



*To Learn*

*&*

*To Love*

TERM 1 WEEK 2, 9 February 2023

## This Week at St Kieran's

Today we celebrated our Opening School Mass. It was a prayerful opportunity to come together in our shared faith to celebrate the Eucharist and take forward the theme to be the Light of Christ in the world. When we lean into our faith and walk in the footsteps of Christ, we are guided to bring the Good News of the gospel to all we meet. Our light is always there and Christ by our side as a companion on the journey. May the blessings and grace we receive this year be our encouragement and inspiration. Thank you to Mrs Delrennie for planning and co-ordinating this beautiful and meaningful liturgy for us this morning.

Congratulations to the Year 6 Student Leadership Team. Through the commissioning and reception of your blessed badges today you are officially the young leaders who through your roles and responsibilities we know will make a difference in the school. We support your leadership and place our trust in all you do for and on behalf of St Kieran's will be appreciated by the school community.



It has been a joy to watch the students play with the new play equipment this week. Mrs McDonnell will showcase this through a photo collage shortly so you can see the happy smiles on the children's faces. Weather permitting this weekend the concrete coating will be done which will further enhance our playground space.

The teachers and I look forward to meeting with you on Monday evening for the Parent & Teacher Information sessions. At 6pm - Year K, 2 & 4 and at 7pm Years 1, 3 & stage 3. Both sessions commence in the library for 15mins to share the school priorities for the year. Following this, you meet with your child's teacher in the classroom.

Anna Marsella  
Principal

## Merit Awards

KB: Charlotte M, Miles H  
1B: Dion T, Elizabeth G  
1W: Daniel X, Izzy B  
2B: Dexter G, Chloe C  
3B: Owen L, Clancy B  
4B: Clara D, Jack L  
4W: Olivia P, Harvey R  
5B: Madeleine G, Claire X  
6B: Phoebe K, Olivia M  
6W: All of 6W  
PE: Jayden W, Miles H  
Drama: Sophie M

# Learning and Teaching

Thank you to all those who have returned the *About My Child* form to the class teacher. The information contained in that communication is very much appreciated by the teachers and supports in your child's smooth transition to a new school year.

For parents of students in Years 3 and 5 your child will be undertaking the NAPLAN assessment this year. For the first time, the NAPLAN assessment is being held earlier in the year. The dates for the NAPLAN test window are March 15 to March 27. All assessments will be conducted online except for the Year 3 Writing test. See dates below.

Next week, on Thursday, our teachers will meet with me as the Learner Diversity teacher and with the Principal to discuss student needs that have been identified through assessments and observation, thus far this year. From this meeting, interventions are identified and programmed in order to best support student learning. This could be supporting students to access the curriculum or extending students learning in order to challenge them. Parents will be notified of any support that will be planned for their child.

Marisa Bombardieri  
Assistant Principal

## Happy Birthday...

...to the following students celebrating a birthday this week:

6 February: Maya H  
12 February: Felicity B

## BUS PASSES

Parents:

If your child travels to school by bus, please ensure your child has an up to date OPAL card. We've received communication from Keolis Downer (Northern Beaches Bus Service) that they require all students to tap on using OPAL cards. They are doing this as a way of gathering data to ensure the appropriate buses are organised for the appropriate number of students. If we want this service to continue, we need to ensure all students have an OPAL card.

## NAPLAN

### Writing March 15

Year 3 0930

Year 5 1130

### Reading March 20

Both classes 1000

### Language Conventions March 21

Year 5 0915

Year 3 1130

### Numeracy March 22

Year 3 0930

Year 5 1130

# Religious Education

What a wonderful celebration our Opening School Mass was!

Congratulations to the Year 6 Leaders who received their leadership badges and recited their pledge of service to our school community—we are looking forward to seeing all the amazing things you achieve this year!

A special thank you to the students who participated in the Mass, our Year 6 Leaders and the Year 6 teachers for their preparation of the beautiful Mass. An extra special thank you and welcome is extended to Father Jojo for his first St Kieran's Mass.



Other liturgical celebrations for the Term are:

- Ash Wednesday Mass—Wed 22 Feb 10:00
- Year 4 Family Mass—Sun 26 Feb 9:30
- Year 2 Family Mass—Sun 19 Mar 9:30
- Year 4 Reconciliation Liturgies—21, 22 and 23 Mar
- Holy Week Liturgies—TBC in the week starting Mon 3rd Apr

## Learning in Religious Education

Religious Education modules of learning this term include:

**Year Two**—*Jesus shows me how to love*

**Year Three**—*Getting to know God*

**Year Four**—*Reconciliation: Living in a Forgiving Community*

**Stage Three**—*Sacraments of Service*

All learning modules are based on Scripture appropriate to the children's level of development. Later in the term, all students will also participate in learning modules related to Lent and Easter.

The students in Kindergarten and Year 1 are participating in the new CSBB Religious Education Program.

# Parish News

- For all Parish bulletins from the Catholic community of North Harbour please click [here](#)
- Parish Gospel and Homily recordings [Facebook](#) or via [You Tube](#)
- For information regarding Sacraments please contact Janette Davidson on 0408 866 521 or via email: [Sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au](mailto: Sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au)

## World Day of Prayer 2023 Taiwan



**When:** Friday 3 March 2023 10.00am, followed by Morning Tea in the Parish Centre  
**Where:** St Kieran's Church 2 King Street Manly Vale  
**Contact:** 02 9949 4455

"The Broken Bay early years' student-centred pedagogy invites each child to continue their journey of faith in an experiential learning environment. The early years approach... contends that the heart and mind will be best developed when children have experiences of the body: tactile, sensory and hands-on. The experiences of the heart through wonder and awe are in themselves experiences of love, and so this approach may also influence a love of learning."

We are excited to present this learning to our Kindergarten and Year 1 students and are grateful to our wonderful teachers—Mrs Jane Hocking, Miss Monique Wright and Mrs Fiona Conroy—for their on-going dedication and professionalism in adopting this new learning program.

Mrs Nikki Delrennie  
Religious Education Coordinator (Acting)

# Sport News

## Cross Country

On March 16 students who are turning age 8 and above in 2023 will have the opportunity to take part in the school Cross Country. It will take place on the Thursday morning at Millers Reserve. More information regarding this will be sent out closer.

However, if children would like to start preparing the distances are as follows:  
Students who are turning age 8, 9 and 10 in 2023 will run 2km.  
Students who are turning age 11, 12 and 13 in 2023 will run 3km.

This information will also be discussed with the students during their sports lesson.

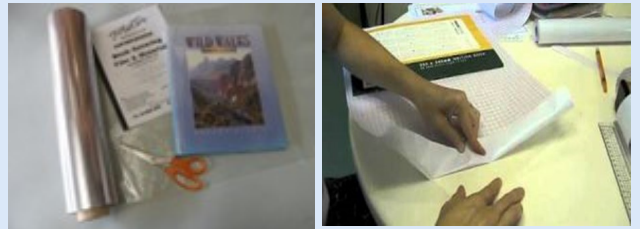
Lucy Middleton  
Sports Co-ordinator



Welcome to a new year in our Library!

Please see the attached note [HERE](#) about Library expectations and borrowing days for your child.

Parent Help – I need parent helpers for covering books. If you would like to continue or start helping in any way in the library, please email the school on [skmv@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:skmv@dbb.catholic.edu.au) We use either contact (soft cover books) or plastic (hard cover books).



If you have not contacted or covered books before or would like a refresher, I will hold a very quick session straight after school at a convenient time.

We will send home about a dozen books for covering once or twice a term at most.

Liz McGuire, Library Teacher

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Lisarow, 2250, NSW

Wednesday 22nd February: 8am—5pm  
Thursday 23rd February: 8am—5pm  
Friday 24th February: 8am—5pm

Stock will be replenished throughout the day! For the latest updates on all our sales, make sure you [join our Facebook Warehouse Sales group](#).

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB NEWS**

**EDITION 1 OUT NOW**

**ORDERS MUST BE IN BY FEB 17**

## P & F News

The P&F have had a slight restructure of roles for this year with Alicia Unkovic now the Class Parent Coordinator. We would like to thank Eleanor Hill for all her efforts last year in this role, she will remain as a committee member on the P&F.

**Friday 24 February the first Dad's Curry Night** of the year please see flyer for details! Rob and Matt are looking forward to catching up with you all. Please RSVP by 17 February.

**New School Year Drinks Cocktail Party** Friday 17 March at the Forest Hotel. Please see flyer with all the details. Tickets are now on sale via QKR.

**Election Day BBQ Saturday 25 March** will be our big fundraising event this year! All hands on deck for this one with bbq duty, coffee duty, cake stalls and selling school raffle tickets! Conor Foley, Tammy Brichta and Jane Silcock will have a sign up sheet link posted soon for you to pick a time slot.

Thank you to Katherine Rault from **Rault Collective** for donating a prize for the raffle - a stunning pair of diamond earrings!

We are still on the hunt for sponsors please this is one of the major fundraising events for the year. We require raffle prizes of monetary or in service/ product value in exchange for the company logo to be printed on the raffle tickets. Also is there a family or business who would like to donate an iPad this year as a prize for the family who sells the most raffle tickets? If this is something you can help with please email [pfskmv@gmail.com](mailto:pfskmv@gmail.com)

*P&F Team*



# What's Happening

## P & F News

### UPCOMING PROPOSED EVENTS:

#### FEBRUARY

Fr 24: Dad's Curry Night

#### MARCH

Fr 17 Mar: New school year cocktail party

Sat 25 Mar: NSW election BBQ - Volunteers required

## Upcoming dates

### FEBRUARY

Mon 13: 6PM Kinder, Y2, Y4 Information evening

7PM Year 1, 3, 5 & 6 Information evening

## Term Dates

### 2023

#### Term 1:

Thurs 6 April Last Day Term 1

#### Term 2:

Wed 26 April First Day Term 2

Thurs 29 June Last Day Term 2

#### Term 3:

Mon 17 July First Day Term 3

Fri 22 Sep Last Day Term 3

#### Term 4:

Mon 9 Oct First Day Term 4

Fri 15 Dec Last Day Term 4

## Canteen Orders

Please sign up to volunteer in the canteen for 2023 please click [HERE](#) to put your name down for a shift or email Crystal: [crystal.pullen@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:crystal.pullen@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

We rely on volunteers to help run the canteen, if we don't have enough volunteers the canteen can't operate.

A reminder to please update your child's class details on QKR!

## E-Safety Webinars

2023 Parent/Carer Webinar Series is now active on the eSafety website. You will be able to access and download the PDF calendar via the website here.

Term 1 webinars are now open for registration. You will notice they are offering shorter (30 minute) webinars in 2023 at various times of the day – lunchtime, afternoon and evenings – to suit the varying needs of families.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

## Occupational Therapy 2023

Occupational Therapy Helping Children is very excited to be offering a therapy service at St Kieran's in 2023. We are a passionate team of OTs who are dedicated to helping children and families on the Northern Beaches.


We have a purpose built clinic at Frenchs Forest and see children with a wide variety of developmental needs.

For more information about our service please go to our website.


<https://occupationaltherapy.com.au/>

If you would like your child to attend OT at school in 2023, please contact us on 9913 3823 or [hello@occupationaltherapy.com.au](mailto:hello@occupationaltherapy.com.au).

# Community News




**MANLY ROOS JUNIOR RUGBY UNION CLUB**  
Est. 1962. Keirle Park, Manly, Australia



**BOYS AND GIRLS 5 - 12 YEARS**  
are invited to  
**TRY RUGBY AT KEIRLE PARK**  
**4 - 6PM, SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY**

Free sausage sizzle with canteen and RooBar Open  
Tunes playing and  
fun games for all the children



Free water bottle for children attending from proud supporter of the Roos



2023 Register at: [roosrugby.com.au](http://roosrugby.com.au) E: [roosrugbyjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:roosrugbyjuniors@gmail.com)



# OPEN DAY



**St Paul's Catholic College Manly**

**Thursday 2 March 2023**  
**4pm - 7pm**

*Co-educational opportunities coming 2025*



Scan Now To Register

Michael Reid, College Principal  
St Paul's Catholic College Manly  
124 Darley Road,  
Manly NSW 2095  
9977 5111  
[stpaulsmanly.nsw.edu.au](http://stpaulsmanly.nsw.edu.au)



Principal's Address 5:30pm

**PRIMA PRIMUM: First things First**



*Inspiring hearts and minds to know Christ,  
to love learning, to use their talents  
to be the very best they can be.*



# MONDAY TEEBALL

for you and your friends.  
4 week season - starts Monday 20 February  
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**PLAY SOFTBALL**  
MWSA

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- Small group, 45 minute weekly lesson
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# Community News



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- FREE CLUB ASSISTANT TRAINERS
- FREE GOALKEEPER TRAINING (WEDS)
- FOOD TRUCKS + CANTEEN
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DRAMA CLASSES AT ST KIERAN'S



**MONDAY** SPOTS OPEN!  
**Lunch Times**

YEARS K - 6

Term 1 Starts 6 February



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[www.dramascene.com.au](http://www.dramascene.com.au)

WHATSAPP Steph 0407 235 914



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FUN

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