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LOOKING AHEAD

April

Fri 12	Kindy picnic after school
Mon 29	Term 2 commences 8.45am Easter Liturgy Canteen closed this week

May

Fri 3	Yoga – Kinder
Mon 6	6.30pm Parent Ed in Literacy
Wed 8	Canteen re-opens
	Northern Beaches Cross Country
Fri 10	7.30am Mother's Day Breakfast 8.45am Mother's Day Liturgy – Yr 1

Mon 13

Mon 13	School Photos and Winter Uniform
14-17	NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5
Fri 17	National Walk to School Day Yr 2 Robotics
Sat 18	Election Day BBQ & Cake Stall
Wed 22	National Simultaneous Story Time
Fri 24	Yr 1 Robotics Kinder Yoga
Tues 28	Broken Bay Cross Country
Wed 29	Vinnies Night Patrol collection Yrs 3-6

Dear Families

During this last week of term, classes have been sharing the events of Holy Week, beginning with Kindergarten's Palm Sunday liturgy, followed by the Years 1, 3 and 4 Washing of the Feet, the Last Supper and Jesus Praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. Today, Year 5 led us through the Stations of the Cross. These events, which the Church will remember this Sunday and throughout the following week, culminate in the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday.

Holy Week and Easter are considered the most significant of all the Church's celebrations. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is what we celebrate on Easter Sunday. The resurrection is at the centre of our faith. The Easter story is linked to pagan rituals that celebrated fertility and new life, following the spring equinox in the northern hemisphere. Jesus' resurrection reminds us that we too can find *new life* in Him. I hope that you and your family are able to celebrate the hope and joy that Easter brings. And yes, the bunny and the egg are signs of new life!

Enrolment interviews will commence in Term 2, so it is important to have your enrolment forms in to the school office when school returns.

As I mentioned last week, the playground and Year 2 upgrades will commence in the holidays. This work will continue into the first week of next term.

I wish you all the blessings of Easter and a restful break. Have a safe and joyful holiday!

God bless



Michael Gallagher
Principal

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KH	Addison S and Archer M	KS	Annabel M and Sam T
1L	Maddison R and Thomas T	1S	Toby S and Marcus F
2HR	Sophia T	2L	Irie W and Sophie M
3C	Willow B and Lauren O	3V	Will P and Aaron C
4G	All of 4G !!	4K	Zoe M and William B
5K	Hamish G and Lucas M	Yr 5/6A	Faren B and Isabelle La
Yr 6	Jackson Q and Eve S	PE	Pia F, Sophia T and Charlotte H

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



**School Photos and Winter Uniform Changeover
Monday 13 May**

Students may return in Term 2 in either full summer or full winter uniform – **not** a mixture of both.



All students are to be in full winter uniform by Monday 13 May.

A reminder that this is also **school photo day**.

Please ensure your child/ren are in full winter uniform

Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

Honk! Honk! The bus is leaving I am so excited. I was on the bus sitting with Eli talking about gala day and how fun it's going to be. We were finally here. We sat down in the stadium. After all the talking I was heading over to the field with my team. We were on. The whistle was blown. After 15 minutes the game finished. We were all tired but we still wanted to play more! We had a little rest. It felt like a second then we were back on. I was goalkeeper this time. We smashed them. I was sitting down for half of the match. I wasn't tired at all. Everyone else was really tired.

We were eating a little bit of food and talking about what we should work on. We were up again. After this game we were going to have a very long rest. It was a draw as the loud whistle blew.

We walked over to the Year 4's to cheer them on. After they finished we ate our lunch. We had 2 more games to go. We had another smash. We drank some water, ate the rest of our food and then we were back on. Every other St Kieran's game was finished so they were cheering us on. It was a draw. All of the schools headed over to the stadium. They talked a bit and announced that the St Kieran's girls won their competition. We were back on the bus. I was sitting next to Eli again. We talked about how fun it was. What a day that was!

Blake L

Winners – Soccer Gala Day.

All the girls were jumping around so excitedly to be playing in our weekend team at our school soccer gala day. My mind was racing and my heart was pounding. We were talking about our positions and to whom we were going to pass the ball. We wondered how many goals we might score. Our coaches were Mrs Conlon, Mrs McGrath and Mr Marsh, our weekend soccer coach. (April U)



Some of our games were very tough because one of the teams where blocking the goal. People shared time on the sideline but most of all enjoyed playing other teams from other schools. We were all smiling and singing out to each other. The referees, from St Paul's, were fair and did a great job. Our team were passing the ball to each other around the opposition. (Tahlia M)

We had a feeling that we might come close to winning because we were undefeated. My legs were shaking at the beginning but then I settled down. We scored twenty three goals over seven matches. We were in the stands and got a fantastic surprise when they called our names as WINNERS. We had to go down to the field and get the trophy and have a team photo. (Sienna C)

When we walked back over to our school, our friends were there cheering for us. This made us feel proud and thrilled. We thanked our coaches and enjoyed having that winning feeling! The whole day was very exciting and we felt privileged to be representing St Kieran's school. (Abby M)

The Yr 4 Girls competitive team were: Tahlia M, Daisy C, Abbey M, Philippa Q, Kayla D, April U, Sophie N, Zoe M, Sienna C and Freya M. Congratulations girls.

Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day

On Thursday, Stage 3 participated in the Soccer Gala Day at Cromer Park. All teams did well to participate in the games and displayed great sportsmanship throughout the day. We would like to thank all the parent-volunteers for coaching our teams and helping us achieve our best on the field. We are grateful that Manly United loaned the fields to the organisers of the Gala Day, and we thank Miss Channel for ensuring that St Kieran's were well prepared. What a way to finish off our last Term 1 at St Kieran's. - *The Sports Team*



Stations of the Cross – Year 5

Each grade journeyed through the Stations of the Cross as Year 5 lead a freeze-frame reflection on what happened to Jesus at each moment leading up to His death. At the end of each re-enactment, we were asked to 'listen to our heart' and reflect on Jesus' actions and think about how our own experiences can be guided by these.



Religious Education

Walk for Water

With enthusiasm, students from Yrs 3 -6 walked to Many Dam to collect water, carrying it back to school to empty on our gardens.

Our students gained insight into the daily chore of many children, particularly girls, around the world. Thank you students and parent walkers for your involvement in developing empathy by stepping into the shoes of others.



CARITAS: Project Compassion

THANK YOU to our students and their families who have contributed so generously to the Project Compassion boxes both around the school and in your homes.

We would appreciate all PROJECT COMPASSION boxes be returned to school OR to the parish office as soon as possible.

Holy Week Liturgies

I would like to thank the students and teachers for preparing and leading such prayerful liturgies for our school community.



From a Religious Education point of view, the liturgies we have participated in are a prayerful reflection of the learning that has taken place over the last few weeks. Each grade has focused on a particular part of our Catholic story pertinent to their year of learning. The students learn the story of their faith, explore the meaning and try to apply the values, attitudes and beliefs to their lives. All of this culminates in the liturgies we share.

As a proudly Catholic school, our Easter journey will continue on 29 April at the 8.45am morning assembly when Year 6 students tell and relate to the story of the Resurrection.

Term 2 Dates

- Monday 29 July: Easter Liturgy --Yr 6 in the assembly area - 8.45am (please note the change of time)
- Friday 10 May: Mother's Day Liturgy- Yr 1 in the assembly area- 8.45am
- Over the June weekends of the 15/16, 22/23, 29/30 - First Communion Masses



Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

School Sunglasses

Sunglasses from the **Cancer Council's School Sunglasses collection** are now an **optional** part of our **school uniform**. It is important that students wear good quality, polaroid sunglasses which can be purchased from the Cancer Council shop. A **sports strap in black or navy blue** is also an important addition to sunglasses. This will allow students to run around without worrying about their sunglasses coming off. Please remember to clearly label your child's school sunglasses.



The Cancer Council shop at Warringah Mall is offering **St Kieran's students a 10% discount**. The discount is **valid for the selected (school range) of sunglasses** and for in store purchases only. Parents will need to advise staff in store that they are from St Kieran's School to obtain the discount.

Attention: Kindergarten Parents

RSVP request:

When: Monday 6 May 6.30 - 8.00 pm

Where: The Hub (Stage Three Classroom - upstairs above office)



Please RSVP via the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScdF_VjZHFRRorVj41Xusd_Cg3eO36RWH2u4VDsR0C2RXW_hCw/viewform?usp=sf_link

As part of our continued commitment at St Kieran's to developing partnerships in education with our parents, we will be holding a Parent Education session early in Term 2.

This session aims to give parents strategies to help their children become confident readers and writers in their early school years. Also, we value parent help in our school and know that this works best when we work together with shared understanding. For this reason, **if you wish to assist as a parent helper with reading in the Kindergarten classes, you need to have attended this session**. Please note that the course needs to be completed only once, so there is no need to repeat the course if you previously attended when an older sibling was in Kindergarten.

The two main components of the course are:

- An introduction to how children learn to read and comprehend – with a St Kieran's perspective
- How to help with reading at home and at school

There will also be some focus on writing and spelling in these early years.

Mary Brown, Education Officer from the Catholic Schools Office, will give the presentation, supported by our Kindergarten teachers and me.

A Google Form will be sent to you in the last week of school this term so if you are interested, please reply to this to RSVP. We look forward to seeing lots of new Kindergarten parents there!

Kindest regards,

Cara Appleton

(Literacy Coordinator)

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NSW PSSA Diving Championships and NSW PSSA Swimming Championships

The championships are currently being held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.
Congratulations to

Kayla D who came 3rd in the 9 Years Girls Springboard and to Lachlan D who came 3rd as part of the Boys All Age Relay 5 x 50m.



Lachlan also made it into the finals of the 11 Years Boys 50m Freestyle and finished in 7th place. Today Lachlan will be competing in the 11 Years Boys 50m Butterfly and Breaststroke events as well as the Senior Boys Relay along with our other stars Louis T, Jackson Q and Christian C.

Manly Marlins Rugby

Last year I was lucky enough to be selected in the Manly Marlins Rugby Union U12s representative team. For more than 30 years, Manly Junior Rugby Union has conducted annual tours to play against NZ teams. A lot of the current Marlins First players have been on this same tour. We are leaving super early this Friday 12 April, for our 10 day NZ Tour where we will play four different teams: Takapuna, Kahukura, New Plymouth and Hutt Old Boys Marist. I think the highlight will be our tour of Eden Park, the home of the All Blacks on our second day in Auckland.

Cole / 5/6A -

PARENT NEWS

From the P&F st.kierans.pf@gmail.com.

Thank you for all your support and help over the last term. We have two exciting events coming up at the beginning of next term.

SAVE THE DATE FOR:

- Friday 10 May at 7.30am – Mother's Day Breakfast/liturgy
- Saturday 18 May - Federal Election BBQ & Cake stall.

We will send out more information in the first week of Term 2

Have a relaxing and safe holiday!

Canteen: Canteen Menu [here](#)

Canteen closed due to completion of the renovations. It will re-open week 2. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Volunteers required please for:

- a full day, 9.00-1.50pm, week 10 of each term **Wednesdays: 3 July, 25 September, and 18 December**, and



- a morning shift, 9.00-11.15am, week 10 of each term **Thursdays: 4 July, 26 September, and 19 December.**

- 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.

Entertainment™ Memberships 2019/2020 – Why not get one for the holidays!

The brand NEW 2019 | 2020 Entertainment™ Memberships are available and ready to use just in time for the holidays. Whether it be the digital membership or the book, you'll be able to enjoy lots of great deals and offers from your favourite cafes, restaurants, entertainment venues and holiday accommodation. See [what's inside](#) the Sydney and Surrounds Book.

Did you know?

1. New to the Entertainment Memberships this year are Lorna Jane, Virgin Australia, Cellarmasters, Entertainment Traveller, to name a few.
2. If you are an existing member, you can get memberships for other cities at reduced prices if you are going away on holidays.
3. For those who purchase a book membership, there is an Entertainment™ Companion App that can be downloaded from your relevant App store for free. It allows you to search for participating businesses near to you but does not have the redemption facility. You will still need to present your Gold Card or vouchers to redeem the offers.

Changed your mind? No problems. If wish to swap from a Book to a Digital Membership or Digital Membership to a Book, simply contact Susan who can help you swap it over.

Click here <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2001d10> to order your membership now. If you'd like a book I am available to deliver it to you in the holidays. For further information and to answer all your questions, please contact Susan Nicols at slnicols@hotmail.com. Stay tuned for more tips next term!



Term 2 - 2019 Afterschool Robotics - Monday

St Kieran's on Monday Afternoons.

TIME: 3.00 pm to 4.30pm

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

DATES: April 29th 2019 – July 1st 2019

MONDAY – Year 1 to Year 3 - WeDo Robotics Program

Each week the students do a Lego Build and Program guided by the WeDo Lego Software.
They then use simple coding to bring the creations to life.



CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHER available

– See website below for details –

PLEASE REGISTER with SERVICES NSW,

BEFORE booking.

<https://www.robokids.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Creative-Kids-Voucher-Parent-Guidelines -NB.pdf>

Bookings now open: www.trybooking.com/BBQOZ



PARISH NEWS

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to all the children who received Reconciliation for the first time at four celebrations of the Sacrament. Thank you to all parents who accompanied their children in the program and all who helped them along this journey.

First Holy Communion

Parent Information Meetings will be held the third week of Term 2 on either **Tuesday 14 May at 9.30am OR Wednesday 15 May at 7.00pm both in St Kieran's Church.**

2019 – 2020 Sacramental Program for Children in Yr2 (and older) – Key Dates

Parents of children in Year 2 (and older) who wish to participate in the 2019/2020 program are

reminded that the program will commence the second week of Term 2 with a **Sacramental Program Information Meeting for Parents on either Tuesday 7 May at 9.30am OR Wednesday 8 May at 7.00pm in St Kieran's Church.**

Information presented at this session will include what parents need to know to accompany their children on their sacramental journey.

Enrolment for Sacramental Program on Tuesday 21 May between 9.00am and 10.00am OR 6.00pm and 7.00pm in the St Kieran's Parish Community Centre. Please note this was mistakenly listed last week as 21 June.

All documentation including Registration Form to be handed in and family preparation groups finalised.

Confirmation Parent Information Meeting on either **Tuesday 18 June at 9.30am OR Wednesday 19 June at 7.00pm in St Kieran's Church.**

All documentation including the Program, Photo Card and Registration Form can be downloaded from the parish website at <http://www.northharbourcatholic.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program/for-parents> and from the back of both Churches.

Please contact Janette Davidson on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au if you have any questions about the programs.

Phew!

Children dropped off at school!

Now, for the washing, cleaning, ironing

Is that all there is to life?

What about you? What about your spirituality?

Have you thought about **Alpha**?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the Christian faith.. There are 10 sessions which include morning tea, a short video followed by discussion for you to share your thoughts in a relaxed environment.



If you're interested in participating in this program, please contact Judith D'Elmaine on 0406 114 879 or Lea Joris on 0418 645 653 or email the parish office:

parishoffice@northharbourcatholic.org.au

Click here for the Alpha survey link: <https://forms.gle/GNHvGFN2naXfZkvg7>