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LOOKING AHEAD

February

Tues 6 Safer Internet Day
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
Tues 20 6.30pm Parent Ed in Literacy (Kinder)
Fri 23 Yoga Yrs 2 & 3
Mon 26 Robotics Yr 5
Tues 27 Yr 3 boys to St Paul's
Wed 28 Northern Beaches Swim Carnival

March

Fri 2 **Staff Development Day**

Mon 5 Catholic Schools Week commences
Robotics Yr 5
7pm P&F meeting – all welcome
Tues 6 **Open Day**
Yr 4 Barracks excursion
Thurs 8 Yr 6 Leaders Day
Broken Bay Swim Carnival at Mingara
Fri 9 Yoga Yrs 2 & 3
9-11am Soccer Clinics Yrs 3 – 5
Sat 10 **Welcome Drinks** at Wakehurst Golf Club
Fri 16 Yoga Yrs 2 & 3
9 – 11am Soccer Clinics Yrs 3-5

Dear Families

Welcome to St Kieran's for 2018. With Kindergarten starting school today, St Kieran's is now operating with all engines running! Our new forty-four smiling faces settled into their classes very quickly this morning while their parents gathered in the hall for some tea and tissues! Many thanks to our Year 6 parents who prepared the morning tea and served and welcomed the Kinder parents.

Sadly we began the year with the news of the passing into eternal life of young Eddie Sharp. A celebration of Eddie's life will be held tomorrow in our parish church commencing at 10.30am. Many thanks to the classmates of Isabel's who will be singing in the choir and for all the other people providing support to the family during this difficult time. Please keep the family in your prayers.

During the school holidays the library and iCentre were converted to the Stage 3 learning space which we now call The Hub. The teachers spent many hours preparing the space for the children's return and by the look on the children's faces on Tuesday morning, they were "blown away" with the result. While The Hub is fully operational, we are waiting for the delivery of some new furniture which will arrive in the next few weeks. If you haven't had the opportunity to visit the space, the teachers are more than happy for you to have a walk-through before school. We will have a more formal opening once the furniture is in. The new Library is also ready for use with a lot of effort by Mrs McGuire and her parent volunteers over the last week.

As well as our new families in Kinder, we also welcome the Quijada Gonzales family (1R and 4K) and the Turner family (3B and 5/6C). You are all very welcome to our St Kieran's community.

I wish you and your family a happy, healthy and prosperous year ahead. I look forward to working together in providing the best education for our children; academically, emotionally and spiritually. I hope to see as many of our families at the Beginning of Year Mass next Friday morning.

God bless

Michael Gallagher
Principal

1L	Jacinta W and Ryan M	1R	Scarlett M, Jonathan M and Jasmine L
2HB	Darcy B and Ava C	2S	Toby S and Alicia M
3B	Tahlia M and Thomas T	3V	Lachlan W and Mya B
4G	Faren B, Lachlan H and Gretel W	4K	All of 4K for a great start to the year
Yr 5	Lauren E and Cole I	Yr 5/6	Mikel M and Jackson Q
Yr 6	Xavier W and Hannah S	PE	Ollie F and Jack H
Band		Italian	Liam O, Pia F, Malgorzata K and Sofia F

SCHOOL NEWS

Arrival and Dismissal

- Please try to ensure your children **arrive at school on time**. Arriving late and walking into a settled classroom after the bell can often cause a child unnecessary anxiety and separation problems.
- **Late Notes** – If your child arrives after the first bell **they must to be accompanied by a parent to the office**. Parents are to fill in a late note and your child will be given a slip to present to their teacher.
- **Dismissal** - Also please ensure your child knows how they are getting home and with whom. Late messages are sometimes hard to deliver, especially if the class is at sport, yoga, Italian, music, library, church etc
- Parents using **drive through pick up** from the car park in the afternoons are to ensure they have the correct (surname) sign for the teachers on duty to see. Handwritten signs and signs written in light/thin font are not visible and can cause confusion.
- **Kindergarten parents** received signs this week and if there are **any parents** in other grades requiring a new or updated sign, we ask that you contact the office and request one.
- **Parking** - Please be respectful of our **neighbours**. When dropping the children off in the morning or collecting them in the afternoons please respect the rights of our neighbours and refrain from pulling up in their driveways even for a short time. Rangers frequently patrol at their request.
- **IMPORTANT - All Families:** Please complete and return a [Dismissal Form](#) for each of your children and return to your child's class teacher regarding their normal dismissal arrangements.

Student Medications



All student medication must be accompanied by the correct forms. Please ensure medication is current and well within its expiry date. Please send in medication, clearly marked, and updated forms. **All medication needs to be accompanied with signed consent by the referring doctor.** No medication will be given under any circumstance without a medical practitioner's consent.



https://www.allergy.org.au/images/stories/anaphylaxis/2016/Anaphylaxis_Epipen_Personal_Action_Plan_2016_WEB.pdf

School Fees

Invoices for 2018 were emailed to all families at the end of January from the Catholic Schools Office. This invoice shows the total due for the year and the amounts and dates payment is required. Please adhere to your payment schedule as requested on your family registration form.

- If you are paying in the standard three instalments first payment is due by 23 February,
- If you are paying monthly, fees are due by 15th of each month.
- For other instalment types please check your invoice.

If you wish to change your time payments or discuss your fees please contact Julia.postle@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Statements will be emailed to all families at the beginning of each month showing amounts owing. Unpaid fees will be referred to the Catholic Schools Office for collection unless other arrangements have been made.

Medication Reminder and Expiry

If your child requires medication at school please ensure you have completed the correct forms and that the medication you supply has been approved by a doctor and that all medication has sufficient expiry dates.

No medication will ever be given without written approval from a doctor, this includes Panadol, Nurofen etc.

Photographing your Child at School

Parents and carers often enjoy photographing their children at school. Today this often includes sharing the images on social media. It is important to note that the child protection laws and the privacy laws respect the rights of parents to not allow photographs of their children to be posted online without their written consent. It is important to crop the images of students in the background that are easily identifiable before sharing any school photos of your children particularly on social media.

What Happens at St Kieran's Library

Borrowing and Library Lessons: Tuesday for Kinder, 1L, 1R, 2HB,

Wednesday for 2S

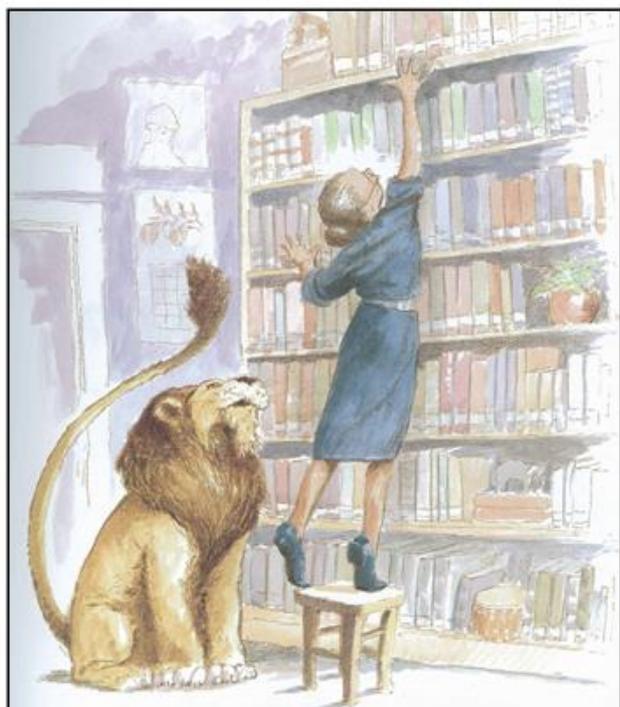
Borrowing with classroom teacher:

Year 3- Wednesday

Year 4- Friday

Year 5- Wednesday

Year 6- Wednesday



- Please encourage your child to be an active borrower.
- Bring their library bag every week.
- Return and borrow each week.
- Ask your child to get out their books at home and read with, or to them.
- Make a safe, regular place to leave library books in the house, where they can always be found (and away from food or drinks).

Happy borrowing!

Liz McGuire

Urgent - Car Park Helpers Required



We are urgently in need of volunteers to help at dismissal time for approximately 20 minutes on a Monday, Tuesday and/or Friday. Are you intending to be in the school playground for pick up on these days after school?

Ideally, we just need three people, who can then alternate their weeks with other helpers. The more helpers that can get, the less frequent the job! Come on St Kierans we are a great community and we need some more people please!

You will get the opportunity to wear one of three coloured fluoro vests, full 'on the job' training will be given, if required, on how to manoeuvre the STOP/SLOW sign! Your children will love to see you out there helping, so please let the office know, if you are able to help in anyway.

Birthdays

Teachers are happy for the children to celebrate their birthdays at school, but please make this stress free and mess free by supplying cupcakes, slices or pre-cut cakes. Always ensure you have enough for all members of the class

and please take into consideration the allergy issues associated with the individual class. Also a reminder that the school has limited space in providing cold storage.

PARENT NEWS

From the P&F

A very warm welcome to everyone for the 2018 school year! We're looking forward to hearing everyone's thoughts and enjoying a few chats and laughs with everyone at some fun events throughout 2018.

This year's P&F Committee are:

- ▶ Aileen Cahill (President),
- ▶ Louise Magee (Vice President),
- ▶ Jane Smith (Secretary),
- ▶ Shahn Schwarz (Treasurer),
- ▶ Sunny Saady (Class Parent Co-Ordinator),
- ▶ Jen Galland (Diocesan Parent Council Rep)
- ▶ Howie Giles (Dad's Committee).

We hope to say 'hi' to many of you around school drop-off or pickup, or drop us a line anytime at stkierans.pf@gmail.com.

Dates for your diary

- **P&F meeting - Monday 5 March at 7pm** in the school library.
Come along and say hi, we'd love to see as many faces as possible and we promise a welcoming and short meeting (with some choccies to sweeten the deal!). Learn about the school's plans for the year and hear progress on the exciting new Stage 3 classroom space and structure.
- **Welcome Drinks – Saturday 10 March, 7:30pm** at Wakehurst Golf Club
Kick off the school year! Enjoy a few drinks and laughs with old friends and welcome new parents to our school community. More details to come soon, but book your babysitters now!

Canteen

Shrove Tuesday is early this year - Tuesday 13 February. Pancakes will be \$1.00 each with a limit of 3 per child. These are the large size Golden pancakes. They will be offered with either a drizzle of maple syrup, or a spread of strawberry jam, or just on their own (plain). Thanks to all our helpers.



Thank you to those who have offered up their time to volunteer in the school canteen, it is greatly appreciated. The roster is looking really good, although we do have a few shifts free on a Wednesday (week 8, week 9 and week 10 - 2 volunteers per shift), so if you like to help out once a term please let text me 0410 629 135 or email me @ joannemesbitt@gmail.com. It would be great if you could find a buddy to join you, or if you would like to meet other parents just contact me. We also have a couple of single days free in Term 1, week 11.

The dates we need help with are highlighted in red.

- Please find our most recent version of the 2018 Canteen **Roster** [here](#).
- Canteen **Menu** [here](#).
- Summer/Autumn lunch **special** is BBQ Chicken Fried Rice @ \$4.50.



Canteen shift times:

- Full day - 9.00am to 1.50pm
- Morning shift - 9.00am to 11.15am **(M)** *Highlighted in blue on the roster, and*
- Afternoon shift - 11.15am to 1.50pm **(A)** *Highlighted in apricot on the roster.*

Looking forward to meeting all our new volunteers, and welcoming back our regulars. A special thanks to our Grandparents who are joining our team this year. Full on the job training will be provided.

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 1 - Week 2):

- **Wednesday 7 February:** Jo Quarrell, Jo F
- **Thursday 8 February:** Susan Nicols, Bec Mirabito
- **Friday 9 February:** Susan Nicols, Alicia Potega, Diana Russo-James

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.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Creative SPIRIT

An exhibition of works on paper and mixed media installation by Annette Kelsey, Lyndal Frollano and Bernadette Meyers at 105 Abbott Rd North Curl Curl from 13 – 25 February. Opening Night – Tuesday 13 February at 7pm. creativespiritexhibition.wordpress.com / 0432 731 488

St Paul's Catholic College Open Evening – Wednesday 28 February from 4pm – 7pm. Darley Road Manly
www.stpaulsmanly.nsw.edu.au

Marist Open Day

The Marist Open Day is to be held on Saturday 3 March from 10am to 1.30pm. Enrolment for Yr 7 takes place in Year 5 and offers are made after interview in July the same year.

Please remind parents that the enrolment process at Marist College takes place when their son is in Year 5 and offers are made after interview in July the same year. 270 Miller St, North Sydney, 9957 5000,
www.maristcollege.com

PARISH NEWS

Sacramental Program News

- Parents of children in Year 3 (and older) are reminded that the **First Reconciliation Program** commences this term with the **Parent Information Meeting on Monday 12 February at 9.30am OR Tuesday 13 February at 7.00pm in St Kieran's Church;**
- **Group Facilitator Meetings** will follow the Parent Information Meetings at 10.30am (Monday) OR 8.00pm (Tuesday) in St Kieran's Church;
- The next **Baptism of Young Children Program (for children aged 7 – 11 years)** will commence in **May 2018**, prior to the beginning of the 2018 – 2019 Children's Sacramental Program;
- Advance notice - The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated by Bishop Peter A Comensoli on Saturday 11 August 2018 at 10.00am, 12 noon OR 3.00pm.

Parents new to the school with children in Year 3 (and older) who would like their children to join the **First Reconciliation** program are asked to contact Janette.

All relevant forms can be downloaded from the parish website at www.northharbourcatholic.org.au under the Sacraments tab.

For further information please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au .

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