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LOOKING AHEAD

June

Mon 19	Yr 1 Robotics
	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
Wed 28	Stage 3 Musical rehearsal
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 dress rehearsal
Fri 21	Chess commences

Mon 24

10am Grandparents Liturgy

Wed 26

Fri 28

Kids at Sea Musical rehearsal

Yoga Yrs 4 & 6

Vinnies Collection Yrs 2 & 3

2pm Assembly (K)

August

Tues 1

ICAS English

Kids at Sea Musical dress rehearsal

Wed 2

11am Kids at Sea Matinee performance for students & 6.30pm for school community

Fri 4

Yoga Yrs 4 & 6

Mon 7

2C Robotics

Fri 11

2S Robotics

Yoga Yrs 4 & 6

Yr 3 Excursion

Dear Families

The Gonski 2.0 amendment to the Australian Education Act is up for debate next week in the Senate. There continues to be a great deal of lobbying from the Catholic sector, including our Director of Schools, Peter Hamill, our Bishop, Most Rev Peter Comensoli and the Acting Director of the National Catholic Education Commission, Danielle Cronin, to the relevant senators in Canberra. At this stage it appears to be the Greens who are holding the decision in their hands. Our NSW Greens senator is Lee Rhiannon and can be contacted by email at senator.rhiannon@aph.gov.au

Peter Hamill contacted me yesterday and asked me to advise any parent who is considering handing in enrolment forms to the local state public schools to hold off on visiting the school but instead deliver their forms to the Hon Tony Abbott's office at Manly. His electoral office address is **Level 2, 17 Sydney Road, Manly, NSW, 2095**

You may have read today's *Manly Daily* with the staged delivery of enrolment forms to Balgowlah Heights Public School from many of the St Cecilia's parents. This was more a symbolic gesture rather than actual enrolments, however the message was very clear; Catholic schools could lose enrolments if the changes come into effect.

While we should be aware of the implications for St Kieran's and the future of Catholic education in this country, I do ask that you refrain from any further action until the outcome is clear, however in the meantime, please consider completing the petition that was shared this week as well as continuing to write to the various key ministers including Lee Rhiannon and Simon Birmingham, and our local member, Tony Abbott.

I would like to thank all those who were able to attend the Parent Forum last week in the church and those who were able to attend the P&F meeting on Tuesday night. The situation is complex and requires a number of voices speaking out against such a proposal.

On a much brighter note, congratulations and thank you to our Year 6 students and their teachers on their three day visit to Canberra last week. The teachers commented on the number of guides and facilitators who spoke so highly of our children and their excellent knowledge and wonderful manners, which were very much appreciated. A very special thank you to Mrs Uchino, Miss Kassis and Mr Sheedy for preparing and looking after the children so well and giving up time away from their families.

Mrs Ariane Howard (Year 5H) is finishing today at St Kieran's in anticipation of a new baby. Ariane has been given medical advice to finish earlier than first expected. I thank Ariane for her contribution to St Kieran's this year and wish her and her family all the very best on the safe arrival of their new baby. I would like to welcome Miss Laura Cronin to St Kieran's who will be taking over in Year 5 for the remainder of the year.

God bless



Michael Gallagher
Principal

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KC	Wk 7: Benjamin P and Scarlett M Wk 8: Alessia F and Harrison D	KH	Wk 7: Melody G, James G and Maylea C Wk8: Olivia M and Lexie P
1L	Wk 7: Sebi D and Michael L Wk 8: Emma S and Edward W	1R	Wk 7: Milli T and Toby S Wk 8: Zaara B and Ava C
2C	Wk 7: All of 2C Wk 8: William B and April U	2S	Wk 7: Zoe M, Madhulika S and Michael P Wk 8: Sophie N and Declan M
3B	Wk 7: Amy S and Daniel P Wk 8: Andie B and Luke W	3S	Wk 7: Owen B and Ashleigh W Wk 8: Faren B and Lennox L
4G	Wk 7: Louis T, Illyra G and Lauren E Wk 8: Angus M and Finlay P	4K	Wk 7: Siobhan K and Lily Q Wk 8: Eve S and Grace H
5H	Wk 7: Opal B and Ruby N Wk 8: All of 5H	5R	Wk 7: Mikel M, James M and Ollie F Wk 8: Ava B and Eliza L
6	Wk 8: Isabella K and Lachlan I	PE	Wk 7: Hunter J Wk 8: Irie W, Lily-Rose M, Charlotte H, Aaron C, Ollie F, Olivia S, Gemma B, Max H
Italian	Wk 7: Thomas K, Luka H, Gemma B and Ella T Wk 8: Amelia S, Rose F, Mia B & Neve D	Band	Wk 7: Jackson Q, Lily-Rose M Wk 8: Leilani C, Elisha K

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

School Fees

There are a number of families who have fallen behind with their instalment schedule. Reminder notes have been sent home and fee statements get emailed each month. **All fees must be paid by the due date.** Fees which remain unpaid can be referred to the Catholic Schools office for collection.

The school's enrolment policy provides for the granting of assistance with school fees where genuine financial hardship exists. Should this be the case, please apply to the school for Hardship application forms. When applying for a discount it is necessary to provide comprehensive supporting documentation.

Should you wish to meet with Mr Gallagher to discuss your fees please call the office to make an appointment.

Late Arrival

There are still too many children arriving to school after the first morning bell has rung. Please consider the impact this has on the classroom (both students and teacher) when the child interrupts class on their arrival.

Should your child arrive late to school **they MUST be accompanied to the office with a parent** who is required to fill in the late note. Partial and full day absences are recorded on school reports.

SCHOOL NEWS

Religious Education

Congratulations to the Year 3 children who have completed their final Sacrament of Initiation, Eucharist. We extend a thank you to our wonderful teachers Miss Scott-Fell, Mrs Brown and Miss Bombardieri for giving up weekend time with their families to support each of the First Holy Communion groups. Each of the Masses at St Kieran's has had a teacher present to support our students. Let us not forget the devotion of Mrs Janette Davidson who has coordinated the Parish Sacramental program and prepared the Masses for the children. Sincere thanks Janette.



Following the completion of all the Masses for First Communion, Year 3 will celebrate together a "Come to the Table" Mass. **Sunday 9.30am, 25 June** is the date set aside for this celebration.

SAVE THE DATE: GRANDPARENTS MORNING

On behalf of all the students of St Kieran's Year 2 would like to invite Grandparents to our Grandparents Day on **Monday 24 July**. We will commence with a school liturgy at 10.00am followed by morning tea.



Parents are encouraged to e-mail photos of students and their Grandparents, or significant older person, to the school to be used in a PowerPoint presentation at the liturgy.

Fr Paul organised and led Reconciliation with 5H this week and will do so again next week with 5R. The children gathered in the church and joined together in prayer. Following a hymn about 'Turning to God' they read and discussed the Scripture of the paralysed man being lowered through the roof to get to Jesus. Father Paul had constructed a house with tiles and as each child approached the sanctuary to speak to a priest they removed a tile, symbolising their attempt to get to Jesus. Thank you Fr Paul for the time and preparation you put into celebrating the Sacraments with our children.

Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar, Religious Education Coordinator

Australian Government Assistance for National Capital Excursion

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their national capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you (the parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

Qkr! Tips

Last week Qkr launched a lot of new and improved functionality within Qkr. Any queries on new functionality can often be answered by signing up for Qkr's online forum (<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/qkrforum>).

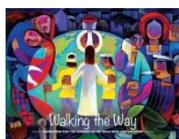
Instructions for download can be found on the school [website](#).

 masterpass TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. How do I add or update a photo of my child on the Qkr! app?

A. If you wish to add a photo of your child or if you have previously added a photo of your child and now you want to replace it with a different photo:

1. Open Qkr! and select your school.
2. Tap 'Student Profiles' to display your child's/children's name/s.
3. Tap the child whose details you wish to edit, and tap on the camera icon.
4. You can either choose an existing photo from your device, or take a photo on your device.
5. When you have added the photo, scroll down and tap 'Update Profile'.



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 12th Sunday Year A - <http://wgm8.r.a.d.sendibm1.com/3cqlo4fh3nnf.html>

Band News

This week both bands have had a fantastic band rehearsal to lead into our first performance of the year on Monday 19 June. We are at Forest High School and need to arrive no later than 6:15 for a 7:00pm start.



AUTUMN COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES:

MONDAY 19 JUNE 2017
7pm

at The Forest High School, Frenchs Forest
Come along & support your school band,
and enjoy an evening of fabulous music.
Entry by donation at the door
Refreshments will be available

www.nsswe.org.au / 0481 303 803

Please make sure to wear full winter school uniform, bring instruments and music. If you cannot attend this concert please let myself or our band emailer Gayle Conner know via email ASAP.

It's going to be a great event and look forward to seeing you all there
Miss Hodges, Band conductor

Year 4 BEAR PIT update:

Year 4 teachers would like to commend their students on the high standard of their "Bear Pit" speeches. All children in Year 4 competed and were highly articulate public speakers. We would especially like to applaud the children who made it into the Year 4 finals: Mitchell A, Illyra G, Jayden K, Phoenix B, Scarlett P and Siobhan K. All speakers were fluent, brimming with expression, logical and sequential and displayed outstanding eye contact with the audience. There can however only be two students to move to our next level of competition against Year 3. Our Year 4 Grand Finalist were Mia B and Sabrina F. Congratulations girls on your outstanding oral presentations and good luck against the Year 3 representatives.

Mrs Watson and Mrs Wetzlar

PARENT NEWS

Message from P&F

Thank you to all those parents who came to Tuesday night's meeting; your support and contributions are greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Sunny Saady from So Sensational Cakes for providing a wide array of delicious food to share. We are lucky to have such talented people in our community.

Please remember if you need to discuss anything or have any questions you can contact the P&F at stkierans.pf@gmail.com

Canteen

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 2 - Week 9):

Wednesday 21 June: Steph Barbieri (M), Mel Carey, Amanda Raleigh (A)

Thursday 22 June: Peter King, Ally Browne

Friday 23 June: Riany Tanner, Jo Hull, Alicia Potega

- 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](#).

PARISH NEWS

Sacramental Program

Thank you to all parents who handed in Confirmation registration documentation and have now organised or are in the process of organising family preparation groups. The **last date for registration (handing in enrolment forms, fees and photo card) is Tues 20 June** as preparation groups will commence early in Term 3.

The **Confirmation Parents Information Meeting will be held on Tues 27 June at 9.30am OR Wed 28 June at 7.00pm in SK Church.** A Group Facilitator meeting will be held immediately after the parent meeting at 10.30am on Tues 27 June OR 8.00pm on Wed 28 June in SK Church.

Please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au if you need further information.

Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister

COMMUNITY NEWS

Robokids: Robotics School Holidays Workshops – click [here](#) .

Live Life Well at School – Nutrition [advice](#) from NSW Health.