



To Learn

&

To Love

TERM 2 WEEK 8, 16 June



This Week at St Kieran's

The students are so looking forward to the Athletics Carnival on Friday. Mrs Middleton has been training students for the track and field events, developing specific skills and stamina to participate fully, to be proud of their sporting achievements and that of their colour team. Importantly, your child will experience on a larger scale being part of a team, encouraging each other and appreciating accomplishments big and small. Being a good sport, doing your best, challenging yourself and participation on the day is what it is all about. I would have loved to be with you at my first athletics carnival at St Kieran's, but unfortunately I'm at home isolating for 7 days due to Covid. I look forward to celebrating the students' achievements on Wednesday when I return to school.

There is a silver lining working from home, and that is, I'm enjoying uninterrupted time reading the students' semester one reports. You will be so proud of your child when you receive their report card at the end of next week. I'm certainly impressed reading about your child's progress as it gives me an opportunity to get to know each child better.

The photos above are of students in the lunchtime club on Fridays. The students enjoyed the glorious weather outdoors in the garden. We had our volunteer gardener and cook, Rhianny Tanner help the students harvest the herbs and vegetables. They took some of these home with them for the long weekend.

Each week the class teachers prepare a learning snapshot of the week and send this home for you to view and read what the students have been up to and learning. This showcase is important to us as we are proud of the students and their increasing progress to achieve their best. We hope you find this home communication helpful, especially for working parents that find it difficult to attend school time events like open classrooms. We also upload 2 to 3 posts on Facebook each week. I would like to encourage you to like or write a short comment to demonstrate your engagement. It also provides a huge boost to the teachers and students that someone is reading their class posts. Not only this, but your family and friends in your Facebook connections get notifications, this way the good works of the school are shared across the community.

We are excited to show you the newly set up STEM Room that will be in operation from Term 3. We are trialling a new format for our P&F meetings. Firstly, we hope to have more parents in attendance, so we are having the meeting during the school day. This is a preferred time as responded in the parent survey. The meetings will start with a presentation from the school or outside facilitator on topics of interest to families and about student learning as a priority. With this in mind, the Term 2 P&F will be held on Monday 27 June at 9am after the School Assembly. The meeting will be in the new STEM Room (11). Mrs Ucchino will present to you some STEM resources and how the utilisation of the resources enhance student learning and increase students' inquiring minds. We would love you to be part of this exciting presentation and to be in the know when it comes to STEM learning for your child Kinder to Year 6. Following this presentation, the P&F Committee will give their reports to the community.

There is more exciting news to follow. Mrs Ucchino and her husband are expecting their first baby in August. She will go on parental leave from term 3. We are in the process of appointing a new teacher and will communicate this when we do. In the meantime, on behalf of the school community, we wish Mrs Ucchino all the very best as she and her husband embark on the most precious role of their lives, parenthood. May the grace of God keep this young family in your care.

Please read this important communication below about an extensive consultation process where your say can make a difference to the future growth of the school community and that of a cluster of schools named.

I highly engage you to register your expression of interest by the 14 July to be part of a focus group of parents at St Kieran's. This is your opportunity to have your say about opportunities you view will strengthen the offerings of the school and fine tune to meet your needs. Just click on the link in the section below and register. The focus groups will be held on the 19 to 20 July at the school. If you prefer to have your say via a survey, please click on the link "Have your Say". We value your input, listening to you and what you have to say.

Anna Marsella
Principal

Community Engagement Commencement & Expressions of Interest

Catholic School Broken Bay Strategic Working Party, along with our external consultants Woolcott Research & Engagement, with feedback from Parent Representatives from each of our five schools across the Southern Northern Beaches Peninsular have actively been working in planning our Community Engagement Phase.

We are now excited to proceed to the next level of Community Engagement with parents, staff, students, parish, and the broader community.

Today we launch our '[Have Your Say](#)' surveys which have all been designed to target each of our engagement groups being parents, staff, students, parish and the broader community.

To complement the '[Have Your Say](#)' surveys we are calling for '[Expressions of Interest](#)' to participate in our Engagement Forums, which will be held in each of the schools in late Term 2 and over Term 3.

Term 2

St Paul's College Manly, Week 9, June 20, 21 and 23

St John the Baptist, Freshwater, Week 10, June 27 and 29

Term 3

St Kieran's, Manly Vale, Week 1, July 19-20

St Cecilia's Balgowlah, Week 2, July 27-28

St Mary's Manly, Week 3, 2-3rd August

We encourage your participation in this process as your feedback is an integral part of this review and will be included in the visionary recommendations for the future, which will be presented to Bishop Anthony Randazzo and Danny Casey, Director of Schools.

Please share our '[Have Your Say](#)' survey along with the '[Expressions of Interest](#)' with your friends, family and community so we can ensure that we are collecting an inclusive and diverse voice of the Southern Northern Beaches, to help us in strengthening and enhancing Catholic Education in partnership across our schools for the future.

Learning and Teaching

Next week, we have planned to have our Learning Team Meetings which occur at regular intervals throughout the year. The purpose of these meetings is to improve learning outcomes and track the progress of students by identifying learning needs that require continued support, intervention or extension. Once identified, programs are organised and designed to meet the needs of specific students.

These professional conversations are crucial in the planned and strategic support our students receive. Teachers come to the meeting with very specific data on the progress of their students and it is this data that is "tracked" and monitored over a period of time. The teachers meet with me as the Learner Diversity teacher as well as Anna Marsella, the principal. By having this team at our meeting, we are ensuring a collaborative approach to the key task of meeting the learning needs of our students.

Marisa Bombardieri, Assistant Principal



Merit Awards

KB: Reuben M, Bella T
KW: Isabelle S, Lelaina D
1B: Jake L, Charlie Mc
2B: Max D, Lauryn W
3B: Charlie M, Peter S
3W: Olivia P, Joshua M
4B: Danny H, Andrew G
4W: Toby S, Charlie S
5B: Bhavesh K, Sophia T
5W: Lysander B, Annabel N
6B: Alicia M, Katelyn W
PE: Oscar Mc, Stella L

Happy Birthday...

to the following students celebrating a birthday this week:

14 June: Samuel S
17 June: Lucinda B, Mary H
19 June: Zaara B
11 June: Charles S
12 June: Darcy W



Religious Education

Corpus Christi



This Sunday the Church celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi – The Body and Blood of Christ. Many of us can remember the religious processions of the 'Blessed Host' around the streets representing taking Christ to all four corners of the world. In many countries around the world this street procession still occurs.

The feast of Corpus Christi is a time to reflect on the the first Eucharist and the presence of God in our Eucharistic celebrations today. It is therefore fitting that many of our Yr 4 students are celebrating their First Holy Communion at this time.

Thank you to Year 4 parents for accompanying your children on this journey of Christian Initiation. Thank you to our Parish Priest for facilitating the celebrations and making the youngest members of our community feel so welcome. Of course a huge thank you to Janette Davidson, our Parish Sacramental Coordinator for keeping the whole program running. Over the last few weeks the Year Four teachers have also attended some of the First Holy Communion Masses, thank you for your support of our students.

Parish News

MASSES Livestreaming will continue for the next week and once that ends recorded Homilies will continue.

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

Save the date: Grandparent's and Special Older Friends celebration

A very important celebration

Friday 29 July is the day set aside for the children to think about the gift of their Grandparents and special older friends. Our celebration is timed to coincide with the feast day of Jesus' grandparents, St Anne and St Joachim. We invite Grandparents and special older friends to a **Grandparent's Liturgy in the church at 10.00am**, followed by morning tea in the hall then a visit to the school to read a picture book with the children in the playground.

In preparation for this wonderful celebration, we ask each family to send in a Grandparent or special older friend photo to be used in a slideshow during our liturgy. Please send **only one photo per family**. Photos can be sent to familiesskmv@dbb.org.au and must be submitted by the end of this term, Friday 1 July. Putting the slide show together is a huge job which the teachers will complete during the holidays.

Yours in Religious Education, Kerrie Wetzlar



Library News

CONGRATULATIONS to the 39 students who have already finished this year's Challenge! Let's keep that total rising. The upcoming school holidays are a great opportunity to catch up on reading.

You can easily access the student site [HERE](#) to enter books that have been read.

CBCA BOOK WEEK 2022

Book Week occurs in Week 6 next term and we have some exciting plans for the students to participate in. This includes an author visit and students watching the Perform Education Book Week performance, "Story Quest!" More details will be sent out next term.

The theme this year is, "Dreaming With Eyes Open...." In library lessons this week, the students thought about what this meant and came up with some amazing ideas:

"seeing new wonders of life"

"when your brain just floats away"

"imagining you are in a fantasy world"

"when you look at something beautiful then think about it- it's like dreaming"

"you should love your environment and take care of it"



Extra Curricular Opportunities

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

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

Chess: Term 2 Chess has commenced on Fridays from 1pm-1.50pm. For further information and to register click [here](#).

What's Happening

P & F News

Please support our major fundraiser and keep selling your raffle tickets for our STEM resource, play/ sensory garden equipment!

UPCOMING PROPOSED EVENTS:

- Mon 27 Jun: 9.00am P&F Meeting in STEM Room (11)
- Fri 22 July: All raffle tickets (sold or unsold) to be returned to the office
- Fri 29 July: Grandparents Day
- Mon 1 Aug: Raffle drawn
- Sat 27 Aug: P&F Gala Event
- Fri 2 Sept: Father's Day Breakfast
- Fri 28 Oct: School Disco
- Fri 9 Dec: Christmas Carols



Upcoming Key Dates

JUNE

- Fri 17: Athletics Carnival
- Thur 30: Last Day Term 2

JULY

- Fri 1: Staff Development Day

Term Dates

- Term 2: Tuesday 26 April - Thurs 30 June
- Term 3: Monday 18 July - Friday 23 Sept
- Term 4: Monday 10 Oct - Fri 16 Dec

Canteen – Online order only

The canteen is open Wednesday to Friday for online orders only for recess and lunch. We always appreciate any help you are able to offer, please fill out this [form](#) to volunteer in the canteen - it is easy, fun and a great way to meet more parents!

Volunteers:

- Wed 22: Catherine Cavill
- Fri 24: Natalie Mirabito, Sarah Lai, Dianne Hall

Holiday Activities

Please click on the links below for more information:
[AFL Clinic](#) Free school holiday clinic
[Coding Camp](#)
[Drama Scene](#) - Drama Camp @ St Kieran's

Parenting Ideas

The latest insight from one of Australia's most trusted parenting experts, Dr Justin Coulson is offering a FREE Webinar on "*Are tantrums getting the better of you?*" Click [HERE](#) to register

Enrolment 2023

If you know of any families who you believe may be considering St Kieran's for enrolment next year, please let them know that we are currently conducting enrolment interviews for 2023 and to call the office.

Science Club T3

Registrations are now Open for Science Club Term 3 - TOYOLOGY

Click [HERE](#) to register

Fun extracurricular science

Young Investigators is an extracurricular hands-on Science Club run by **Eye Heart Science**.

Developed by Scientists to give students in K-6, opportunities to work scientifically while promoting collaboration and problem-solving skills.

Young Investigators explores a new and exciting Science topic every term including Chemistry, Engineering, Earth Sciences and more.



Term topic: TOYOLOGY

Head to our website to read about the exciting experiments we will be conducting!

young investigators science club



New programs every school term



1 hour class before/after school



New experiments every week

St Kieran's Manly Vale Class Details

Day Wednesday or Thursday mornings

Time 7:30am - 8:30am

Location Spare downstairs classroom

Start Date Wednesday 27th July or Thursday 28th July

Cost \$229.25 (inc. GST and transaction fees)

For more information visit eyeheartscience.com.au/registrations



For more information or to register for the Young Investigators Science Club scan the QR code or go to eyeheartscience.com.au/registrations



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