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LOOKING AHEAD

December

Wed 19 End of Term for students

Thurs 20 Staff Development Day

January 2019

**Wed 30 Year 1 – 6 commence
Best Start Kinder appointments**

Thurs 31 Best Start Kinder appointments

February

Fri 1 Kinder 2019 commence

Fri 1

Yoga Yrs 1 and 2

Fri 8

10am Opening School Mass

Tues 12

6pm Kinder Parent Information evening

Mon 18

Yr 6 Robotics

Fri 22

Yoga Yrs 1 and 2

Mon 25

Yr 5 Robotics

Thurs 28

Northern Beaches Swim Carnival

Dear Families

Yesterday was the celebration of seven years of primary education for our Year 6 students. As is tradition at St Kieran's, the Year 5 parents and students served a delicious meal to Year 6 which was followed with a magnificent cake. Thank you to the Year 5 parents and students for your efforts. To complete the celebration, Year 6 gathered with their families for a thanksgiving liturgy in the evening. To see the Kindergarten buddies singing to the Year 6 students was very moving. Thank you to Year 6 and to the teachers, Mrs Uchino and Miss Cronin, for such a beautiful liturgy.



The P&F presented Kevin with a range of gifts at Monday's assembly in recognition of the selfless dedication he gives to the school and the parish community. We are truly blessed to have such a gentleman in our midst. Thank you Kevin for all you have done this year.

Sadly, three of our amazing teachers are finishing their time at St Kieran's this year. Mrs Mary Brown has been teaching at St Kieran's for 19 years and has taken a role as Literacy Education Officer at the Catholic Schools Office next year. Over the years, Mary has been a mentor to younger teachers, which she has done with great love and humility. Mary has been on the school's leadership team and her passion for Literacy and teaching will now be shared with other schools across the diocese. Mary's expert skills in Literacy, her compassion and gentleness will be greatly missed here at St Kieran's. Thank you Mary for your dedication and service to our community over the years.

Mrs Tracy Brown is moving to Queensland with her family after 10 years at St Kieran's. Tracy has taught classes from Year 2 to Year 6 and has taken on responsibilities such as Information and Communication Technology as part of the school leadership team. We will miss Tracy's energy, enthusiasm and exuberance in teaching. Thank you for your service to St Kieran's.

Miss Laura Cronin is taking some time away from full-time teaching to explore other opportunities but we hope to see her when she returns to work on a casual basis. Laura has been at St Kieran's for the last 18 months and has contributed greatly to the success of our Stage 3 classroom. We wish you luck in your new endeavours.

Thank you to the teaching staff for your service and dedication throughout the year. We are blessed to have such a strong and professional group of educators. Thank you as well to the office staff for your hard work.

I hope you will be able to join us tomorrow for the End of Year Thanksgiving Mass at midday and to say goodbye to teachers, students and families that are leaving. Students may go home after the Mass with their parents however, supervision will be provided until the end of the school day.

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



SCHOOL NEWS

Medication

All student medication will be sent home tomorrow. Please check use by dates on any medication before returning them in 2019.

Term Dates 2019

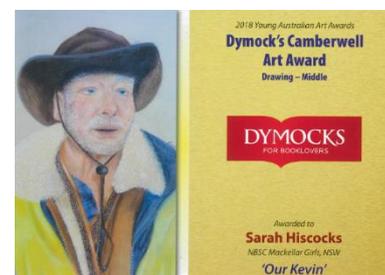
Term	Commences	Ends
Term 1	Wednesday 30 January – Yrs 1 – 6 Friday 1 February - Kinder	Friday 12 April
Term 2	Monday 29 April	Friday 5 July
Term 3	Monday 22 July	Friday 27 September
Term 4	Monday 14 October	Wednesday 18 December

Dymock's Camberwell Art Award

A past student, Sarah Hiscocks, was recently awarded winner in the 2018 Young Australian Art Awards. Her work titled 'Our Kevin' was selected from the grades 5 – 8 category across all of Australia.. 'Our Kevin' was also short-listed (top 10%) in this year's 'Little Archie's' where Sarah described the portrait.

"This is Kevin, an unspoken hero at my primary school who has always supported and watched out for me since kindergarten. Starting school was scary, and Kevin would make me laugh and feel comfortable. I don't have older people in my life, and we formed a cool relationship. I admire that he is always kind (even to kids who can be mean), and that he volunteers his time unselfishly. This portrait is to say thank you, and for everyone to see the good man that I see and look up to."

Sarah's portrait hangs proudly in the school foyer.



PARENT NEWS

Canteen: Canteen Menu [here](#)

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

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