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LOOKING AHEAD

February

Mon 13th **Staff Development Day** – Pupil Free
MAI Assessments Yrs 1 – 6

Tues 14 9.30am Parish Reconciliation meeting
for Yr 3 parents
Book Club orders due tomorrow morning

Wed 15 Kinder Information Evening 6.30pm
Yr 3 Rugby League Reading program
Parish Reconciliation Meeting for
Parents 7.30pm

Fri 17 Yrs 2 & 3 Yoga
International Football exchange
collection- wear your favourite jersey
Parent Education in Literacy

Tues 21 Parent Education in Literacy

Wed 22 Yr 3 Rugby League Reading Program

Fri 24 Yrs 2 & 3 Yoga

Sun 26 Yr 2 Family Mass 9.30am

Mon 27 Yr 5 Robotics

Tues 28 Northern Beaches Swim Carnival
Yr 3 Boys visit St Paul's

March

Wed 1 Ash Wednesday Mass 10am
Yr 3 Rugby League Reading Program

Fri 3 Yrs 2 & 3 Yoga

Sat 4 7.30pm P&F Welcome Evening

Mon 6 Wakehurst Golf Club
Yr 6 Robotics
Catholic Schools Week commences

Thurs 9 Broken Bay Swimming – Mingara

Fri 10 9 – 11am Gala Day Sport clinics

Mon 13 Cross Country

Thurs 16 9.30am Open Morning

Fri 17 9 – 11am Gala Day Clinics

Sun 19 Yr 4 Family Mass

Mon 20 Start Smart Yrs 4 & 6

Fri 24 Yrs 2 & 3 Yoga
Gala Day Clinics

Fri 31 Yrs 2 & 3 Yoga
9-11am Gala Day Clinics

April

Mon 3 Yr 3 to Hyde Park Barracks

Tues 4 Soccer Gala Day Yrs 3 & 4 – Rat Park

Thurs 6 Soccer Gala Day Yrs 5 & 6 – Rat Park

Fri 7 Holy Week Liturgy – Yr 5
End Term 1

Mon 24 **Staff Development Day** – Pupil Free

Tues 25 ANZAC Day

Wed 26 Term 2 commences

Dear Families

Assessments are an integral part of teaching and learning in the classroom. Assessing students' knowledge, skills and understanding allows for the teacher to monitor the progress of each child in their learning. The assessment measures areas of growth and looks for obstacles in the way of the student's progress. The **Mathematical Assessment Interview (MAI)** that is taking place today and on Monday allows the teacher to gain an insight into each child's mathematical thinking and understanding. Being an effective mathematician is more than being able to complete mathematical challenges; rather it is about having a sense of number, estimating and a conceptual understanding of the place of number in the real world. The results of the MAI will assist the teachers to adjust their teaching to meet the needs of all the students in the classroom.

During the week I had a visit from Northern Beaches Council traffic representatives in response to concerns raised by the school to congestion on King Street at afternoon pick up time and occasionally during morning drop off. Many of the issues are being compounded by the building site on the corner, especially with partial road closures during peak periods. The two council officers, with the assistance of Juliette Cronin, our parent traffic committee rep, were able to observe the congestion during the afternoon. They have come up with some possible solutions, subject to approval by local residents and the council's traffic management committee. Hopefully, we will receive a response in the next few weeks with improvements being put in place. In the meantime, I ask that you continue to be vigilant in following the procedures that are in place for drop off and pick up. **Our children's safety depends on every member of our school community adhering to the procedures that have been put into place.** I thank you all for your cooperation with this matter.

Finally, today you will have received an invite to the P&F Welcome Drinks on Saturday 4 March at Wakehurst Golf Club. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet new families as well as reconnecting with our current families. I look forward to meeting more families and hope that many of you will be able to make it to this important social gathering.



Michael Gallagher
Principal

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KC	Asher K and Maya H	KH	Zac B and Elsie G
1L	Sophia S and Darek P	1R	Ruben S and Darcy Browne
2C	Thomas C and Keira L	2S	Zoe M and Finnlay D
3B	Andie B and Tim B	3S	Joel S and Gemma B
4G	William M and Eva B	4K	Charlie D and Eve S
5H	Opal B and Jessica C	5R	Mikel M, Oliver F, James M and Sam B
6	Olivia G and Jack H	PE	Max D
Italian	Lucas M, Xavier W, Charley M, Zanthé J and Lachlan I	Band	Oliver J and Jessica W

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Have You Returned these Forms:

- **Dismissal Form:** Please complete and return the [Dismissal](#) Form to your child's class teacher regarding their normal dismissal.
- **Asthma Medication:** Does your child have asthma? If so please send and up to date Asthma Plan and medication to the school office. If your child carries their own asthma medication please advise the school office in writing and ensure we have a copy of their current plan.

SCHOOL NEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews

As initiated in 2016, we will be holding our Parent Teacher interviews towards the end of this term. This allows for communication earlier in the year regarding your child's progress. The early part of Term One is spent gathering data about individual learning progress and settling into the class in for a positive year of learning.

Part of our data gathering involves parents providing the teachers with *their* perspective regarding their child. This supports the aim of the school to **equip** (with all the appropriate data/information) **embrace** (by inviting *all* members of the community to contribute) and **engage** our community.

Please make sure you return the form (included in this newsletter) to the appropriate teacher by next Thursday 9 February.

Lost Property. Please clearly write your child/family name all items of clothing and goods, especially items that may be removed by your child during the day. Also please rename any items that have been handed down from other families. Only correctly labelled clothing can be returned to the children.

Sibling Enrolments 2018

Enrolments are now open for Kinder 2018. If you have a child starting next year please download Enrolment forms from the school [website](#) and come along to the Open Morning 9.30am Thursday 16 March

Religious Education



Opening School Mass, prepared by Year Six

Thank you to Year 6 and their teachers for their thoughtful preparation of our Opening School Mass. The various Year 6 leadership teams are certainly assuming their responsibilities around the school displaying dignity and humility as servant leaders. A huge thank you to Hannah and Eva for their reverent service on the altar.

Father Paul and the assembled community blessed our Year 6 Leaders. We thank Father Paul for presiding at our Mass and Mr Ian Woodbury for his assistance. Thank you also to the Parents who attended in great numbers.

Next Tuesday (4G) and Wednesday (4K) will celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. The children have prepared for this Sacrament during their Religious Education module "God's Healing and Forgiveness". Once again our thanks to Father Paul for presiding at this Sacrament of Peace and Forgiveness.



Please remember in your prayers our Year 3 children who are preparing for their “**First Reconciliation**”. Thank you to the parents who are participating in the Parish Sacramental program and thank you also to the children’s teachers who are leading the children through a Reconciliation module “Living in a forgiving Community”.

Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar



Valentine's Day 2017

What better way to show loving and caring!

You've done it with flowers, you've done it with chocolates....why not do it with undies!

The Wayside Chapel is seeking your generosity this Valentine's Day by asking for the donation of new undies (any size) to be distributed to the homeless after they have been able to use the shower facilities offered by the Chapel. They go through roughly 60 pairs of undies each day. Hard to believe, isn't it?

So, throughout the month of February we will have a box outside the office area that new undies can be placed inside ready to send to the Wayside Chapel.

The generosity of the St. Kieran's Community is always astounding so, if you can assist, that would be awesome.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Wendy Rose, Mary Brown
and the Mission Team.

International Football Exchange

A parent in our school, Robert Juric, has been involved with a charity organisation called International Football Exchange (IFE). IFE collects unwanted football gear, whether new or used, to be donated to underprivileged children and youth in developing countries. The mission of the charity is to change lives by breaking down financial barriers and bringing happiness through giving football gear a second life. So far IFE have donated over 6,400 items of football gear to beneficiaries in Thailand, Cambodia, Liberia and Kenya. In 2016 IFE worked with the SALT Academy in Cambodia as well as an organisation called Children of the Forest that operates an orphanage in a remote area of Thailand called Sangkhlaburi. Support for the orphanage is also linked to a worldwide church group, who make regular visits to the area and have even set up a local hospital there, funded by donors in Australia.



IFE provides football jerseys and soccer boots for the children in the orphanage who participate in a football program that first began nine years ago, on a small dirt pitch within their site at Sangkhlaburi. Fast forward to 2017 and there are now over 100 children directly involved through playing football, three boys and three girls teams, with many more

supporters of the teams. They participate in various tournaments across Sangkhlaburi which includes hosting their own annual Futsal Christmas Cup. You can read [here](#) for more information about their magnificent work in Thailand. In 2017 IFE will also be working on a new donation project for East Africa where the aim is to reach over 1,000 beneficiaries.

IFE is currently seeking donations of football gear such as boots, balls, team uniforms, tracksuits, training equipment, basically any football gear that can be given a SECOND LIFE! To learn more, check their [Facebook Page](#) (@InternationalFootballExchange), or view the [promotional video](#).

If you would like to contribute to this initiative then on **FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY** students may **wear** their favourite football/soccer/sports jersey and **bring** either an old jersey/football or soccer boots/shorts **to donate to International Football Exchange**.

Book Club

Orders for the current issue of Book Club are due back by Wednesday morning 15 February. No late orders will be accepted.

ST KIERAN'S 2017

* DRAMA CLASSES *

Yrs K,1,2 MONDAY Lunchtimes | Yrs 3,4,5,6 MONDAY Lunchtimes



TERM 1

starts
13 FEBRUARY

1st child: \$165.00 inc GST.
2nd child: \$150.00 inc GST.
3rd child: \$150.00 inc GST.



Enrolments open online now for Term 1
www.dramascene.com.au

STEPHANIE WAITES: 0407 235 914

CELEBRATING OUR 4TH YEAR OF ST KIERAN'S DRAMA SCENE

PARENT NEWS

A Message from the P&F

Firstly, on behalf of the P&F Executive I would like to welcome families, old and new to our 2017 school year. It is an exciting time for our school as we warmly welcome Michael Gallagher to our school community. We would also like to thank Cam Matthews for his stewardship of the P&F in 2016, his energy, effort and enthusiasm was greatly appreciated.

We are very fortunate this year, as a result of some great fundraising efforts from the team last year and the sale of the Uniform Shop stock, to have the pressure to fundraise eased slightly in 2017. This is wonderful as it allows the P&F to focus more on what makes this school so special, creating the community of St Kieran's.

To celebrate getting our kids back to school, our very first event is a gathering of parents on Saturday 4 March at Wakehurst Golf Club (please see flyer). This will not be a fundraiser, but rather an opportunity to gather and meet with old friends and make some new ones in a relaxed environment. So please come and join us and end your "Feb Fasts" in style with drinks at club prices.

The P&F will continue to meet once a term and the meetings are a wonderful opportunity to have a better understanding of how the school operates. In the meantime if you have any questions or concerns please contact us via email: stkierans.pf@gmail.com

Thanks

Kirsty Conlon, P&F President

Canteen

Thank you to all the Volunteers, without you our Canteen could not operate.

FlexiSchools: Changing your child's class

You will be prompted to nominate your child's new class when you start a new online order.

You can also change your child's class anytime by logging into your account and selecting the change class option (use **Additional Settings** on the mobile site to access this).

If your **child's class is not listed**, that means we are waiting on the class information from the school. Simply select the most appropriate year level to ensure your child receives their order. When the class information is uploaded into Flexischools, you will be prompted to update your child's class the next time you order.

We still have a couple of gaps on the Roster to fill, if you are able to help out Termly for these below dates it would be greatly appreciated.

- 1 x volunteer required for Week 7 of each term on a Wednesday, *morning shift, 9.00am to 11.15am*, **March 29, June 21, September 13 and December 7?**
- 2 x volunteers required for Week 8 of each term on a Thursday, *9.00am to 1.50pm*, **March 23, June 16, September 8 and December 1?**

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 1 - Week 3):

Wednesday 15 February: Leesa Bellamy, Shannon Morrell

Thursday 16 February: Susan Nicols, Kristie Hardy

Friday 17 February: Evana Christofides (M), Richard Bartlett, Rosie Nikolic, Ally Brown (A)

- Full day Volunteers are required from 8.50am to 1.50pm.
- Morning Volunteers are required from 8.50am to 11.15am (M).
- Lunch Volunteers are required from 11.15am to 1.50pm (L).

<https://www.flexischools.com.au>

Any changes to the canteen roster, please contact: Jo Nesbitt - joanne.nesbitt@dbb.catholic.edu.au or text 0410 629 135.

Uniform:

To order please go to the Pickles [website](#).



School Banking: school banking won't commence until Friday 17 February.

PARISH NEWS

Sacramental Program News

- Parents of children in **Year 3** (and older) are reminded that the **First Reconciliation Program** commences this term with the **Parent Information Meeting on Tuesday 14 February at 9.30am OR Wednesday 15 February at 7.00pm;**
- The next **Baptism of Young Children Program (for children aged 7 – 11 years)** will commence in **May 2017**, prior to the beginning of the 2017 – 2018 Children's Sacramental Program;
- **Parents new to the school** with children in Year 3 (and older) who would like their children to join the **First Reconciliation** program are asked to contact me;
- Advance notice - The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated by Bishop Peter A Comensoli on **Friday 25 August 2017 at 5.30pm OR 7.30pm.**

All relevant forms can be downloaded from the parish website at www.northharbourcatholic.org.au under the Sacraments tab.

For further information please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au .

Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister - Catholic Community of North Harbour

COMMUNITY NEWS

Manly Roos Rugby Club – Registration Days

Saturday 11 February – 9am – 1pm – Clubhouse Keirle Park

Thursday 16 February – Roos tent at Brookvale Oval (Waratahs V Highlanders) kick off 6:30pm

Saturday 18 February – 9am – 5pm – Roos tent Manly Corso

www.roosrugby.com.au/rugbyclub/playing-with-the-roos/register-a-player/

Lifeline Northern Beaches Giant Book Fair: 24th to 26th February 2017

Venue: Ted Blackwood Hall, Cnr Jacksons & Boondah Rds Warriewood

Dates/Times: Friday 24 February 1pm -- 8pm, Saturday 25 February 9am -- 5pm, Sunday 26 February 9am -- 2pm

Please note we accept Visa & Mastercard and also have EFTPOS facility available (Entry by gold coin donation very much appreciated)

PARENT EDUCATION IN LITERACY 2017 FOR KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY
6.30 - 8.30 PM

This session aims to give parents strategies to help their child become a confident reader in their early school years.

Also, we value parent help in our school and know that this works best when we work together with shared understanding.

For this reason, **if you wish to assist as a parent helper with reading or writing in the Kinder classes, you need to have attended this session.** However, the course needs to be completed only once, so there is no need to repeat the course if previously attended when an older sibling was in Kindergarten.

The 2 main components of the course are:

- An introduction to how children learn to read – with a St Kieran's perspective
- How to help with reading at home and at school

The Kinder teachers will join me to also offer input from the point of view of the classroom teacher.

If you are interested, please complete the registration form below and return to the school office by **Tuesday 14 February.**

Regards,
Mary Brown
(Literacy Coordinator)

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Parent Education in Literacy Course Registration Form

Please return by Tuesday 14 February

Yes, I/we would like to attend the Literacy Kindergarten Parent Education Course on **Tuesday 21 February** at 6.30-8.30pm.

Name(s): (Please print) _____

Child's Name _____

Class: _____

Signed: _____ Contact No: _____

2017 Canteen Menu

Hot Food/Sushi

- \$3.50 Chook'd breast meat patty chicken burger with lettuce and mayo
- \$3.20 Chook'd crumbed chicken breast nuggets (6 pieces)
- \$1.60 Chook'd crumbed chicken breast nuggets (3 pieces)
- \$2.50 Mrs Macs 120g "Good Eating" pie
- \$2.50 Mrs Macs 120g "Good Eating" sausage roll
- \$3.00 Sushi rolls (Teriyaki chicken/Avocado/Tuna/Tuna and Avocado/Salmon)
- \$3.00 Mini Sushi boxes (Avocado/Tuna/Cucumber)
- \$4.00 Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese
- \$3.00 Homemade "Taco Thursdays", wrap, beef mince, lettuce, tomato, carrot, and cheese
- \$3.00 Homemade Pizza, Baker's Delight base with either ham, cheese, or pineapple (available Fridays only)
- \$1.20 Homemade Garlic bread, Baker's Delight roll with garlic butter
- \$1.20 Baker's Delight bacon and cheese roll (available Friday's only)

Sandwiches/Wraps

- \$2.50 BBQ shredded chicken
(add salad for a \$1)
- \$2.50 Ham (add salad for a \$1)
- \$2.50 Tuna (add salad for a \$1)
- \$2.50 Salad
- \$2.00 Cheese (add salad for a \$1)
- \$2.00 Vegemite
- \$2.00 Honey

Toasted

- \$3.20 Ham, cheese, and tomato
- \$3.00 Ham and cheese
- \$2.20 Cheese

Salads

- \$4.50 BBQ shredded chicken
- \$4.50 Ham
- \$4.50 Tuna
- \$3.50 Salad
- \$2.50 Mini Salad

Fruit

- \$1.00 Slinky apple

Snacks

- \$0.20 Corn cakes with vegemite
- \$0.30 Homemade choc chip muffins (contains eggs)
- \$0.80 Fruitwise fruit straps – 100% fruit
- \$0.80 Ovalteenies
- \$1.00 Piranha Vegie chips (honey soy)
- \$1.00 Red Rock chips (plain)
- \$1.00 Koala Popcorn (lightly salted)



- \$2.00 Yoplait vanilla yoghurt pots

Drinks

- \$2.00 Flavoured Milk
(Chocolate/Strawberry)
- \$1.60 Full Cream Milk 300mls
- \$1.50 Nudie Juice (Apple/Tropical)
- \$1.00 Spring Water 350mls

Frozen

- \$0.50 Seasonal frozen fruit
(Grapes/Pineapple/Watermelon)
- \$0.50 Quelch sticks – 99% fruit juice
- \$0.70 TNTs (Lemonade Fizz)
- \$1.00 Homemade frozen mixed berry yoghurt
- \$1.00 Bulla Ice cream bucket – 98% fat free
- \$1.50 Paddle pop
(Chocolate/Rainbow)

Sauces

- \$0.30 Tomato
- \$0.30 Balsamic vinegar and olive oil
- \$0.30 Italian



**Welcome to a new school year,
all new and returning families please
join the Parents and Friends
Committee**

**to meet each other, as well as
Principal, Michael Gallagher**

on Saturday 4th March

7.30pm

Wakehurst Golf Club

Upper Clontarf Street, Seaforth

Cost: \$25pp (includes canapés only)

rspv by 24th February

via Flexischools www.flexischools.com.au





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EDUCATING BOYS IN YEARS 7 TO 12



OPEN EVENING

**Thursday 2nd March
2017 4:00pm - 7:00pm**

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close 31st March 2017**

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