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LOOKING AHEAD

November

Sun 19 Yr 5 & K 2018 Buddies Welcome Mass
Parish Picnic

Mon 20 Sibling Discount & Payment forms due today

Thurs 23 9.15am Kinder 2018 Transition session

Fri 24 11.30am K2018 Developmental Play
7pm P&F School Wrap Up Party

Tues 28 7 – 8.45pm Cyber Safety Lady

December

Fri 1 9am Volunteers Thank You morning tea

Fri 1 11.30am K2018 Developmental Play

Mon 4 Yr 3 Singing at Manly Hospital

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 Lunch
Yr 6 Celebration Evening

Fri 15 12pm End of Year Mass
Last day for students

Dear Families

At the P&F AGM on Monday evening, a new band of volunteers put their hands up to take on the executive positions for 2018. Thank you for your willingness to support the school and our children. The rest of the P&F meeting was devoted to sharing information about the proposed restructuring of Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) for 2018. As explained at the meeting, a great deal of thought and research has gone into our decision. In the Learning Quarterly in Term 2 I wrote about 21st Century Learning and Visible Thinking while in Term 3 I wrote about Flexible Learning Spaces and Learning Principles. These are both available on the school website if you wish to read again. In next week's Learning Quarterly, I will include more information on how learning will look like in Stage 3 with some answers to questions that arose from Monday's meeting.

As I explained in last week's newsletter there will be 13 classes for 2018. I have met with the teachers and have allocated teachers to the following classes:

Kindergarten –	Miss Emily Channell and Mrs Jane Hocking
Year 1 –	Mrs Michelle Leydon and Mrs Wendy Rose
Year 2 –	Mrs Karen Sullivan and Mrs Karen Hughes/Mrs Tracy Brown
Year 3 –	Miss Eliza Scott-Fell and Mrs Mary Brown
Year 4 –	Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar and Mrs Geraldine Watson
Year 5 and Year 6 –	Mrs Christina Uchino, Miss Jedda Kassis and Miss Laura Cronin.

Miss Nicki Robilliard will be leaving St Kieran's to pursue further studies. We wish her all the best in her new ventures.

Children will be allocated a class teacher before the end of the term (except for Kindergarten 2018).

We look forward to welcoming many of our new Kindergarten students this Sunday at the Year 5 Family Mass. I hope many of you might be able to join us for this special welcome to the St Kieran's community.

The School Advisory Council gathered for a retreat last Sunday in the Cardinal's Palace (St Paul's, Manly) reflecting on Pope Francis encyclical, ***Laudato Si'*** and its interpretation to the St Kieran's context. I thank those members who were able to attend and give up valuable family time on the weekend.

Included in this newsletter is an invitation to all volunteers to attend a 'Thank You' morning tea on Friday 1 December. Please RSVP by Monday 27 November if you are able to attend.

Finally, congratulations to Opal B (Year 5) on being nominated as an Outstanding Sports Achiever in Broken Bay. Opal will receive her award later this month.

God bless



Michael Gallagher
Principal

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KC	Alana R and Annabel N	KH	Olivia M, Juan D and Lucy W
1L	Katelyn W and Daniel M	1R	Ella M and Mya W
2C	Joshua P and Nicholas H	2S	Thomas S, Aoife S and Amelia R
3B	Ruby T and Daniel P	3S	Kai S and Mila C
4G	Sabrina F and Paria S	4K	Isabelle L and Jai D
5H	Ruby N and Jessica C	5R	Chloe W, Jada S and Catie S
6	Kye P and Isabel O	PE	
Italian	Eva D, Ana Luiza F and Jaden K	Band	Ashleigh W and Jackson Q

SCHOOL NEWS

Application for Sibling Discount and Payment Arrangements 2018

These forms were sent home earlier this term. All families are required to complete and return these forms by Monday 20 November. If you have lost your form please [complete](#) and return as soon as possible.

Religious Education

Students, parents and friends are warmly invited to the **9.30 am Sunday Mass** this weekend. At this celebration our Year Five students will **welcome Kindergarten 2018** to our Parish and School Family. Thank you to our Year Five families who are participating in the Eucharistic Celebration and in the true style of St Augustine are providing hospitality following Mass.

Advent to Christmas Modules of Learning.

Students have begun their Advent journey, preparing for Christmas. In our day and age it is very easy to get swept along with the consumer oriented perspective on Christmas. Our Catholic faith offers us a different perspective on preparing for Christ at Christmas. During the next few weeks students will be led to see Advent as a time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. They will explore the Advent Readings particularly the role of the prophet John the Baptist in proclaiming the coming of Jesus. A way your family could keep focus on the coming of Christ at Christmas is by creating a family Advent wreath. <https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/the-history-of-the-advent-wreath.html> provides an explanation of the Advent wreath for parents <https://www.pinterest.com.au/explore/diy-advent-wreath/> provides ideas on how to make a home made advent wreath.



Christmas Eve Children's Mass

Calling all students for a Christmas Eve Mass Choir - 24 December at 5.30 pm

Our Parish has asked if there are any students who would like to form part of the choir for the children's Christmas Eve Mass. Mass commences at 5.30pm so the choir will need to be there by 4.45pm. Choir practice for the carols and hymns will be held during school lunch time.



If you are interested in preparing for Christmas and participating in the Christmas Eve Mass could you please return the Christmas Eve Mass slip towards the end of this newsletter.

Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

Library News

Library borrowing for all students, K-6, has ceased for this year. If your child still has books at home, they must be returned by next Tuesday morning. Books not returned will incur a replacement cost. Many thanks to all those students who have returned all their library books.

Swimming Carnival

This morning we held our Ribbon Assembly awarding students who received a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place overall in their events. Congratulations to Green Colour House who were the overall winners. A special mention to Zoe S who broke four school records in the 50m Freestyle, Backstroke, Butterfly and Breaststroke, an amazing effort!

The following students have been selected to represent St Kieran's at the Northern Beaches Cluster Carnival which will be held in February.

Boys

Lachlan H	Oliver F
Louis T	Kai D
Lachlan D	Michael P
Jackson Q	James M
Christian C	Dylan C
Tadhg M	Thomas S
Sam B	

Girls

Zoe S	Opal B	Eve S
Hannah S	Isabelle L	Eve S
Mila C	Emma S	Lily Q
Maddison B	Ella M	Eliza L
Mia B	Amelia S	Sarah K
Iona R		

Water Polo

Congratulations to Milla, Isabel, Hannah and Kyle who represented a Sydney Archdiocesan Primary sport team playing in The Sydney Metropolitan Water Polo Carnival at Sutherland on the weekend. A wonderful achievement.



Band News

Congratulations everyone on a fantastic performance on Wednesday at Warringah Mall. The children played beautifully and represented their school with lovely manners and respectfulness to those around them. I was very proud.

Also a big thank you to Gayle Connor and all the other parents who volunteered their time to help either transport instruments to and from the performance or walked with the children. These things don't happen without your help.

Looking forward to all other performances to come.

Miss Hodges, Band Conductor

Found

A Fitbit was found in the garden on Wednesday. If you think this belongs to you please contact the school office with a description (9949 3523).

PARENT NEWS

Message from the P&F

Thank you to all who attended the P&F meeting on Monday night, especially the teachers who gave of their time to help keep our parents informed. The minutes from the meeting will be available from today. Thank you also to the parents who volunteered to take over the reins of the P&F in 2018, we know that the school community will be well looked after in your capable hands. The P&F team for 2018 is Aileen Cahill (President), Louise Magee (VP), Jeannine Galland (Parent Council Rep), Shahn Schwarz (Treasurer), Jane Smith (Secretary), Howie Giles (Dads Committee), & Sunny Saady (Class Mum Coordinator).

We look forward to seeing you all at our final two events for the year, the Carols and End-Of-Year Gathering for parents.

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

2017 School Wrap Party

Please join us for a drink to wind up the year

Date: Friday 24 November

Location: Daniel San, 55 North Steyne, Manly (Novotel)

Time: 7pm onwards

Pop in for a quick drink or stay for dinner the options are endless. No need to RSVP as this is a very casual end of year wrap. Any queries please email them to

misssasim@idoud.com

We are looking forward to catching up with you

Your P&F Team

Kirsty, Kathy, John, Jo, Alyson, Vaughan, Howie and Steph



Canteen

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.



To all our wonderful 2017 Canteen Volunteers, your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

You might have noticed a flyer came home yesterday calling for 2018 Canteen Volunteers, - we'd love to see you back next year. If you haven't been able to do canteen in the past it would be great to have you join our team. Dads and

grandparents most welcome too. There are various shifts to choose from, put together a group of friends or meet new people. Full on the job training provided.

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 4 - Week 7):

Wednesday 22 November: Clare Foale, Lyndal Frollano

Thursday 23 November: Katrina Beaman, Jane Smith

Friday 24 November: Jenni Schofield (M), Kate Williams, 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).

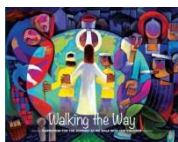
Lunch Volunteers are required from 11.15am to 1.50pm (L).

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.

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

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



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.dbbcsso.org/>

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



Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Parish Centre by joining our refurbishment project!

The Parish Centre is the heart of our parish hospitality, gatherings and welcome. It is home to over 2000 events and activities each year.

A Coordinating Committee will be formed to oversee the refurbishment project and we will need a broad range of skills including: Project Management, Fundraising, Marketing, Organisational, Social Media, Legal, and Financial.

Please contact Janette at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au or on 0408 866 521 if you can assist in any way.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Vacation Care

For information regarding the Northern Beaches Council Vacation Care program please go to their website: [Northern Beaches Council Vacation Care](#)

Also available:

- Summer Skate Nights
- Christmas Choral Concert
- Christmas by the Beach

Northern Beaches Vacation Care Services / 9942 2312 / vacationcare@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS – RETURN SLIP

I am interested in singing in the choir for the Christmas Eve Mass on 24 December at 5.30pm

Name: _____

Class: _____



Parent contact Number: -----

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Thank You!

Volunteers



A morning tea will be held for all volunteers on

Friday 1 December
9am in the Staffroom



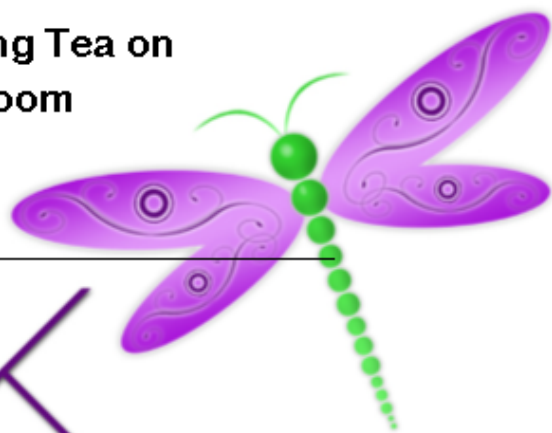
For catering purposes:
if you would like to attend please RSVP
by Monday 27 November



Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea

I will be attending the Thank You Morning Tea on
Friday 1 December at 9am in the staffroom

Name: _____



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State Transit

25 October 2017

St Kieran's School
63 Gordon Street
MANLY VALE 2093

To Whom it May Concern

Changes to State Transit Bus Services from 26 November 2017

From Sunday 26 November, a new bus network will operate on Sydney's Northern Beaches and Lower North Shore which will mean changes to your bus services.

The new network, designed by Transport for NSW, will impact a number of bus routes in the district – through a change in route, stopping patterns, timetable, or route number.

State Transit records indicate the following alterations may impact students at your school:

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- Route 613n from Seaforth to school will commence 5 minutes later at 8:14am
- Route 681n from Manly Wharf to school will commence 1 minute earlier at 8:27am.
- Route 693n from Skyline Shops to school will commence 3 minutes later at 7:59am.
- Route 721n from Seaforth to school will commence 2 minutes earlier at 8:23am.

To ensure any students who are affected by service alterations are aware of changes to their travel patterns, it would be appreciated if you could provide them with, or direct them to, relevant information as deemed appropriate.

Full details of changes to bus services can be obtained from the B-Line Project website www.b-line.transport.nsw.gov.au. Timetables, trip planner and travel alerts for day-to-day travel will continue to be available from www.transportnsw.info or by telephoning Transport Info on 131 500.

Yours sincerely

James Forsyth
A/Traffic & Services Manager
State Transit, Northern Region