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LOOKING AHEAD

August

Fri 11 4pm K-2 School Disco. 6pm Yrs 3-6
Mon 14 9am Class Parent meeting
Tues 15 10am Feast of the Assumption Mass
7.30am ICAS Maths
Thurs 17 Northern Beaches Athletics – Narrabeen
Fri 18 Yoga Yrs 4 & 6
Kindy Taronga Zoo excursion
Mon 21 Book Week
Bear Pit Debating Final
Yr 4 Excursion Australian Museum
NAPLAN Online Yrs 3 & 5 this week
Wed 23 Book Week parade
Fri 25 Vinnies Collection Yrs 4 & 5
PRC closes
2pm Assembly – Library Team
Mon 28 10am St Augustine Feast Day Mass
Tues 29 Broken Bay Athletics Narrabeen

September

Fri 1 7.15am Father's Day Breakfast
8.45am Fathers' Day liturgy
Fri 8 10am St Kieran's Day liturgy
11.30am St Kieran's Day Fair
Future Ready [Conference](#) 8, 9 & 10th
Tues 12 10.45am Lunch with the Stars – Library
Wed 13 9-10.30am Kinder 2018 Transition
Session 1
Fri 15 Chess ends today
Yoga Yrs 4 & 6
2pm Assembly – Yr 2
Yrs 3 & 4 Cricket/AFL/Netball Gala Day
Yrs 5 & 6 Cricket/AFL/Netball Gala Day
Tues 19 Vinnies Collection Kinder, Yr 1 & Yr 2
Thurs 21 End Term 3
Fri 22
October
Mon 9 Term 4 Commences

Dear Families

Yesterday afternoon our Year 6 Environment Leaders took part in a tree planting event in the Shared Space area. *Bunnings* Balgowlah donated four lilly pilli plants to the school as part of **Plant a Tree Day**. The leaders have named the trees they planted and have vowed to tend them in the months ahead.



The **Shared Space** is nearly completed in its "renovation", following last year's sinkhole that developed in Term 4. Kindergarten and Year 1 children are using the space at lunchtimes throughout the week however the play equipment is out of use at present. An inspection during the year deemed the equipment to be unsafe so we have enlisted a company to upgrade the equipment. This should be ready for use before the end of the term.


The **Parents and Friends Association** and school leadership last year earmarked much of the money raised to go towards a playground upgrade. Due to the sinkhole the upgrade was delayed. After substantial consultation and redesign, work is due to start during the next school holidays in October. The work will be done in stages with the next stage due to be completed over the summer holiday. Details will be shared at the P&F meeting later this term.

Next Tuesday is the **Feast of the Assumption**, one of the most holy days in the Church calendar. If you are able to, please join the school as we celebrate the life of Mary, the mother of Jesus, at our special school Mass.

Congratulations to the Penberthy family on the birth of a baby boy.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the disco this evening.

God bless


Michael Gallagher
Principal

KC	Sophie T, Harrison D and Dylan G	KH	Zac F, Lucy W and Mila C
1L	Maeve S and Eli W	1R	Sam M, Lauren O, Ava C, Josh G, Aurelia S, Zaara B, Jj P and Elloise R
2C	Cooper M and Mya B	2S	Tahlia M and Dylan G
3B	Amy S and Jaden W	3S	Maddison B and Kai S
4G	Paria S, Jaden K and Shae L	4K	Isabelle L and Lily S
5H	Iggy M and Ruby N	5R	Ella-Jane C and Oliver F
6	Elise L and Amy S	PE	Lachlan D, Zoe M, Emily N and Jacinta W
Italian	Sarah K, Millie C, David M, James M, Mya D	Band	Leilani C, Sara C, Isabel S and Christian C

SCHOOL NEWS

NAPLAN Readiness Test for Years 3 and 5

The **NAPLAN Readiness Test** will be held in the week beginning 21 August for children in Years 3 and 5. This practice version of NAPLAN is being held so that the authorities can "road test" an online form of the NAPLAN assessment which will possibly commence in 2018.

The children will sit for the test which will be an hour in duration. The questions/contents of the assessment are not graded and will not be marked by NESA (the authority who organises NAPLAN). There will be no results for this practice assessment made available.

In last week's newsletter you would have seen the Privacy Note related to the NAPLAN Readiness Test. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Changes to the Management of Overdue School Fees

The management of overdue school fees within the Diocese of Broken Bay will be centralised at the Catholic Schools Office located at Pennant Hills. The new arrangement will be a staged implementation across all schools, and will impact St Kieran's from 14 August.

This will ensure a consistent approach to managing overdue school fees across Broken Bay systemic schools, and reduce operating costs following recent funding changes.

The Fees Liaison Team has been established at the Catholic Schools Office. During Term 3 2017, impacted families will be contacted by a team member to discuss payment arrangements. In the meantime, families who wish to discuss their situation can contact the team as below.

Fees Liaison Team Tel: 9847 0728 Email schoolfees@dbb.org.au

Band News - for Students and Parents

We had two great band rehearsals this week whilst trying to cull down which pieces to play for the spring festival in September

- Senior band is working on Harry Potter, Grease, Pink Panther and Creepy Crawlies.
- Junior band is working on Zap, Power Rock and Let's Rock

Please ensure these pieces are looked at for at least half of their tutoring lesson as well as being practiced at home so they can come prepared to band rehearsal.

Miss Hodges, Band conductor

Religious Education

Confirmation

Please keep our Year 2 students and their families in your prayers as they prepare for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Parish families are engaging in Confirmation meetings and welcoming rituals at Sunday Masses. Confirmation with Bishop Peter will be on **Friday 25 August commencing at 5.30pm or 7.30pm in St Kieran's Church**. Confirmation gifts are available from the Parish piety stall at the Parish office.



Staff Mission Formation

Throughout 2017 members of St Kieran's staff have engaged in various Mission Formation programs. As our teachers are charged with teaching and passing on our Catholic faith through their words, actions and teaching it is important that we nurture and enrich their own spirituality. Thank you to staff members for fully engaging with these Mission programs.



G.I.F.T. Aply led by Mrs Rose, many members of St Kieran's staff participated in the Parish G.I.F.T program. Working in the Parish kitchen the teachers prepared meals for members of the local

community struggling to put food on their table. Thank you to the chefs of St Kieran's for giving up your evening and cooking up a storm.

Dates for Term 3

Week 5	Tuesday 15 Aug	10am	Feast of the Assumption Yr 4
	Sunday 20	9.30am	Kindergarten Family Mass
Week 7	Monday 28	10am	St Augustine Feast Day
Week 7	Friday 1 Sept	8.45am	Father's Day Liturgy Yr 1
Week 8	Friday 8	10.00am	St Kieran's Day Liturgy Yr3

Please note the change of date for our St Augustine's Feast day. I apologise for any inconvenience caused by this change to our term celebrations and hope you can join us for St Augustine's Feast Day
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar, Religious Education Coordinator

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the 103 students who have completed the PRC! There are over 60 students still participating so it's been a great effort all round. **If you haven't already done so, please remember to start logging your child's books now so if there are any issues they can be sorted before the closing date.**

The PRC closes on Friday August 25 so there is still two weeks left.

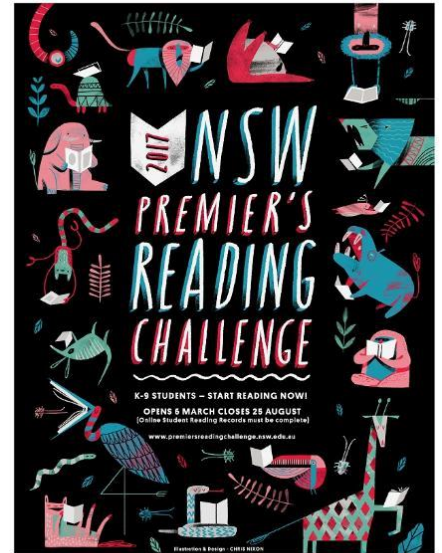


There is also the opportunity to get sponsors for the books read by participating in the **Book Bonus**. Please see the link below where St Kieran's have a team for this fundraiser. There is also further information linked here.

Even if your child has finished the PRC, they are still able to get sponsors.
<https://donate.grassrootz.com/dymocks/book-bonus/st-kierans-manly-vale>

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](#).



TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. How do I cancel food orders that have already been paid for?

A. To cancel a food order from your itemized eReceipt:

1. Open Qkr! and tap Activity.
2. Scroll down to 'Order History' and sign in with your password.
3. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.
4. If your eReceipt contains food orders for more than one child, you will need to cancel one by one.

OR

To cancel a food order from the calendar view:

1. Open Qkr! and select the relevant menu.
2. Tap on the tick icon on the date for which you want to cancel the order.
3. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.

Cancelled items are shown in red on your eReceipt confirming they have been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any credits will be automatically deducted from your next Qkr! food order.

Please contact your school office to cancel any other (non-food) school payments according to school policy.

Chicken Pox

There has been a few of cases of chicken pox reported at school. As this is an infectious disease, please note the following received from NSW Health:

- **Time from exposure to illness** approx 2-3 weeks.
- **Symptoms** – slight fever, runny nose and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab. Can be more severe in pregnant women and newborns.
- **Do I need to keep my child home?** Yes, for 5 days after the rash first appears and until the blisters have all scabbed over.
- **How can I help prevent spread?** Immunisation is available for children over 12 months old. It is recommended for people over 12 years who are not immune.

PARENT NEWS

Canteen

Wednesday 16 August: Elanor Hill (M), Kate Foley (M), Carla Guinee (A), Cath Hamer (A)

Thursday 17 August: Rachel Homan (M) Trisha Byrne (M), Juliette Cronin (A), Ana Maria Heninandez (A)

Friday 18 August: 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.

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



PARISH NEWS

Sharing the Gift of Meditation

Fr Paul Maloney, O.S.A. has scheduled FIVE introductory lessons for anyone who might be interested in learning a simple method of Christian Meditation. These will take place in **the North Harbour Parish Centre** on consecutive Thursdays, with the option of a morning or evening session. The cost will be \$5:00 per session (with a pensioner's concession of \$3:00).

- Commencing 31 August: through / 7 Sep. / 14 Sept / 21 Sept / to 28 Sept.
- **Thursday Mornings:** from 10:30 - 12:00. **Thursday Evenings:** from 7:30- 9:00pm.

"Meditation is in essence a way of learning to become fully awake, fully alive and yet still"

Confirmation Sacramental Program

Parents are reminded to provide details of their child's Confirmation Name and Sponsor to Janette via email to sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au as soon as possible.

Wine and Cheese Information Evening

Wednesday 13 September at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
For those who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.

This will be an opportunity to discover you are not alone in your yearning to be a follower of Christ who transforms our lives with love. For further information please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au

Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lifeline Book Fair: Ted Blackwood Hall, Jacksons Rd Warriewood 25 – 27 August. Friday 1pm – 8pm, Sat 9am – 5pm, Sunday 9am – 2pm. Please note we accept Visa & Mastercard and also have EFTPOS facility available. (Entry by gold coin donation very much appreciated)

Future Ready Conference: A 3 Day conference on 'Preparing our Children for a Changing World'. Presented by the Broken Bay Parent Council and held at St Paul's College. Conference information [here](#). Registration Booklet [here](#).

Beacon Hill Cricket: For girls, boys and adults. Click [here](#) for information.

Manly Life Saving Club: Nipper [registration](#) dates

North Steyne SLSC Nippers Registration Days - Sunday 3 & 10 September. 9am - 12 noon at Club House. Nippers starts Sunday 1 October. Join for a season of fun, making new friends and learn lifesaving skills.

Seaforth Little Athletics Club: Does your child enjoy running, jumping or throwing? Do they want to have fun and stay fit during Summer? Registrations now open online. Collect your athlete number and uniform at one of the two registration nights, Wednesday 30 August or Wednesday 6 September at Seaforth oval. First training night Wednesday 6 September at Seaforth oval and first competition Saturday 9 September at Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen. For further information and registration refer our website <http://www.seaforthlac.org/>

Women's Self-Empowerment Group: Held once a month in the Parish Centre on Friday 11am – 12.30pm. Share, learn and connect. Click [here](#) for information.

Manly West Carnival: 10am – 4pm Saturday 16 September. Fun, food and games for all. Free Admission. www.manlywestcarnival.com