



To Learn

&

To Love

TERM 4 WEEK 8, 1 December

This Week at St Kieran's

We are all looking forward to seeing you tomorrow night at the Christmas Carols evening - gates open at 5pm for a 5.30pm start with the Parent Musicians playing. The evening will be enjoyed by everyone attending. Please be mindful that the teachers attending are present to rejoice with you and share the joy of singing the Christmas carols. They are not responsible for supervising your children.

We have a busy and productive lead up to the last week of school in week 10. Tuesday 13 December is Year 6's Graduation lunch prepared by our generous Year 5 families and in the evening their Graduation celebration at 6pm in the Church. On Wednesday 14 December, the students will meet their new teachers. This is to ensure they feel at ease and make a smooth transition next year. I am sure they are excited about their new teacher as I know the teachers are too. Further communication about staffing in 2023 will follow.

Next week the teachers have a detailed student handover with the incoming teacher so that the teacher will become familiar with their new students in the process of getting to know your child. We are preparing with enthusiasm for next year. The End Of Year Thanksgiving Mass will be on Friday 16 December at 11.30. You are all welcome to attend. We would love to see you there.

Fr Dave and Fr Jepser will be farewelled at the Parish Mass this Sunday at 9.30am. You are all invited to join this celebration. Fr Dave and Fr Jepser will move to their new parish at Holy Spirit, St Clair just after Christmas. Fr Dave has been a wonderful support to the teachers, students and families at St Kieran's over the past 4 years as parish priest. His pastoral guidance and religious leadership has supported us all in knowing and loving Christ. Fr Jepser has worked with the teachers and students in class to unpack the gospel stories so we have a deeper understanding of what it means to journey with Christ. We thank God for these two remarkable priests who came into our lives and parish to make a difference. We wish them well at St Clair Community and Holy Spirit Parish next year.

Anna Marsella
Principal

Merit Awards

KB: Reuben M, Carson W
KW: Jad M, Izzy B
1B: Aria F, Hattie G
2B: Lauryn W, Clancy B
3B: Jose O, Harry H
3W: Charlie C, Leila N
4B: Marcus F, Poppy E
4W: Grace P, Mateo BL,
5B: Chelsea A, Maya H
5W: Ian G, Bailey K
6B: Sienna S, Kieran H
PE: Danny H, Lelaina D

Learning and Teaching

Next week, we have our Hand Over Meetings. These meetings are when teachers discuss data and information about their current class with the incoming teacher for 2023.

These meetings are crucial to ensuring a smooth transition for all students as they move into their new class for 2023.

Teachers share data which reflects the progress of each individual student and discuss future goals for the students as well. This kind of professional discussion supports both teachers and students as they start the new year ensuring a continuation of strong practices which benefit the students both academically and socially.

The following week we will be holding a “Meet the Teacher” session. This is where students get to meet their 2023 teacher, in their 2023 classroom. This too is important in that it provides the students with a sense of security for the 2023 school year.

These processes are all designed to ensure continuity and stability for our students’ learning.



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

- 28 November: Alexis P
- 29 November: Samuel M, Toby S
- 1 December: David P
- 3 December: Greta C



This week was the last week for borrowing for 2022. Please ensure that all library books are returned next week.



Unfortunately, books that are not returned will need to be paid for.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Certificates for this year’s PRC are currently being prepared and we are waiting on the special gold and platinum certificated to arrive in the post. These will be given out at assembly once they arrive.



Religious Education

Christmas Carols – Tomorrow Evening December 2

Thank you to all the people who have assisted in the organisation of this evening carols. Huge thanks go out to Eleanor Hill who has acted as coordinator and Ben Shaw our musical director. There are many other parents, who behind the scenes, have helped prepare for tomorrow's carols. To everyone THANK YOU.

Students are encouraged to come dressed in Christmas clothing. Angels, shepherds, red and green, tinsel, stars are all acceptable. Children must sit with their parents and only move to the bubbler area when called. Classes will be called to assemble one carol prior to their carol.

Parents are encouraged to bring picnic rugs or low beach chairs. Larger chairs are to be seated at the back of the playground please. Picnic foods and nibbles are a must however, alcohol and smoking are not permitted. The lower canteen gate and Gordon St gates will be opened at 5 pm. The gate to the undercroft area will remain closed.

Safety officers are asked to attend a briefing at 4.45 pm in the lower playground. Thank you for keeping an eye of the safety of school community during the carols. The car park is an area of great concern as families walk through the car park to enter the playground. Please hold your children's hand and exercise the greatest of care.

The Parent Band will set up in front of Yr 1 classrooms on the handball court and students will sing their carol from the area in front of the blackboard. These areas are a no-go zone unless you are performing. There are leads, equipment and instruments which can be easily damaged.

P & F News

We look forward to welcoming families to the end of year Christmas Carols - it's wonderful to be able to host this event again. Gates open at 5pm and Carols begin 5:30pm!

A HUGE thank you to all our wonderful parent volunteers to help make this event happen.

P&F Raffle 2023

Our biggest fundraising event for 2023 is the P&F raffle. We are on the look out for a business who could donate a prize of similar value to the \$600 Harvey Norman prize we had this year!

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

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for a copy of the Carols Program

Christmas Hampers

Thank you to our wonderful school community. This morning the hampers were sorted and taken to the back of the hall ready for delivery on the 17 of December. Thank you to the small band of parents who tackled this job. To Alicia, Danielle and Rob – THANK YOU. At this stage we have sixteen families assisting in the delivery from 8.00am-10.30. I think it will be the biggest delivery run ever which speaks well of our fantastic community spirit

END OF YEAR MASS – Friday 16 Dec: 11.30am

Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

So if you know of any businesses please put them in touch with us via email pfskmv@gmail.com we would love to hear from them in exchange for their company logo being printed on all raffle tickets as well as being promoted on our social media platforms and newsletter.

Also if any family or business would like to donate an iPad as a prize for the most tickets sold by a family please contact us as well!

P&F Team

Achievements

Congratulations to Yr 3 student Mia L who competed at the 2022 AASCF Nationals for Cheer and Dance championships. Mia's team achieved 2nd in Cheer and 4th in Dance a wonderful achievement with over 1,400 teams and over 12,000 athletes competing at the Gold Coast Convention Centre & Star Casino last weekend.



Mateo started training in Jujitsu 3 years ago with Gracie Barra Sydney in Frenchs Forest. He has worked really hard at developing his skills and we are so proud of how much time, energy and dedication he puts into training.

Mateo only started competing in September 2022 and has already achieved the following amazing results:

- Gold Medal- Newcastle Open
- Gold Medal- Bathurst Open Invitational
- Gold Medal - Grappling Industries Sydney
- Silver Medal- NSW Cup
- Bronze Medal - National Championships



Congratulations to Natasha M 4W, Charlie M 3B and Scarlett M 5B who all received their brown belt (1x away from black) in karate on Tuesday night! An amazing achievement with 5 years of hard training.



Our Drama Scene Groups concluded their final session this week and had a wonderful time domineering the stage during their drama lessons Monday lunchtime.



What's Happening

P & F News

UPCOMING PROPOSED EVENTS:

Fri 2 Dec: Christmas Carols

2023

February: P&F 2023 raffle

Fr 17 Mar: New school year drinks cocktail party

Sat 25 Mar: NSW election BBQ - Volunteers required

Upcoming Key Dates

DECEMBER

Mon 12: Swimming carnival

Tues 13: Y5 Host lunch for Y6
Y6 Mass of celebration

Fri 16: Last day term 4

Term Dates

Term 4: Monday 10 Oct - Fri 16 Dec
2023

Term 1: Monday 30 Jan (MAI and Best Start assessment)

Tuesday 31 Jan students 1-6 return

Thurs 6 April Last Day Term 1

Canteen Orders

The canteen is open Wednesday to Friday for online orders only for recess and lunch. Please order through qkr.

If you are able to volunteer in the canteen please click [HERE](#) to put your name down for a shift rosters are now open for 2023.

Parenting Ideas

Read the latest article [HERE](#) from one of Australia's most trusted parenting experts, Dr Justin Coulson: "No, No, No."



Social Media



Please help spread the word about our great school community and classroom experiences at St Kieran's by following our social media pages on Facebook and Instagram - please remember to like, share or comment: [st_kierans_manly_vale](#)

Community News



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SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER
FROM 7.30AM
ALLAMBIE SCOUT HALL - ROOSEVELT AVE

FRESH CUT CHRISTMAS TREES

PREORDER TO GUARANTEE YOUR TREE
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6FT TREE - \$80
7FT TREE - \$110
8FT TREE - \$145

FREE PICK UP OR LOCAL DELIVERY \$20

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