

Issue: 4 23 February 2018

LOOKING AHEAD

February

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
Open Morning 9.30 – 11am
Tues 6 Yr 4 Barracks excursion
Yr 2 Historical House 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
2pm Assembly Yr 6
Vinnies Night Patrol Collection
Sat 17 10 – 4pm Band Workshop
Fri 23 Soccer Clinic Yrs 3 – 6
Tues 27 Anti Bullying play for Yrs 4-6
Thurs 29 Holy Week Liturgy 12pm
Fri 30 Good Friday

Dear Families

At last Sunday's parish Mass, Fr Francis once again shared with us the importance of "shining our light" during the Lenten season. The Gospel spoke of Jesus' forty days in the desert as a time of preparation for His mission and we were reminded that the Lenten season is the time to apply the "SPF40" which I wrote about last week. I encourage our families to consciously follow at least one of the Lenten practices of Sharing, Fasting and Prayer. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and the staff for their presence.

During the week we had members of the B-Line (Transport NSW) assist some of our students in planting a variety of native shrubs in the garden beds in the middle of the playground. The Liturgy and Environment team members, along with their Kinder buddies, helped beautify these empty spaces.



We received a delivery of new school furniture for the Stage 3 learning space, also known as **The Hub**. We are still awaiting a back order of some furniture, however the space is in full use by the students. Mrs Mary Brown led a Kindergarten parent evening this week in the space and we will continue to use it as much as possible. We have even had other schools that are moving to a similar setup come and look at the space.

We wish all our representative swimmers the best of luck for when they compete at the Northern Beaches Cluster Carnival next Wednesday. As well as being a carnival for the stronger swimmers from each of the Peninsula Catholic schools, it is a trial for the Broken Bay Carnival to be held later in the term.

A reminder that next Friday is a Pupil Free Day. Teachers will be spending the day analysing assessments and using data to plan for each student. **If you need supervision for your child, you need to contact the school office by Monday so that arrangements can be put into place.**

God bless



Michael Gallagher
Principal

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KC	Gemma T and Thomas D	KH	Madison B and Mateo B
1L	Joey H and Lexie P	1R	Stella N, Ella C and Camila G
2HB	Eli W and Brooke B	2S	Zach T and Emilia G
3B	Daisy C and Aiden T	3V	Grace M and Dylan G
4G	Rosie H, Charlotte H and Luke W	4K	Jessica W and Eve S
5K	Isabel S and Paria S	Yr 5/6	Georgia R and Christian C
Yr 6	Eva D and Nikola K	PE	Daniel P, Annabelle R, Finn W, Tom S, Grace P
Band	Tim B and Catherine B	Italian	Jacinta W, Nicholas H, Lilli G, Keira L, Izzy L, Makayla T & Oliver Fi

SCHOOL NEWS

Religious Education

LENT

There are many ways to contemplate Lent. Prayer, fasting and sharing are three ways. But fasting from what? Pope Francis gives us some suggestions that suggest a change in mindset not just for Lent but for a happy life.

Do You Want to FAST this Lent? ~ Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Rice Day

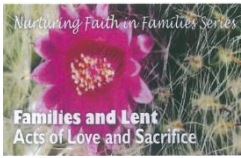
We are all aware that many children in the world live on a cup of rice a day. In order to share our wealth, almsgiving, and by way of fasting, we are offering students the opportunity to go hungry for part of their day. We are not asking students to starve but simply feel hungry for a few hours. Students are under no obligation to participate in Rice Day.



Parents can discuss with their children the extent to which they fast. For example our kindy and yr 1 students may simply replace part of their lunch with rice whilst older students may have choose to have a normal breakfast, miss morning tea, have rice for lunch then a main meal at night. The extent to which your child replaces food for rice or fasts in some small way is up to their parents.

- On **Wednesday 7 March for Kindy – Year 3** and
- **Thursday 8 March for Years 4, 5 and 6**
students will be able to pre- order a cup of rice for lunch from the canteen. The cost per cup is \$1.00 with all money going to Catholic Mission. Please use the canteen online ordering system QKR! to order and pay for a cup of rice.

Jo Nesbitt, our canteen manager, would like to put a call out for rice cookers. Could you please contact her if you are able to send your rice cooker into school for the Rice days. Please label your rice cooker.



[Linked](#) to today's newsletter is an appendix PART 2 of "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.

Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar, Religious Education Coordinator

Northern Beaches Cluster Swim Carnival

Competitors in the Northern Beaches Cluster Carnival on Wednesday 28 February are to arrive at the pool at 8:30am for a 9am start. NOT 8am for an 8:30 start. Apologies for the change in information.

An Order of Events was sent home with children yesterday. If you do not have one and would like one, please ask your child to see Miss Cronin next week.

Timekeepers are needed for the carnival. We need parent volunteers to time-keep at the Swimming Carnival as it is St Kieran's responsibility to be in charge of one lane. Unfortunately if we don't get enough volunteers, our students are unable to compete. The more helpers, the less time the shifts will be! Please notify Miss Laura Cronin if you are able to assist on the day or complete the tear-off towards the end of this newsletter. Thank you in advance.

Congratulations to the following students who will be competing at the carnival:

Boys:	Lachlan H Louis T Lachlan D Oliver F	Jackson Q Christian C Tadhg M	Thomas S Kai D Michael P	James M Dylan C Sam B
Girls:	Zoe S Hannah S Mila C Maddison B	Mia B Iona R Opal B Isabelle L	Emma S Ella M Amelia S Eve Si	Eve Sp Lily Q Eliza L Sarah K

Head Lice

Please be advised that we suspect that nits/head lice are present in the hair of some students.

Please check your child's hair for nits/lice tonight using the methods recommended in information from NSW Health <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx>

School Fees

School Fee statements are sent home to all fee payers via email at the beginning of each month (a bit like receiving your monthly credit card statement). Fee statements show any payments which have been made and list overdue payments.

If your child is in the junior or senior band, annual band fees will now show on your statement. These will be divided equally amongst your remaining instalments.

- If you are paying in the standard three instalments first payment is due **today 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

Band News

The Senior Band is doing great job with all their new pieces. Please make sure they are practicing Aladdin as it's a little tricky and ask their tutors to help them.

Junior Band is having a lot of fun learning all new things for their instrument. Please make sure they are looking at page 7 of *Tradition of Excellence* with their tutor.

Band workshop is coming up -17 March. Please keep an eye out for the permission slip very soon.

Band captain speeches today have been fantastic. Well done to all Year 6 students who spoke. They were amazing. Good luck to you all.

Miss Hodges, Band Conductor

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 Hub.
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](#) .

Volunteers please required:

- **Wednesdays** 30 May, 22 August, and 14 November, **afternoon shift - 11.15am to 1.50pm**
- **Wednesdays** 28 March, 27 June, 19 September, 12 December, **full day - 9.00am to 1.50pm**

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 1 - Week 5):

Wednesday 28 February: Wendy Purches (M), Jess Costi

Thursday 1 March: Caroline Wells (M), Rosa Marotta, Tracey Willis (A)

Friday 2 March: **PUPIL FREE DAY**

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.*

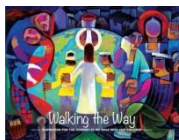
Dad's Curry Night – from the Dad's Committee

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

PARISH NEWS

Close to 180 children are participating in our 2018 First Reconciliation Program. The children and their parents are attending Family Group Sessions around the parish during February and March and will celebrate their First Reconciliation later in March. The children will receive a crucifix at the **Ritual of the Cross** at all Masses this coming weekend please pray for the children and their families.

The TryBooking link (to book a date to celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation) was emailed to all parents on Monday 19 February. Please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or by email at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au if you have not received this information.

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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Position Vacant

The Council of Catholic School Parents is looking for a part-time 'Communications and Development Manager', working 3 days / week. This role would be perfect for a parent in a Catholic school.

For a confidential discussion about this opportunity please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources on 0402 210 055 or at anthony@reachhr.com.au.

Additional information for the job role is available via this link below:

<http://catholicjobsonline.com.au/jobs/communications-and-development-manager-ccsp-sydney/>



Please sponsor Brian Starkey on his 250km ride to fight brain cancer and save lives.

To make a donation, simply visit his fundraising page below:

<https://www.bikerideforbraincancer.com.au/fundraisers/bryanstarkey/bike-ride-for-brain-cancer>

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible and you'll receive a receipt via email. Your donation will support the work of Brain Cancer Biobanking Australia to develop better treatments, find a cure and deliver better outcomes for brain cancer patients. Brain cancer kills more children than any other disease in Australia and it kills more people under 40 than any other cancer.

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. 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

Stella Maris
COLLEGE MANLY

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 14 March
4.00pm - 7.30pm

Principal's address
Tour the brand new 'Scholastica' building
Department demonstrations
Join a guided tour by our student ambassadors
Meet our Heads of Department and friendly staff

see website for full details

inclusive innovative inspiring

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RETURN SLIPS

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NORTHERN BEACHES SWIM CARNIVAL

I am available for timekeeping at the carnival on Wednesday 28 February



Name: _____

Contact No: _____