



Issue: 7 15 March 2019

LOOKING AHEAD

March

Fri 15 Book Club orders close today
Dads' Curry Night

Mon 18 9-9.30am Open Classrooms - Literacy

Wed 20 Yr 6 Leaders Day

Fri 22 Soccer – Stages 2 & 3
2pm Assembly – Yr 1

Mon 25 Yr 4 History Excursion

Tues 26 Police visit to Stage 3 – Cyber Safety (parents welcome)

Sun 31 2pm Parish Colour Fun Run

April

Wed 3 Open Day 9.15am – 11am and 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Fri 5 Yoga Yrs 1 & 2

Sun 7 Yr 3 Family Day

Mon 8 2pm Palm Sunday liturgy

Tues 9 Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

Wed 10 Vinnies Night Patrol collection Yrs 3 – 6

Thurs 11 Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day

Fri 12 10am Stations of the Cross
End Term 1
Kindy picnic after school

Mon 29 Term 2 commences
2pm Easter Liturgy

ST KIERAN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OPEN DAY
WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL 2019

ENROL NOW FOR 2020

Open Morning 9.15am - 11am Principal's address 10am
Twilight tour 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Give your child the St Kieran's advantage.

Providing a comprehensive and diverse curriculum that engages and empowers the learner in real and relevant learning experiences.

School tours can also be arranged by appointment.

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Dear Families

This week is Fallow Week at St Kieran's, a week set aside for families to "go slow" in the busyness of our lives. You will find [linked](#) to the newsletter an article that discusses the need for children to have time for free play away from organised sports, drama clubs etc. Please take the time to read it.

Many thanks to all those who were able to attend the P&F Welcome Drinks on Saturday evening. It was a great opportunity to meet new families in our school and to build relationships that will last for years to come. A big thank you to the P&F executive for their organisation of a wonderful evening.

You may have noticed some markings on the lower playground this week; preparation is underway for the playground upgrade that is due to take place over the holiday break. The canteen is due for refurbishment too during this time. The infants' playground area under the shade cloth is due for completion by the winter break.

Today is **National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence**. This is an opportune time to speak to your child about their relationships, ways they cope with friendship issues and what they can do if they are in a "bullying" situation. A reminder that the definition of bullying is "*an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships*

through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening”.

Following assembly on Monday, the classrooms will be open for parents to visit. The focus this term is on literacy.

The Year 4 Family Mass is on this Sunday commencing at 9.30am. Of course the Mass is open to all families from the school.

God bless



Michael Gallagher
Principal



★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KH	Archer M and Fletcher C	KS	Zac B and Ryan W
1L	Sofia M and Madeleine G	1S	Luke P, Natasha M and Tana H
2HR	Erica K and Zac F	2L	Patrick H and Jacinta W
3C	Darek P and Sophia S	3V	Sasha C and Matthew C
4G	Addison L and Liam O	4K	Aoife S and Sienna C
5K	Rosie H and Charlotte H	Yr 5/6A	Braylon D and Etienne C-H
Yr 6	Nadia J and Faye M	PE	Sam C, Luke P, Sofia F, Ben P, Ava B and Ashleigh W

SCHOOL NEWS

School Fees

A reminder that school fees are payable as per dates listed on your fee statements which are emailed home once a month.

- If you elected to pay your fees in full the due date was **21 February**.
- If you elected to pay your fees in 3 standard instalments the first instalment was due on **22 February**.

There are currently many families who have overdue amounts on their accounts. Unpaid fees will be followed up by the Fees Liaison team from the Catholic Schools office unless other arrangements have been made.

Should you wish to change your instalment schedule or if you wish to discuss your fees please contact Julia.postle@dbb.catholic.edu.au.

Open Classrooms Monday 18 March

Monday morning 18 March Open Classrooms. For those parents who are able to attend we are having Open Classrooms for Literacy on Monday morning. The classrooms will be open from 9.00-9.30am and parents will be able to view a part of a Literacy Block.

Book Club

Orders close today, Friday 15th. No late orders will be accepted.

Religious Education

We are indeed blessed to have the assistance of the Priest of Parish in our school. Fr John has already visited Stage 3 to talk about the Sacrament of Holy Orders as part of their module 'Sacrament of Service'. Over the next few weeks Fr John Sullivan OSA will be visiting Yr 3 for a question and answer session prior to their First Reconciliation. As a conclusion to Yr 4's 'Forgiveness and Healing' module, Fr John and Fr Paul will lead the children in Reconciliation later this term. Thank you gentlemen for sharing your time with our students and their teachers.

Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

The Dreaded Head Lice are Back.....

There have been a couple of head lice incidents reported this week. Please check your child's hair for nits/lice tonight using the methods recommended in information from NSW Health <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx>

If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as recommended.

Soccer Gala Day

There are some permission notes for the Years 3-6 Soccer Gala Days that have not been returned yet. Please follow this link to complete the permission form if advised by your child's teacher. <https://goo.gl/forms/BRVMu2MaliVDPqib2>

PARENT NEWS

From the P&F

Thank you SO much to all those who came to the welcome drinks. We certainly felt the love of our beautiful community on the night and hope you did as well.



Next weekend (23 March) is the **Election Day BBQ** and we STILL NEED YOUR HELP. Without volunteers the day cannot happen so if you have a spare couple of hours on the day we'd love your help.

Remember all funds raised go towards getting some new science and technology equipment for our kids.

Simply go to <https://bit.ly/2UyEfIE> to sign up.

Cake boxes will be distributed next week to all those who have volunteered to provide baked goods. If you haven't yet volunteered and would like to please fill in the form at the bottom of the newsletter and we will arrange a box to come home. The more baked goods we have the more we can sell!

As always, we are here to help with any questions or concerns or just love a chat. Drop us a line at st.kierans.pf@gmail.com.

Canteen: Canteen Menu [here](#)

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 1 - Week 8):

Wednesday 20 March: Jenni Schofield, Cath Hamer

Thursday 21 March: Evana Christofides (M), Tammy Brichta, Nicole Covich (A)

Friday 22 March: Natalie Mirabito (M), Jo Sullivan, Sania Saady, Vanessa Morrello (A)

- 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

Family Colour Fun Run Sunday 31 March 2pm – 4.00pm at St Augustine's College Oval

The Parish Community Centre at Manly Vale is now 20 years old and needs refurbishment including painting, new carpets and bathroom renovations. The Parish needs the support of the North Harbour Community to help fund this refurbishment. A fundraising **Colour Fun Run involving the whole family** is planned for 31 March. Be sure to save the date - it promises to be lots of fun. More details to follow.

Sacramental Program News

First Reconciliation Practice for the children and parents Tuesday 19 March at 4pm in SK Church OR Wednesday 20 March at 7pm in SC Church.

2019/2020 Children's Sacramental Program

A copy of the 2019/2020 Children's Sacramental Program for children in Year 2 and older can be downloaded from the parish website at <https://www.northharbourcatholic.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program/for-parents> and is available at the back of both Churches.

The program starts with a **Sacramental Program Information Meeting** for Parents on **Tuesday 7 May or Wednesday 8 May and Enrolment on Tuesday 21 May.**

Please contact Janette Davidson on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au for more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Cliffside Festival

Saturday and Sunday 16 – 17 March at Collaroy. Fun Run and Movie – click [here](#) for information.



Live Life Well @ School

R-E-D-U-C-E RECREATIONAL SCREEN TIME!

And increase outdoor green time!

‘Research shows that time spent outdoors, especially interacting with nature, can lower stress and anxiety, improve mood, increase perceived wellbeing, and improve concentration and attention.’

Search ‘Outdoor Play’ at www.mindmatters.edu.au

NSW GOVERNMENT | Health Northern Sydney Local Health District

The poster features a photograph of a young girl in a pink shirt and a woman in a black shirt kneeling on a sandy beach, building a sandcastle. In the background, there is a body of water and trees.

RETURN SLIPS

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Election Day BBQ Volunteers and Bakers

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

I can help on the BBQ from, 4 – 5pm

I will make baked goods I require _____ boxes

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

