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LOOKING AHEAD

June

Mon 5 Yr 1 Robotics
Tues 6 Mission Team to Nursing home
 Foil Free Tuesday
Wed 7 Yr 6 to Canberra
Thurs 8 Yr 4 Excursion to Manly Dam
 7pm CSO Director of Schools parent meeting to discuss the implications of school funding – **Parish Centre**
Fri 9 Yr 6 return / Gala Day clinics
Tues 13 ICAS Writing this week
Wed 14 ICAS Spelling
Thurs 15 Mission Project Day
Fri 16 Gala Day clinics Yrs 3 – 6
Mon 19 Yr 1 Robotics
 7pm P&F meeting – all welcome
 Band performance Forest High

Wed 21 Stage 3 musical rehearsal
Wed 21 School Advisory Council meeting
Fri 23 Gala Day clinics Yrs 3 – 6
Tues 27 Gala Day Years 3 & 4
Thurs 29 Gala Day Years 5 & 6
Fri 30 Vinnies Collection (K & 1) / End Term 2
July
Mon 17 Term 3 commences
 School athletics carnival at Narrabeen
Tues 18 Mission Team to Nursing home
Wed 19 Kids at Sea Musical rehearsal
Fri 21 Chess commences
Mon 24 Grandparents Liturgy
Wed 26 Kids at Sea Musical rehearsal
Fri 28 Yoga Yrs 4 & 6
 Vinnies Collection Yrs 2 & 3
 2pm Assembly (K)

Dear Families

The debate on school funding has been front-page news these last couple of weeks with many stories giving different versions and perspectives of what is a critical time for Catholic education. The **Gonski 2.0** amendment to the **Australian Education Act** proposes an increase in funding for the Catholic education sector and a redistribution of money to the needier schools in the country. Both of these proposals can only be seen as a positive outcome of the amendment, and as Catholics we would agree that those in greater need deserve more resources available to them.

What hasn't been explained clearly by the Turnbull government are the restrictions put on Catholic schools systems, like that of Broken Bay, with the expectation that ALL parents in schools with a higher Socio-Economic Status (SES) rating are capable of paying more for their children's education. Additionally, any increase in funding to St Kieran's would be required to be re-directed to needier schools. While it can be argued that families at St Kieran's may be "better off" than families from lower SES areas, this does not mean that every family can take on fee-increases and that they have disposable income available to cover any such increase.

As is the case with any discussion, it is important to gather all the facts and then weigh-up each argument before reaching a conclusion. Reading and listening to both sides can leave one somewhat perplexed as to what is true and what is "fake news"! Being told some of the facts is not being told the whole story and can be viewed as "a sin of omission". It is vital that we hear the facts and for that reason the Director of Schools, Mr Peter Hamill, will be speaking in the Parish Hall next Thursday night. Please RSVP on the link sent home during the week in one of Peter's letters if you are able to come along.

On a brighter note, thank you to the teachers and Mrs Alyson Perry for their assistance in hosting the **1-2-3 Magic** program at our school over the past three weeks. It was an excellent opportunity for parents to take part in a theoretical and practical learning opportunity and to refine those skills so important to being a parent.

Please keep the Conlon family in your prayers. Their grandfather recently passed. May he enjoy the peace of the risen Christ.

God bless

Michael Gallagher
Principal

There will be no newsletter next week.
In it's place will be the

The Learning Quarterly

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KC	Aidan R and Dylan G	KH	Elsie G and Lucy W
1L	Emilia G and Sophia S	1R	Aaron C and Sienna S
2C	Liam K and Abbey M	2S	Aiden T and Aoife S
3B	Josie S and Hamish G	3S	Amelia S and Braylon D
4G	Jacob S, Catherine B and Charlie R	4K	Jai D and David S
5H	Jessica C and Niamh G	5R	Lily-Rose M and Tessa J
6	Mya D and Elise L	PE	Emily N, Dylan J, Mikel M and Cooper M
Italian	Noah K, Chloe W, Ruby M, Saskia B and Tara N	Band	Lily Q, Thomas K

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 were due for submission by 31 May. If you haven't yet submitted your forms please do so immediately.

SCHOOL NEWS



Kids At Sea Musical Costumes

This week Stage 3 students and those students who are a part of the Italian and Song Clubs received a [costume](#) note. Please note that this year's School Musical will take place on **Wednesday 2 August at 6:30pm** in the School hall. Costumes are due *Wednesday 28 June*. Please speak to Mrs Clifford or Ms Leong if you have any issue in organising a costume.

Thank you for your support in making this musical a success!

Mrs Clifford and Ms Leong

Foil Free Tuesday - Tuesday 6 June

As part of our challenge based learning task, Year 5 are trying to renew God's gracious gift of creation. To contribute to this, we will be doing something called Foil Free Tuesday. Every Tuesday starting from the 6 June, you will have to try and reduce the amount of foil you bring in your lunchbox, or not bring any at all. We have chosen to hold a Foil Free Tuesday because foil takes 80-500 years to decompose in the ground, and foil has lots of chemicals such as potassium and sulphur. Potassium can cause death and many diseases. It's also bad for your blood. Sulphur is also in foil. When combined with water and air, it forms sulfuric acid, which is the main component to acid rain. Foil Free Tuesday will be for Years 5 & 6 but if your child/children are in another grade and would like to participate, then they are more than welcome to join. Overall, we hope that you will contribute to making the world a better place.

Jada S & Georgia R 5R

Book Club: The current issue of Book Club (#4) has now closed. No late orders accepted.



Religious Education

Year 3 students would like to thank Fr Paul for calling into the classrooms for a deep and meaningful discussion about the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Fr Paul spoke to the children then threw the floor open to a question and answer session. Let us keep students, parents and teachers in our prayers as they prepare for the next few weeks of First Holy Communion Celebrations in our parish. A 'Come to the Table' celebration will culminate with First Holy Communion celebrations on **Sunday 25 June** at the 9.30am Mass.

As a school community we are blessed to have the collegial Fathers of the Order of St Augustine leading and guiding our faith journey. We congratulate the three young men who were ordained recently, Frs Saldie, Percival and Francis.

Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar, Religious Education Coordinator

Band News

To all band parents and members,

We have had two great rehearsals this week working on our respective pieces for our up-coming performance at Forest High on 19 June.

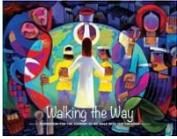
I would like to thank everyone for coming at the correct time of 7:15am this week as it has made rehearsal time more efficient. The children have really benefitted already.

Just a reminder that the Junior Band is working on "Let's Rock" and "Power Rock" and Senior Band are working on "Swinging Saxes" and "Music from Grease".

Miss Hodges, Band conductor

Athletics Carnival

Carnival information, entry and permission [forms](#) were emailed home yesterday. Please complete and return by Friday 9 June.



Walking the Way

Walking the Way is a school-based initiative in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay, designed to encourage parents in their sacred task of accompanying their children on their journey with God. There are four elements: Book & video / E-Bulletin / Parent gatherings / Annual retreat. Click here to view Pentecost Year

A: <http://wqm8.r.a.d.sendibm1.com/3cqlhsvh3nnf.html>

Congratulations

Kayla D in 2C recently went to Hawaii to compete in the Global Dance and Cheer Games. Her team represented Australia against 15 other Countries. Her team came 4th. We congratulate Kayla on her efforts!



PARENT NEWS

Canteen

Volunteers needed for:

- Wednesday – **8 June**, 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 7):

Wednesday 7 June: Clare Foale, Lyndal Frollano

Thursday 8 June: Juliette Cronin, **Volunteer required**

Friday 9 June: Jenni Schofield (M), Niamh Collins, 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).

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

Final Reminder: ENTERTAINMENT TM Fundraiser

A final reminder for those who have not yet paid for their Entertainment Books to please do so as soon as possible. Alternatively please return your unsold book to the office in the original envelope provided. If you ordered the Digital Membership please return the book ASAP.

A BIG thank you to everyone who has supported the Entertainment fundraiser this year! Now time to enjoy the offers. Memberships can be ordered at any time at: <http://www.entbook.com.au/2001d10>.

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

Northern Beaches Council provides vacation [care](#) and also special events ie Human Powered Disco – Friday 9th June; Surviving Year 12 – Thursday 15th June; Monster Skate Park Tour – Monday 3rd July. For further information please visit their website at www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au



ENROLLING NOW for YEAR 7 2020

If you wish to enrol your daughter at Stella Maris College, Manly for Year 7, 2020, the Registration Form needs to be received by the Registrar no later than Friday 22 September, 2017.

To download a Registration Form please visit our website www.stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

Interviews for Year 7, 2020 will be conducted early in Term 1, 2018

If you would like to visit the College, tours can be booked by contacting the Registrar, Mrs Kerrie Dudley on 9976 1802

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