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LOOKING AHEAD

May

Tues 23 Broken Bay Cross Country
All Entertainment Books to be returned

Wed 24 1-2-3 Magic Parent Ed Course 7pm in the iCentre
11.30am National Simultaneous
Storytime

Fri 26 Yoga Yrs 1 & 5, Yr 3 Robotics &
Fri 26 Gala Day clinics, Yoga Yrs 1 & 5,
Robotics Yr 3

Mon 29 Kinder Robotics

Wed 31 1-2-3 Magic Parent Ed Course 7pm

June

Fri 2 Kinder Robotics & Yoga Yrs 1 & 5
Vinnies Collection Yrs 3 & 6
2pm Assembly

Mon 5 Yr 1 Robotics

Tues 6

Wed 7

Fri 9

Tues 13

Wed 14

Fri 16

Mon 19

Wed 21

Fri 23

Tues 27

Thurs 29

Fri 30

Mission Team to Nursing home
Yr 6 to Canberra

Yr 6 return / Gala Day clinics

ICAS Writing this week

ICAS Spelling

Gala Day clinics Yrs 3 – 6

Yr 1 Robotics

7pm P&F meeting – all welcome

Band performance Forest High

Stage 3 rehearsal

School Advisory Council meeting

Gala Day clinics Yrs 3 – 6

Gala Day Years 3 & 4

Gala Day Years 5 & 6

Vinnies Collection (K & 1)

End Term 2

Dear Families

Last Friday you would have received a letter emailed from the Director of Catholic Schools Broken Bay, Mr Peter Hamill, updating you on the *Gonski 2.0* proposed funding for Australian schools. Information on funding changes for our systemic schools in Broken Bay at this point in time is unclear. You may consider communicating with our local federal MP, The Hon Tony Abbott, to express your questions or concerns regarding the funding changes.

St Kieran's hosted the first of three sessions of *1-2-3 Magic*, a parenting program hosted by the diocesan Parent Education Team. Parents from St Kieran's and other northern beaches Catholic schools heard about the challenges of modern day parenting and strategies that are able to assist. This is one of the many opportunities for parents to attend evening sessions on topics that are of interest. On Tuesday evening the staff listened to an experienced principal who has had many years in educating teachers and parents about the differences in educating boys and girls. During Term 3 there will be another opportunity for parents to hear this talk at an evening education session. We will let you know more in the weeks to come. Thank you to Mrs Alyson Perry for her assistance in setting up for the 1-2-3 Magic talk on Wednesday.

As of Thursday there were 30 responses to the brief survey on the riding of bicycles to and from school. If you haven't had a chance to complete the survey, [Click Here](#). The survey will remain open until next Monday.

This Sunday our Year 6 children and their families have the opportunity to take part in the parish Mass in the evening. Of course it is open to all families from St Kieran's. I hope you are able to make it along.

God bless

Michael Gallagher
Principal

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KC	Maya H and Asher K	KH	Olivia J, Zac F and Zara B
1L	Ivy V and Emma S	1R	Mya W and Jj P
2C	Eve C and Grace M	2S	Baxter E, Amelia R and Tahlia M
3B	Lachlan H and Eve S	3S	Jack H and Gretel W
4G	Jackson Q, Shae L and Mitchell A	4K	Nadia J and Oliver J
5H	Jackson C and Jessica R	5R	Nikola K and Emily N
6	Amy S and Eloise W	PE	Malgorzata K
Italian	Eve S, Olli P, Sam Z, Grace H, Ashley N & Molly L	Band	Jessica W, Finlay P

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](#) . All enrolments should be submitted by 31 May to be included in first round offers.

School Fees – May 2017

Please ensure you are up to date with your school fees. If you are paying by 3 standard instalments the 2nd instalment was due **5 May**. For those families paying by weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalments please ensure your account is up to date.

Should you be experiencing difficulties in meeting your fee commitments please contact the office to arrange a meeting with Michael Gallagher.

School fees can now be paid using the new Qkr app.

Late Arrivals

There has been a steady increase in the number of children arriving late to school. This is disruptive to both the office and classrooms. Please endeavour to get your child/children to school in time for the first bell at 8.43am. Children who arrive late to school **must be accompanied to the office by a parent**. A late note needs to be completed **by the parent** and the student will be given a late slip to hand to their teacher.

SCHOOL NEWS

Work on King Street, Manly Vale, from Thursday 1 June

The NSW Government is funding an upgrade to school zone signs at St Kieran's Catholic Primary School as part of the NSW School Zone Flashing Lights program to improve the safety for students in the area. [Click here for more information.](#)

“Catholic Worldview - Through the Lens of a Child” Photo Competition 2017

This is a great opportunity for students to take some amazing [photos](#) .

- The closing date for entries is Friday 26 May 2017. (Term 2 Week 5).
- The 2017 Photographic Competition categories are People, Places, Nature or Animals.
- To enter the competition students email their entries directly to images@theschoolphotographer.com.au
- Students are allowed to submit only one photograph.

Conditions of Entry: Public exhibition and/or publication of selected photos will occur; photos may be displayed on the school's websites. Entrants in the competition agree that NBLCCS 'schools' reserve the right to use all images entered in the competition for on-going promotional and educational purposes.

The ownership will remain that of the photographer, however by entering the competition, you agree all rights to payment for copyright, royalty or any other purpose are waived for each and every photograph entered. All efforts will be made to provide appropriate acknowledgement of the photographer whenever photographs are used for the purposes outlined in the Conditions of Entry.

If people appear in your photos, please gain permission for the photo to be displayed and published. The Entrant indemnifies the 'Schools' against all damages, losses, costs and expenses in the permissions mentioned above.

By entering the Competition, all entrants and/or their representative(s) consent to the use of their first name, schools and year level, photograph, voice and/or image for any publicity and marketing purposes, commercial or otherwise, in all media used by the 'Schools' without payment or compensation, throughout the world in perpetuity.

A panel of judges from The School Photographer will choose winning photos in each category and an overall winner. Prizes:

- All winners will receive a framed print of their winning entry
- First Prize in each category - \$50.00
- Second Prize in each category - \$25.00
- Third Prize in each category – framed print
- Overall winner - \$100.00

National Simultaneous Storytime

National Simultaneous Storytime is an important annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 17th successful year it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children's book that explores age appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Grades K to 6 and the pre-school Early Learning Years Framework.



About National Simultaneous Storytime

Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. This year, the K-6 students of St Kieran's will participate in NSS on Wednesday at 11.30am. The book to be read is, "The Cow Tripped Over The Moon," by Tony Wilson.

The aim of National Simultaneous Storytime is to:

- promote the value of reading and literacy;
- promote the value and fun of books;
- promote an Australian writer and publisher;
- promote storytime activities in public libraries and communities around the country.



The Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the students who have already completed the PRC. For those still reading, don't forget to log your books.

In library lessons this week, Kindergarten read, "On the Day you were Born" and Yr 1 and 2 read, "Family Forest." These books can be added to their PRC reading logs.

Last week a flyer was sent home about the Book Bonus to encourage sponsorship for the PRC. Please take the time to read this flyer and also consider sponsorship for your child while participating in the PRC. This is a great way to get more books for our school as well as helping those schools less fortunate than us. Click [here](#) .

Infant's Library Borrowing

Just a reminder re the K, 1 and 2 library days as there seems to be a lot of students without library bags recently.

- Tuesday: KC, KH, 1L, 2C and 2S
- Wednesday: 1R



Closure of FlexiSchool Account

Today is the last day that orders will be able to be made using FlexiSchools for the canteen. Please see instructions below on how to get a refund from FlexiSchools if you still have a balance in your account. Moving forward all canteen orders should be made using the QKR! app.

Instructions for FlexiSchool refund: After you have used your FlexiSchools account for the last time go to the My Account tab when you are logged into the desk top site and select Pay my balance back to me. This will close your account and trigger a full refund of any outstanding balance.

Band

To all band parents and members,

I would like to remind everyone that band arrival time is 7:15am sharp as we need this time to set up the room and get as much rehearsal time as we can. Thank you in advance.

Rehearsal for both bands this week went really well, getting through lots of new repertoire for the up-coming performances. One performance is confirmed for Monday, 19 June at Forest High. Please put this date in your diaries as both bands will be performing that night.

Senior band is practicing *Pink Panther* and *Harry Potter* this week. Junior band is practicing *Let's Rock* and *Power Rock* this week.

I'm looking to what's in store this term
Miss Hodges, Band conductor

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

'Stronger Families, Stronger Communities'



"Families are society's most important building block. Strong families equate to strong communities because they embody caring for others, connectedness with people and provide hope, support and comfort" - *Dr Brian Babington.*

Thank you to the students of St Kieran's Catholic School for their wonderful and creative paper chain families. A number of these highly decorated family chains have arrived at school and look spectacular. Well done children.

Please remember in your prayers the Year 3 children who are preparing for the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Thank you to the parents, group leaders, teachers and Parish Sacramental team who are leading the children in their journey of faith.



All members of our school community are invited to **CELEBRATE SUNDAY** at the St Kieran's Church this **Sunday evening at 6 pm.** Year 6 students have prepared the readings and singing at this Mass and will be involved in many aspects of the celebration. With Music Ministry by Ben Marshall and the Youth Band **CELEBRATE SUNDAY** at 6 pm proves to be a vibrant and alive celebration of our faith. Our sincere thanks to Ben M for sharing his talent and involving our young musicians in prayer.

Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar, Religious Education Coordinator

Caritas – Project Compassion: Could all Project Compassion boxes please be returned to school.

Qkr!

St Kieran's is now using Qkr! (by MasterCard) as an easy to use, secure phone app for making payments (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](#).

The screenshot shows the Qkr! app interface. At the top, there are logos for Qkr! and MasterCard. Below that, it says 'TIP OF THE WEEK'. The main content is a question: 'Q. Can two parents set up an account for the same student?' followed by an answer: 'A. Qkr! offers the ability for two parents to set up accounts for the same student if needed. However, please note that the two accounts are independent and no details are shared between them.' To the right of the text is a smartphone displaying the app's 'Student Profiles' screen, which lists two profiles: Charlotte Jones (PSOP 11, Pres) and James Jones (10, Year 3).

Head Lice

Unfortunately it seems that nits or eggs seem to be present in some children's hair. Head lice are more of an inconvenience than a serious health problem, however they are a problem none of us wishes to have. We realise that this is not a reflection on the hygiene of your child or your family as head lice can infest anybody. Our aim is to eliminate the problem at our school. We urge all families to address this issue as it is one which can be easily eradicated with vigilance.

To help us break the cycle of infestation, could you please check **your** child's hair. Further information in regard to treatment can be accessed from NSW Health:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx>

PARENT NEWS

Canteen

Volunteers needed for:

- **Wednesday - 16 August - 9.00am to 11.15am?**
- **Wednesday 5 October 2017 - 9.00am to 1.50pm?**
- **Thursdays - 29 June, and 24 August 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 5):

Wednesday 24 May: Eleanor Hill (M), Kate Foley (M), **Jaclyn Schoene (A)**, Melissa Nobel (A)

Thursday 25 May: Rachel Homan (M), Trisha Byrne, Ana Maria Heninandez (A)

Friday 26 May: Cris Unwin, 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).

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

Entertainment™ Memberships 2017/2018

Thank you to all those who have purchased an Entertainment membership and to everyone who has returned their Entertainment books. A quick reminder that if you do not wish to purchase the book, please return it in the envelope it arrived in. We ask you to return the books by next Tuesday 23 May. Return points are the classroom or in the box outside the administration building. For digital memberships, please return the book and go on-line to order here <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2001d10>. For any queries regarding this, 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

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](#).

COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Lifeline Giant Book Fair:** 19 – 21 May, includes puzzles, board games, CDs, vinyl, DVDs, collectibles and books at St Augustine's College, Federal Parade Brookvale. Fri 4-9pm, Sat 9am – 5pm, Sun 9am – 2pm.
- **Biddy Ball:** Basketball for 7 years and under. Click [here](#) for information.
- **Allambie Netball Club** is holding a clinic for 6/8 yr olds as an introduction to netball on Fridays 26/5 to 23/6 from 3.45 to 5pm. For information email allambienetball@gmail.com

Running for Liam

Dear friends and families,

As you all know, Liam Donohoe (Ellie's brother – Yr6) was diagnosed with Leukaemia last year.

At the beginning of this year his family and friends organised to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. As soon as I found out about this I knew I wanted to do something to help them.

I have always wanted to run a race (being the daughter of a marathon runner...) so I have decided it is time to do it. I will do it for Liam.

On Sunday, 21st of May, I will be running my first race ever; I will run the SMH Half Marathon (21.1km).

If you would like to make a donation please do so via the below website.

<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registant/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=679246&langPref=en-CA&Referrer=direct%2fnone#&panel1-2>

I have become a "Friend of Liam" and all donations you make will go to the Leukaemia Foundation which gives Aussie families, facing blood cancer, the emotional and practical support they need. You will also help fund vital research so more people survive blood cancers like lymphoma, leukaemia and myeloma.

You may not know but blood cancer is the third most common cause of cancer death in Australia, claiming more lives than breast cancer or melanoma. And every day another 35 people will be diagnosed.

Donating just \$52 will help ensure someone being treated in hospital gets a personal visit from a highly-trained health professional so they get the extra support they need. No matter how much you give, it's an extraordinary way to make a difference.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH IN ADVANCE!

Karen (mum from Yr 6 and Yr 4)

