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LOOKING AHEAD

December

Mon 4	Yr 3 Singing at Manly Hospital
Tues 5	6.30pm Band Concert in the Library
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

January

Mon 29	Teachers return
Tues 30	Students Yrs 1 – 6 return Kinder Best Start appointments
Wed 31	Kinder Best Start appointments
Thurs 1	Kinder Best Start appointments

February

Fri 2	Kinder 2018 commence
Fri 9	10am Opening School Mass
Tues 13	6.30pm Kinder Info evening
Wed 14	10am Ash Wednesday Mass
Fri 16	Yoga Yrs 2 & 3

Dear Families

It was a pleasure to thank many of our parent volunteers this morning over a cuppa and cake. Our school greatly values the generosity of many of our parents who give of their time to make St Kieran's a great place for all our children. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the life of our school this year.

There are plenty of events happening over the last few weeks of school. This week Year 5 presented their *Night of the Notables* research from this term and we had the *Cyber Safety Lady* present to Stage 3, teachers and parents. The information presented was alarming but informative. I highly recommend that you visit her website to find out more about the safe use of technology for you and your children. [Cyber Safety](#)

Miss Eliza Scott-Fell has informed me that she will be leaving our school community at the end of this year. She has been offered a teaching position at Queenwood for 2018. While it is very sad to see her leave, we wish her every success in her new position and thank her for the wonderful contribution she has made to St Kieran's over the last three years. A replacement will be found for Eliza very soon.

Meanwhile, Mrs Vanessa Clifford will return to St Kieran's for the first few weeks of the year before going on Maternity Leave. Vanessa will be carrying out a number of teaching duties rather than be assigned to one class.

There are two "campaigns" running at the moment where your vote would be very much appreciated. The first is for Kevin Malone, our much-loved volunteer, in recognition of his amazing contribution to our school (details in newsletter). The second is for a young man named Jarryd Haines who you may have read about. He "commentates" the AFL for his best friend Mark who lost his vision from cancer when he was nine. Mark is a student at Mater Maria. More details can be found at [mylaureus](#) and vote for *My Best Mate*. Voting closes today at midnight.

Reports will be sent home next Friday and children will be told of their class for 2018. The teachers have taken into consideration many factors including the social, emotional and academic needs of each child when assigning a class and teacher. The children will have an opportunity to meet their teacher(s) in the last week of school.

Finally, due to further industrial action by the Independent Education Union, no formal classes will be held on Monday morning until 10.15am. Supervision will be provided by the school until this time when normal classes will resume.

God bless



Michael Gallagher
Principal

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KC	Benjamin P and Marlon W	KH	James G, Melody G and Erica K
1L	Asten F and Lachlan F	1R	Willow B and Jack P
2C	Oliver S and Grace M	2S	Aiden T and Tristan D
3B	Mikayla L	3S	Joel S and Gemma B
4G	Isabel S, Louis T and Blake U	4K	Grace H and Noah K
5H	Jas K and Emily D	5R	All of 5R
6	Ellie D and Isabella D	PE	Michael P, Joel M and Freya M

SCHOOL NEWS

Kevin - Our Very Own Hero – Please Vote

Grant Quarry from Education HQ and Australian Teacher Magazine has informed us that **Kevin Malone**, our nominee in the 'support' category of the annual Unsung Heroes competition has made the final list of five nominees,.

Please support Kevin by nominating via: <https://au.educationhq.com/news/44254/vote-for-australias-unsung-hero-support/> and please share this link with others outside the school community who know Kevin and would like to support him. Voting closed 11 December.

Medication Reminder and Expiry

All medication held at the office for students will be sent home at the end of term. If your family is leaving prior to the 15th please remember to collect their medication.

Before returning your child's medication at the commencement of Term 1 next year please check your child's medication expiry dates.

Religious Education

Kindergarten families of 2018 were welcomed into the St Kieran's community at a beautiful Mass hosted by our Year 5 students and presided by F. Peter Jones. 2018 new arrivals received a blessing and a small prayer box from the Parish. Kindy 2018 were given a handmade welcome card from their Year 5, soon to be Year 6, buddies. Year 5 led the congregation with our favourite "Yes, Lord I Believe" creed and "Go make a Difference". We send a huge thank you to Kathryn Williams and her merry band of musicians and singers, including Beata Kromrych, Maria and Jessica Dunn. Thank you to all the families who attended Mass and to those who helped set up and serve morning tea. There was a community buzz in the Church yard that went on for an hour following Mass as families got to know each other. Thank you Year 5 for your wonderful response to this Mass. Many comments were made about how lovely the Mass and morning tea was and how fantastic the readers were. The involvement of all the students is much appreciated.

Laura Cronin, Year 5 Teacher.

Preparations are well underway for our **Christmas Carols Evening on Friday 8 December.**

This is a 'sit back and enjoy some time with our wonderful school community whilst joining in with carols' twilight gathering. Students will lead the carols, accompanied ably by "**The Glittery Decorations**". We wish to thank the following parents and ex –students for sharing their talents with the school community.



Kevin Mascarenhas – guitar
Kathryn Williams – guitar
Jenni Schofield – keyboard
Charlie Wilson – guitar

Erica Mascarenhas – vocals
Maria Dunn – vocals
James Paver– bass guitar
Hayden Williams – guitar

Alex Mascarenhas - keyboard
Jessica Dunn - vocals
Beata Kromrych - violin
Josh Rigato – drums

Parents may choose to bring picnic blankets and low beach chairs to use on the evening. Light refreshments are also welcome as our school community share a meal and nibble with friends and family; however we must restrict drinks to soft drinks and water. **No hot drinks or alcohol are permitted on the school playground.**

Whilst teachers will be in attendance, children will be under the care and supervision of their parents. We ask that parents sit with their children and do not allow them to run around or play handball. Upstairs will be strictly off limits. This is an evening to acknowledge a Catholic Christmas as a family.

Our wonderful P & F are responsible for crowd control and security on the evening. Please support them by keeping your children with you and joining in the reason for the season –CHRISTMAS. A Christmas Carols booklet is linked [here](#) .

Christmas Carols Evening Friday 8 December

5:00 pm -School Band set up under shade cloth near canteen

5:30 pm- Gates open for parents and children

6:00pm - School Band commences playing

6:30pm- Christmas Carols commence lead by “The Glittery Decorations”

8:00pm- Finish

Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

Car Park Volunteers Required

Please see the letter towards the end of this newsletter requesting help in 2018 supervising the carpark at dismissal time. If you can help keep our children safe please complete the tear-off and return it to the school office by next Friday 8 December.

From the Library Team– Wendy Fitzgerald Visit

On Monday 6 November, Year 6 had a special visitor come in for a writing workshop thanks to the lucky winners of the lunch with the stars writing competition who were Isabella K, Jessica W and Mattaeus P. The story that everyone entered had to be under 500 words and it had to have a good twist at the end. The special visitor was Wendy Fitzgerald who has written lots of books. Two of her latest are ‘Indigo Solves the Puzzle’ and ‘Bollywood Dreams’. The three winners were lucky enough to receive these two books as a prize.

When Wendy Fitzgerald came to St Kieran's, all of Year 6 worked on writing a short narrative. To help us think of a story, we had a paper booklet with lots of topics and ideas that could go in our stories, and there was a page for us to fill in so we could plan our storyline. We explored poetry through raps and other lyrics and discussed ways of improving our writing.

The Library Team

Outstanding Sports Achievement Awards

On Tuesday night the Broken Bay Diocese held their annual Outstanding Sports Achievement Awards night. The criteria is very particular with students only receiving this award if they have made it to Polding in two or more sports or who go onto represent NSW. Opal B received her award for her following achievements:

- Polding Netball Team
- Polding Basketball Team
- NSW Basketball Team
- Cross Country Polding Selection Trials
- Swimming Polding Selection Trials

Opal will now compete for NSW in Basketball over the next week in Adelaide at the Pacific Games. We wish her all the best of luck in her games! Congratulations Opal on your outstanding sporting achievements!



Broken Bay Basketball

Congratulations to Caitlin W and Opal B from Yr 5 who have made the Broken Bay Basketball Team. Well done Caitlin and Opal!

Hockey Gala Day

Yesterday we had three teams compete at the Northern Beaches Cluster Hockey Gala Day. It was a successful day for St Kieran's with Team 3 going undefeated the whole day taking out joint 1st in their pool and Team 1 coming joint 2nd in their pool. Only a few students play Hockey outside of school so it was wonderful to see so many students getting involved in a different sport! Thank you to the parents who volunteered to manage the teams, your help is greatly appreciated!



Band News

Our busy week has arrived, with next week's end of year concert on Tuesday 5 December. Children are to arrive for set up at 5:15pm for a 6.30pm start in the library.

On Thursday morning 7th we have a combined rehearsal of both Junior and Senior band.

Friday 8th we have the Band Breakfast from 7:30pm onwards, the band assembly at 2pm and then the Carols that evening.

Please ensure all young musicians are practicing ALL their band pieces for these performances.

Going to be an exciting week

Miss Hodges, Band Conductor



Cliff Side Fun Run

Cliff Side Fun Run is being held at Long Reef Headland on March 18, 2018 **with 30% of their registration going back to the school as fundraising.**

It's an attempt to encourage families to participate (and prepare), and enjoy exercising together.

Funds raised will also help support the National Breast Cancer Foundation and mental health charity Gotcha4Life.

Events include: 3, 5 and 10 km event and the Sporting Festival at the finish line, with representatives from major codes giving kids the chance to try a broad range of skills and activities. For more information please click [here](#).

Chicken Pox

We have been notified of a student with a confirmed case of chicken pox. Please be aware of the following:

- **Time from exposure to illness:** 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.
- **Absence from school:** Yes, for 5 days after the rash first appears and until the blisters have all scabbed over.

PARENT NEWS

Canteen

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 4 - Week 9):

Wednesday 6 November: Jess Costi (M), Mel Carey, Amanda Raleigh (A)

Thursday 7 November: Rebecca Mirabito, Jess Costi

Friday 8 December: Riany Tanner, Nicole Covich, Jo Hull

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.



Dads Curry Night

I have pencilled in Thursday 7 December for the "Urban Tadka" Xmas Curry. Eat and drink as much as you can.

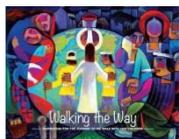
\$80 will be the all-inclusive food and drink, and the bus is generally around \$20 or so depending on the numbers. So all up approx \$100 each. Those who haven't been before, the Coach picks us up at St Kieran's and delivers us back again later in the evening.

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

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.dbbco.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 to	Friday, 6 July
Term 3	Monday, 23 July to	Friday, 28 September
Term 4	Monday, 15 October to	Wednesday, 19 December

PARISH NEWS

Parish Centre Refurbishment Project

In 2018 we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Parish Centre. The Parish Centre is the heart of our parish hospitality, gatherings and welcome and is home to over 2000 events and activities each year. The Centre is now in need of refurbishment to update its facilities so it can continue to be the welcoming environment we know and love and we need your help.

A **Coordinating Committee** will be formed to oversee the project. This provides an exciting opportunity to pass on a gift to the community for the next 20 years. Please contact Janette at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au or on 0408 866 521

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

The International Day of People with Disability is observed annually on 3 December. We pray that all people with disability, their families and support workers, will know God's tender love expressed through the support of a welcoming community.

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

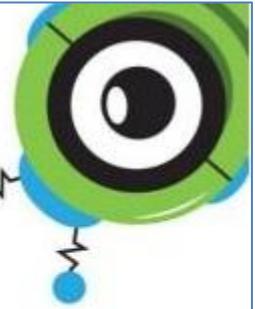
Sing You Heart Out Workshop

For children aged 5 – 12 on Mon 22 January to Wednesday 24th in the Parish Centre. For further information click [here](#) .



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Year 3-6 robotics program in Term 1

St Kierans on Wednesday Afternoons Term 1, 2018

TIME: 3.15pm to 4.30pm

COST: \$275 for 10 week program

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St Kieran's Catholic School, Manly Vale

School Car Park Roster – 2018

Dear Parents,

Would you like to help keep your children and others safe at school pick up time? Would you be available for just twenty minutes at school pick up time any day of the week? Would you like to wear a lovely 'fluoro' vest and hold the lollipop 'stop/slow' sign? Then this is the job for YOU!

The more volunteers we have, would mean you wouldn't have to do it every week. Please can you help by volunteering to be part of the car park roster team? We need a large pool of new volunteers to replace our departing families in Year 6. We would like to offer you the opportunity to get involved at our school and join another wonderful group of volunteers.

It helps the children see that St Kieran's is a community for all the family.

What's involved?

1. Sign up for a day that suits you
2. Roster will be sent out to confirm dates and volunteers
3. Turn up on the day – training will be given to all new volunteers

Full on the job training will be offered.

Please complete the Roster Form below for whatever time you can spare, and be guaranteed you and your child will benefit from this involvement in the St Kieran's community. Thank you in advance.

For any questions regarding the Car Park or the Roster, please email Juliette Cronin on croningj@bigpond.com.

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St Kieran's Car Park Volunteer Roster for 2018

Please return by Friday 8 December 2017



Name: _____ Contact No: _____

Email address: _____

I am happy to volunteer: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

weekly monthly

I would like to volunteer, but won't know what days or times at present. Please contact me in 2018.

Comments _____

Thank you
to the
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25 October 2017

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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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Forsyth', written over a circular stamp or seal.

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



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A Coordinating Committee will be formed to oversee the project. This provides an exciting opportunity to pass on a gift to the community for the next 20 years.

We will need a broad range of skills on this Committee including: Project Management, Fundraising, Design, Marketing, Organisational, Social Media, Legal, and Financial.

The people of this parish have many gifts and talents which will contribute towards bringing this project to life.

Please contact Janette at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au or on 0408 866 521.