polding Soccer Team which will be competing at state later this year.

Stage 2 & 3 Gala Day

An email was sent out yesterday to all parents in Yrs 3-6 regarding Term 2 Gala Day. Relevant information and permission note was attached in the email. If you could please sign the note and return it to your child's teacher asap would be greatly appreciated.



'Stronger Families, Stronger Communities'

Commencing next week, St Kieran's Catholic School Community will undertake a **family orientated homework grid**. Homework need not be returned to school until the following Monday to allow families the weekend to participate in some of the family activities on the homework grid or indeed, add some of your own.

As part of our Families Week all children will be bringing home a paper doll chain. The children are asked to decorate their paper dolls in the likeness of their family members. Please feel free to add to the template to reflect your family dynamics or to include grandparents. Children may colour in their paper families, add bits of material or wool, create collage or write words to describe their families.

On the back of the paper doll chain you are encouraged to write a sentence with your child about your family. Sentences may use the themes: My family is special because or I am grateful for my family because..... . Please return your paper dolls chains to school so they can be displayed in the classroom, around the school and in the church.



This week families will receive an inspirational booklet entitled "**Walking the Way.**" Published by Mission Services at Broken Bay Diocese this text is a celebration of the wonderful journey that is life. "Walking the Way" explores many themes associated with the journey of life; family life, life in the fast lane, life in community and rejoicing and grieving. The short articles in the booklet can be read individually, shared as a family or as a group of parents. Please enjoy.

Kindergarten Mothers' Day Liturgy

Due to the weather and the damp ground the proposed Kindergarten liturgy was moved to the Kinder rooms today. This liturgy will be repeated on Monday morning at assembly for all to enjoy

We are delighted to see the youngest members of our school community leading us in prayer and reflections for our most precious Mothers and Grandmothers.

Robotics

What a versatile space the Kieran Room is. A few weeks ago it was set up to be a sacred space where classes solemnly reflected upon the Scriptures of Holy Week and the Resurrection. During the normal school week it becomes a Music and Italian classroom.

On Fridays the Kieran Room is transformed into a ROBOTICS classroom. Students from K – 6 learn basic coding before downloading their programs to robots. Students are challenged to program their robots to perform different actions. Year 4K relished the Robotics program last Friday. Working in pairs they problem solved, adjusted lines of code and negotiated a series of challenges.

Science, Technology and Mathematics outcomes are covered in the Robotics course as the students use appropriate terminology to describe, and symbols to represent mathematical ideas. Using 'blocks' of code, students sequence and design programs to make their robots move through a series of challenges.



Book Club: The current issue of Book Club has now closed. No late orders will be accepted.

Qkr!

 masterpass

TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. How do I add or delete payment cards?

A. To delete or edit your payment cards from the 'Settings':

1. Tap on the three horizontal lines icon at the top left of the screen.
2. Tap 'Manage Payment Cards' and tap on the relevant card.
3. Tap 'Edit Card', make the required changes and tap 'Update'; or Tap 'Delete Card', and tap Delete to confirm the deletion.

To add a new card from the Settings: Tap 'Add a new card', enter the card details and tap 'Add Card' to save.

To add a new card from the Submit Payment screen:

1. Tap 'Add Card' at the top right of the screen.
2. Enter the card details and tap 'Add Card' to save.



St Kieran's is now using Qkr! (by MasterCard) as an easy to use, secure phone app for making (school, canteen, Caritas etc) payments from your mobile phone. Qkr accepts payment using ANY credit/debit card (except American Express) and has a simple checkout function. No information is stored on the mobile phone. We encourage all credit card payments to be completed through Qkr, particularly for school fees or other special events. Instructions for download can be found on the school [website](#).

PARENT NEWS

Message from the P&F

This morning some of the mothers of our community came together to enjoy a cuppa and some time out to listen to some fabulous guest speakers. Thank you so much to Megan Taslaman from Integrated Holistic Health Practice and Kate Cooper from Arbonne for sharing their time and knowledge with us this morning, it was greatly appreciated.

We are lucky to have some very talented parents in our community and we thank Marc Lynch from Digart Design for our beautiful Mother's Day canvas.

A reminder will be sent out soon re the 1-2-3 Magic workshop starting next Wednesday night. This is a fabulous resource being provided free to our community.

We wish all the special women in our lives a wonderful day this Sunday.



Entertainment™ Memberships 2017/2018

Next week an Entertainment book will be coming home with your eldest child. You will have the opportunity to review all the great restaurant, cafe, hotel, accommodation and travel offers. You may decide to do one of three things –

1. Keep the book. Then follow the payment instructions in the letter enclosed with the book; **OR**
2. Want the digital version on your smartphone. Follow the instructions to purchase the digital version on-line and return the book to school in the envelope provided; **OR**
3. Return the book. Place the book in the envelope provided and return to school. Books can be returned to the classroom where they will be collected or placed in the box outside the administration building – don't forget to return them in the envelope they arrived in.

Please mark clearly on the front of the envelope what your instructions are. There is no obligation to purchase so if you decide it's not for you, then send the book back via your child or alternately drop it off yourself in the returns box in the foyer near the office. If you are returning the book, we ask you to please do so as soon as you have made up your mind.

If you return the book now and decide later that you would like to order a membership, then it's no problem at all, just jump on-line any time to order here - <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2001d10> . For further information on returning the books or ordering, please do not hesitate to contact Susan Nicols at slnicols@hotmail.com.

Dads' Curry Night

The next *Curry Night* is planned for Friday 23 June at [7.30pm](#) at Dehli Darbar, Allambie Shops, Allambie. This is a week before the end of Term 2, and hopefully gives you guys enough time to negotiate and get the date marked up on the fridge. Click here for information on the restaurant -

<https://www.zomato.com/sydney/delhi-darbar-indian-restaurant-brookvale>

Howard Giles, howardgiles100@hotmail.com

Canteen

All recess orders to be collected from the canteen, thank you.

Volunteer needed for Wednesdays 2 August, and 25 October 2017 - 9.00am to 1.50pm? Please text Jo Nesbitt if you are able to help out on 0410 629 135.

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 2 - Week 4):

Wednesday 17 May: Ali Malone, Ally Browne

Thursday 18 May: Kerry Doughty, Kara Haskell Glamore

Friday 19 May: Nicole Covich, Sania Saady, Lou Henville

- 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).

Any changes to the canteen roster, please contact: Jo Nesbitt - joanne.nesbitt@dbb.catholic.edu.au or text 0410 629 135.

St Kieran's Umbrellas: will be sold near the canteen over the next two weeks for an absolute BARGAIN, only \$10 for a large strong umbrella.

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

1-2-3 Magic Workshop.

The Catholic Schools Office Parent Ed Team is presenting a 1-2-3 Magic Workshop on Building emotion intelligence and managing behaviour. This is a very worthwhile program and is being presented over three evenings in May at St

Kieran's. Please register your intention of attendance by emailing or phoning the school. Click [here](#) for further information.

Walking the Way with your Child

A parent initiative in Broken Bay Schools – Faith tips for the journey Easter 6 Yr A:

<http://wgm8.r.a.d.sendibm1.com/3cqldunh3nnf.html>

PARISH NEWS

Sacramental Program News

Parents are reminded that the children preparing for First Communion will be presented to the community at the **Ritual of Our Father** at all parish masses this weekend. Families attend one of the parish masses

Baptism Program for Older Children commences on Sunday 21 May 2017 for parents who may have:

- children aged seven years and older who are not baptised and would like to receive the Sacrament of Baptism;
- children who have been baptised into another Christian denomination who wish to be received into the Catholic Church and participate in the Sacramental Program;

Please contact Janette if you would like to have a conversation about the above, the program can be downloaded from the parish website www.northharbourcatholic.org.au under the sacraments tab

Blessing of Expectant Parents and **Blessing** on Mother's Day for Mothers and Grandmothers at all masses this weekend.

Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister

Augustinian Formation Association Fundraiser

The Augustinian Formation Association (AFA) support and fundraise to help the Augustinian students. AFA is having a fundraiser, a one man Henry Lawson Show by Max Cullen on Saturday, 3 June at 2pm in the Parish Centre. For further information click [here](#).