



To Learn

&

To Love

TERM 4 WEEK 1, 13 October

This Week at St Kieran's

A warm welcome to Term 4. I trust the holiday break was relaxing and spent in the good company of family and friends. We return to an exciting term filled with social events, gatherings, celebrations, sharing of learning, school carols and graduation to name a few. Refer to the calendar for all the updates and dates to save. This week we focus on a student video showcasing the library. We hope you take a moment to appreciate these short glimpses into school life from the perspective of the students.

Well done St Kieran's community! We raised \$679.75 for the most vulnerable in our diocese. This is the result of the recent fundraising for Mary Mac's homelessness support centre in Broken Bay. This is a testament of the tremendous families in our school and the support we are as a team when we work together for those less fortunate.

On the topic of generosity, a huge thank you goes to Lauren and Ben Shaw who kindly are opening the Playgroup on a monthly basis. This means that the Playgroup runs fortnightly this term. Eleanor Hill has been running it all year on the last Friday of the month. We are grateful to her for this sustained support to the young families and children starting at St Kieran's. This is a wonderful school readiness opportunity. Please see our community news section below with all the dates and information.

Late last term our Stage 3 students participated in a very informative session on Cyber Safety delivered by the Dee Why Police - Youth Liaison Officer, Constable Abby Wark. The presentation from Think U Know is also adapted and presented to parents so you are in the know about how to protect your children online. A parent and carers zoom session is planned on **Wednesday 19 October at 7pm** in the evening. It is presented by Mrs Nicole Hobbs in the comfort of your homes online and I will introduce her to you. I encourage you to take this opportunity to join this informative presentation. Details for online access will be sent via Compass early next week.

Wishing you a great term ahead and look forward to working with you.

Anna Marsella
Principal

Merit Awards

KB: Darcy W, Mycroft H
KW: Lelaina D, Louie R
1B: Edward S, Amelie A
2B: Louis H, Max D
3B: Peter S, Jack L
3W: Zac B, Olivia P
4B: Freddy W, Maddox W
4W: Eli A, Saskia C
5B: James G, Sophia T
5W: Olivia J, Erica K
6B: Eli W, Brooke B
PE: Violet S, Zac B
Creative Arts: Felicity B, Lucy W

Learning and Teaching



[CLICK HERE](#) to enjoy a tour of our library by some of our students.



Library News

CBCA NSW Branch: "Lunch With The Stars"

Last term a group of Year 6 students attended this annual event. We were fortunate enough to have Oliver Phommavanh as the author at our table. He was also one of the guest speakers. Here are some comments from some of the students who attended:

"I personally think the best thing about lunch with the stars was that we could meet so many famous authors and ask them so many curious questions. And also it was really funny since I went on stage with our author Oliver Phommavanh because I dressed up as him."

"Being able to see the authors and illustrators that were my favourite, I loved the food that the St Pauls boys cooked for us! We got to see Oliver Phommavanh in the flesh who was our author as well as being the person who has written: Brain Freeze and Thai-riffic. We also got all of the authors and illustrators signatures!"

The students were also encouraged to enter a writing competition. As a result, these students won a writing workshop for the whole of Year 6 in Week 4! The 2 authors presenting are Alexa M and Kristin D. The students are looking forward to this wonderful opportunity.



Happy Birthday....

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

11 October: Ava B, Izzy B

12 October: Maddison R

14 October: Mila C



This year, the Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Library before and after school on Tuesday November 1 and Wednesday November 2.

You will also have the opportunity to pay online then collect the goods. Students will be able to look at the items at the Book Fair with their teachers and write a "wish list" which they bring home for parents to see.

The Book Fair is a wonderful opportunity to purchase some fantastic books and items for your child as well as supporting the school. There will be Christmas items available to purchase too so this is also an opportunity to start your Christmas shopping.

If you would like to purchase a book to donate to the school, your child's name will go on the inside cover of the book.

As this is a very busy event, I would really appreciate some parent helpers at all or any of the following sessions:

Tuesday November 1 @ 8.00am-8.45am and 3.00pm-3.45pm

Wednesday November 2 @ 8.00am-8.45am and 3.00pm-3.45pm

Please email the school or let me know if you are available to assist at any time.

Liz McGuire, Librarian

Religious Education

Kindergarten Family Mass – Sunday 16 October 9.30

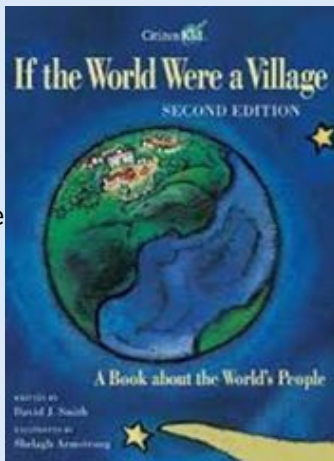
This weekend Kindergarten will be participating in the 9.30 Family Mass on Sunday 16. Of course all school families are warmly invited to attend. Yr 6 buddies may wish to support their buddies as they take part in the processions and sing at the conclusion of Mass. Thank you to Mrs Hocking and Miss Wright for their careful preparation of the parts of the Mass.



Catholic Mission

Next Thursday, 20 October Yr 6 Mission Team will represent the school at the Diocesan Mission Mass to be held at Waitara. They will learn about the role of Catholic Mission across the world and be able to share their learning with their peers.

Today Stages 2 & 3 attended a presentation about Social Justice in the world. Using the video "If the World were a Village of 100 People" the children explored the inequalities which exist across many aspects of life, education, fresh water, food security and shelter to name a few. We then explored the role of The Church in trying to alleviate some of these injustices.



Students, in their class groups, will then decide on a course of action to help support agencies which support the poor of the world. This sequence of learning sits within the Service-Learning Model of 'Head, Heart and Hands'. Students investigate the problem or issue, HEAD. Reflect on the problem through the eyes of the Gospel, HEART and act on the problem, HANDS.

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

Christmas Carols at St Kieran's.

Thank you to the P & F parents who are leading the organisation of the Christmas Carols this year.

It will be lovely to be able to gather again for refreshments and singing on Friday 2 December.

Make sure to save the date for a wonderful evening of friendship and community.



Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

Thank you

Thank you to the Year 1 parents who took part in the GIFT cooking program last night. They prepared over 75 meals to help feed the needy in our school community.



P & F News

Term 4 is here and we are on the final stretch for school events this year - Time flies when you're having fun!

Coming Up we have:

School Disco – Friday 28 October

Tickets are now on sale via Qkr!

Special Thanks to the Year 4 class parents and parent volunteers for hosting this event for the students.

IT'S DISCO TIME

Includes an ice block (BYO water bottle)

Date Friday 28th October 2022

Time 4.00pm- 5.30pm (K- 2)
6.00pm- 7.30pm (3-6)

Location: St Kieran's Parish Hall

Tickets: Purchase via qkr \$10 each

HALLOWEEN
Come dressed in your favourite HALLOWEEN COSTUME!

It's disco time with Bop till you Drop

St Kieran's Manly Vale

Christmas Carols – Friday 2 December

We are looking forward to hosting St Kieran's Christmas Carols family evening event. The music for the Christmas Carols was started by, and has been led by, our parent community. We would like to call upon parent musicians, ex-students and their friends to volunteer to play at this year's Christmas Carols.

Our teachers will prepare the children's singing for the evening and we are requesting musical parents to play.

If you are able to assist with our carols evening please contact Eleanor Hill on 0417368341 by Sunday October 16.

We currently have a cracking pianist and vocalist on board, and we can't wait to add you to the ensemble!



Dad's Curry Night – Friday 25 November

This month's curry night will be held at Urban Tadka Terrey Hills.

The curry night last term filled up so please rsvp via email Stkcurrynight@gmail.com to Matt Willis and Rob Currin if you would like to attend this one. \$90 per person includes banquet menu, beer, wine and soft drink.

P&F Team

Y6 Camp & PACER

At the end of Term 3, Year 6 students undertook an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education.

To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government has contributed funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

What's Happening

P & F News

UPCOMING PROPOSED EVENTS:

- Fri 28 Oct: School Disco
- Fri 25 Nov: Dad's Curry Night
- Fri 2 Dec: Christmas Carols

Canteen Orders

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

Please Note: There will be a price increase on canteen menu items from Term 4, due to increasing costs from our suppliers.

Our canteen roster is now online! Please click [HERE](#) to access shifts and put your name down to help.

Parenting Ideas

Read the latest article [HERE](#) from one of Australia's most trusted parenting experts, Dr Justin Coulson: "Is play time dead?"

Upcoming Key Dates

OCTOBER

- Fri 14: Staff Development Day
- Wed 19: Parent Cyber safety zoom
7pm
- Thur 20 - Fri 21: Year 5 Leadership Camp

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



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](#)

Extra Curricular Opportunities

Evergreen Music: Junior and Senior Band with Evergreen Music. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Drama: To enrol click [here](#). *Stephanie Waites, Drama teacher 0407 235 914*

Eye Heart Science: Eye Heart science will only be running classes on a Thursday in Term 4.

Community News

St Kieran's Manly Vale

FREE

PLAYGROUP

For 0 - 5 year olds

14TH OCT
28TH OCT
11TH NOV
25TH NOV
9TH DEC

Friday's
8.45am - 10.30am

NEW fortnightly dates added!

- School Readiness
- Community Friendships
- Play Based Learning
- Craft, toys, stories and more!

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THINK U KNOW
org.au

Comfortable talking to your kids about technology and the internet?

A ThinkUKnow cyber safety and security presentation will take place on

DATE: WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER, 7PM

LOCATION: Online Session - login details to be sent via Compass

The session will cover:

- What young people SEE, SAY and DO online
- The challenges they may face
- How to report and get help if things go wrong

Visit www.thinkuknow.org.au for more information about online safety and security.

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