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LOOKING AHEAD

March

Mon 26 2pm Palm Sunday liturgy in the playground – Kinder
7pm 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
School Cross Country

Fri 6 IP meetings for validated students
Yoga Yrs 2 & 3
Soccer Clinics Yrs 3-6
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

Dear Families

Yesterday you received a second letter from the Director of Schools, Mr Peter Hamill, in regard to school funding. In this letter he expressed his assurance that school fees would only increase between 1.5% and 3% each year for the next five years. I spoke with Mr Hamill personally yesterday where he gave me the same reassurance about fees and stressed once again that no child should be denied a Catholic education due to the inability to pay the full cost of fees.

Next week Mr Hamill is visiting our school to meet the staff, students and to view *The Hub*, our dynamic Stage 3 learning space. On Tuesday evening he also spoke at the *Catholic School Parents (CSP)* annual meeting where some of our P&F executive attended. He talked about the future of Catholic education in Australia, particularly about the challenges and some of the new directions. *The Hub* is one example of how education is changing towards a new way of learning. Mr James Griffin MP will also be visiting the school next week to meet our Stage 3 students and to speak to them about leadership.

Congratulations to our representative swimmers who competed at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools meet at Homebush on Wednesday. They were among swimmers from across eleven dioceses in NSW who were competing to go to the state championships at the end of the term. I was fortunate enough to be there to see them all do themselves and Broken Bay proud.

This week we received the wonderful news that Mrs Vanessa Clifford and her husband Dan welcomed the arrival of their new baby daughter Scarlett. We wish them much happiness and joy for the future and pray for a wonderful future ahead.

God bless

Michael Gallagher
Principal

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

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| KC | Natasha M Toms S and Andrew G | KH | Charlie B and Leon A |
| 1L | Annabel N and Dylan G | 1R | Elsie G and James G |
| 2HB | Maeve S and Lauren O | 2S | Zaara B and Lachlan F |
| 3B | Thomas S, Kayla D and Michael P | 3V | Baxter E and Freya M |
| 4G | Ollie F, Kai S and Hamish G | 4K | Maddison B and Ruby T |
| 5K | Eva B and Louis T | Yr 5/6 | Iggy M and Jess H |
| Yr 6 | Sam B and Jessica R | PE | Makayla J and Lachlan W |
| Italian | Freya M, Ashleigh W, Shae L, Michael P, Faren B and Flynn T | | |

SCHOOL NEWS

School Photos Monday 9 April

Photo envelopes have been sent home. Please follow the instructions on the envelope. Below are some helpful hints:

- **Don't seal envelopes inside each other.** You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- **Family** envelopes are available at the school office.
- If paying by cash please enclose the correct money as no change is given on photo day. **NO CHEQUES ACCEPTED.**
- Credit card payments can be made online (please follow instructions on the envelope) or by calling **MSP** office prior to the day on **9499 6555**. Your child will still need to take their envelope to their class teacher.
- Sport / Speciality Photo orders will be organised after photo day on a separate form.

SAY CHEESE!



Attendance – Late Arrivals

There has been an increase in the number of children arriving late to school, which can be disruptive to class learning. Children who arrive late **must** be accompanied by a parent or carer who needs to complete and **sign** a late note. This is a government requirement. Thank you for your understanding.

Sibling Enrolments 2019

Enrolments are now open for Kinder 2019. If you have a child starting next year please download Enrolment forms from the school [website](#) and return to the school office before the end of May.

School tours are available on the following dates

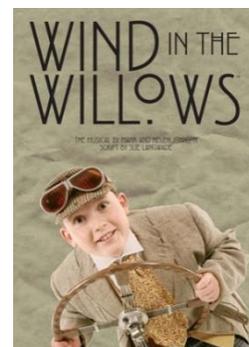
| Day | Date | Time | Day | Date | Time |
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| Thursday | 5 April | 9.30am | | | |
| Wednesday | 11 April | 9.30am | Thursday | 3 May | 9.30am |
| Monday | 14 May | 9.30am | Friday | 25 May | 9.30am |

2018 Musical – Wind in the Willows

Preparations are well underway for our 2018 Stage 3 Musical that will take place in Term 3. Our performance this year will be "Wind in the Willows" (*Musical by Mark and Helen Johnson and Script by Sue Langwade*).

The children in Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) will once again star as actors, singers and dancers in the performances. The children in Song Club and Italian Song Club will provide vocal accompaniment.

This week, Years 5 and 6 children have been provided with a copy of the script. Any Stage 3 child who is interested in auditioning for a part in the musical, are asked to prepare a one minute excerpt from the script and a song of their choice for auditions which will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday of Weeks 9 and 10.



Warm Regards,
Emily Channell and Jordan Waller

Year 5 Excursion to Rouse Hill House and Farm



On Monday, Year 5 visited Rouse Hill House and Farm to learn about the expansion of the NSW colony and the effect this had on the local environment, the Aboriginal people and the colonists. They also learnt about the importance of artists in the colonial period. The instructors were incredibly impressed with the students from St Kieran's, commenting on their diligence, focus and respectful behaviour.

Religious Education

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Congratulations to the children who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation over the last few weeks. Thank you to their parents, parish leaders and teachers who have assisted them in their journey of faith.



Holy Week Liturgy

Parents, grandparents, parishioners and friends are warmly invited to attend our Holy Week liturgies held next week.

Our Holy Week liturgies commence with

- Kindergarten presenting the story of Palm Sunday to the school on Monday 26 March at 2pm in the Assembly area.
- On Holy Thursday, 29 March, various classes will present Jesus' journey to the cross in the Church. This liturgy commences at 12.00pm.
- Year 6 will lead the school in celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Tuesday 3 April commencing at 9.30am we will be in the Church.

Year 4 Family Mass

Last Sunday the students from Year 4 participated in the Sunday Morning 9.30 Family Mass.

Congratulations to the students who read clearly and sang beautifully leading the congregation in song. A huge thank you goes out to the Year 4 parents who provided a refreshing morning tea. Thank you one and all for a great Year 4 effort culminating in a lovely family celebration.

Yours in Religious Education,

Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar, Religious Education Coordinator

Leadership Day with Bishop Peter Comensoli

"Not everyone can do great things BUT everyone can do small things with great love" *Mother Teresa*

This quote from Mother Teresa reminds us that we are all able to use our talents to work towards great changes in our world. We can start with small things with great love.

The Liturgy Team spent the day with Bishop Peter at Our Lady of the Rosary, Waitara. It was a great experience having Bishop Peter come and speak with us. He spoke about how we can be great disciples of Jesus. Other young leaders from our high schools also told us their stories of leadership.



We worked with other Year 6 leaders from around the Broken Bay Diocese. We also had lots of fun interacting with them and finding out how they led their school. After the leadership day we celebrated a Mass with Bishop Peter all the other Year 6 leaders. We enjoyed our day thinking about how quotes can inspire us. Thank you to Greg Dunn and Melissa Noble for driving us to and from the venue. We appreciate being given this opportunity to learn from other students in our diocese.

By the Liturgy Team (Hannah, Ashely, Emily and Millie)

Cross Country

The St Kieran's Cross Country Competition (for students aged 8 and up) will be held at Millers Reserve on **Thursday 5 April**.

This is not a compulsory competition.

If you have not yet entered your child in this competition, and would like to, please **complete this form by Monday 26 March** at the latest. <https://goo.gl/forms/rRLOUdwZKw76JKUm2>



NSWCPs Polding Swimming Championships

Congratulations to Lachlan D, Lachlan H, Tadhg M, Thomas S and Zoe S who all competed at the recent swimming championships.

Lachlan, Tadhg, Lachlan and Thomas won a silver medal in the Junior Boys Relay and will now go on to represent Polding at State level. Congratulations boys on a wonderful achievement.

And a proud note from the boys themselves

Polding 2018 Relay Team

The U 10's boys relay team consists of Thomas S, Lachlan H, Tadhg M and Lachlan D. Lachlan D dived in plunging into the water like a spear. He leads for the whole 50 metres. Thomas increased the lead swimming with a fast pace. Tadhg took off with a great start and was sadly overtaken. The team slipped into second position. Lachlan H burst into the pool gaining on the lead swimmer. It was close, so very close. The difference between first and second was 0.5 sec. The St Kieran's Broken Bay team came a gallant second. They move on to represent Polding at the State level on the twelve of April. With a time of 2min 33sec we will continue to train in order to swim our best at our next challenge.

By Tadhg M, Lachlan H and Lachlan D

Broken Bay Hockey

Congratulations to Chloe W who attended the Broken Bay Hockey trial this week in Wyong and made it through to the NSWCPs Polding trials to be held in Tamworth. Congratulations Chloe.

Broken Bay Netball

Congratulation to Opal B on her selection to represent the Broken Bay Netball team at the NSWCPs Polding Netball trials. Well done Opal.

Broken Bay Soccer

Zanthe J has been selected to represent the Broken Bay Soccer team at the NSWCPs Polding trials. A fantastic effort Zanthe.

Broken Bay AFL

A great effort by Lachlan D has been selected to represent the Broken Bay AFL team at the NSWCPs Polding trials. It's been a great week for Lachlan with his swimming and AFL achievements.

World Cup Skateboarding

Ruby T attended a World Cup Skateboarding, event in Orange, California two weeks ago. The event is hosted by Vans, and called Vans Girls Combi Pool Classic 2018. This is a highly prestigious event as attendance is by invite only - showcasing all the top international girl, bowl skateboarders in the world to compete for monetary prizes.

Ruby was one of only two competitors representing Australia and also their youngest competitor in their 14 & Under girls division. Out of the 16 competitors in her division, Ruby qualified 3rd (in the world) for the Under 14's, receiving a trophy and a prize of USD\$400.



Band News

I would like to congratulate all the students for how hard they worked last Saturday at the Band Workshop. It was truly helpful and important to attend and everyone who participated has really grown significantly as a musician and learnt a lot both in the tutorials and the band rehearsal. You all did a super job.

I also want to say a big thank you to all the parents for getting them to and from the workshop, to everyone who came and helped throughout the day and to everyone who came at the end to see what the children have been practicing for both this term and throughout the day. The children were really excited to play for you.

Lastly a big thank you to Gayle and the tutors for making this day happen and enjoyable for everyone involved. It's a big job, but it pays off with how the children learn and evolve.

Reminder there is no Junior Band rehearsal next Friday (Good Friday).

I will Junior Band in 2 weeks and Senior Band next week. Keep practicing everything you have been given this year.

Getting very excited for all the performances that we are organising for both bands.

Miss Hodges, Band Conductor

From the P&F

On Tuesday evening some of our P&F team joined Michael Gallagher in attending a gathering of leadership teams from Catholic schools across the Northern Beaches and the North Shore. The event gave us the opportunity to hear from the Catholic Schools Office about their planning for the future of our schools. It also enabled the sharing of some valuable ideas between the parent and leadership teams from other schools in our area. We're all keen to help positively grow our schools, to create valuable and engaging communication with our families, and ensure a warm and welcoming community. We hope to implement some new initiatives and ideas in the coming months, but in the meantime if you have any suggestions or comments for the P&F, we'd love to hear from you! Drop us an email at stkierans.pf@gmail.com, or grab one of us for a chat!

Disco date

- A date has been set for the ever-popular St Kieran's School Disco (sorry Mums and Dads – kids only!).
- Pop Friday 24 August in your diaries – more details to come.

School Social Night

- Save the Date: Saturday 8 September 2018-School Social Night!
Planning for the annual school social night is underway and is set to be a great night for parents and friends of the school community. More details to come but mark this date in your diaries- you don't want to miss this event!!!

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

Entertainment™ Memberships 2018/2019

The brand NEW 2018 | 2019 Entertainment™ Memberships will soon be available as part of our fundraising efforts this year. If you order your book or digital memberships now, you will receive some early bird special offers that you can use straight away. The new memberships are packed with loads of your favourite restaurant, café hotel accommodation and travel offers, along with many new businesses that we know you're going to love! See [what's inside](#) the Sydney and Surrounds Book.

Memberships – what's the difference?

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Why not consider a digital membership as it is really easy to use and I am always on hand to assist anyone.

Click here <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2001d10> to pre-order your membership now. A book for perusal will be available at the school office early April. For further information and to answer all your questions, please contact Susan Nicols at slnicols@hotmail.com.

Canteen: Canteen Menu [here](#) .

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 1 - Week 9):

Wednesday 28 March: Sara Turner, Deb Barton

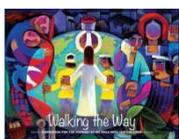
Thursday 29 March: Allison Browne, Jennifer Lee

Friday 30 March: GOOD FRIDAY

- 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 on: 0410 629 135.

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

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to all the children who recently received the sacrament of First Reconciliation. Thanks to all the families for their commitment to the program and to the group facilitators and co-facilitators who so generously lead the small group sessions.

First Holy Communion

The sacramental journey continues for the children (who have completed the Sacraments of Confirmation and Reconciliation in Year 3 and older) and their families next term as the children will prepare for and receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Parent Information Meetings will be held the third week of Term 2 on either **Tuesday 15 May at 9.30am OR Wednesday 16 May at 7.00pm both in St Kieran's Church.**

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



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

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EASTER MASS TIMES

HOLY THURSDAY MARCH 29TH

ST KIERAN'S

- 8.30AM MORNING PRAYER
- 6.30PM SUPPER OF THE LAMB - parish centre
- 7.30PM HOLY THURSDAY LITURGY

GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 30TH

ST KIERAN'S

- 8.30AM MORNING PRAYER
- 10AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
- 11AM RECONCILIATION (1ST RITE)
- 3PM THE LORD'S PASSION

ST CECILIA'S

- 10.30AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
- 11.30AM RECONCILIATION (1ST Rite)
- 3.00PM THE LORD'S PASSION

EASTER SATURDAY MARCH 31ST

ST KIERAN'S

- 8.30AM MORNING PRAYER
- 5.00PM RECONCILIATION (1ST RITE)
- 7.00PM EASTER LIGHTING OF FIRE & VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 1ST

ST KIERAN'S

- 7.30AM MASS
- 9.30AM MASS
- NO EVENING MASS**

ST CECILIA'S

- 9AM MASS



COMMUNITY NEWS

Aqua Park: Looking for something fun to do with the kids these school holidays? Aqua Park is returning to Northbridge Baths from 14-29 April. Our giant inflatable obstacle course is suitable for ages 6 years and over and SO much fun!! Buy tickets online at www.agpk.com.au