ST <u>KIERAN'S</u>

To Learn



# **CHRONICLE**

To Love

### TERM 1 WEEK 9, 30 March 2023 This Week at St Kieran's

St Kieran's Thank vou for vour tremendous support of the State Election BBQ. There was a great vibe and enthusiasm displayed through the volunteering, selling of raffle tickets, cakes and book stalls. Thank you to Bec Tomas for organising the raffle prizes and sponsorship and Cath Currin for running the cake stall. A special thanks goes to Jane Silcock, Tammy Brichta and Connor for the execution of your planning for this community event, it was highly successful. The school community spirit was at an all time high. This is what makes us so special and united in our purpose. In appreciation for your efforts and hard work, I hope you enjoy the Weekly Calendar you received on Monday. Great team work everyone!

We are delighted to offer a very special evening Parent Seminar on Cyber Safety and how to support our children in the digital age they live in. The seminar will be facilitated by a psychologist and expert in this field known as the Unplugged Psychologist - Brad Marshall. We will be combining in this seminar with our collaborative Southern Peninsula School communities. namely Freshwater. Balgowlah, and Manly. The venue will be at St Paul's College Manly on 31 May at 5.30pm for a welcome BBQ followed by the seminar at 6.30pm. Thank you to the P&F Committee who joined all the community of schools to sponsor the cost of this event. The details are as follows:



We have some updates here for term 2 for your planning and note.

- Monday 24 April is a pupil free day. All staff will be off site for a Faith Formation and Spirituality Reflection Day. School resumes on Wednesday 26th April.
- Tuesday 2 May at 7pm we will hold a Parent Information session, in The Hub on The Advantages of Retaining Boys to Stage 3 at St Kieran's.
- Monday 15 May is a pupil free day. All staff will update their knowledge of Choice Theory which underpins our pastoral care and discipline policy at St Kieran's.
- Wednesday 31 May is the parent seminar by the Unplugged Psychologist at St Paul's College.

Please note that Catholic Care our Before and After school provider now offer vacation care and are open for Pupil Free Days.

Next week we will farewell our much treasured and cherished front line admin officer, Julia Postle. At the Monday morning Assembly the students and parents have the opportunity to pay tribute to Julia for her unwavering support and dedicated years of service to St Kieran's. A member of the P&F will present a gift and say some words of appreciation on behalf of all school parents and each class will present a card with special messages from the students. You are all welcome to come to this special assembly to have your opportunity to say good bye and wish her the best of luck in her new chapter.

Anna Marsella Principal

### Merit Awards

KB:	Grace Z, Aliyah R
1B:	Dion T, Odell S, Isabelle U
1W:	Reuben M, Daniel X
2B:	Jake L, Aria F
3B:	Hayden B, Louis H
4B:	Joshua U, Callum D
4W:	Ruby H, Archer M
5B:	Gabriel LS, Madeleine G
6B:	Ella C, Zofia K
6W:	Zara B, Riley R
PE:	Grace Z, Rocky L

## Learning and Teaching

It's difficult to believe that we are already ending our first school term for 2023. This past term has already seen a very smooth start to the year and one where students have settled well into their learning routines.

Assessments have been completed and student needs have been identified as part of the ongoing process of analysing, planning, teaching and reviewing. This continuing cycle ensures all our students' needs are pinpointed and met.

Collaborative Coaching is a very positive program that has been introduced into our school, this term. This occurs every Thursday and Friday and it is where the teachers meet with me and the principal to focus on an identified area of precise teaching. They meet in their stage groups and student work is analysed closely, allowing for strategies to be planned that will enhance student learning. Teachers use this time to discuss, plan and share approaches and expertise. Our students are the beneficiaries of this process as these meetings are all about - a relentless focus on learning for all students.

Marisa Bombardieri Learning Diversity Teacher/Assistant Principal



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

27 March:	Danny H
28 March:	Ella C
29 March:	Carson W
30 March:	Aria F
2 April:	Juana M

## **Religious Education**



Palm Sunday

This Sunday we celebrate Palm Sunday, the sixth Sunday of Lent, marking the beginning of Holy Week.

Dear Jesus, We lift our minds and hearts in joyful praise! Bless us and all those we love as we await the celebration of Easter. Amen

As we move into Holy Week, you may like to use this resource to prayer the <u>Stations</u> <u>of the Cross</u> at home.



#### Year 4 Reconciliation

Congratulations to the Year 4 students who participated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation liturgies last week. It was wonderful to see so many families in attendance to help celebrate

this special milestone.

#### Holy Week

We are looking forward to the start of our Holy Week celebrations this Friday with Kindergarten's presentation of Palm Sunday. This will be held in the playground at 2:20pm.

Other Holy Week activities include: Holy Week and Stations of the Cross - a prayerful space will be set up daily in Room 9 for classes to visit.

Holy Thursday Liturgy - Thursday 6 April, 12:15pm in the Church. This will be an opportunity for parents to join us to reflect on the events of Holy Week.

Easter Liturgy - Friday 28 April, 8:45am. The Year 6 students will present the story of the Resurrection: all are welcome to attend!

### **Parish News**

- For all Parish bulletins from the Catholic community of North Harbour please click <u>here</u>
- Parish Gospel and Homily recordings <u>Facebook</u> or via <u>You Tube</u>
- For information regarding Sacraments please contact Janette Davidson on 0408 866 521 or via email:

Sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.a u

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS The 2023/2024 Children's Sacramental Program information is available at the back of both Churches and can be downloaded from the parish <u>website</u>

Our Baptism of Young Children Program (for children aged 7 – 11 years) will commence on Sunday 14 May 2023 after the 9.30am Mass at St Kieran's. The meetings will be held in the parish centre.

Please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au for program details, dates and further information.

#### Children's Liturgy

The parish would love to hear from interested parents who might like to volunteer to help present Children's Liturgy. Watch here for more information.

Mrs Nikki Delrennie Religious Education Coordinator (Acting)

### **Sport News**

#### **Broken Bay Soccer Trials**



Last Tuesday I took part in the Broken Bay Soccer Trial. It was so much fun and really hard. I trialled with my friend Sophie also in year 6, girls from year 4 and a couple of girls from year 5. Overall there were about 45 or more girls there and only 12 were selected to trial for the state team at Tamworth on 28 April.

After we played many games against each other, they narrowed it down to about 25 girls. I tried really hard and I got into the "probable" team. We then played another match and afterwards they announced the team that would go to Tamworth to trial for the New South Wales state Polding team. I was very successful and I made it into the team as a midfielder. Overall this trial was so much fun and such a great opportunity. Everyone who gave it a try did really well. Stella N

#### Year 5 - Cricket Gala Day

"On Tuesday Year 5 went to the Cricket Gala Day. We had a fun day and both our teams won all their games! The teachers were proud of our enthusiasm and teamwork. We had one boy team and one girl team. The boys joined with some friends from St John the Baptist, Freshwater to make a combined team. It was fantastic to meet some new friends. We played 3 games and also had fun playing twister and handstands. Thank you to our parent helpers."

Freddy, Claire and Madeleine 5B

#### Year 6 - Soccer Gala

"On Tuesday 28 March, Year 6 went to a soccer Gala day at Cromer Park. During the day we played lots of different catholic schools from our area. The girls competitive team played 6 matches, won 5 and drew 1 match 0-0. The mixed teams played 5 matches each, the first mixed team won 1 and the second mixed team won 3 and drew 2. Each team showed great sportsmanship. The soccer gala day was so much fun and we all really enjoyed participating and representing St Kieran's."

Olivia R 6W and Bailey K 6B





### P & F News

THANK YOU to each and everyone of you who volunteered for Election Day, baked goodies and for your support in general. This is what our St Kieran's community is all about! Such a great vibe on the day!

With over \$5,000 raised in total from the BBQ, cake and coffee stall and raffle tickets, the P&F couldn't be more proud.

The students that were helping sell raffle tickets, cakes and books deserve a big wrap too they did a wonderful job representing our school!

Special thank you to Conor, Jane and Tammy for leading the way on Election Day you are the real stars of today's show! Cath you too with running the cake sale that was such a hit with boxes of treats walking out the stall! It ran seamlessly and we are very grateful for all your hard work.

#### CONGRATULATIONS!

The winning class with the most election day parent volunteers will be announced tomorrow at assembly. The prize will be mufti day and ice block.

#### **RAFFLE TICKETS:**

On Monday you should have received two raffle ticket books for your family which were sent home with the eldest child. If you wish to sell more and be in the running to win the iPad for the most tickets sold please collect them from the school office. The preferred payment option for raffle tickets sold is QKR or cash to the office. The focus of our fundraising is to raise money to purchase additional sporting and creative play equipment as well as fund additional programs to further enhance the offerings in the playground and classroom.

The raffle will be drawn on Monday 29 May at assembly. All tickets must be returned by Friday 19 May.

Special thank you to Rault Collective and Brookvale Dental for their support and donation of the fabulous prizes on offer.



P&F Team

# What's Happening

## P & F News

#### UPCOMING PROPOSED EVENTS:

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Fri 19 May:Raffle tickets to be returnedMon 29 May:Raffle to be drawn

### Canteen Orders

Please sign up to volunteer in the canteen for 2023 please click <u>HERE</u> to put your name down for a shift or email Crystal: 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.

PLEASE NOTE: There will no longer be a sushi option on Friday. Sushi will only be available Wednesday and Thursday.

Please join the St Kieran's Manly Vale Canteen Facebook Group, to keep up to date!

## **Upcoming dates**

TUESDAY 4 APRIL - OPEN DAY 9.15am

### 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:

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

### **Parenting Ideas**

Read the latest article <u>HERE</u> from one of Australia's most trusted parenting experts, Dr Justin Coulson: "Working Mothers"



## **Community News**

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**Drama Group** 

TRIAL SPOTS

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Basketball clinics for the School Holidays are now available Please click HERE for more details.





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YEAR 7 2025 ENROLMENTS

St Paul's Catholic College Manly will be commencing their first round of offers to Year 7 2025 applicants early Term 2 2023.

Families interested in enrolling their children at St Paul's are encouraged to submit an enrolment application and the associated paperwork by Friday 31 March 2023.

CLICK HERE for further information regarding enrolling your children at St Paul's Catholic College Manly



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