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LOOKING AHEAD

October

Fri 27 6pm Family Outdoor Movie Night –
St Augustine's College Oval

Tues 31 Scholastic Book Fair

November

Wed 1 Italian Day – wear red, white, green.
Assembly 1.30pm
Scholastic Book Fair

Thurs 2 Scholastic Fair

Wed 8 9.15am Kinder 2018 Transition
session

Thurs 9 12pm – 3.30pm Swimming Carnival

Fri 10 Year 1 Earth Keeper Excursion

Yr 3 Excursion to Botanic Gardens

Mon 13 10am – 1pm Yr 6 Surf Ed at Dee Why

Tues 14 Mission Team to Nursing Home

Fri 17 Vinnies Collection – whole school

2pm Italian Assembly (Yr 2)

Sun 19 Yr 5 & K 2018 Buddies Welcome
Mass

Parish Picnic

Thurs 23 9.15am Kinder 2018 Transition
session

Fri 24 11.30am K2018 Developmental Play

Tues 28 7 – 8.45pm Cyber Safety Lady

December

Fri 1 11.30am K2018 Developmental Play

Wed 6 Yr 6 Italian excursion

Thurs 7 Yr 6 Parent/Child Dinner (Wakehurst)

Fri 8 Band Breakfast

2pm Band Assembly

6pm Christmas Carols

Mon 11 Yr 4 Surf Ed at Dee Why

Yr 6 Celebration Evening

12pm End of Year Mass

Last day for students

Dear Families

On Monday I had the pleasure of attending the **Fred Hollows Humanitarian Awards** at Parliament House in Sydney where Ellie D (Year 5) was recognised for the support given to her brother (an ex St Kieran's student) who has leukaemia. Ellie was one of a select group of students from across NSW who had been awarded for their acts of kindness and compassion. Ellie was presented her certificate by Gabby Hollows, the wife of the late Fred Hollows, and the Minister for Education, the Hon. Rob Stokes. Congratulations to Ellie on this well-deserved award and thank you to her teachers who nominated her.



There is the possibility next Wednesday or Thursday of industrial action by teachers in Catholic systemic schools across NSW. This action would be in the form of a "stop work" commencing at 8.15am and concluding at 12.30pm. It is unclear at this stage as to whether this will affect classes at St Kieran's. If industrial action does take place, supervision for students will be provided until teachers return to work, but no formal classes will be held. You may decide to keep your child at home until this time. I will inform you of any update as soon as I find out.



Many parent volunteers gave of their time last Sunday to support our school by helping out at the Bunnings BBQ at Balgowlah. Apart from raising funds for the school to support the purchasing of resources for the children, it was a great opportunity for parents to get together and build up the community spirit which is so strong at St Kieran's. Thank you once again to the



volunteers and those who were able to bake cakes or biscuits for the event.

Congratulations to the students in Stage 3 who were selected for the Broken Bay Water Polo teams. Well done to the St Kieran's debating team who won their debate yesterday afternoon.

Finally, a reminder that tickets are for sale at the school office to support Opal B for the Pacific School Games in December.

God bless



Michael Gallagher
Principal

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KC	Maya Hall and Alana R	KH	Ian G and Olivia J
1L	Oliver F and Emilia G	1R	Sienna S and Jack P
2C	Keira L and Liam K	2S	Sophie N and Oscar P
3B	Tim B and Andie B	3S	Lachlan D and Maddi B
4G	Lauren E, Oliver P and Jaden K	4K	Mia B and Zoe R
5H	Hannah S and Zanthé J	5R	James M and Jada S
6	Allah W and Jedd T	PE	
Italian	Hamish G, Aiden L and Lily Rose M	Band	Emily D, Sarah K, Etienne C-H

SCHOOL NEWS

Fred Hollows Humanity Award

Ellie D was nominated for The Fred Hollows Humanity Award by her class teachers, Mrs Uchino and Miss Kassis. This award recognises young people who demonstrate compassion, integrity and kindness and who make a positive difference to their school and/or wider community – these are all admirable qualities in which Ellie displays on a daily basis. Ellie, along with her proud parents and Mr Gallagher, attended the award ceremony at Parliament House, Sydney on Monday 23 October where she was presented with a certificate of recognition.



Religious Education

Prayer

Why do Catholics pray?

- To make sense of life, particularly the more difficult aspects of life.
- For peace - both in the world and an inner peace.
- For healing – both physical and mental, for self and for nations.
- For inspiration and support.
- In thanks and astonishment – think of new born baby.
- To find lost objects or a car park - St Anthony patron of lost causes.



Doherty, Tony: "So you're sending your child to a Catholic School" pg 33

Prayer life is an integral part of our school day. Kindergarten children start with many of our rote prayers, the Our Father, The Glory Be. Older students learn to compose their own prayers of thanksgiving, gratitude and petition. Many students learn that silence is a form of prayer, listening for God with the ear of their heart. Students are offered opportunities for prayer in many forms such as meditations based on the Scriptures and contemplation of a piece of Religious art. Students pray for each other, their families (including pets!) and their daily needs and concerns.

Being able to pray is a wonderful experience we can gift our children. To being able to take time to think about life and my place in the world is a gift of prayer. All this happens in the knowledge that our God, a God who accepts us just as we are, is there to support us along the journey.

Some basic kid friendly prayers can be found a shared with your family at Loyola Press.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/prayer/childrens-prayers>

Christmas Carols: a reminder that our Carols evening cannot go ahead without the talents of our parents. If you play an instrument please consider joining the Christmas Band and learning the ropes, so to speak. Please complete the Christmas Carol slip towards the end of this newsletter and return to school.

Yours in Religious Education, *Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar, REC*

Library News

The Scholastic Book Fair will be next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 31 October to 2 November. We will require volunteers to help at the following times:

Tuesday October 31:	8.15am-8.45am and 2.45pm-3.15pm
Wednesday November 1:	8.15am-8.45am and 2.45pm-3.15pm
Thursday November 2:	8.15am-8.45am

If you would like to help please complete the flyer towards the end of this newsletter and return to the office.

Many thanks

Liz McGuire, Librarian



Swimming Carnival



As per the email sent last week, this year the form for the Swimming Carnival will be completed online. Please click on the following link [Swimming Carnival entry and permission form](#) and fill out one form per child. Please read the instructions carefully. If you are unable to complete this google form, please see your child's teacher or the front office. **Both the entry form and travel permission must be returned by Tuesday 31 October.**



Water Polo Congratulations

Hannah S (5C,) Isabel O, Mila A and Kyle A (Yr 6) attended the trials for the combined Broken Bay, Parramatta and Wagga Wagga Water Polo Team on Tuesday at Ashfield.

All the students played really well and made it through to play in the Sydney Metropolitan Gala Day at Cronulla in November. They will play against other Catholic Dioceses and Public School zones. Congratulations and good luck!

ITALIAN /CREATIVE ARTS ASSEMBLY

Please come to our special assembly
on Wednesday 1st November at 1:30 pm
in the Parish Hall.

Each class from Year 3 to Year 6 will present an item related to their studies in either Italian or Creative Arts for this semester. The program is a long one so we will be starting at the earlier time of 1:30pm. Don't forget to wear Italian colours or to order your Italian lunch!

Here is 4K rehearsing their dance Volare, which they have choreographed themselves!



Band News

I would like to congratulate everyone for a wonderful and successful performance at Hardi Aged Care yesterday. Both bands played wonderfully and represented their school with great respectfulness and humbleness.

I was proud of every single player. They were amazing. I can't wait for the next performance which will be at Warringah Mall Showcase on 15 November (to be confirmed).

Miss Hodges, Band Conductor



St Kieran's Band's Performance at Hardi Nursing Home-

This Thursday, the 26 October, the St Kieran's school bands visited the Hardi Aged Care in Manly Vale. Here's our perspectives on what happened and how we felt.

Jessica W, Band Captain-

"Hardi was an amazing experience for both bands and myself. We had so many great laughs and we were all so joyed to play. Thank you to the staff, residents, parent helpers, Gale Connor and Surrey Hodges, for making it all happen! There was an immense amount of excitement that could be seen through all of the musicians. Everybody enjoyed themselves. It was also so beautiful seeing the smiles and faces of the residents light up when they heard us play and when they were given gifts. We hope to come back so much more and enjoy an experience like this again!"

Isabella K, Band Captain-

"Right from the start, we could all feel and hear the wonderful atmosphere that lingered there. There was excitement from everyone- from the kids, to the residents, the staff and parents, it was just a beautiful feeling. Everything went smoothly and we made very few errors throughout the entire thing. All of the children were well behaved and every single resident we met were exceedingly kind to us (and gave me a few pointers too). This performance was probably our best yet and I can't wait for our next performance and I know that the next time the St Kieran's bands come here they will amaze the lovely residents even more."

PARENT NEWS

Every year St Kierans Committee hold auctions as a part of fundraising. In keeping with tradition, we are auctioning Principal for the Day. Your child will have the chance to experience part of their school day as acting Principal. This has always been a big fundraiser. This year we will have a silent auction and not a live auction.

- **Item 1** Bidding for Principal for the Day starts at \$500. Please indicate your maximum bid.
- **Item 2** Roaming Café \$200 Gift voucher for a workplace or function. Starting bid \$50
- **Item 3** We also have 10 birthday electronic signage bids. These are all \$50.



If you would like to propose a bid please email the P&F committee at stkierans.pf@gmail
Closing date for all bids is Monday 30 October.

Calling for 2018-2019 St Kieran's P & F Committee members.

Have you thought about joining the school P&F committee? Ask some year parents to help create a fun team. The roles of the exec committee have changed and less work is now involved. The current P & F team members will speak with you about the different roles and meet you with for a thorough hand over. Please email the stkierans.pf@gmail.com or chat with one of the current P&F team members in person.

Roles of the P & F Exec include;

- President
- Vice President
- Parent Council Diocese representative
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Calling for 2018-2019

- Fundraising teams

Each year the P&F Committee will be calling for a dynamic team to coordinate one major Fundraising event for St Kieran's school. We are asking for people to nominate themselves for 2018. Events could include a school fair, trivia night, black tie event. Please email the P&F to nominate yourself.

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

Just arrived!!! Legionnaire's hats are now available from the school office - \$14.50 each.

Canteen

Italian Day this year is on **Wednesday 1 November**. We will need 10 volunteers to assist for an hour 12.30pm to 1.30pm. If you can assist please email: joannemesbitt@gmail.com. **QKR!**
orders for Italian Day are now closed.



\$2.50 Pizza slice - Hawaiian and Margarita (gluten free options)

\$1.50 Gelato cup - Chocolate, Strawberry and Bubble gum



NEW to the Canteen as a Wednesday special: 3 x Steamed Pork and Chive **Gyozas** for \$1.50. Also available on a Wednesday: 1 x Large Steamed Chicken Dim Sim for \$1.50. Both of these come with soy sauce

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 4 - Week 4):

Volunteer required for Wednesday 13 December, 9.00-1.50pm? If you can help out, can you please text Jo Nesbitt on 0410 629135.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to assist on **Italian Day** from 12.30pm to 1.30pm, it is greatly appreciated.

Wednesday 1st November: Italian Day - Ali Malone, Ally Browne

Thursday 2nd November: Jennifer Lee, Susan Nicols

Friday 3rd November: Nicole Covich, Peita Daly, Natasha Gennusa

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).

If you can volunteer or if you have any changes to the canteen roster, please contact:

Jo Nesbitt - joanne.nesbitt@dbb.catholic.edu.au or text 0410 629 135.

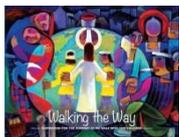
Bunnings BBQ

The P&F would like to say a Very Big thank you to all the wonderful people who volunteered and baked cakes for the Bunnings BBQ and Cake Stall Fundraiser event held last Sunday.

We appreciate the valuable time that volunteers offered to help out at the BBQ on the day and also to the all the generous mums and dads that baked cakes for the Cake Stall.

In total, the event raised **\$2,000** of which \$800 was raised from the cake stall and \$1,200 from the BBQ and sale of drinks.

The money will likely be contributed towards playground and technology upgrades and will directly benefit our kids which makes fundraising events worthwhile.



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.dbbco.org/>

Dads Curry Night

Yes I know the school holidays have just finished and no one wants to even think of Xmas, but as far as event booking, it's not far away!!

I have pencilled in Thursday 7 December for the "Urban Tadka" Xmas Curry. Eat and drink as much as you can. \$80 will be the all-inclusive food and drink, and the bus is generally around \$20 or so depending on the numbers. So all up approx \$100 each. Those who haven't been before, the Coach picks us up at St Kieran's and delivers us back again later in the evening.

The food is great at the Urban and they look after us well. All dads of course are welcome. Please contact me for more details etc Howardgiles100@hotmail.com

Howie

2018 Term Dates

2018 Term Dates	Commence	End
Term 1	Monday 29 January - Teachers Tuesday 30 January - Yrs 1 – 6 Friday 2 February - Kinder	Friday, 13 April
Term 2	Monday 30 April, 01 May to	Friday, 06 July
Term 3	Monday, 23 July to	Friday, 28 September
Term 4	Monday, 15 October to	Wednesday, 19 December

PARISH NEWS

Baptism Program for Older Children commences on 19 November 2017

For parents who may be interested our parish offers a preparation program for children:

- seven years or older who are not baptised and would like to receive the Sacrament of Baptism;
- who have been baptised into another Christian denomination who wish to be received into the Catholic Church and participate in the Children's Sacramental Program;
- young people/adults/ children who have been baptised Catholic who may not have received all the sacraments.

Please contact Janette (mobile 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au) if you would like to have a conversation about any of the above and/or a copy of the program

Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister, Catholic Community of North Harbour

PARISH PICNIC * SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19th



@ 11am north harbour reserve

condamine st, Balgowlah

BYO everything for a picnic

If it rains - it's cancelled - unfortunately !!

Scholastic Book Fair



You're invited to our Scholastic Book Fair!

This year the Book fair will be held from October 31– Nov 2 in St Kieran's School Library.

Tuesday October 31: 8.15am–8.45am and 2.45pm–3.15pm

Wednesday November 1: 8.15am–8.45am and 2.45pm–3.15pm

Thursday November 2: 8.15am–8.45am only.

Come along and buy a book or two!

Stationery items for sale too.

Do some early Christmas shopping.

Buy a book and donate it to the school.

SEE YOU THERE!

The Scholastic logo, consisting of a red square with a white heart icon and the word 'SCHOLASTIC' in white capital letters.



Become a Book Fair Volunteer!



We need your help to:

- Help run our Fair
- Pack up our Fair

Please circle days and times available to help at the Book Fair:

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- Wednesday November 1: 8.15am–8.45am and 2.45pm–3.30pm
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Name: _____

Phone: _____

Child's name and Class: _____

We appreciate your support in whatever form it takes.

Contact: Liz McGuire

St Kieran's Outdoor Family Movie Night

[Tickets Available here](#)

St Kieran's Parent & Friends Committee invites
St Kieran's and St Augustine's communities to an
OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



**THE LEGO
BATMAN
MOVIE**
(PG)



Friday 27 October, gates open at 6pm, movie shows at 7.30pm
St Augustines College Oval, Federal Pde, Brookvale

Dress up as a superhero or wear your PJs or onesies. Bring low chairs, bean bags, blankets and picnic basket. Food available for purchase.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

\$15 per family. Book tickets by Wednesday 25 October: www.trybooking.com/SCGT

In the event of adverse weather, the movie will be shown in St Augustine's Brimson Centre

Thank you
to the
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CHRISTMAS CAROLS CALLOUT



Please complete and return to the school office

I am able to assist with music for the Christmas Carols.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

