



16 March 2018 Memo

There is no newsletter this week due to Learning Quarterly. There are however a few reminders and important notes for parents below.

Looking Ahead

March

Sat 17 10:45 – 4:30pm Band Workshop
Mon 19 Yr 5 Excursion Rouse Hill
Fri 23 9.30am School Tour
Soccer Clinic Yrs 3 – 6
Mon 26 9 – 9:30 Open classrooms - Literacy
Stage 3 Information evening
Tues 27 Anti Bullying play for Yrs 4-6
Thurs 29 Holy Week Liturgy 12pm
Fri 30 Good Friday

April

Tues 3 10am Easter Story liturgy
Thurs 5 9.30am School Tour

Thurs 5 School Cross Country
IP meetings for validated students
Fri 6 Yoga Yrs 2 & 3
Soccer Clinic
2pm Assembly Yr 3
Mon 9 School Photos
Tues 10 Soccer Gala Day Yrs 3 & 4
Wed 11 9.30am School Tours
Thurs 12 Soccer Gala Day Stage 3
Fri 13 Vinnies Night Patrol collection Yrs 1 & 3
Last day term 1
Mon 30 Term 2 commences

Broken Bay Swimming Carnival Update and Correction

Unfortunately there was an omission in last week's newsletter. The children who will be representing Broken Bay at the NSWCPSS Polding Swimming Championships in the relay and individual events are:

- Jnr Boys Relay Team (Lachlan D, Lachlan H, Thomas S, Tadgh M)
- Lachlan D – Relay, 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m Butterfly, 50m Breaststroke
- Lachlan H – Relay, 50m Backstroke 200m Medley
- Zoe S – 100m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly



We wish them luck when they compete on Wednesday 21 March.

A special mention to Lachlan H who was named Junior Boys Swimmer of 2018 at the Peninsula Carnival. A wonderful achievement. Congratulations Lachlan.

Awards

KC	Charlie S and Annabelle R	KH	Freddy W and Finn W
1L	Olivia M and Zac F	1R	Ian G and Mila C
2HB	Sasha C Daniel M and Eddie W	2S	Charlotte H Oliver F and Oscar P
3B	Oscar P and Keira L	3V	Declan P and Abbey M
4G	Braylon D and Gemma B	4K	Josh A and Owen B
5K	Etienne C-H and Siobhan K	Yr 5/6	Emelia C and Sam Z
Yr 6	Isabel K and Zoe S	PE	Isabelle L

Book Club

Book Club issue 2 **online** orders due in by Friday 23 March. No cash orders accepted.

From the P&F

Many thanks to all of you who joined us for a few drinks and laughs at last Saturday evening's Welcome Drinks. It was wonderful to see so many new faces enjoying what was a really fun night – and we hope there weren't too many sore heads the next day!

Plans are underway to host a few more fun and social gatherings throughout the year, so if you couldn't make it this time – there's some more fun (and excuses for a night out!) on the way.

As always – if there's an issue you'd like to raise or suggest adding to the agenda for next term's P&F meeting, please drop us a line at stkierans.pf@gmail.com



Have a great weekend everyone,

Cheers from your P&F Committee

Aileen Cahill, Louise Magee, Jane Smith, Shahn Schwarz, Jen Galland, Sunny Saady and Howie Giles

Canteen Roster

Wednesday 21 March: Jenni Scofield, Cath Hamer

Thursday 22 March: Alyson Perry, Kathy Sui, Shahn Schwarz

Friday 23 March: Natasha Gennusa, Sylvia Joseph, Niamh Collins

- 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).

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

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

Parent Teacher Interviews

As initiated in 2016, we will be holding our Parent Teacher Interviews at the end of Term 1. This has come about as a result of feedback from data gained through our Parent Survey which was held towards the end of 2015. In order to facilitate the organisation around this, I ask that you please read the instructions below carefully. Our Online Booking System ensures that parents are able to book times that are convenient to them, with ease.

Booking online for parent teacher interviews.

Below is an explanation of how to book your time for the Parent Teacher Interviews which will be held before the end of this term during Weeks 10 and 11 (the last two weeks of term).

You will be able to access the School Interview website (in order to make bookings) from **Monday 19 March** until **Thursday 29 March**. It will be **closed** at 3.00 pm on Thursday 29 March.

These interviews will involve all grades from Kindergarten to Year 6. Parents of children in Years K-6, please follow the prompts below.

We will be using a different site this year for our booking system. Please follow the simple instructions below... Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code **4yjst**



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click FINISH, your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you do not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling. Update your details if email address is incorrect. **DO NOT DELETE** the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

Please note – Interview times have been organised into 15 minute timeslots as the actual interview is **15 minutes** in duration.

For parents who have more than one interview, please ensure that you do not book consecutive interviews but that you allow at least 15 minutes between your interviews in order to allow for a smoother and more time efficient “flow” to the interviews. This new booking system, in fact, will not allow parents to make two consecutive bookings.

Please find attached to this Memo a form which parents should **print out** and **fill in**, returning it then to the appropriate classroom teacher. This form assists teachers to better inform you of key issues you may wish to discuss regarding

your child. We ask that you return the form to the class teacher **as soon as possible**. Thank you in anticipation of your attention to this!

Parents of children in 2HB, please note! If you require a booking on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday – please book in with Tracy Brown. If you require a booking on a Thursday or Friday – please book in with Karen Hughes. Both teachers have collaborated on the preparation for these interviews but due to the days they are working, they will conduct interviews on corresponding days.

Also....The children in Years 2-6 are expected to attend and be involved in the interview process. We believe that students are empowered when included in this process. Research shows us that children who reflect on their learning are better able to plan for future learning, set goals and accept responsibility for their learning journey. These are the skills we aim to develop in our students at St Kieran's because we believe they are valuable aptitudes to have as members of modern society in the 21st century.

Have a lovely weekend!
Marisa Bombardieri

From the Parish



Film Night

To raise funds for the completion of
Throwing Prayers To The Wind

Come and see the trailer that tells the story of an Aboriginal elder who walked the streets of Santa Teresa throwing prayers to the wind asking the spirit world to help heal her people.

Includes the screening of

The Art of Healing by Robyn Nardoo, the story of how the Santa Teresa community came together in an act of healing, painting murals on the local church's walls. The murals illustrate the connection between stories of Creation and stories of the Dreamtime symbolising an act of reconciliation.

Tickets: \$10

Wednesday 7pm 28th March 2018

Star of The Sea Theatre

Stella Maris College Cnr of Collingwood and Iluka
St Manly 2095

Enquiries: Joanne Douglas

douglas.joanne1@gmail.com.

Mob: 0417 230 121

Parent Observations / Comments



Child's Name: _____

Child's Class: _____

At the Parent/Teacher 15 minute interview, I would like to discuss.

1 Areas of success:

2 Areas of concern:

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dear parents

At our school we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone.

Sometimes, it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying.

You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they've told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child's experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.
2. **Reassure** your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, 'That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.' or 'I'm so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that's not fair at all'.
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.
4. **Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.
5. **Contact** the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety.
6. **Check in regularly** with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

If you are looking for support for yourself to deal with a bullying situation, you will find ideas on the Bullying. No Way! website for parents. As well, please contact the school if you would like to discuss any aspect of our approach to preventing bullying.

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4. **Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies.
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6. **Check in** regularly with your child.