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# Chronicle

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## LOOKING AHEAD

### March

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

Tues 2

First Reconciliation

Wed 3

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

Thurs 4

Stages 2 & 3 Rugby League sessions

Fri 5

Yoga Yrs 1 & 2

Sun 7

Yr 3 Family Day

Mon 8

2.15pm Palm Sunday liturgy - Kindy

Tues 9

Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

Wed 10

Vinnies Night Patrol collection Yrs 3 – 6

2pm Holy Thursday Night Yrs 1, 2 & 4

Thurs 11

Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day

Fri 12

11.20am Stations of the Cross

End Term 1

Kindy picnic after school

Term 2 commences

2pm Easter Liturgy

Mon 29

### May

Fri 3

Yoga – Kinder

Tues 7

6.30pm Parent Ed in Literacy

Wed 8

Northern Beaches Cross Country

Fri 10

8.45am Mother's Day Liturgy

Mon 13

School Photos

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

On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of accompanying the Mission Leaders to the **Year 6 Leaders Day** at Waitara. Our students were one of two groups that spoke about what leadership looks like at St Kieran's for all of our Year 6 students. As you would be aware, we do not use the "school captain" model but instead recognise the leadership capabilities of all Year 6 students in different capacities. This model of leadership is one that empowers and gives them opportunities to lead according to their strengths and interests. Our students did a fantastic job sharing what they do to encourage all in our school community to support the mission of the Church through our understanding, our compassion and most importantly, our actions. Father David Ranson, our diocesan administrator, spoke to the students about his six factors of leadership. These six areas apply to us all as leaders of our children; they are:

- Leadership is about **listening**
- Leadership is not about **power**

- Leadership is about providing **direction** and guidance
- Leadership is not about **demanding**
- Leadership is about building **community**
- Leadership is done with **love**

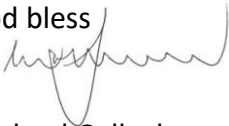
Well done to Christian, David, Jordan and Scarlett on your presentation and to Mrs Perry for transporting the students.

The events in Christchurch last week have touched each of us profoundly, so much so that it can be difficult to express our emotions appropriately. Attached to the newsletter is an [article](#) on how to speak with your child in light of such a crisis. A quote from the article that resounds loudly is:

*“Don’t become too pre-occupied with your child’s academic ability, but instead teach them to sit with those sitting alone. Teach them to be kind. Teach them to offer help. Teach them to be a friend to the lonely. Teach them to encourage others. Teach them to think about other people. Teach them to share. Teach them to look for the good. This is how they will change the world.”*

Thank you in advance for your support this weekend of the P&F fundraising initiative with the sausage sizzle and cake stall. As always, many people in our community assist in many ways. Thank you all for your commitment to St Kieran’s.

God bless



Michael Gallagher  
Principal

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Our Stage 2 teachers and students will be participating in a program during Term Two called EPMC (**E**ncouraging **P**ersistence **M**aintaining **C**hallenge).

This program involves planning collaboratively with grade and stage partner teachers. I will be working with the teachers (as Numeracy Coordinator) to plan the program. The Stage 2 teachers will then implement the program, teaching either alone or as part of a co teaching team and finally the program will be evaluated.

EPMC is facilitated by Peter Sullivan who is currently *Professor of Science, Mathematics and Technology Education at Monash University*. His theories about learning in Maths correspond really well to how we program and structure learning in Mathematics at St Kieran’s.

The rationale behind this approach by Peter Sullivan is that while it is possible for everyone to learn Mathematics, it takes concentration and effort over an extended period of time to build the connections between topics, to understand the coherence of mathematical ideas and to be able to transfer learning to practical contexts and new topics.

To do this, the students need to be encouraged to persist, which includes them concentrating, applying themselves, believing they can succeed and making an effort to learn. The lessons that are likely to foster such actions are challenging, in that they allow for the possibility of sustained thinking, decision making and risk taking by the students.

Results show that not only do students *not* fear challenges in Mathematics, many welcome them! Further, rather than preferring teachers to *instruct* them on solution methods, students prefer to work out solutions and representations for themselves. Structuring the learning then to ensure solutions and representations are shared, discussed and evaluated is a very important part of this process. Results also show that students learn substantive Mathematics content from working on challenging tasks and are able to develop ways of explaining their reasoning. Much of this aligns really well with our use of open ended or multi layered problem solving tasks. It also supports the importance of creating a “culture” during our Numeracy Blocks, where explanations and justifications are a

valued and necessary part of learning. Students learn from each other; all thinking is valued; varied thinking is valued; shared thinking allows for the development of generalisations and greater understanding. If you'd like to find out more about EPMC, please feel free to contact me at school.

Have a lovely weekend!  
*Marisa Bombardieri*

## ★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

<b>KH</b>	Callum D and Emme O	<b>KS</b>	Charlie M and Angelique C
<b>1L</b>	Mateo BL and Maddox W	<b>1S</b>	Oscar M and Nadia I
<b>2HR</b>	Annabel N and Bhavesh K	<b>2L</b>	Lysander B and Alexis P
<b>3C</b>	Kai D and Sienna S	<b>3V</b>	Maeve S and Sam M
<b>4G</b>	Freya M, Lachlan W and Dylan G	<b>4K</b>	Kayla D and Dylan J
<b>5K</b>	Tadhg M and Makayla T	<b>Yr 5/6A</b>	Luke W and Zoe A
<b>Yr 6</b>	Christian C and Chloe S	<b>PE</b>	Olivia R and Ella C
<b>Italian</b>	All of 4G, All Grade 5 Girls, Freya M, Liam O, Oliver S and Jackson Q		

## SCHOOL NEWS

### **Kindergarten 2020 Enrolments**

Applications for enrolment in Kindergarten 2020 are now being taken. **If you have a sibling starting next year please download and fill in the [application form](#) and return to the school office as soon as possible** (application packs also available from the office). We do not require a Parish Priest reference form to be completed for siblings. Our Open Day is on Wednesday 3 April at 9.15am to 11am and an evening session from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Please spread the word to friends and neighbours.

Should you have any questions regarding enrolment please email or call the school.

### **Information about NAPLAN 2019**

NAPLAN assesses Literacy and Numeracy – important skills that each child needs to succeed in school and life. The NAPLAN tests are designed to help us make sure students are on track with their development in Literacy and Numeracy. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN tests for Reading, Writing, Conventions of Language (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy.

Beginning May 14 and finishing on May 17, our school will participate in NAPLAN Online. We will have a practice with NAPLAN on April 1. Students do not need to be computer experts to take the NAPLAN test online. Making sure students have computer skills is part of our school curriculum, and our teachers will ensure your child is familiar with the online format. To see the types of questions and interactive features of NAPLAN Online, visit the public demonstration site.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher.

For more info:

- How to support your child during [NAPLAN](#)
- information for parents and [carers](#)
- Watch a video that explains NAPLAN [Online](#)
- Subscribe to ACARA's monthly parent newsletter, Parent [Update](#)

### **Religious Education**

Students are now exploring themes related to the events of Holy Week and the sacrifice and teachings of Jesus. Late in the term and early next term the resurrection stories will be studied. Age appropriate Scriptures and concepts are studied by our students through reading, role play, hymns and Visual Art.

In our last week of term classes will be presenting the following liturgies which link closely with the students areas of study.

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Kindy will present Palm Sunday in the assembly area commencing at 2.15pm
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Holy Thursday Night which includes The Last Supper by Yr 1, Washing of the Feet by Yr 4 and The Garden of Gethsemane by Yr 2 will be held at 2pm in the church.

- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – A pilgrimage of the Stations of the Cross around the playground will be led by Yr 5. The first pilgrims set off at 11.20am then every ten minutes.
- Yr 6 will be presenting a Resurrection story in Term 2 at a time to be confirmed.
- Yr 3 are busy with the Sacrament of Reconciliation and will be attending all liturgies.

Parents, parishioners and friends are welcome to attend any or all of our Holy Week Liturgies. The experience of community liturgy and prayer is part of what makes us a vibrant Catholic community.

Yours in Religious Education,  
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

### Leadership Blessing Mass

On Wednesday, the Mission Team drove to Waitara Christ of Light Centre to represent St Kieran's in the Year 6 Leadership Blessing Mass. There were several schools that came to represent across the Broken Bay Diocese. The Very Rev' Father David came to bless us to be good leaders of our school and teach us lessons on leadership. Towards the end of their time at Waitara the Mission Team presented a presentation to the schools, teachers and principals about what leadership is at our school at Manly Vale.

*The Mission Team*



### Pickles – New Opening Hours

Pickles Brookvale store opening hours will take effect from Term 2. Hours are:

- Mon 9am – 5pm
- Tues 9am – 5pm
- Wed 9am – 5pm
- Thurs 12pm – 7pm
- Fri CLOSED
- Sat 9am – 1pm

Any queries contact [info@pickleschoolwear.com](mailto:info@pickleschoolwear.com).

## PARENT NEWS

### From the P&F

*It's not too late* to drop off baked goods for the Election Day BBQ tomorrow. Just bring them to the school in the morning when you vote.

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](mailto:st.kierans.pf@gmail.com).



**Canteen:** Canteen **Menu** [here](#)

**Volunteer required** for Thursday, morning shift, 9.00-11.15am, 4 April, 4 July, 26 September, and 19 December? if you can help out with these shift please email: [joannemnesbitt@gmail.com](mailto:joannemnesbitt@gmail.com) or text: 0410 629 135.

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 1 - Week 9):

**Wednesday 27 March:** Andi West, Lilly Edmunds

**Thursday 28 March:** Nelly McGrath (M), Joanne Donato, Tracey Willis (A)

**Friday 29 March:** Nicole, Covich, Riany Tanner, Debbie Barton

- 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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **NB Council Vacation Care**

Northern Beaches Council operates a very successful vacation care program for primary school aged children across the whole of the Northern Beaches. In the Autumn school holidays we will have centres open at Cromer, Forestville, North Curl Curl and also at Manly Vale Community Centre.

With the April school holidays approaching fast, we have just released the holiday [program](#) on our website, with the Autumn 2019 brochure containing lots of activities and ideas to keep children occupied. Enquiries: [Northern Beaches Council Vacation Care](#)

### **Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS)**

All children under 18 and who are eligible for Medicare can access free public dental services in NSW. Some children may also be eligible for the Commonwealth’s Child Dental Benefits Schedule. To find out more click [here](#).

## Live Life Well @ School

### HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES

#### Pack the five food groups!

Include all five food groups into your child’s lunchbox and water as the best drink!

<b>Breads &amp; Cereals:</b> Wholegrain bread, pasta, noodles, wrap or crisp bread.	 Breads & cereals	 Water
<b>Vegetables:</b> Carrot, capsicum or celery sticks, salad on a sandwich.	 Vegetables & salads	
<b>Meat &amp; Alternatives:</b> These provide protein. Try cooked lean beef or lamb, skinless chicken or turkey, egg, legumes or hummus.	 Meat & alternatives	 Dairy
<b>Dairy:</b> These provide protein and calcium. Try a slice of cheese, yoghurt or milk.		 Fruit
<b>Fruit:</b> Serve in a fun and creative way. Try fruit skewers or fresh cut up fruit in a container ready to eat.		

Provided by Cancer Council NSW

More tips and recipes:  
[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)

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