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LOOKING AHEAD

October

Fri 26 Dads' Curry Night
Sun 28 6pm Yr 6 Family Mass
Mon 29 Stage 3 Basketball Gala Day
9am Compass Parent meeting in Library
6.30pm School Advisory Council meeting

November

Thurs 1 NB Debating – Round 2
Fri 2 9am Compass Parent meeting in Library
Yr 4 Excursion Manly Lagoon
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
Sat 10 7.30am St Kieran's Parish Men's [Breakfast](#)

Thurs 15 NB Debating – Round 4
Fri 16 2pm Assembly - Band
Sun 18 9.30am Kindy 2019 /Yr 5 Buddy Mass
Mon 19 7pm P&F meeting
Tues 20 2pm Scholastic Book Fair
Wed 21 2pm Scholastic Book Fair
Thurs 22 Italian Day
NB Debating – Round 5
Fri 23 9.15am K2019 Transition #4
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
Yr 6 Spirituality Day
9.15am Kinder 2019 Developmental Play

Dear Families

Today is **World Teachers' Day**. The *Parents and Friends Association* presented the staff with an exquisite morning tea to thank them for their work in teaching and supporting the children and families in their care. At St Kieran's we are blessed to have a staff of teachers and support personnel that give so much of themselves to ensure that the students receive a quality education. Thank you to our teachers and office staff! Below is an excerpt from a letter received today from the *Australian Catholic Primary Principals Association*.

In an increasingly fast-moving society, we sometimes forget to acknowledge our teachers for their tireless hours of work with students which involves teaching a complex curriculum, supporting mental and physical health and doing all of this and more in a world that is becoming very data-driven. This adds to the complexities of teaching students.

Today, teachers interact with students, guide them in making life long connections and sometimes they are often the only witness to the amazing achievements of these young people. Only 10 years ago, when the world of teaching was less data driven, children were supported in everything they did. Now teachers support learning, not always through use of traditional text books but using their capabilities within a curriculum that allows for 21st Century learners to collaborate, problem solve and use critical thinking and creativity.

Many thanks to the P&F mums who prepared the morning tea and cleaned up afterwards.



We welcomed today our 2019 Kindergarten students and their parents for the second transition session. The children are settling in to the classrooms well and they look forward to meeting the Year 5 students who will become their Buddies in 2019 on their next visit on 7 November. Many thanks to the parents who made our new families feel welcome as they join our St Kieran's community.

Congratulations to our Stage 3 Debating Team that competed in their first debate yesterday. While they came a close second, they presented a strong case as to why children should take part in weekend sport. Good luck for the next round.

God bless



Michael Gallagher
Principal

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KC	Poppy E and Tom S	KH	Charlotte M and Grace P
1L	Zosia K and Joseph H	1R	James G, Irie W, Jonathan M
2HB	Aaron C and Ella M	2S	Lachlan F, Sophie O and Sebi D
3B	Daisy C, Liam K and Aoife S	3V	Makayla J and Tristan D
4G	Mikayla L, Rosie H and Sonny K	4K	Mila C and Makayla T
5K	Etienne C-H and Jordan W	Yr 5/6	Eve S and Maxime G
Yr 6	Aiden L and Dylan C	PE	Poppy E and Audrey F

SCHOOL NEWS

Swimming Carnival

Please access the link below to complete the permission form for our 2019 Swimming Carnival (to be held on Monday 26 November – Week 7). Please read the information carefully and complete one for each of your children at St Kieran's.

<https://goo.gl/forms/rLxnFluFMXy2Wpb53>

Remember, your child's correct age group will be the age they will be in 2019.

This form must be completed by Friday 2nd November – Week 3 so that the program can be compiled.

Tell Them from Me Survey

Thank you to all the parents who contributed to the **Tell Them from Me** survey. The data has now been finalised and we will now be spending some time over the next few weeks looking at the valuable information that this survey has provided. I look forward to sharing some of the results of the survey with parents at the P & F Meeting on Monday 19 November.

Marisa Bombardieri

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.

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 for more details.

Religious Education

What is Catholic Mission?

Two Scripture passages which help us talk about our Catholic Mission include:

MATTHEW 28:18-20

Then Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. This passage tells us Jesus was entrusted with God's Mission and now he is entrusting the mission to his followers.

JOHN 20:21

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

The Mission modules our children are exploring carry titles such as: 'Living in the way of Jesus', 'Sharing with others like Jesus did', 'Loving God and others like Jesus', 'Reaching out with Jesus', 'A loving Mission of Service' and 'Creating the Kingdom of God by reaching out to the marginalised'.

The key ideas embedded in the children's learning include:

Kingdom of God: Matthew's Gospel shows Jesus working very hard to explain to those listening that he is speaking about both the here and now and the future; that the Reign of God starts here and is completed in heaven: that what we do is inextricably linked with the completion of the Kingdom. In his parables, explanations and action He makes it explicit that the Kingdom is a kingdom of justice and peace. The task for the Christian is to build such a Kingdom here and now and enjoy its fruits in heaven.



Equality in the eyes of God: Jesus showed God's love to all by reaching out in a particular way to those whom society marginalised. Mainstream Judaism in the 1st century spurned those who collaborated, mixed with or benefited from the Romans who occupied the country. For this reason tax collectors and prostitutes were alienated. But others too were excluded from Jewish society: lepers and those with mental disorders. Women, in general, had little status and women who were without a husband had even less. Jesus reached out to all these and called them to share in God's kingdom. The task for us is to identify the marginalised in our society. Identifying the marginalised in our own world is the on-going task of the disciple of Jesus. It can be easy for contemporary Australians to get caught up in humanitarian ventures but ignore the marginalised around us.

Christian Mission: Today's missionaries focus on providing loving services to the poor that might not otherwise be provided: health care, education and community building. In Australia and overseas this will often mean searching for solutions to the long-term effects of dislocation resulting from colonisation in previous centuries. Catholic missions are more involved in extending the Kingdom through action rather than proselytising.



Catholic Agencies: Organisations such as Caritas, Catholic Mission, St Vincent de Paul and Mission Australia carry on work which has been going on for centuries. Today they are doing the work that we in the Western world consider should be done by governments. The focus should be on exposing children particularly to the work of Catholic agencies so that children in Catholic schools know that the mission of the Church is being carried on in very practical ways by the Church.

Catholic Discipleship: Students are called to be disciples of Jesus in their words and actions.

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
Christmas Carols	Fri 7 Dec	6 pm at St Kieran's
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*

A Star is Born!

A huge congratulations to Jess H of 5/6C who participated in an audition for the Australian Ballet Interstate Program in July. Jess has received a position in the Australian Ballet School Interstate Program for 2019!!! She will be visiting Melbourne a number of times next year for intensive training with the Australian Ballet School and more intense training when the ABS visit Sydney.



Book Club

Issue 7 of the Book Club closes Friday 2 November. Please order online. No late orders accepted.

Parent Retreat Day

Ancient Wisdom, Contemporary Lives – Friday 2 November 9am – 4pm at St Joseph's Spirituality Centre Kincumber. For further information click [here](#).

Band News

On Saturday the 22 September St Kieran's Junior Band and Senior Band performed at the Chatswood Concourse. Both bands performed two pieces very well and especially the Junior Band, with their first performance at Chatswood! Everyone had a great time and hopefully learnt a lot about performing to larger audiences, especially since we have a lot of performances coming up this term!

Lily Moore & Emily Dunn, Band Captains 2018

Eliminating Waste - from the Environment Team

A tomato sauce and soy sauce station will be operated by the Environment Team on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays from 12.50pm to 1pm outside the canteen to eliminate plastic waste.



Soccer and Rugby Boots Wanted

Do you have any old rugby or soccer boots that you would like to go to a good home in Fiji?

The Hamer family have a strong association with several primary schools in the Fiji Islands and will be doing a drop off soon. Please bring any clean, old boots to the school office by Wednesday 31 October if you would like to help.

PARENT NEWS

From the P&F

Today, in celebration of World Teachers' Day, our school community were able to thank all of our valued teachers and staff. Our Class Parents organised various thank-yous for class teachers and the P&F hosted a morning tea to thank our wonderful staff for their tireless work and ongoing dedication to our children's education and wellbeing. A huge thank you to all of our teaching, executive and support staff from all of the families here at St Kieran's. Your ongoing passion and commitment to our children is deeply valued and appreciated by all in our school community.

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.

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 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.

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NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 4 - Week 3):

Wednesday 31 October: Nadine Fagan, Nicole Wall

Thursday 1 November: Allison Browne, Jennifer Lee

Friday 2 November: Sania Saady, Angela Sokolow, Julie Russo

- 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.

Catholic Care = Term 4 Week 2

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

PARISH NEWS

St. Kieran's Men's Breakfast – 'To Be A Man Of God'

- ENJOY a cooked breakfast and the company of other men
- LISTEN to a thought-provoking guest speaker

Steve Lia, will reflect on his own personal faith journey with Jesus over the last five years.

Saturday, 10 November 2018 from 7.30am at St Kieran's Parish Community Centre.

Please register for catering purposes by contacting the parish office on 9949 4455 or email parishoffice@northharbourcatholic.org.au by 5 November.

For further information click [here](#)

Parish Wine and Cheese Christmas Celebration



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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Collaroy Swimming Club

Start your Sunday with a family swim, finishing with a BBQ sausage sandwich. The **COLLARROY 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

Manly Warringah Rep Basketball

Manly Warringah are holding their tryouts for u12,u14,u16 and u18 boys and girls over three Sundays starting next Sunday 4 November. For further information click [here](#) .

St John's Narraweena Fete

Saturday 3rd November 10am - 3pm
166 Alfred Street, Narraweena

Free Entry
DJ Kit Kat - All Day Disco
Giant Inflatable Rides & Mechanical Rides
Side Show Alley
Show Food
Come experience the fun!

Pre-purchase ride tickets \$20
<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=401089&>
Tickets also available on the day



*** 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.



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www.dramascene.com.au

STEPHANIE WAITES: 0407 235 914

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