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LOOKING AHEAD

February

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
Mon 5 Robotics Yr 5
7pm P&F meeting – all welcome
Tues 6 **Open Morning 9.30 – 11am**
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
Vinnies Night Patrol Collection
Sat 17 Band Workshop 10 – 4pm
Fri 23 Soccer Clinic Yrs 3 – 6
Tues 27 Anti-Bullying play for Yrs 4-6
Fri 30 Good Friday

Dear Families

The Lenten Season begins this week with Ash Wednesday marking the start of the preparation for Easter. Traditionally, Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. Father Francis spoke at Mass on Wednesday of getting ready for Lent. He told the children that preparing for Lent is like applying SPF40 sunscreen!

S is for Sharing (almsgiving), **P** is for Prayer and **F** is for Fasting! This simple analogy speaks very clearly as to what the Season is about. At the conclusion of his homily, Father Francis told us to journey through Lent with a “joyous” attitude.

Last year's Year 6 class was engaged by the Northern Beaches Council to work with a team of consultants in designing a new play-space for Manly Dam. The class was visited twice as part of the consultation and their ideas were in the design. The concept is open for feedback, however, comments close tomorrow! We were only informed this week. You can access the page [here](#).

Our school website is going to be relaunched during the next few weeks. There won't be a major difference to the appearance but the changes are to make it more suitable for multi-media. The changes are being actioned by the Catholic Schools Office (CSO), not at school. During the migration, you may notice some links temporarily disappear. One such change was the Parent Handbook which we were alerted of this week. If there is anything else that has “disappeared” or needs to be included, please advise the office. We will monitor the migration closely over the next couple of weeks.

The State Transit Authority, through the B-Line project, is kindly donating a large amount of plants to the school for the gardens. Planting is due to take place next Wednesday after morning tea. The Environment and Liturgy teams, along with their Kinder buddies, will be assisting with the planting.

Congratulations to Opal B and Caitlin W who attended the Polding Basketball trials in Newcastle last week. Opal has been selected for the PSSA State Carnival in Broken Hill in May.



I hope you can join us this Sunday for the Year 2 Family Mass at 9.30am in the church. ALL families are welcome.

God bless

Michael Gallagher
Principal

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KC	Christian G and Nadia I	KH	Bobby P, Thomas T and Harriet P
1L	Sophie T and Maylea C	1R	Olivia J and Douglas S
2HB	Will P and Josh G	2S	Jack P and Katelyn W
3B	Max H and Iona R	3V	Sophie N and Nick H
4G	Amy S, Lachlan D and Sofia F	4K	Alberto Q and Zoe A
5K	Daniela D and Scarlett P	Yr 5/6	Sam Z and Rose F
Yr 6	Tara N and Tessa J	PE	Maeve S
Band	Ashleigh W and Philippa Q	Italian	Amelie P, Sonny K, Declan P, Cooper M

SCHOOL NEWS

Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)

This year the PRC kicks off on Monday 5 March and closes on Friday 31 August (midnight). St Kieran's has always been an active supporter of the challenge and we'd like to encourage as many students as possible to participate. Your child may use their previous login details but if they are new to St Kieran's, then they will be issued with a used name and password. These will be given to the class teacher. It is fine to keep a written record of the books read until your child is able to log them. A sheet is attached [here](#) for this purpose. Please note that you are unable to logon until March 5.



Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

Religious Education

Thank you to our Year 6 Leaders and their teachers for the planning they put into our Opening School Mass. The students participated with reverence as they led their school community in thanksgiving for a new year of learning. Thank you to Mrs Ucchino and Miss Cronin for their thoughtful preparation of the students.



Year 6 students also received their Leadership badges, an outward sign of their leadership commitments to St Kieran's School community.

Following Mass Fr Paul invited the congregation to watch the burning of last year's palms. The ashes from the palms become the ashes we use for Ash



Wednesday. We thank Fr Paul for inviting the school to watch. I'm sure the children will always remember where the ashes for Ash Wednesday come from.



LENT

Lent is upon us. This week our school and parish community celebrated the **Ash Wednesday Mass**. It was a joyful celebration presided by Fr Francis. We were reminded that Lent is like SPF 40. Instead of covering ourselves in sun cream we prepare for Jesus' resurrection by SPF 40. For forty days we practise prayer, fasting and sharing. We congratulate Miss Kassis and Miss Cronin for their meticulous preparation of the students and the Mass. Students from grades 2 -6 participated in the Mass with enthusiasm and reverence. Kindy and Year 1 students received their ashes following Mass. We wish to thank Kathryn Williams for her upbeat guitar work which enhanced our Ash Wednesday. A big thankyou also to the many parents and parishioners who assist with the distribution of communion and, in this case, the ashes.

[Linked](#) to today's newsletter is an appendix "50 ways to experience Lent". This handout gives daily examples of ways in which our families can prepare for Easter during the forty days of Lent. Thank you Janette Davidson, our Family and Sacramental Minister, for preparing this wonderful family friendly resource.

Also [linked](#) is our school program of Masses and Liturgies for 2018. Please note that although we endeavour to adhere to these dates and times, they are subject to change.

Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar, Religious Education Coordinator

Band News

We have been working hard and having lots of fun in the last few band rehearsals. Keep it up. It's amazing how both bands are coming together this early in the year.

Next Friday 23 Feb we are going to hold band captain speeches and voting. They will commence at 9am in the music room. Please come with listening ears and enjoy what our Year 6's have to say. Voting will be done after the speeches and then captains will be announced the following week.

Band workshop has been booked in for Saturday 17 March. There will be a permission slip going out next week with details.

It's going to be a lot of fun and learning over the next few weeks
Miss Hodges, Band Conductor

Lost Property

Just a reminder that there is a growing collection of lunch boxes and containers in the lost property basket outside of 1R. Please check if you are missing things. Also, if you label your child's property it usually gets back to them. Items without labels and unclaimed items only remain in the basket for one week. Children need to take responsibility for their possessions.

Thank you for supporting your child's growth in independence.
Wendy Rose

PARENT NEWS

From the P&F

We hope to see many of you – especially all of our lovely new families in both Kindy and the older grades – at our **Welcome Drinks evening at 7:30pm on Saturday 10 March at the Wakehurst Golf Club**. This is a fun, casual social event – no fundraising involved – and our chance to welcome everyone to the St Kieran's community for 2018. Jump onto the Qkr App to book your tickets now, and get your babysitters booked in! We look forward to sharing a few drinks and laughs with you all on what promises to be a fun and relaxed night.

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. Book your tickets on the Qkr app now!

Have a great weekend everyone,
Cheers from your P&F Committee

Canteen: Canteen **Menu** [here](#) . Roster [here](#)

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped out on Shrove Tuesday. It was greatly appreciated. Pancakes were served with military precision...

We will be having a fire sale of the remaining pancakes, which have been frozen, until sold out. Pancakes are \$0.50 each at both recess and lunch with either a drizzle of maple syrup, or a spreading of jam, or plain.



We still need 5 Wednesdays filled on our Roster being **Terms 1-4, Week 10: 28 March, 27 June, 19 September, 12 December**. It would be great to have one volunteer to fill these four and team up with another new lovely mum to the school. There is also one single Wednesday free, **Term 1, Week 11: 11 April 2018**. If you can assist with any of these please either [email: joannemesbitt@gmail.com](mailto:joannemesbitt@gmail.com) or text: 0410 629 135. Thank you in advance.

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 1 - Week 4):

Wednesday 21 February: Juliette Cronin, Melissa Noble (A)

Thursday 22 February: Nicole Covich, Susan Foale

Friday 23 February: Kate Williams, Emma Playford, Lucy King

Any changes to the canteen roster, please contact: Jo Nesbitt - via text on: 0410 629 135.

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.*



WELCOME!
EVENING



The St Kieran's P&F Association invite you to celebrate the start of the 2018 school year.

This is a purely a social event, a chance to meet and welcome new parents and catch up with old friends.

Saturday 10 March 2018

7:30pm

Wakehurst Golf Club
Upper Clontarf Street, Seaforth

\$30 per person, includes canapes

Drinks available from the bar at club prices



RSVP and grab your tickets through the QKR app by midday on Friday 2 March

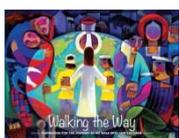
Dad's Curry Night – from the Dad's Committee

The first Curry night of the year will be in Manly at Ashiana's restaurant located in the heart of Manly <http://www.ashianaindianrestaurant.com.au/>. Raaj has looked after us many times and I will be putting on a Keg of beer as well.

When: Friday March 16th, 7.30pm at the restaurant, although we will catch up in the front bar of the Steyne Hotel from 6pm for pre-dinner drinks.

Its RSVP so let me know when you can so I can let the restaurant know numbers. Look forward to catching up soon. All the best, Howie – (Howard Giles) 0438 888 528, howardgiles100@hotmail.com

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



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.dbbcsociety.org/archive-2018-year-b.html>

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Year 7 2019 Academic and Performing Arts Scholarships

Applications close on 21 February 2018

Details and application forms can be downloaded from the website

Please contact the Registrar, Kerrie Dudley at registrar@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au for further information

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[St Paul's Catholic College Open Evening](http://www.stpaulsmanly.nsw.edu.au) – 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

Mercy Catholic College Open Day

Mercy Catholic College, Chatswood welcomes families and prospective students to our Open Day on Sunday 4 March from 11am - 2pm.

Enrolments: Applications for placement in Year 7, 2020 are open and should be received by the College office by the end of Term 1, 2018. It is anticipated that the interview and acceptance process for entry into Year 7, 2020 will commence in Term 3, 2018. For further information please visit the College website

http://www.mercychatswood.nsw.edu.au/ or contact our College

Registrar SMCCC.Registrar@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Mater Maria College Open Day

Thursday 8 March 2018 - 4pm to 7pm. Come and see the Mater Maria spirit. Year 7, 2020 applications close on Wednesday 4 April 2018. Please contact our Enrolment Registrar (Deborah Fitzgerald) on 02 9997 7044 or email deborah.fitzgerald@dbb.catholic.edu.au. Applications welcome for Years 8-11

Enrolment Information <http://matermaria.nsw.edu.au/enrolment>.

Request a prospectus <http://matermaria.nsw.edu.au/enrolment/request-a-prospectus-form>

Book a tour <http://matermaria.nsw.edu.au/book-a-tour-form>

5 Forest Road Warriewood NSW 2102 Telephone 02 9997 7044 • visit matermaria.nsw.edu.au

St Augustine's College Open Day

A journey to greatness... Our outstanding academic results continue to rank us as one of the fastest improving schools in NSW.

Please join us for our OPEN DAY - FRIDAY MARCH 9 3:45PM TO 7:00PM

Meet our Principal, Jonathan Byrne, along with our students, staff, parents and Old Boy community.

We look forward to welcoming you. Register your interest – www.saintaug.nsw.edu.au
Applications for Years 5 & 7, 2020 close on March 23, 2018. *We are a Catholic College for boys in Years 5 to 12 teaching the Augustinian values of Truth, Love & Community.* Federal Parade, Brookvale NSW 2100, T: 9938 8223
registrar@saintaug.nsw.edu.au

North Curl Curl Knights

Would love you to come and play with them! Just go to the below link, it is that easy...

<https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?alD=73&pKey=d7c8befd780ea3cee3a73eb905c77709&clD=12830&formID=53641>

We have age groups from U6-U14 in 2018. Rego Includes: Jersey, socks, shorts, insurance and training shirt.
Under 6 & 7's Free Rego / No Fees - Includes Jersey, Socks and Shorts.

Manly Warringah Primary School Basketball League

The Potter League[®] registrations close next week Feb 21st. If students would like to play this term please go to the link <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=336483&> to register

Potter League Basketball Competitions starting in March

Year 1 and 2 mixed on Tuesdays 4-6pm	Year 3 and 4 boys on Tuesdays 4-6pm
Year 3 and 4 girls on Saturdays 1.30-5pm	Year 5 and 6 girls on Saturdays 1.30-5pm
Year 4 and 5 boys on Saturdays 1.30-5pm	Year 6 and 7 boys on Saturdays 1.30-5pm