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## LOOKING AHEAD

### November

**Mon 26** Swimming Carnival  
**Tues 27** Stage 3 Surf Ed Day  
**Thurs 29** 2pm Ribbon Ceremony (Swimming)  
NB Debating Grand Final  
**Fri 30** Yr 6 Spirituality Day  
9.15am Kinder 2019 Developmental Play

### December

**Mon 3** Yr 3 Excursion to Botanic Gardens  
**Wed 5** 6pm Yr 6 Dinner at Long Reef  
**Thurs 6** Dads Curry Night  
**Fri 7** 7.30am Band Breakfast

Kinder 2019 Developmental Play  
6pm Christmas Carols  
Yr 4 Surf Ed  
6pm Yr 6 Celebration liturgy  
12pm Thanksgiving Mass  
End of Term for students  
Staff Development Day

**Mon 10**

**Mon 17**

**Wed 19**

**Thurs 20**

### January 2019

**Wed 30**

**Thurs 31**

### February

**Fri 1**

Year 1 – 6 commence  
Best Start Kinder appointments  
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Kinder 2019 commence

## Dear Families

The P&F AGM was held on Monday evening with a new executive team elected. Thank you to the outgoing executive for their leadership during the year. The support and hard work of the team led by Aileen Cahill has provided the school with funds for new resources. The executive and fundraising committee also provided for social opportunities throughout the year. The new P&F executive is:

- President – Susanne Foale
- Vice President – Dana Reddy
- Secretary – Antonia Marshall
- Treasurer – Catherine Gallery
- Broken Bay Parent Council Rep – Natasha Gennusa
- Class Parent Coordinator – Gabi Selwyn

Today I received approval for teachers for 2019. The class teachers are as follows:

- Kindergarten – Mrs Karen Sullivan and Mrs Jane Hocking
- Year 1 – Mrs Michelle Leydon and Mrs Peta Sutherland
- Year 2 – Mr Nicholas Labone and Mrs Wendy Rose/Mrs Karen Hughes
- Year 3 – Miss Emily Channell and Miss Cassie Vavouris
- Year 4 – Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar and Mrs Geraldine Watson
- Year 5 and Year 6 – Mrs Christina Uchino, Miss Jedda Kassis and Mrs Cara Appleton.

Children will be allocated a class teacher before the end of the term (except for Kindergarten 2019). As I wrote last week, this process is complex and consideration is given to many factors in making a decision. Therefore, we ask that this process is respected. Should there be any concerns regarding class placements, they need to be addressed in writing to the principal where due consideration will be given. Please note that concerns raised should be of a significant nature. With so many factors that influence this process, requests may not always be met.

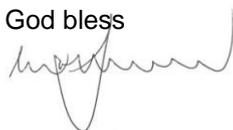
The swimming carnival is being held on Monday with a mild day forecast. This year we have relocated to Manly so that we have more time to complete events and in an outdoor setting. The day is a normal school day with the students travelling to the venue by bus then returning to school by bus or travelling home with a parent as advised in the permission slip. **Apart from students in Kindergarten and Year 1, the expectation is that all students remain at the carnival for the duration of the day.**

Further to the discussion about social media a few weeks ago, I have been informed of an app called *TIK TOK* which allows children to make videos and post them online. As with any social media app, there are age restrictions and concerns about the suitability for primary age students. A timely reminder again to monitor closely the use of technology in your household.

Congratulations to Maestra Pellegrino and the students for the wonderful Italian Day Concert yesterday.

As a sign of our appreciation for the many hours of support and assistance that our parents give the school, we will be holding a Thank You morning tea on Friday 14 December. You will find the invitation included in the newsletter. I hope that many of our volunteers will be able to join us.

God bless



Michael Gallagher  
Principal

## ★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

<b>KC</b>	Tom S and Billy B	<b>KH</b>	Sarah C and Madeleine G
<b>1L</b>	Ryan Mc and David P	<b>1R</b>	Aidan C, Aidan R
<b>2HB</b>	Jj P and Ava C	<b>2S</b>	Alicia M and Asten F
<b>3B</b>	Michael P and Zoe M	<b>3V</b>	Josh P and Sophie N
<b>4G</b>	Lachlan D and Gretel W	<b>4K</b>	Amelia S and Ashleigh W
<b>5K</b>	Paria S and Louis T	<b>Yr 5/6</b>	Mikel M and Sabrina F
<b>Yr 6</b>	Caitlin W and Niamh G	<b>PE</b>	Mila C, Irie W, Aaron C, Violet S, Alice C, Eddie W

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Religious Education

#### **Advent to Christmas Modules of Learning.**

Students have begun their Advent journey, preparing for Christmas. In our day and age it is very easy to get swept along with the consumer oriented perspective on Christmas. Our Catholic faith offers us a different perspective on preparing for Christ at Christmas. During the next few weeks students will be led to see Advent as a time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. They will explore the Advent Readings particularly the role of the prophet John the Baptist in proclaiming the coming of Jesus. A way your family could keep focus on the coming of Christ at Christmas is by creating a family Advent wreath.

<https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/the-history-of-the-advent-wreath.html> provides an explanation of the Advent wreath for parents

<https://www.pinterest.com.au/explore/diy-advent-wreath/> provides ideas on how to make a home made advent wreath.

Thank you to the Year 5 students, their teachers and parents for their thoughtful preparation of the 2019 Buddy Mass last weekend. Once again hospitality was outstanding and I feel sure the 2019 Kindy students feel they are joining a welcoming community.

#### **Dates for Term 4**

#### **Christmas Carols**

Year 6 Celebration Liturgy  
Thanksgiving Mass

#### **Fri 7 Dec**

Mon 17 Dec  
Wed 19 Dec

#### **6 pm at St Kieran's**

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12.00 pm at St Kieran's

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

What an exciting week we had with the Book Fair!

The week started with a special visit from “The Very Cranky Bear”, although he was cheered up after seeing all the happy faces at assembly on Monday morning!



The Fair ran on Tuesday and Wednesday before and after school. Many thanks to those families who attended and especially to those families who donated books to the library.

I would also like to send a huge thank you to the parents, teachers and the Library Team who helped out at the Book Fair. Your help was amazing and I couldn't have managed it without you.

### **Italian Day and Concert**

Grazie e complimenti a tutti!

This week, students in Years 1 – 6 participated in the annual Italian Day Concert, where diverse aspects of their learning were showcased and the diverse ways in which a second language can be learned, were highlighted – from storytelling and role playing to singing and dancing, just to name a few.

This was followed by a pizza and gelato treat for lunch organised by Jo. Grazie Jo and helpers!

Well done to all students for their efforts, enthusiasm, commitment and achievement. I am so proud of the way in which the students worked so hard within and beyond Italian Class.

Bravissimi!

Thank you to executive staff, teachers and the wider school community. Without your support and appreciation for second language learning, our Italian Program would not be possible.

Grazie a tutti!

Buon Weekend,  
*Maestra Fabiola*

### **Broken Bay Tennis Trials**

Well done to Jordan W, Ollie F, Jack H and Lachlan H who attended the Broken Bay tennis trials on Tuesday. Of all the students who attended across the diocese, these 4 boys made it into the top 6. A fantastic achievement for St Kieran's. Congratulations especially to Jack H and Lachlan H who have been selected to represent the Diocese at Polding level next year.

### **A Future Dance Star**

Olivia M of IL attends a local dance studio and was recently awarded with an “Iconic Scholarship” and invited to take part in the ‘Liberate Artists’ Hit It: Commercial Dance Intensive’ workshop where top choreographers from New York and Los Angeles come to Sydney for a once in a lifetime dance experience. Two of the Choreographers coaching the classes will be Mollee Gray from the US version of ‘So You Think You Can Dance’ and Amelia Burkhardt from Nickelodeon’s ‘Big Time Rush’. The classes will include jazz, contemporary, hip hop and street theatre plus they will film a music video. Congratulations Olivia!



Thank you!  
volunteers

A morning tea will be held for all volunteers on

**Friday 14 December**  
**9am in the Staffroom**

For catering purposes:  
if you would like to attend please RSVP  
by Monday 10 December



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*Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea*

I will be attending the Thank You Morning Tea on  
Friday 14 December at 9am in the staffroom

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!



### From the P&F

This Monday saw our final P&F meeting for the year, many thanks to those who came along. Discussion included a presentation of the school's updated Homework Policy, planned technology upgrades, and a summary report for the year from the P&F. The meeting minutes re available on the school [website](#) .

The P&F Annual General meeting was also held at this time, and a wonderful new team have been elected for 2019. A big thanks and congratulations to our incoming team - we know you'll enjoy your roles and wish you all the best for a wonderful year.

On that note – as the current team we'd like to extend our thanks to the St Kieran's community for your ongoing help and support throughout the year. We have an amazing, warm and welcoming parent community and we've enjoyed all the fun and friendship at this year's many social, fundraising and celebratory events. Thank you!

### **Get in touch!**

As always, as your P&F Committee 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.

**Ovalteenies** are still currently out of stock due to our supplier.

**NEW:** We will be introducing Emma's and Tom's 250ml flavoured milk next year, replacing our current Dairy Farmer's 300ml flavoured milk. Emma's and Tom's has less sugar and comes in a tetra pak. We did a taste test a couple of weeks ago and the children all gave the thumbs up.



Thank you to all the parent helpers, Nicole, Josie, Jen, Sascha, Juliette, Kate, Greg, Erika, Shannon, Rowena, Alaria and Alicia for Italian Day. It was greatly appreciated.

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 4 - Week 7):

**Wednesday 28 November:** Nicole Wall, Nadine Fagan

**Thursday 29 November:** Clare Foale, Lyndal Frollano

**Friday 30 November:** Tammy Brichta (M), Jo Sullivan, Katrina Beaman, Marina Penberthy (A)

### **Dads' Curry Night**

Dads Social Christmas Function on Thursday 6 December 2018 Dinner at 7.30pm. **\$80.00 per person.**

- 4 course Banquet Dinner with beverages, pappadums & dips.
- Entrée- 5: 2 Veg, 2 Non-veg, 1 seafood (served around/ mingle)
- Mains- Selections of 5 mains- 2 Veg, 3- Non-Veg Mini -Buffett Station Set Up.)
- Rice, Naan Breads.
- Dessert of the day to finish off.
- Beverages- Assorted Softs, Juices, House Wines, Sparkling's, Beers. (Standard -3.0 hrs package.)

Location- Urban Tadka Function Room.

I will be booking the bus to pick us up from St Kieran's - 6.45pm and return us later approx 11.30pm.

The whole event should cost \$110/ \$120. Depending on how many take the bus.

Package includes all food, beer and wine, soft drinks as per the last few years. It's a great catch up and the food is top notch. Please let me know if you can come. I have had plenty of guys say they are coming which is great, but will need to reconfirm numbers.

As I have to prepay the bus and put a deposit down on the restaurant, there will be a \$50 deposit. Will send details shortly. Let me know if any other dads want to come, all are welcome. The bus takes around 50 people!!

Look forward to ending the year with a bang.

*Cheers Howie 0438888528*

## **Broken Bay Catholic School Parents**

- Confused about the structure of the CSP or want to talk about it at a parent meeting? <https://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/about-us.html>
- AGM Time: support for incoming Parent Teams. <https://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/resources1.html>
- Resources for parents on the CSP Website. <https://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/learning-at-home.html>

## PARISH NEWS



### **Christmas Eve Children's Mass.**

If your child is in Yrs 3 – 6 and would like to be part of the Children's Choir at the Christmas Eve Mass on 24 December at 5.30pm please complete and return the slip at the end of this newsletter. The children will need to be at the church by 5pm. The Children's Choir will practise at lunchtime in the church during December.



All children attending, whether they are in the choir or not, may dress up as angels, shepherds and all manner of animals.

### **Parish Wine and Cheese Christmas Celebration**

#### **Parish Community Centre Refurbishment Fundraiser**

Wine and Cheese Christmas Celebration Friday 30 November. Join us for our Tamburlaine Wine Tasting and purchase your wines for Christmas see order [form](#)

Please RSVP by Monday 26 November.

If you cannot attend you may be able to support the event by donating a prize for our raffle or by ordering wine. Please contact Evelyn Paterson at [robevelyn@tpg.com.au](mailto:robevelyn@tpg.com.au) if you can assist with a donation.

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



## COMMUNITY NEWS



### **St Paul's Catholic College - Manly**

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## Christmas Eve Children's Mass

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**24 December 2018 5.30pm**

My child/ren would like to be part of the Children's Choir on 24 December.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

