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LOOKING AHEAD

August

Mon 21 Book Week
Bear Pit Debating Final
Yr 4 Excursion Australian Museum
NAPLAN Online Yrs 3 & 5 this week

Wed 23 Book Week parade

Fri 25 Vinnies Collection Yrs 4 & 5

PRC closes

2pm Assembly – Library Team

Mon 28 10am St Augustine Feast Day Mass

Tues 29 Broken Bay Athletics Narrabeen

September

Fri 1 7.15am Father's Day Breakfast

8.45am Fathers' Day liturgy

Sat 2 Band [Workshop](#)

Thurs 7 Yr 6 Earth Keeper Program Manly Dam

Fri 8 10am St Kieran's Day liturgy

11.30am St Kieran's Day Fair

Future Ready [Conference](#) 8, 9 & 10th

Sat 9 [Band](#) NSSWE Spring Festival

Mon 11 7pm P&F meeting

Tues 12 10.45am Lunch with the Stars – Library

Wed 13 9-10.30am Kinder 2018 Transition
Session 1

Fri 15 Chess ends today

Yoga Yrs 4 & 6

2pm Assembly – Yr 2

Tues 19 Yrs 3 & 4 Cricket/AFL/Netball Gala Day

Thurs 21 Yrs 5 & 6 Cricket/AFL/Netball Gala Day

Fri 22 Vinnies Collection Kinder, Yr 1 & Yr 2

End Term 3

October

Mon 9 Term 4 Commences

Tues 10 Yr 5 Leadership Camp Collaroy

Wed 18 Warren Hopley (Boys Education) Parent evening

Fri 20 Vinnies Collection Yrs 3>6

November

Thurs 9 12pm – 3.30pm Swimming Carnival

Dear Families

The school disco was a great success last Friday evening with the children having an enjoyable time “bopping till they dropped”! By the end of the night some were definitely ready to drop! For me, the highlight was seeing the St Kieran's parent community coming together to support each other with supervision, food, first aid and ensuring every child made it home safely. Thank you to all those who volunteered their time, especially the Year 4 class parents for coordinating the event.

Congratulations to the athletes who participated in the **Northern Beaches Catholic School Athletics Carnival** yesterday at Narrabeen. I was able to see first-hand the effort and sportsmanship displayed by each child. Congratulations to all those who made it through to the next carnival. A special mention to Opal B who represented *Polding* in the Basketball final at the state level; the team defeated *MacKillop* and will now be eligible to compete at a national competition next year.

NAPLAN results will be sent home today for Year 3 and 5 students. If your child is absent they will be sent home next week. The assessment is a snapshot of what each child's ability is at a given time and is not the only measure of a student's ability. However, the school does spend time analysing the data the assessment provides and uses it to look for patterns such as growth or areas for fine-tuning. I hope you can use the results to celebrate the areas of strength for your child. A reminder that the online NAPLAN trial for Year 3 and Year 5 will be held next week. This is not an assessment that will be marked and reported on.

Throughout the year, our school has offered a variety of parent education evenings to allow you to engage more in your child's learning. These have included topics such as the teaching and learning in Maths, the ways children learn to read and the *1-2-3 Magic* program for new ways in managing your child's behaviour. There are two more events that will be coming up in Term 4. The first is to do with boys' education or more precisely, the different needs of boys and girls when it comes to school and at home. This will be run by Mr Warren Hopley, a retired principal who

has specialised in training teachers on how to meet the needs of boys in the classroom. He worked with the St Kieran's teachers last term. Pencil the date into your calendar - **Wednesday 18th October**. More details to come.

The second event is to do with cyber safety and educating ourselves as parents to the pitfalls as well as benefits of children being connected to the outside world. *The Cyber Safety Lady* is a very well-known and respected presenter and we have arranged for her to speak to our senior students, parents and teachers on **Tuesday 28 November**. More details to come. In the meantime, we have organised for officers from the NSW Police Force to speak to our Year 4-6 students about the safe and responsible use of social media and the internet. This will take place next Tuesday.

We wish four of our students, Pia F, Kye P, Kyle A and Isabella K success at Monday's two public speaking events, **The Bear Pit** at Parliament House and the **Brother Tony Whelan Public Speaking Competition** at St Kevin's, Dee Why.

God bless



Michael Gallagher
Principal

★ ★ ★ **AWARDS** ★ ★ ★

KC	Asher K and Stella N	KH	
1L	Will P and Lachlan F	1R	Matthew C and Ella M
2C	Oliver S and Lachlan S	2S	Madhulika S and Freya M
3B	Sefania S and Tim B	3S	Joel S and Gemma B
4G	Illyra G, Alexander F and Daniela D	4K	Zoe R and Charlie D
5H	Eva D and Jackson C	5R	Rose F and Kaiden S
6	Jack H and Kye L	PE	Alexander F, Josie S, Anna Luisa F and Sophie O
Italian	Shae L, Rosie H, Eve S and Samuel B	Band	

SCHOOL NEWS

Religious Education

Confirmation

Please keep our Year 2 students and their families in your prayers as they prepare for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Parish families are engaging in Confirmation meetings and welcoming rituals at Sunday Masses. Confirmation with Bishop Peter will be on **Friday 25 August commencing at 5.30pm or 7.30pm in St Kieran's Church**. Confirmation gifts are available from the Parish piety stall at the Parish office.



"Confirmation is another rite of initiation, usually seen as a 'coming of age' ritual administered to a baptised person by a Bishop anointing a person's head with oil. It is a sacrament designed to strengthen people in their Christian Faith and elicit from them a promise to live a life that witnesses Christ"- *From "So You're Sending Your Child to a Catholic School" by Tony Doherty.*

Feast of the Assumption

Thank you to Fr Tan for presiding over celebrations for the Feast of the Assumption. Fr Tan engaged the students with a discussion about the importance of Mothers and Kindergarten we very keen participants. Thank you to Year 4 children who prepared our celebration which was well attended by both parents and parishioners.

Thank you to **Father Paul for speaking with Year 4K about the Prophets**. Students explored the idea that prophets don't just belong to the bible but in their own way they can be Prophets as well. Father Paul will be speaking with Year 4G in two weeks.

Dates for Term 3

Week 5	Sunday 20	9.30am	Kindergarten Family Mass
Week 6	Friday 25	5.30pm/7.30pm	Confirmation
Week 7	Monday 28	10am	St Augustine Feast Day
Week 7	Friday 1 Sept	8.45am	Father's Day Liturgy Yr 1
Week 8	Friday 8	10.00am	St Kieran's Day Liturgy Yr3

Please note the change of date for our St Augustine's Feast day. I apologise for any inconvenience caused by this change to our term celebrations and hope you can join us for St Augustine's Feast Day

Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar, Religious Education Coordinator

Book Week



Book Week is next week! Just a reminder that on **Wednesday 23 August**, your child may come to school dressed up - Thinking about theme, 'Which character or book would you like to escape to?' There will be a brief assembly at 8.45am to celebrate the dress ups.

There is also a writing/colouring in competition for Book Week that the students can participate in if they want to. The class teachers have copies if your child would like to participate. These are due on Wednesday.

On Friday, the library team will lead the school assembly where they will share which books received awards this year. Students from other classes will also be presenting some of the work they have done in library lessons.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the 108 students who have completed the PRC.

The PRC closes next Friday 25 August so there is only one week left.

There is also the opportunity to get sponsors for the books read by participating in the Book Bonus. Please see the following link where St Kieran's have a team for this fundraiser. Even if your child has finished the PRC, they are still able to get sponsors. <https://donate.grassrootz.com/dymocks/book-bonus/st-kierans-manly-vale>

Polding Basketball

This week Opal B (Yr 5) has been competing in Canberra at the NSW PSSA Girls Basketball competition representing Polding. The Polding team was undefeated throughout the carnival and met the MacKillop team in the grand final. Congratulations to Opal and the Polding team who went on to win the Grand final! Well done.



Northern Beaches Cluster Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all 49 students who represented St Kieran's at the Northern Beaches Cluster Carnival. It was a very successful day with St Kieran's coming 5th overall in the points core. A special mention to the following students who have made it through to Broken Bay. We wish you the best of luck when you compete on August 29th!

Eve S
Mikel M
Mitchell A

Albert I
Jackson Q
Daniel M

Isabella K
Jessica H
Kye P

Zack A
Zanthe J
Isla D

Mia B
Lily Q
Jessica R

Band News - for Students and Parents

We have some very important events coming up that both bands have been working towards for the last term and a half which they are very excited about.

- September 2nd is the Band Workshop. There is a [permission](#) note that must be brought back to the office by Monday 28 August. The Band Workshop is really important for growth on your instrument, learning how your section needs to play together and how to perform as a band.
- September 9th is the NSSWE Spring Festival at the Chatswood Concourse. This is a great performance opportunity and shouldn't be missed. The [permission](#) note needs to be back no later than Monday 4 September.
- Hardi Nursing home performance is TBC for date and time.

Please ensure that Junior Band members are practicing Power Rock and Zap with their teacher and that Senior Band members are practicing Harry Potter and Creepy Crawlies with theirs.

It's getting close and exciting now.

Miss Hodges, Band conductor

Qkr! Tips

Last week Qkr launched a lot of new and improved functionality within Qkr. Any queries on new functionality can often be answered by signing up for Qkr's online forum (<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!/forum/qkrforum>). Instructions for download can be found on the school [website](#).



masterpass

TIP OF THE WEEK

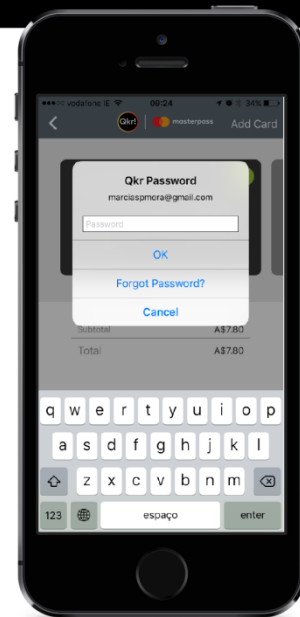
Q. Should I log out from the Qkr! app for security?

A. Qkr! is provided by Mastercard and is the safe, secure, reliable way to pay for school items. Registration details and card information are not stored on your phone but are saved securely on the Mastercard network.

As a security feature Qkr! automatically logs you out after 10 minutes of inactivity. You will still be able to browse the menus and add items to your cart, but you will be prompted to enter your password to submit payments.

If you wish to actively sign out after each session, you may do so, however, you won't be able to browse the menus again without logging in. An alternative is to change your settings so that you are prompted to enter your password at the 'Submit Payment' step even if you are within the same 10 minute logged in session. This saves you logging out after each session and logging in the next time.

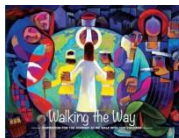
To turn on the 'Always prompt for password on checkout' option:
Open Qkr!, tap 'Settings' and ensure the 'Always prompt for password on checkout' setting is on (green).



12th Catholic Schools Parent Conference

As you are possibly aware the 12th Catholic Schools Parent Conference hosted by the Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT (CCSP) & Broken Bay Catholic School Parents (CSP) will be held at St Paul's Catholic College, Manly on the 8, 9 & 10 September 2017. The conference will assist parents and school communities to explore the implications of a changing future and the impact for students in their learning and capabilities required for a changing workforce .

Dr Lea Waters will present her keynote on “**Strength based Parenting**” on Saturday in the morning, followed by a Panel of experts discussing “What does future-ready mean for our young people”. A full conference program can be found at <http://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/2017-parent-conference.html>. A conference Registration Form is linked, outlining the full conference program and how to register.



Walking the Way

Walking the Way is a school-based initiative in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay, designed to encourage parents in their sacred task of accompanying their children on their journey with God. There are four elements: Book & video / E-Bulletin / Parent gatherings / Annual retreat. Click here <http://walkingtheway.dbbcsso.org/>

PARENT NEWS

Canteen

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 3 - Week 6):

Wednesday 23 August: Charmaine Skea, Nicole Wall

Thursday 24 August: Peter King, Lynne Reeves, Len Sim

Friday 25 August: Susan Nicols, Diana Russo-James, Ally Browne

- 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).

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](#).

PARISH NEWS

Christian Meditation

At the end of August, Fr. Paul Maloney, OSA has scheduled **FIVE introductory lessons for anyone who might be interested in learning a simple method of Christian Meditation**. These will take place in the North Harbour Parish Centre on consecutive Thursdays, with the option of a morning or evening session. The cost will be \$5:00 per session (with a pensioner's concession of \$3:00). Please book through the parish office.

Confirmation Sacramental Program

Parents are reminded to provide details of their child's Confirmation Name and Sponsor to Janette via email to sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au as soon as possible.

Confirmation Practice with Fr Paul on Tuesday 22 August at 4pm or Wednesday 23 at 7pm both in SK Church. Parents are requested to check their child's Confirmation details are recorded and correct at the practice.

Confirmation Working Bee Thursday 24 from 10am n the Parish Centre. Any assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 if you can assist.

Wine and Cheese Information Evening

Wednesday 13 September at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre for those who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith. This will be an opportunity to discover you are not alone in your yearning to be a follower of Christ who transforms our lives with love. For further information please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au

Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister

COMMUNITY NEWS

Future Ready Conference: A 3 Day conference on 'Preparing our Children for a Changing World'. Presented by the Broken Bay Parent Council and held at St Paul's College. Conference information [here](#). Registration Booklet [here](#).

Manly West Carnival: 10am – 4pm Saturday 16 September. Fun, food and games for all. Free Admission. www.manlywestcarnival.com

Go4Fun is a **FREE** healthy lifestyles program for children who are aged between 7-13 and above their ideal weight. The program is funded by NSW Health. With an emphasis on practical, fun learning the program is designed to deliver sustained improvements in families diet, fitness levels and overall health. Click [here](#) for details.

BREAKFAST



WITH DAD

ST KIERAN'S P&F

invite our Dads/Guardians/
Mentors/Grandads...

to attend a breakfast & liturgy to

CELEBRATE FATHERS DAY

Date: Friday 1st September 2017

Time: 7.15am - 8.30am,

followed by Liturgy at 8.45am

Place: St Kieran's School Grounds
(Parish Hall if Wet Weather)

Cost: \$10 per Dad (Kids eat free)

\$10 Breakfast includes for dads:

- ✓ 2 x Bacon (&/or) Egg Roll
(Coffee available for purchase)



Children free but need number of kids for below items

- ✓ 1 x Bacon (&/or) Egg Roll or
- ✓ 1 x Cheese & Bacon Bread Roll

RSVP: QKR link

BY Wednesday 30th August 9am.

No late orders as we need to confirm
catering numbers