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LOOKING AHEAD

August

Fri 24 School Disco K-2 4pm – 5.30pm
Yrs 3 – 6 6pm – 7.30pm
Fathers' Day breakfast orders close

Mon 27 St Augustine Feast day 10am
Bear Pit Public Speaking
P&F Meeting 7pm in the Hub

Tues 28 Library for **KC, KH, 2HB & 2S**
Stage 3 PE – wear sport uniform

Wed 29 Year 6 to Canberra
Library for 1L and 1R
NAPLAN Readiness Test for Yr 3
PE for **KC, KH & 4K**

Thurs 30 NAPLAN Readiness for Yr 5

Fri 31 Father's Day Breakfast 7.15 – 8.30am

Fri 31

8.45am Father's Day liturgy
Vinnies Night Patrol collection Stage 3
Yr 6 return from Canberra

September

Mon 3 **Staff Development Day – Pupil free**

Tues 4 Broken Bay Athletics at Narrabeen
Lunch with the Stars – Library Team
Mission Team to St Paul's

Thurs 6 St Kieran's Day liturgy and Children's Fete

Fri 7 Parents Night Out – Trivia Night

Sat 8 Polding Athletics
Yoga Kinder & Yr 4

Fri 14 2pm Assembly Yr 2

Dear Families

I remember when Term 3 was once a relatively quiet term; how times have changed! With all that is happening over the next few weeks, it is anything but quiet. School musical, disco, Trivia Night, Kinder zoo excursion, The Bear Pit, Northern Beaches Public Speaking Final, Feast Day Masses and Father's Day Breakfast, just to name a few. Amongst the busy-ness of this time, it is important to allow your children time to "chill out" and have down time. That is the purpose of Fallow Week, but that is not until Week 7!

Many of these events are organised by the Parents and Friends Association. This is made up of volunteers who spend many hours planning and organising social and fund-raising events for both students and parents. I would like to thank all those involved in the P&F for their efforts and the many hours they have put into organising the "big events", as well as the day-to-day work that is done behind the scenes. At the moment we have the social committee organising the Trivia Night, Year 4 class parents organising tonight's disco and the P&F executive organising Monday night's meeting as well as the Father's Day Breakfast. You can make their job easier by ensuring you book and order by the due dates. It makes life much easier for everyone.

The Homework Survey was sent home on Tuesday and so far there are 167 responses! Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to share their thoughts. There was an issue with a couple of questions that limited responses but this was corrected on Wednesday. The survey was due to close at the end of today but I will now keep it open until Monday morning. A summary of the feedback will be shared at Monday night's P&F meeting which will be held in The Hub at 7pm.

Wednesday evening's school musical, *The Wind in the Willows*, was a great success. What wonderful talent we have in our school, some known and some just discovered! Congratulations to the Stage 3 students for their fantastic performances, to The Song Club for their singing and to Miss Channell and Mr Waller for their magnificent efforts in putting together such a wonderful production.

I ask you to keep our Year 6 students and their teachers in your prayers for next week as they head off to Canberra on Wednesday. By then things may have cooled down a little in the nation's capital but they are assured to have a wonderful trip with such a busy itinerary and many significant places to visit.

We wish our Bear Pit speakers, Eve S. and Jessica C. luck when they present their speeches at Parliament House next Monday. Best of luck also to the Year 6 Public Speaking finalists, Katie S. and Zanthé J. who will be taking part in the finals at St Kevin's Dee Why next Tuesday.

A huge congratulations to Opal B who received an invitation from Tony Abbott to the Local Sporting Champions afternoon tea on 4 September. Opal, along with other athletes in the area, will be acknowledged and congratulated for her sporting successes this year. Last week, Opal returned from Darwin where she competed in the NSW Basketball team at National level. Not only was Opal chosen to compete for NSW, she was also selected to captain the team.

To get into the state team, Opal was selected first for Broken Bay and then the Polding team. To make it all the way to Nationals for ONE team is a huge accomplishment, which makes it even more incredible that Opal has made it into TWO State teams and will be competing for NSW again next month for Netball. We wish you all the best Opal.

Finally, congratulations to the Christofides family on the safe arrival of a baby brother/son. Mum and baby are doing well!

God bless



Michael Gallagher
Principal

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KC	Ben W, Tom S and Annabelle R	KH	Mateo BL and Madeleine G
1L	Zosia K and Maya H	1R	Olivia J and Jonathan M
2HB	Will P and Brooke B	2S	Charlotte H and Sebi D
3B	Michael P and Zoe M	3V	Baxter E and Sophie N
4G	Gretel W and Lachlan H	4K	Maddison B and Isaac C
5K	Mia B and Scarlett P	Yr 5/6	Millie C and Eliza L
Yr 6	Isabel K and Xavier W	PE	Natasha M and Gemma T

SCHOOL NEWS

Sibling Enrolments 2019

Enrolments are now open for Kinder 2019. If you have a child starting next year please download Enrolment forms from the school [website](#) and return to the school office as soon as possible.

Religious Education

Celebrating the Feast of St Augustine.

St Augustine of Hippo

Nobody becomes a saint overnight. In the case of Saint Augustine, he was born in northern Africa in 354 CE, while it belonged to the great Roman Empire. His birth name was Aurelius Augustinus.

His family wasn't poor, but they didn't have enough money to educate anyone except him, meaning his brother and sister didn't get to go to school. While it may sound great to not have to go to school, it meant that they had to do hard work instead of learning.



After completing his schooling, he decided he wanted to teach others, instructing them in debate and public speaking. He caught the eye of the Roman Emperor and got a very good-paying job as a head instructor. However, he lasted only two years before he got tired of it and looked for a life change.

The transition from Aurelius Augustinus to Saint Augustine began when he was in his 30s and joined the Church, which at the time was the religion of the entire Roman Empire. He became famous for being able to write very persuasive books about religion, while also giving **sermons**, or religious speeches, that common people could understand, even if they did not have an education. By the age of 40 he became the bishop of Hippo, where he would remain for the rest of his life.

<https://study.com/academy/lesson/st-augustine-of-hippo-lesson-for-kids.html>

Dates for the Diary:

- **St Augustine's Feast Day Mass** Monday 27 August 10.00am
- **Father's Day Liturgy** Friday 31 August 8.45am
- **St Kieran's Day Liturgy** Led by Yr 3 Friday 7 September
- **Kindy Family Mass** Sunday 16 September 9.30am
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar, Religious Education Coordinator

Library and PE Changes – next week only

Parents please note...with Year 6 going to Canberra next week there are some changes to PE and Library classes.

- The following classes will have **Library** on **Tuesday** and so they will need to bring their Library bags that day:
2S KC KH 2HB
- The following classes will have **Library** on **Wednesday** and so they will need to bring their Library bags that day:
1R 1L
- **PE** for **Stage 3** will be on **Tuesday** and so they will need to wear their sports uniform on Tuesday.
- **PE** for **4K KC** and **KH** will be on **Wednesday** and so they too will need to wear their sports uniform on Wednesday.

Book Week

The students did an amazing job dressing up as a book character who they "treasure." Everyone was very excited to show off their costumes (including the teachers!)



In library lessons this week, the students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 were very excited to hear which books won or received an honour award.



Many thanks to the parents and students for all their efforts to make it a truly fun day.

Book Week festivities continue next week with the K-2 students watching the "Treasure Hunt" performance on Thursday morning. A group of Year 6 students, including the Library team, will also attend the Children's Book Council Book Week, "Lunch with The Stars" at ICMS Manly on September 4.



Premier's Reading Challenge

ONE WEEK TO GO!

116 students have finished the PRC – what an amazing effort. For those still reading, please ensure that all books are logged by midnight next Friday, 31 August.

Also, it is not too late to get sponsors for books read by participating in the Book Bonus,

<https://www.bookbonus.org.au/>

St Kieran's is currently in 9th place for fundraising and if we make it into the top 5, we receive a bonus \$1000 worth of books!

Upcoming Survey

In the coming weeks we will be inviting students in Years 4-6, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.



We will be providing details over the next few weeks for you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey.

As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Kieran's.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You will be able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device. Please check the *Newsletter* next week for details on how to go about accessing the online survey.

If you have any queries about the survey, please feel free to contact me at school.
Marisa Bombardieri

PARENT NEWS

From the P&F

❖ P&F meeting – next Monday 27 August at 7pm in the Hub

Come along and say hi, we'd love to see as many faces as possible and we promise a welcoming and short meeting (with some choccies to sweeten the deal!). Be involved in the discussion around the school's Homework Policy review.

❖ Let's get social!!

We hope all the kids have a great time at this evening's disco. A huge thanks to our Year 4 Class Parents for organising this event and to all of our other wonderful parent volunteers for their supervision and help.

Next Friday it's Dad's turn!

BOOKINGS CLOSE TODAY, Friday 24 August for Father's Day Breakfast

❖ **Father's Day Breakfast** is next Friday 31 August from 7:15am – 8:30am in the school playground. RSVP and grab your family's ticket on QKR now for just \$10 – orders close on Friday 24 August. **For catering purposes late orders can't be accepted**, so please jump online and RSVP by midnight tonight!



HELPERS ARE NEEDED PLEASE!

We need volunteers to help cook and serve brekkie to all of our wonderful dads. Please drop us a line at stkierans.pf@gmail.com if you're able to lend a hand – and try to recruit a friend or two to join you!

❖ Parents Night Out – Saturday 8 September

- This is the big one!! Saturday 8 September is our not-to-be-missed parent social for the year. Book the babysitter... throw on an 80s outfit...it's the St Kieran's 80s Trivia Night at Harbord Bowling Club! The night will include trivia, pizzas, auctions, an awesome live band and lots of dancing and fun!
- Grab your ticket on QKR today – bookings close next Friday 31 August.

There's no need to organise tables for the night, but if you do have a seating preference please email skmvfundraiser@gmail.com and the organisers will do their best to accommodate it. Please note there is a maximum of 8 people per table. If you have any specific preferences please email **full names** to skmvfundraiser@gmail.com. We are getting people saying 'toni and i' want to be on the same table, which is making things confusing!

❖ Artworks

'For the next two Mondays, class artworks will be displayed at a Pop Up Art Gallery in the playground before the morning bell. These artworks will be auctioned off at the 80s Trivia Night on 8 September. If you are not able to attend on the night but would like to bid, please arrange for someone to bid on your behalf.

❖ Get in touch!

As always, as your P&F Committee, we are here to help with any questions or concerns you have. Please drop us a note anytime at stkierans.pf@gmail.com.

Cheers from your P&F Committee

Aileen Cahill, Louise Magee, Jane Smith, Shahn Schwarz, Gemma Wall, Jen Galland and Howie Giles

Canteen: Canteen **Menu** [here](#)

Volunteers required, please, for the below dates:

- **Wednesday 5 September, 9.00am-1.50pm**
- **Wednesday 31 October, 9.00am-1.50pm**
- **Friday 16 November, 11.15am-1.50pm**
- **Wednesday 28th November, 9.00am-1.50pm**



If you can help with any of these dates please send me through a text. Thank you in advance.

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

Wednesday 29 August: Amanda Raleigh, Evana Christofides

Thursday 30 August: Claire Sutherland (M), Eleanor Hill (M), Kate Foley (A), Rosa Marotta (A)

Friday 31 August: Alex Miles (M), Estelle Tilly (M), Lou Henville, Vanessa Morello (A), Diane Hall (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).

Any changes to the canteen roster, please contact: Jo Nesbitt - via text on: 0410 629 135.

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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 31st August 2018
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:

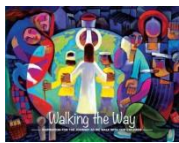
- Bacon (&/or) Egg Roll
(Coffee available for purchase)

Children free but need number of kids for below items:

- Bacon (&/or) Egg Roll or
• Cheese & Bacon Bread Roll

RSVP: QKR link
By Friday 24th August
No late orders as we need to confirm
catering numbers

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



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.dbbcso.org/archive-2018-year-b.html>

From the Broken Bay Parent Council: Raising Kids and Teens in a Screen World

This engaging seminar, presented by Dr Kristy Goodwin will be held Tuesday 11 September at Mater Maria College Warriewood. Book: www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=401336& For further information go to www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com .

PARISH NEWS

Library Bag and Dress Making Volunteers

Network Heaven requires approx 800 library bags to be included in Christmas gift packs for disadvantaged children in Sri Lanka. Contact Anne Salvador-Dunlop 0409 329 096 or anne_salvador@yahoo.com for details.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Beacon Hill Cricket Registration

Open now for ages 4 and up. Boys, girls and senior cricket. To register or for further information go to <http://beaconhillcricket.com>

The Football Factory Holiday Camps

Learn new tricks, play football no matter the weather and finish the day with laser football. For information go to their website: <https://thefootballfactory.com.au/school-holiday-camps/>

Voyager Tennis Holiday Camp

For information on tennis camps for the upcoming holiday period please click [here](#) .

Little People's Literacy Learning

A FREE online guide for parents and carers with many examples of activities you can enjoy with your child. Some of the activities are incidental and some are planned. All activities are designed with an emphasis on learning through collaborative play and shared discovery.

AUSTRALIAN LITERACY EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION

alea.edu.au/publicresources/resources-for-parents-and-community/little-peoples-literacy-learning

The advertisement features a vibrant, colorful illustration of a diverse group of children and adults engaged in various literacy activities. A girl in a wheelchair is reading, a boy is holding a book, and another child is using a laptop. The background includes a sun, a house, and a QR code in the bottom right corner.

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