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LOOKING AHEAD

September

- Sat 9 **Band** NSSWE Spring Festival
- Mon 11 7pm P&F meeting
- 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
K & 1 Swim Program
Yr 3 Walking excursion
2pm Assembly – Yr 2
- Tues 19 Yrs 3 & 4 Cricket/AFL/Netball Gala Day
- Thurs 21 Yrs 5 & 6 Cricket/AFL/Netball Gala Day
- Fri 22 Vinnies Collection Kinder, Yr 1 & Yr 2
End Term 3

October

- Mon 9 Term 4 Commences
- Tues 10 Yr 5 Leadership Camp Collaroy
- Tues 17 Yrs 4 & 6 Surf Ed talk
School Advisory Council meeting
Warren Hopley (Boys Education) Parent evening
- Wed 18 Vinnies Collection Yrs 3>6
- Fri 20 9.15am Kinder 2018 Transition
- Fri 27 2pm Assembly
Scholastic Book Fair
- Tues 31
- November
- Thurs 9 12pm – 3.30pm Swimming Carnival



Reminder: Do not pull into, or park, across the emergency access in Gordon Street for any reason. Not only is this for emergency vehicles but this area is also a pedestrian pathway

Dear Families



NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2017

3rd – 9th September

Over the last two days I have been on retreat in the city with my principal colleagues. It has been an opportunity to focus on “caring for self so as to care for others”. Sadly I missed the **St Kieran’s Day** festivities but am assured all went very well. Thank you to Year 3 for leading the Liturgy in the church and to all the teachers and students for celebrating today.

This week is **National Child Protection Week** which started on Father’s Day and goes through to the 9 September. National Child Protection Week is a wonderful opportunity for everyone in the community to think about how we can work together to keep all children safe. Teachers have raised the subject with the children (at an age-appropriate level), talking about the importance of being able to talk to a trustworthy adult such as a parent or teacher. As

parents, we have a big role to play in this as well. I have included a [link](#) to the NAPCAN website that includes tips for parents as well as other key people in our children's lives.

This week we received news that Opal B (Year 5) has been selected as part of the **NSW Basketball team** to compete at the national championships in Adelaide in December. This is a major achievement for any person! On behalf of the St Kieran's community, I congratulate Opal on this magnificent accomplishment.

Just ASC, the St Kieran's outside of school hours care provider, concluded its' service to our school community at the end of Term 1 this year. The service began approximately 23 years ago with Mrs McGuire and Mrs Leathem as founding carers. Last Friday I received a visit from Mrs Vanessa Johnston and Mrs McGuire who donated to the school a sum of money that was left over after the organisation was dissolved. I would like to thank the *Just ASC* committee for their generous donation as well as the excellent service they provided to our community over the last 23 years.

Over the last couple of weeks I have been made aware of some pre-schoolers running from carers while out in Gordon Street or on the car park area. I ask parents or carers to ensure that pre-schoolers are carefully supervised when near cars.

God bless



Michael Gallagher
Principal

P&F Meeting - Monday 11 Sept 7pm in the Library. ALL WELCOME

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KC	Joseph H and Ella C	KH	Erica K and Myles R
1L	Olivia N and Darek P	1R	Darcy B and Alice C
2C	April U and Maddison R	2S	Aoife S and Joel M
3B	Eve S and Ruby T	3S	Jack H and Charlotte H
4G	William M and Isabel S	4K	Jordan W and Elisha K
5H	Opal B and Julia C	5R	James M and Emily N
6	Mattaeus P and Leilani C	PE	Millie C
Italian		Band	Zoe R, Isabelle L, Mitchell A, Oliver J, Lily-Rose M and Christian C

SCHOOL NEWS

Religious Education

Congratulations and thank you to our Year 1 teachers and students who prayerfully lead our Father's Day Liturgy with beautiful heartfelt prayers from the children. Breakfast on Father's day doesn't just happen. We extend a thank you to all the cooks and cleaners who worked together for an upbeat and successful Father's Day celebration.

Thank you to also to Year 3, students and teachers for a prayerful St Kieran's Day Liturgy. This was a great way in which to kick off our St Kieran's day celebrations. St Kieran certainly did have huge impact on many people during his life of serve to God.





St Kieran was born in Connacht, Ireland. Following study and working for the poor he built a monastery on the banks of the Shannon River in Offaly. This monastery became a great centre of Irish learning, prayerfulness and devotion. St Kieran is known as one of the twelve apostles of Ireland and Ireland's earliest Saint.

Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar, Religious Education Coordinator

Basketball Star

Congratulations to Opal B has been invited to attend the Pacific School Games in Adelaide in December to compete at Nationals as a Member of the PSSA NSW State Basketball Team!! Well done Opal, you are a star.

Polding Sport

Congratulations to Isabella K and Opal B who represented Polding for Soccer and Netball respectively. Both teams did extremely well with Isabella's Soccer team tying 1st place with Sydney North and Opal Bird's Netball team coming 4th.



Band News - for Students and Parents

A big congratulations are in order for last Weekend's Band Workshop!!! It was a great success and now both bands are feeling very confident going into our annual Chatswood Concourse performance for the NSSWE Spring Festival.

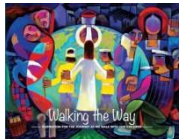
Thank you to all the parents who organised their children for the workshop and the ones who were able to help out on the day. It doesn't work without your help. I know all the children enjoyed the workshop and put a lot of hard work into their playing. They all really appreciated their tutors and had lots of fun as well, so again, thank you.

Saturday 9th is the big day for both bands with the NSSWE Spring Festival. Please ensure you arrive no later than 10:15am as the children will be taken to their appropriate rooms back stage for warm up and getting ready for their performance.

Please make sure they are wearing their full winter school uniform for the performance (except blazers). Also to bring instruments, music, drink bottle and snacks.

I am getting very excited about this concert as I always do. It should be fantastic. See you all there.

Miss Hodges, Band conductor



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 <http://walkingtheway.dbbcso.org/>

Lectio Divina

<http://wgm8.r.a.d.sendibm1.com/3cqmdenh3nnf.html>

PARENT NEWS

Message from the P&F

We are looking forward to seeing many new and old faces at the Mondays P&F Meeting at 7pm. These meetings are certainly more valuable and energising when we have lots of people, so please come and be part of your schools conversation. Monday's meeting will include a presentation from Ms Bombardieri on the latest NAPLAN results and an update from Mr Gallagher. As usual we will endeavour to keep the meeting to an hour, so we will see you Monday.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email us at stkierans.pf@gmail.com

Canteen

Wednesday 13 September: Jess Costa (M), Mel Carey, Amanda Raleigh (A)

Thursday 14 September: Rebecca Mirabito, Ally Browne

Friday 15 September: Riany Tanner, Nicole Covich, Sasha 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](#).

Sport: Active8

Activ8 is a platform and network to connect youth to our vibrant sporting community. The platform endeavours to promote opportunities in participation, pathways and performance from local clubs to elite levels. Combining the passion, experiences and knowledge of sport associations, athletes and parents to athletes, to enable all youth the opportunity to participate in sport, challenge themselves and develop new friendships. Promoting and improving their overall wellbeing <http://activ8.live/>

PARISH NEWS

Confirmation

On Friday 25 August we welcomed Bishop Peter A Comensoli who conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on 192 candidates at two celebrations.

Thank you to all who made the preparation for, and the celebration of, the Sacrament of Confirmation such a memorable family occasion for the children, their families and friends. To the children and their parents who participated in the program so enthusiastically, the group facilitators and co-facilitators who generously gave time to lead the family home sessions, and all those who supported the children in their preparation for the sacrament including staff of our parish schools and catechists, thank you. Thank you also to those involved in the Confirmation celebration including; members of the music ministry, acolytes Michael McMahon and Ian Woodbury and to the parents who were readers and who assisted on the night and at working bees. The next stage in the sacramental journey for these families will be preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which will commence in February 2018.

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

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

NetSetGo Skills Program 2017 A comprehensive 6-week netball [program](#) aimed at introducing the game to 6-7 year olds/ new players and improving skills in currently registered 8-9 year olds.
When: Wednesdays 4-5pm at Curl Curl Netball Courts 11 October – 15 November Cost: \$75. Registration closes: 1 October Register at <http://www.queenscliffnetball.asn.au>