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LOOKING AHEAD

December

Mon 17 12.50pm Yr 6 Lunch
6pm Yr 6 Celebration liturgy

Wed 19 12pm Thanksgiving Mass
End of Term for students

Thurs 20 Staff Development Day

January 2019

Wed 30 Year 1 – 6 commence
Best Start Kinder appointments

Thurs 31

February

Fri 1 Best Start Kinder appointments

Fri 8 Kinder 2019 commence

Tues 12 10am Opening School Mass
6pm Kinder Parent Information evening

Mon 18 Yr 6 Robotics

Mon 25 Yr 5 Robotics

Thurs 28 Northern Beaches Swim Carnival

Dear Families



It was a pleasure this morning to host the Thank You Morning Tea for some of the many volunteers that have given their time to support the school this year. To all those parents, grandparents and relatives who have helped in any way, the school staff say thank you!

The Christmas hampers have been collected and delivered to the Parish Hall for distribution this weekend. The generosity of our community is humbling. Thank you to the Year 6 Mission Leaders, Mrs Mary Brown, Mrs Wendy Rose and to the families who have volunteered to distribute the hampers this weekend.



The Carols Evening last Friday was a fabulous Christmas celebration and a great way for our school community to come together at the end of the school year. The children's beautiful voices, the band *Glittery Decorations* consisting of parents, grandparents and past students, and not to forget the teachers singing, made for a great night. Many thanks to everyone involved.

Year 4 attended a surf education program on Monday where the students learnt about surf safety. At the end of the day the teachers were complimented by the educators on how the Year 4 students were the

most polite and well behaved group that they had ever taught. Thank you Year 4 for being great ambassadors for St Kieran's.

Congratulations to the Senior and Junior Bands on their performance on Wednesday night. The musicians enjoyed being able to perform for their parents and friends. Thank you to Gayle Connor for assisting with the band over the last three years.

Approval has finally been given for the playground and classroom work to commence but due to the delay in approval, work will now be done during the April holidays next year.

Congratulations to Tommy D from Kindergarten who has received a Certificate of Merit for designing part of the Christmas card for James Griffin, Member for Manly. Tommy's drawing is now being received by many residents from the area. Congratulations Tommy.



Thank you to all our families, teachers, parish and friends for your support this year. I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and New Year and a safe holiday season.

God bless

Michael Gallagher
Principal



★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KC	All of KC	KH	Charlie B, Madison B and Felicity M
1L	All of 1L for a wonderful year of learning	1R	Olivia J and Ben P
2HB	Sasha C and Maeve S	2S	Zack T, Elloise R, Jack P, Michael L, Nina F and Matthew C
3B	Will B and Max H	3V	Grace M, Oliver S and Joel M
4G	Braylon D and Jack H	4K	Eve S and Jaden W
5K	Jai D and Grace H	Yr 5/6	Emelia C and Jada S
Yr 6	All of Year 6		

SCHOOL NEWS

From the Mission Team

Dear Parents and supporters of the St. Kieran's School Community,
Once again we are coming to the end of another school year. The time flies past, especially for those of us who are getting old!

The Mission Team: Dylan C, Jackson J, Ignatius M, Lily-Rose M, Jada S and Catie S and the mentor teachers Mrs Mary Brown and Mrs Wendy Rose would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you for your unfailing generosity throughout 2018. Once again, as parents, teachers and students, we have been able to support many causes this year. Hopefully, as adults we have all led by example in showing our children the importance of Mission, through compassion, social justice and non-judgemental generosity.

Just a summary of all the things we have been able to achieve this year: The Valentine's Day Undies Drive, the Caritas Lenten Appeal, the monthly Vinnies Night Patrol contributions, the monthly visits to the Nursing Home, the Vinnies Winter Appeal, the Vinnies Can Drive, the Winter Sleep-out (Years 5 and 6), the St Kieran's Mini Fete, support for the drought-stricken farmers, support for the Women's Refuge at Manly and finally the Christmas Hampers. What a generous and supportive community we are. It never ceases to amaze us what is achieved year after year. We do not take this generosity for granted and appreciate that many who give are sometimes doing it tough themselves.

For all the families who have taken the time to deliver goods and hampers when needed, we would also like to extend a big 'thank you'; without your support, none of this would be possible.

We would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and hope that your break away from all the demands of school life is happy and relaxing.

God bless you all,
Mary Brown and Wendy Rose (on behalf of the Mission Team 2018.)

From the Library Book Bonus

We were thrilled to receive (almost all) the books ordered as a result of Erica's fundraising while completing the Premier's Reading Challenge. Erica was able to get some books for herself and was very happy with her achievements. We are hoping to continue this next year when PRC opens.



Premier's Reading Challenge

The Gold and Platinum certificates have finally arrived and will be given out at assembly on Monday morning. The class teachers will give out all the other certificates. Congratulations to all the students who received a certificate this year.

Library Returns

Many thanks to those students who have returned all their library books- the list is getting smaller each day. Congratulations go to 5/6C for being the first class to return every book! Those students who have not returned their books received a notification on Wednesday requesting payment for the books.

Author Visit

On Tuesday we were treated to a visit from author M.C.D Etheridge. He read some chapters of his book, "Whitebeard" and answered questions about being an author. He gave the primary students some tips 4Cs (5Cs) to writing: Characters, Challenges, Conflict, Change and Comedy. There are some signed copies of his book in the school office if anyone would like to purchase one for \$15. They will be available until Tuesday afternoon. Please bring cash only.



THANKYOU

There are many mothers who constantly help me in the library and I would like to say a big THANK YOU to all of them for everything they do from covering books, shelving books, generating PRC user names and passwords, coordinating Book Club to helping with Book Fair. You are very much appreciated.

Medication

All student medication will be sent home next Wednesday. If you are leaving earlier than that please collect your child's medication from the office.

Please check use by dates on any medication before returning them in 2019.

Religious Education



This year the weather did not beat us and we were able to enjoy a lovely evening of Carols singing. Thank you to all those who attended and thank you to the students who sang so beautifully.

We also offer thanks to our wonderful Kindy parents who were responsible for crowd control and security on the evening. The decorations looked fantastic and the clean-up was brisk. Thank you also to Santa and his Elf who joined us on the evening.

Mrs Kathryn Williams and her band "The Glittery Decorations" led us in song. Our school community thanks; **Kathryn, James, Jenni, Phil**, parents in our school, and **Harriet's Grandad** for so generously sharing their talents. A round of applause also goes out to our ex-students; **Hayden, Charlie, Elouise, Josh and Jessica** sharing their talents and gifts with their old school community.

Over the years her children have been at St Kieran's, Kathryn has accompanied our students and led the singing in many celebrations, liturgies and Masses. We are grateful for her talents and generosity of spirit. Kathryn, you will be sorely missed. Thank you for your friendship and happy willingness to help out.

Let's give thanks for our wonderful year together. Next Wednesday is our last student day of the school year. We will be celebrating our learning in a Thanksgiving and Christmas Mass commencing at midday. All parent and friends are invited to attend our final celebration for the year.



Thank you to the students who have been practising for the Christmas Eve 5.30pm Children's Mass. You are asked to be at St Kieran's Church at 5.00pm for a final run through on the 24th Dec. You are also asked to wear colourful red, green and white clothing with or without angel wings. You may also wear shepherd or angel attire. The choir area is very hot so children may wish to bring a small drink bottle with water.

I would like to thank the school community for their support during 2018. Our **parent community** has supported the many liturgies, celebrations and Masses that add to the rich fabric of our lives. Our school is well supported by the **priests of parish**. Fr Paul has been on hand to run students through their sacraments and give lessons on scripture. Our priests are ever ready to adapt Masses to suit the season and the children's age, thank you gentlemen.

Finally a thank you to **my colleagues and their students**. They have planned, prepared and practised many wonderful celebrations of life and liturgy. I appreciate the wonderful spirit of cooperation and positive 'can do' attitude for the many magnificent things we do so well here at St Kieran's. I wish you all a peaceful and merry Christmas.

Dates for Term 4

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

Term Dates 2019

Term	Commences	Ends
Term 1	Wednesday 30 January – Yrs 1 – 6 Friday 1 February - Kinder	Friday 12 April
Term 2	Monday 29 April	Friday 5 July
Term 3	Monday 22 July	Friday 27 September
Term 4	Monday 14 October	Wednesday 18 December

Band Concert

On Wednesday night 12 December, the Junior and Senior Bands got a chance to perform pieces of music that they have been working very hard on throughout this year. The talented Year 6's also got to perform solo's during the night. At the end of the night both bands played Christmas carols and they all received certificates. The Yr 6's also received trophies for completing Band and entering another stage in their lives. Overall the night was really fun and I think everyone enjoyed it, even the audience.

Lily M & Emily D



Student Transport 2019

School student [applications](#) for 2019 are open.

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.

PARENT NEWS

From the P&F

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.

Class Parents for 2019

We are still looking for Class Parents across all school years for 2019. We are especially looking for next year's Year 2 and Year 6.

Being a Class Parent is a fabulous way to become an active participant in the school community so please consider joining this wonderful group of people.

It really is a rewarding and vital part of making St Kieran's the great school it is.

If you think you might be interested, please e-mail Gemma Wall at gemmawall80@gmail.com.

Thank you.

Canteen: Canteen Menu [here](#)



It's a wrap! Today was the last day of the canteen for 2018, **thank you** to all the wonderful volunteers for assisting this year. It is great to see that most of you can return next year. Without you the canteen would not be able to operate. Thank you also to our new volunteers. I will finalise the 2019 Rooster in the school holidays and email it out.

Have a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year all. Take care.

NEXT YEAR'S ROSTER (Term 1 - Week 1):

Wednesday 30 January: Rachelle Woodland, Steph Le Grecca

Thursday 31 January: Ally Browne **and 1 volunteer required**

Friday 1 February: Alana Janik, Kirsty Conlon, Ginnie Marsh

- 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.

PARISH NEWS

Christmas Eve Family Mass at 5.30pm at St Kieran's Church

This family Mass is traditionally for children and every year the children dramatize the gospel. All children are welcome to participate in this Mass and come dressed as angels and shepherds (optional). Any assistance from parents and family members with the following would be greatly appreciated: Helpers to sit with angels and shepherds, welcoming, ushers and choir. Reserved seating for those family member and friends with special needs.

Please contact Janette by phone 0408 866 521 or email at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au if you and your family can assist in this joyous parish celebration.

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

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Term 1 2019 Afterschool Robotics

St Kieran's Catholic Primary School on Monday Afternoons.

TIME: 3.00pm to 4.15pm

COST: \$250 for 10 week program (excludes gst)

DATES: 4th February 2019 – 8th April 2019

Year 4-6 Robotics Program in Term 1

Learn to code using Lego Mindstorms robotics motors, sensors and software.

All students welcome!

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