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## LOOKING AHEAD

### March

**Fri 30**      Good Friday

### April

**Tues 3**      10am Easter Story liturgy

**Thurs 5**      9.30am School Tour  
School Cross Country  
IP meetings for validated students

**Fri 6**      Yoga Yrs 2 & 3  
Soccer Clinics Yrs 3-6

**Mon 9**      2pm Assembly Yr 3  
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

The **Season of Lent** concludes this weekend with the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday. Over the last forty days or so we have been preparing for this joyous occasion by following the advice of Fr Francis, who on Ash Wednesday suggested that Lent is the time for “applying our SPF 40”! This meant that during the **40** days of Lent we were to **Share, Pray and Fast**. These actions allow us to journey with Christ over the forty days leading up to His entry into Jerusalem and the events leading to His crucifixion on Good Friday. This week our children and teachers have been following this journey starting on Monday with Kindergarten “singing Hosanna” as Jesus entered Jerusalem. Today we remembered the other stories of Holy Week up until the death of Jesus on the Cross. I hope that during this long weekend in memory of Jesus’ passion, that your family is able to spend some time in joining our North Harbour Parish community in remembering the journey of Jesus to His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

This week we were visited by two distinguished guests; on Tuesday the Director of Schools, Mr Peter Hamill spent a couple of hours meeting to discuss progress at St Kieran’s and to visit *The Hub*. Our second guest was the Member for Manly, James Griffin MP. Mr Griffin’s visit was the second since his election last year. During his visit he spent time with Stage 3 interacting with the students and discussing their Science projects which are dealing with the real-life issues facing the Northern Beaches in the areas of infrastructure, environment and land use. He was extremely impressed with the knowledge and problem solving skills of the students and the insight they had into the various issues.



We had a large number of parents visit the classrooms on Monday morning to see Literacy lessons in action. It was wonderful to see so many of our parents and grandparents interested in the learning of our students. Stage 3 parents were also invited back on Monday evening for the opportunity to hear from the teachers about the new contemporary learning space. Thank you to all those who were able to attend the evening.

Congratulations to those students who have made significant achievements in representative sport recently, namely our boys swimming relay team who will be competing in the NSW State Swimming Carnival in Week 11 and

to Opal Bird who has been selected as captain of the MWNA State representative team. We wish all our sporting representatives the best of luck.

One of our parents, Mr John McKee, originates from the South Coast township of Tathra which was recently ravaged by a bushfire that destroyed around 70 homes and damaged many more. John still has very close ties with the township through his parents, friends and his business. John has asked if he could share a fundraising link through the school to support his close friend who has lost everything in the fire. Further details can be found in the newsletter.

I wish you and your family the blessings of Easter and that you have a safe and relaxing break over the Easter long weekend.

God bless



Michael Gallagher  
Principal

## ★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

<b>KC</b>	Pearl G and Arthur H	<b>KH</b>	Maddox W and Felicity M
<b>1L</b>	Maya H and Lysander B	<b>1R</b>	Amelie P and Aiden R
<b>2HB</b>	Sam M and Ella M	<b>2S</b>	Ruben S-S and Emma S
<b>3B</b>	Liam K, Zoe M and Olly O	<b>3V</b>	Tristan D, Dylan J and April U
<b>4G</b>	Faren B and Mikayla L	<b>4K</b>	Mila C and Amelia S
<b>5K</b>	Mia B and Jai D	<b>Yr 5/6</b>	Ruby N and Lily Q
<b>Yr 6</b>	Ashley N and Jasmine K	<b>PE</b>	Lachlan D, Max D and Andie B
<b>Italian</b>	Julia C, Tara N and Catie S		

## SCHOOL NEWS

### School Photos Monday 9 April

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.



### Library News

**Parent Help** – I always need help for shelving and covering books. If you would like to continue, or to start helping in any way in the library, please fill in the form towards the end of this newsletter. If you have not contacted or covered books before or would like a refresher, I will hold a very quick session early next term.

We will send home about a dozen books for covering once or twice a term at most. If you wish to help shelve books you can choose to come in the morning or afternoon – whichever suits you.

Many thanks and happy reading  
*Liz McGuire*

### 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
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

## **Religious Education**

### **CARITAS: Project Compassion**

THANK YOU to our students and their families who have contributed so generously to the Project Compassion Boxes both around the school and in your homes. We would appreciate all PROJECT COMPASSION boxes be returned to school OR to the parish office as soon as possible.



### **Holy Week Liturgies**

I would like to thank the students and teachers for preparing and leading such prayerful liturgies for our school and parish communities.

From a Religious Education point of view the liturgies we have participated in speak of the learning that has taken place over the last few weeks. Each grade has focused on a particular part of our Catholic story. The students learn the story of their faith, explore the meaning and try to apply the values, attitudes and beliefs to their lives. All of this culminates in the Liturgies we share.

As a Catholic school our Easter journey will continue on in the church at 9.30am on Tuesday when Year 6 students tell and relate the story of the Resurrection.

***Please find included in the Parish News section, the Parish Holy Week and Easter ceremony times. Parents and friends are warmly invited to attend.***

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

### **Week 9 - Special Guests**

Throughout Week 9 we had many special visitors to The Hub, including: parents, the Director of Broken Bay Catholic Schools, Peter Hamill, and our Local MP, James Griffin. Mr Griffin interacted with Stage 3 while they were working on their CBL Science Projects. He was able to offer insight into many of the issues the children have raised in their local environment. He was incredibly impressed with the questions our Stage 3 children are researching and explained to them that their own questions are not too different to the ones he is currently solving at work!



### **Congratulations**

Opal B has been selected into the BNSW (Basketball NSW) State TAP (Talented Athlete Program). Opal was also recently selected into the 12 years MWNA (Manly Warringah Netball Association) Representative State Age Team of which she is also the captain. Well done Opal – you are a star.

## **PARENT NEWS**

### **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?

- **Entertainment™ Book** – A hardcopy book that comes with a Gold Card and vouchers, you can browse it manually and is easy to reference especially if you are not familiar with the local offers.
- **Entertainment™ Digital** – Puts the value of the book into your Apple or Android device and allows you show your device when redeeming without the need of the Gold Card or voucher to present. It also allows you search for nearby businesses in the Entertainment™ program and to search by their specific name, location or dining category. You can share your digital membership with another family member on another device. It is only available when purchased online.

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](mailto:slnicols@hotmail.com).

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

**Wednesday 4 April:** Ally Browne, Alicia Potega

**Thursday 5 April:** Caroline Wells (M), Anne Sullivan, Tracey Willis (A)

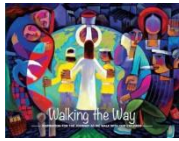
**Friday 6 April:** Catherine Moore, Trisha Byrne, Jo Sullivan

· 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.dbbco.org/archive-2018-year-b.html>

## PARISH NEWS

### **Baptism of Young Children Program**

Is your child interested in becoming a Catholic or would you like your child to become a Catholic and participate in the 2018/2019 Children's Sacramental Program?

Our **Baptism of Young Children Program (for children aged 7yrs – 11yrs)** will be offered in **Term 2 2018 on Sunday 6, 20 and 27 May**. The program can be downloaded from the parish website at <http://www.northharbourcatholic.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program/for-parents> under the Sacramental Program – Additional Resources tab

### **2018 – 2019 Sacramental Program for Children in Yr2 (and older) – Key Dates**

Parents of children in Year 2 (and older) who wish to participate in the 2018/2019 program are reminded that the program will commence with a **Sacramental Program Information Meeting for Parents on either Tuesday 8 May at 9.30am OR Wednesday 9 May at 7.00pm in St Kieran's Church.**

Information presented at this session will include what parents need to know to accompany their children on their sacramental journey. Please note it is not necessary to attend this meeting if parents have had a child participate in the program in 2016 or 2017.

**Enrolment for Sacramental Program on Tuesday 5 June between 9.00am and 10.00am OR 6.00pm and 7.00pm in the St Kieran's Parish Centre.** All documentation including Registration Form to be handed in.

**Confirmation Parent Information Meeting on either Tuesday 19 June at 9.30am OR Wednesday 20 June at 7.00pm in St Kieran's Church.**

<b>EASTER MASS TIMES</b>			
<b>HOLY THURSDAY MARCH 29TH</b>		<b>EASTER SATURDAY MARCH 31ST</b>	
<b>ST KIERAN'S</b>		<b>ST KIERAN'S</b>	
8.30AM	MORNING PRAYER	8.30AM	MORNING PRAYER
6.30PM	SUPPER OF THE LAMB - parish centre	5.00PM	RECONCILIATION (1ST RITE)
7.30PM	HOLY THURSDAY LITURGY	7.00PM	EASTER LIGHTING OF FIRE & VIGIL
<b>GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 30TH</b>		<b>EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 1ST</b>	
<b>ST KIERAN'S</b>		<b>ST KIERAN'S</b>	
8.30AM	MORNING PRAYER	7.30AM	MASS
10AM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	9.30AM	MASS
11AM	RECONCILIATION (1ST RITE)	<b>NO EVENING MASS</b>	
3PM	THE LORD'S PASSION		
<b>ST CECILIA'S</b>		<b>ST CECILIA'S</b>	
10.30AM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	9AM	MASS
11.30AM	RECONCILIATION (1ST Rite)		
3.00PM	THE LORD'S PASSION		



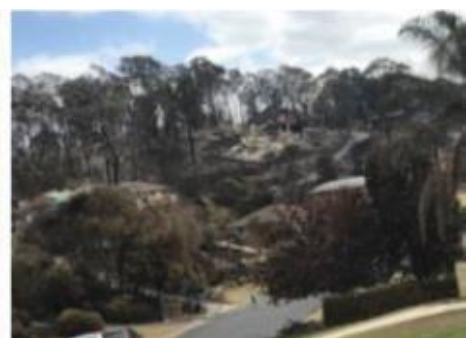
All documentation including the Program, Photo Card and Registration Form can be downloaded from the parish website at <http://www.northharbourcatholic.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program/for-parents> and from the back of both Churches.

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Tathra Bushfires**

A very close friend of mine lost his house to the Tathra Bushfires and unfortunately he wasn't insured.



If you could spare a few dollars it would be greatly appreciated to help my very good mate Mike Crowley and his family get back on their feet after the Tathra Fires.

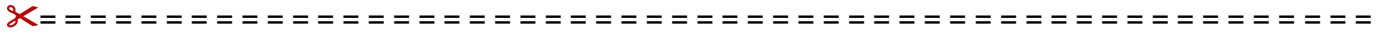
Mike's family home was burnt to the ground and there is absolutely nothing left. The worst part is not that the fire took his home, it's that he was regrettably uninsured when fires ravaged the small town. He is a proud man and will not want help, he would rather help other people in the town but I know he really needs some help. So if you have some spare change it would be greatly appreciated.

Below is a link to donate via gofundme. I'd really appreciate any assistance that you can provide.

[https://www.gofundme.com/rebuild-crowley-family-house-tathra?pc=em\\_db\\_co2876\\_v1&rcid=88010da84b704794b681bbf1011e1dcb](https://www.gofundme.com/rebuild-crowley-family-house-tathra?pc=em_db_co2876_v1&rcid=88010da84b704794b681bbf1011e1dcb)

*John Mckee*

## RETURN SLIPS



### Library Volunteer for 2018

I am willing to cover books with plastic / contact

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name & Class \_\_\_\_\_



I am willing to shelve books on:

Tuesday (morning/afternoon)

Wednesday (morning/afternoon)

Weekly

Fortnightly

Monthly

Once per term

