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## LOOKING AHEAD

### **October**

**Mon 22**

Drama commences for T4  
11.15 Kindy Walking excursion

**Wed 24**

Taste of High School – Stella Maris

**Thurs 25**

9.30am – 10.30am Ready, Set School  
Northern Beaches Debating Round 1

**Fri 26**

Vinnies Night Patrol collection - Yrs 3  
& 4

Kinder 2019 Transition – session 2

2pm Assembly Yr 1

Dads' Curry Night

**Sun 28**

6pm Yr 6 Family Mass

**Mon 29**

Stage 3 Basketball Gala Day

### **November**

**Thurs 1**

NB Debating – Round 2

**Fri 2**

Yr 4 Excursion

**Mon 5**

9 – 9.30am RE Open classrooms

**Wed 7**

Stage 3 Hockey Gala Day

Kinder 2019 Transition #3

Yr 3 Excursion to Botanical Gardens

**Thurs 8**

NB Debating – Round 3

**Thurs 15**

NB Debating – Round 4

**Fri 16**

2pm Assembly - Band

**Sun 18**

9.30am Kindy 2019 /Yr 5 Buddy Mass

**Tues 20**

Scholastic Book Fair

**Wed 21**

Scholastic Book Fair

**Thurs 22**

Italian Day

**Fri 23**

War Cry practice

Vinnies Night Patrol collection – whole school

**Mon 26**

Swimming Carnival

**Tues 27**

Stage 3 Surf Ed Day

**Thurs 29**

2pm Ribbon Ceremony (Swimming)

NB Debating Grand Final

**READY, SET, SCHOOL!** – Preparing your child for the school journey. We will be hosting a community workshop for parents and an interactive morning for children to prepare for school life on **Thursday 25 October from 9.30am to 10.30am**. We would love our school community to spread the word to local pre-schools and families of pre-school aged children. View details [here](#)

## Dear Families

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope you and your family were able to enjoy some restful time together over the Spring break. It is hard to believe that we are already into the final term of the year.

The two “big ticket items” for review this year have been the school’s policies on Behaviour Management and Homework. The Behaviour Management Guidelines were completed at the end of Term 2 and during the second half of the year the staff has been reviewing the Homework Policy in light of their own beliefs, research, best-practice and parent input through the survey. On Monday we spent the day developing a revised policy that takes into consideration the vast spectrum of views, opinions and research. The resulting draft policy will be ready to be presented later in the term at the P&F meeting.

Yesterday I spent the afternoon and evening with the Year 5 students and their teachers at the Leadership Camp at Collaroy. Activities such as the challenge course, laser tag and the flying fox ensured the students (and teachers) were having a great time learning the skills of team work, encouragement and moving outside their comfort zone. The students were a credit to the school and their families and I am sure they will sleep very well this weekend.

As we move towards the end of the school year, there are often changes that occur in the staffing of a school. Fortunately we have been able to retain a teacher for 2019, ensuring that we have two kindergarten classes next year. Sadly though, some of our teachers will be leaving St Kieran’s at the end of the year or changing their work arrangements.

Mrs Wendy Rose will be transitioning to retirement over the next couple of years and will return to St Kieran's next year in a part-time capacity. Mrs Mary Brown has taken the position of Literacy Education Officer with the Catholic Schools Office but will occasionally be visiting St Kieran's to support the staff and parents with Literacy. Mrs Tracy Brown is making the big move interstate with her family and has secured a position at a school on the Sunshine Coast. Miss Laura Cronin is taking a break from full-time teaching to explore other interests but we will still see her during casual-teaching visits. These teachers have contributed many years to the St Kieran's community and will be sadly missed. Fortunately, most will continue to be associated with the school in varying capacities. A recruitment process has already begun and you will be kept informed of progress during the remainder of the term.

During the holidays I listened to a "conversation" on ABC radio about the parenting of boys from a mother's perspective. It was an excellent interview, well worth listening to. It isn't just for mums but dads too and is as much about girls as it is about boys. It is just over 50 minutes but definitely worth a listen. Click [here](#) to listen.

Another article worth reading is one regarding the funding of Catholic schools from the state and federal governments in light of the announcement of funding increases to Catholic schools by the federal government. Click [here](#) to read.

You are invited on Monday evening to be part of a conversation on the future of our Church in Australia. The Plenary 2020 conversation is being hosted by the parish with some of our parents and teachers facilitating the process. If you weren't able to make the gathering last term, this is another valuable opportunity to have your say. Details can be found in the parent section of this newsletter.

Welcome to the Holani family (KH) who have recently returned to Australia after many years overseas. You are most welcome to our St Kieran's community.

A reminder that the Parish Colour Run scheduled for this Sunday has been postponed to next year due to forecast rain.

God bless



Michael Gallagher  
Principal

## ★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

<b>KC</b>	Audrey F, Ben W, Lakyn E, Violet S Naomi T, Arthur H and Natasha M	<b>KH</b>	Tana H, Sofia M and Finn W
<b>1L</b>	Sophie T and Leonardo F	<b>1R</b>	Aidan R and Jasmine L
<b>2HB</b>	Elli W and Sasha C	<b>2S</b>	Oliver F, Hayley O and Sophie O
<b>3B</b>	Olly O and Tahlia M	<b>3V</b>	Philippa Q, Jackson G, Finnlay D
<b>4G</b>	Kai S, Faren B and Tim B	<b>4K</b>	Ana Luiza F, Eve S
<b>Yr 6</b>	Ava B and Tara N		

## SCHOOL NEWS

### School Email

We are currently experiencing some issues with our school email [skmv@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:skmv@dbb.catholic.edu.au). If you don't received a reply for an email you have sent to this address please contact the school by phone 9949 3523, or alternately, send an email to Julia at [julia.postle@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:julia.postle@dbb.catholic.edu.au). Hopefully this issue will be resolved soon.

### Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study

One of our Year 4 classes (4K) has been selected to take part in the *Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS)*. This will take place on Monday 5 November. TIMSS is an important educational research project investigating student achievement in Mathematics and Science. More than 60 countries, including Australia, are participating in this study. TIMSS is an important activity to keep us, as parents and citizens, informed about how our students in Australia are performing in comparison to their peers in other countries and to compare programs of study and teaching practices. We will be able to obtain current national and international information which will help improve the teaching and learning of **Mathematics** and **Science** in our country. There is no need for students to study specifically for the

assessment as it will not affect individual students' grades or progress in school. All data will be kept strictly confidential and no individual student or school will be identified in published data or reports.

### **Student Transport 2019**

School student [applications](#) for 2019 open from Monday, 15 October 2018.

Students progressing to Year 3 and Year 7 **do not** need to re-apply **if** they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2018 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2018, the system will automatically cancel a card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during December 2018 and January 2019.

### **St Kieran's Facebook Page**

St Kieran's are the proud owners of a new Facebook page. Please like our page to help us celebrate our wonderful school. <https://bit.ly/2OZsvwg>

**Please continue to use your own class Facebook group for any communication between parents.**

### **Compass Kiosk**

A new computerised system for student attendance is being implemented at St Kieran's.

Students who arrive late or leave early will need to be signed in via a new computerised Parent Kiosk. **They must be accompanied by a parent.**

Linked to this Parent Kiosk will be other features that will be introduced at a later date. This would be an ideal time to ensure your **current email and phone numbers have been given to the school**. There will be more information and parent education sessions on how to use the new system soon

### **Volunteer required to coordinate roster for carpark**

Would you like to help contribute to our wonderful St Kierans community, by being the coordinator for the parents that assist in the lollipop duty on car park? Juliette Cronin will be able to handover the position to the next willing candidate. Please contact her for details on 0411282592 or email to [croningj@bigpond.com](mailto:croningj@bigpond.com) for more details.

### **Religious Education**

'You are Mission' is a message for all of us. As Pope Francis writes in his World Mission Day message this year, 'Every man and woman is a mission; that is the reason for our life on this earth'.

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/our-work/world-mission-appeal-you-are-mission> .

Our Mission is to bring God's peace, justice, joy and love to all people so that all people can live life to the full. Not just an existence but a life to the full. Actually this is God's mission, handed to Jesus and taken on by his people, the Church.

Last term the children held their annual St Kieran's Day Children's fair. The Mission Team has decided to forward half the money raised on this day to Catholic Mission Australia. \$1720.00 has been sent to Catholic Mission. Catholic Mission runs a variety of initiatives around the world aiming to raise standards of education, health and housing. For more details about the areas of mission please visit the Catholic Mission web site.

Catholic Mission is the first topic the students will be exploring this term. Studying age appropriate Scripture about Jesus' words, actions and teachings is the basis for our Mission Modules for the next five –six weeks. Children

identify Jesus' teaching and plan ways in which they can carry on Jesus' mission of bring peace, justice, joy and love to those around them.

### **Parent Retreat**

[Linked](#) is a flyer for a Parent's Retreat day to be held at Kincumber.

### **Dates for Term 4**

Year 6 Youth Mass & Spaghetti Night	Sun 28 Oct	6 pm at St Kieran's
Year 5 & Buddy Mass	Sun 18 Nov	9.30am at St Kieran's
<b>Christmas Carols</b>	<b>Fri 7 Dec</b>	<b>6 pm at St Kieran's</b>
Year 6 Celebration Liturgy	Mon 17 Dec	6 pm at St Kieran's
Thanksgiving Mass	Wed 19 Dec	12.00 pm at St Kieran's

Yours in Religious Education,  
*Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar*

### **Mission Mass 2018 – A report from the Mission Team.**

Yesterday four members of the Mission Team attended the Diocesan Mission Mass at Waitara. Schools from across the whole Diocese of Broken Bay were represented. The very Reverend Dr David Ranson celebrated the Mass. Deacon Adrian taught us a few new hymns which were an old African chant. The girls and the boys were able to sing different sections of the hymn. I really enjoyed the music and the singing. *Lily- Rose M*

Dorothy, from Catholic Mission spoke to all the students about her journey in mission. She explained the huge effect Catholic Mission has on people's lives around the world. She shared a little bit about her childhood and how she came from a disadvantaged place. She explained how living on the mission enabled her to be healthy and receive an education. *Jada S*

At the Mission Mass we took up an offertory gift of \$1720 which was half of the money we raised at the St Kieran's Day Children's Fair. All the other schools that were there also took up an offering to Catholic Mission. *Dylan C*

We were lucky enough to have the St Leo's School Choir lead the singing. They did a wonderful job with all the singing. We sang an African hymn in parts with dancing and singing - well as much dancing as you can do in church. *Jackson J*

### **What is happening to the other half of the funds we raised at our St Kieran's Day Children's Fair?**

We will be sending the money to Saint Vincent De Paul at Hay. This country town has been suffering from drought and the SVDP people in Hay will distribute the money to those farmers in need. We have heard that some farmers do not have enough money for animal food. We have asked SVDP at Hay to help farmers feed their animals. *Lily-Rose M.*

### **Band News**

Welcome back to Term 4 for 2018. Term 4 is always jam packed with fun performances. Please help your young musicians back into the groove of practicing at home as there are new pieces being handed out next week.

Get excited for what's coming up.  
*Mrs Hodges, Band Conductor*

## PARENT NEWS

### **From the P&F**

#### **Get in touch!**

As always, as your P&F Committee we are here to help with any questions or concerns you have. Please drop us a note anytime at [stkierans.pf@gmail.com](mailto:stkierans.pf@gmail.com).

Cheers from your P&F Committee,

*Aileen Cahill, Louise Magee, Jane Smith, Shahn Schwarz, Gemma Wall, Jen Galland and Howie Giles*

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

**NEW:** We have set up a new button on QKR! for outstanding canteen balances, it is called **Canteen IOU**. This is a more convenient way to pay any outstanding canteen balances for use when you may have missed the 8.30am cut off, or your child has accidentally left their lunch at home. You will still receive an "outstanding canteen" slip which will come home with your eldest child.

NB: Due to supplier difficulties we won't have *Islandway* Pomegranate sorbets in until week 4. We have introduced Passionfruit/mango in the meantime, until we can restock the pomegranate. Thank you for your understanding.

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 4 - Week 2):

**Wednesday 24 October:** Jo Quarrell, Jo F

**Thursday 25 October:** Kate Barbalace, Rebecca Mirabito

**Friday 26 October:** Susan Nicols, Alicia Potega, Kylie McCafferty

- 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.

### **Dads' Curry Night**

I hope you enjoyed your break.

October Curry – Friday 26 October at 7.30 pm - at the Dehli Darba in Allambie -- Allambie shops. As this was shortish notice.

I wasn't sure how many would be coming so I have booked for 25-30. We can have more space if we need it so please contact me so I can slot you in. Restaurant is BYO and Neeta and the gang are looking forward to us coming.

I am looking forward to catching up again and as always, if you know a dad who is not on the mailing list bring them along and pass me their details so I can add them.

Cheers Howie - [howardgiles100@hotmail.com](mailto:howardgiles100@hotmail.com)

### **Catholic Care = Term 4 Week 1**

Click [here](#) for this week's newsletter from before and after school care.

## The Plenary Council

The aim of the Plenary Council is to reflect the views, experiences and suggestions of all parties for the good of the Australian Church.

*The parishioners of North Harbour parish are invited to participate in a process of listening, dialogue and prayer by attending a combined community gathering on Monday night, October 22nd at 7pm in the parish centre.*

The meeting will be run by members of the parish who have been trained in facilitating small group discussions so as to gather our ideas together.

**2018**  
A YEAR OF LISTENING

LOCAL LISTENING IN COMMUNITIES FROM AUGUST

REGIONAL FORUMS OCTOBER

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLIES 24 NOVEMBER & 1 DECEMBER

**2019**  
A YEAR OF DISCERNING

**2020**  
A YEAR OF PROPOSING

Following a process of listening and discernment, our parish will then prepare to make a submission to the national Plenary Council

## PARISH NEWS



### **Postponed - Parish Family Colour Fun Run**

Due to the predicted weather forecast for the next 5 days, the state of the ground and safety concerns of parents we decided at the Refurbishment Committee meeting last night to postpone the colour fun run event. We would like to be able to flag possible dates next year and will confirm with St Augustine's if the oval is available on Sunday 24 March and Sunday 31 March (fall back date if it is wet on 24 March).

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

**St Joseph's Narrabeen Halloween Fun Fair**

Saturday 27 October 10am – 3pm. Trick or Treat Alley, rock climbing, stalls, face painting, craft, show bags, prizes, BBQ and much more.

**Manly Warringah Basketball Association:** for Term 4 activities please click [here](#) .

**Collaroy Swimming Club**

Start your Sunday with a family swim, finishing with a BBQ sausage sandwich. The **COLLAROY SWIMMING CLUB** can offer just that! The club is a friendly, family orientated swimming club, catering for all ages and standards. Distances start from 15 metres, 25, 33, 50 and 100 metres covering all form strokes. Click [here](#) for further information or go to

<http://collaroyswim.com.au/> For any questions please email [collaroyswim@gmail.com](mailto:collaroyswim@gmail.com)

**\* DRAMA CLUBS start in WEEK 2 \*  
Lunchtimes Here at ST KIERAN'S**

Yrs K,1 Drama Club MONDAY Lunchtimes

Yrs 2-5 Drama Club MONDAY Lunchtimes

Yrs 6,5 Theatresports THURSDAY Lunchtimes



**TERM 4  
IT'S NO TOO LATE TO JOIN**

FEES - 1st child: \$165.00 inc GST / 2nd child: \$150.00 inc GST.

**SPOTS AVAILABLE - ENROL ONLINE**

**[www.dramascene.com.au](http://www.dramascene.com.au)**

**STEPHANIE WAITES: 0407 235 914**

**CELEBRATING OUR 5TH YEAR OF ST KIERAN'S LUNCHTIME DRAMA SCENE**



Building Australia's innovators and problem solvers

**Term 4 Wednesday**  
**After School Robotics Program**  
**St Kieran's Catholic Primary School**  
**Years 1-2**

*TIME: 3.00pm to 4.30pm*

*COST: \$200 for 8 week program (Price excludes GST)*

*DATES: Term 4, Wednesday 24th of October 2018 - Wednesday 12th of December 2018*

*Learn to code with simple-to-use LEGO Education WeDo robotics motors, sensors and software. We bring primary science and computing together as students learn to construct their own model robots and bring them to life.*

*All students welcome! Enquiries [naomi@robokids.com.au](mailto:naomi@robokids.com.au)*

**Bookings now open: <https://www.trybooking.com/YCGO>**

*See our website listed below for more information about our award winning programs.*



## CALLING MUMS LOOKING TO RE-ENTER THE WORKFORCE AND GRANDMOTHERS NOT QUITE READY TO RETIRE!

Are you looking for a rewarding opportunity that provides you flexible hours?

### **This is your opportunity to join the CatholicCare Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) team.**

We are seeking permanent part-time and casual employees.

We offer:

- Flexible hours – shifts are available Monday to Friday in the morning 7.00 – 9.00am and/or in the afternoon 2.30 – 6.00pm.
- Choice of various working locations including Carlingford, East Gosford, Forestville, Freshwater, Kincumber, Lake Munmorah, Lindfield, Manly, Manly Vale, Mona Vale, Pymble, Tumbi Umbi, Waitara, West Pymble and Woy Woy.
- Training – each employee is trained to deliver high quality care.

**The work is rewarding and fun with the opportunity to work creatively with school age children.**

*No qualifications are needed, just a first aid certificate.*

**CatholicCare**  
Diocese of Broken Bay  
CHILDREN'S SERVICES



### **TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CATHOLICCARE**

please visit [www.catholiccareddb.org.au](http://www.catholiccareddb.org.au).

### **TO APPLY**

please email a copy of your cover letter and resume including the location you would be interested in to [hr@catholiccareddb.org.au](mailto:hr@catholiccareddb.org.au). Please use the subject line 'Application employment OSHC.'