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LOOKING AHEAD

September

Fri 28 End Term 3

October

Mon 15 **Staff Development Day – Pupil free**

Tues 16 **Students return for Term 4 in full summer uniform**

Thurs 18 Yr 5 Leadership Camp

Mission Mass

Grade 4 Guest Speaker from

Aboriginal Heritage Office

Fri 19 Yr 5 Leadership Camp

Sun 21 Parish Colour Fun Run

Wed 24 Taste of High School – Stella Maris

Thurs 25 9.30am – 10.30am Ready, Set School

Northern Beaches Debating Round 1

Fri 26 Vinnies Night Patrol collection - Yrs 3 & 4

Kinder 2019 Transition – session 2

Fri 26 2pm Assembly Yr 1

Dad's Curry Night

Sun 28 6pm Yr 6 Family Mass

Mon 29 Stage 3 Basketball Gala Day

November

Thurs 1 NB Debating – Round 2

Mon 5 9 – 9.30am RE Open classrooms

Wed 7 Stage 3 Hockey Gala Day

Kinder 2019 Transition #3

Yr 3 Excursion to Botanical Gardens

Thurs 8 NB Debating – Round 3

Thurs 15 NB Debating – Round 4

Fri 16 2pm Assembly - Band

Sun 18 9.30am Kindy 2019 /Yr 5 Buddy Mass

Tues 20 Scholastic Book Fair

Wed 21 Scholastic Book Fair

Thurs 22 Italian Day

Dear Families

As we come to the end of another term, I look back on what has been an extremely busy ten weeks. Here are many of the achievements of Term 3:

- Grandparents Liturgy, class visit and morning tea
- Kindy 100 Days celebration
- SVDP Winter Sleep out
- Year 3 Family Mass
- Confirmation
- Mission team visit to nursing home
- Kindergarten assembly
- Year 3 excursion to West Head
- School Musical – Wind in the Willows
- Kindergarten excursion to the zoo
- School disco
- Bear Pit public speaking competition
- Br Tony Whelan Public Speaking finals
- P&F Meeting
- Year 6 Canberra trip
- Father's Day Liturgy and morning tea
- Northern Beaches and Broken Bay athletics carnivals
- Lunch with the Stars at ICMS
- P&F Trivia Night
- St Kieran's Feast Day Liturgy and Fair
- Mission Day at St Paul's
- Kindy Family Mass
- Year 1 Excursion
- Yoga classes for Kindy and Year 4
- Robotics for Year 2
- Chess classes
- Band performance at NSSWE Spring Festival
- Author visit

READY, SET, SCHOOL! – Preparing your child for the school journey. We will be hosting a community workshop for parents and an interactive morning for children to prepare for school life on **Thursday 25 October from 9.30am to 10.30am**. We would love our school community to spread the word to local pre-schools and families of pre-school aged children. View details [here](#)

At the end of the first week of Term 4, the Parish is hosting the Colour Run at St Augustine's on **Sunday 21st October**. Details were sent home last week with the children. I encourage you to take part in this fun day for the

students while supporting the parish with raising funds to refurbish the parish centre. If any of our parents with a nursing background would be able to assist with first aid, Janette Davidson from the parish is keen for some support. Let the school office know or contact the parish directly.

Students from all classes are able to enter a photo competition called the **Catholic World View Photo Competition** sponsored by the School Photographer. For more information [click](#) here.

At the end of the term there are a substantial number of outstanding school fee accounts. I ask that you look at these over the next few weeks to ensure that you are up to date with your account. Thank you for your assistance with this.

A reminder that **Monday 15th October** is a pupil free day. The children start school on Tuesday 16th October in summer uniform. I wish you and your family a peaceful and restful break and look forward to seeing you back in Term 4.

God bless



Michael Gallagher
Principal

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KC	Audrey F, Toby S, Pearl G	KH	Felicity M, Luke W
1L	Patrick H, Lexie P	1R	Kayla B, Marlon W
2HB	Eddie W, Brooke B	2S	Jack P, Kai D
3B	Cooper M, Aoife S, Olly O	3V	Josh P, Freya M, Finnlay D
4G	Luke W, Ollie F, Sonny K	4K	Jaden W, Tadhg M
5K	Lauren E, Charlie R	Yr 5/6	Ignatius M, Maxime G
Yr 6	Tessa J, Julia C	PE	1R
Band		Music	
Italian			

SCHOOL NEWS

[St Kieran's Facebook Page](#)

St Kieran's are the proud owners of a new Facebook page. Please like our page to help us celebrate our wonderful school. <https://bit.ly/2OZsvwg>

Please continue to use your own class Facebook group for any communication between parents.

[Compass Kiosk](#)

A new computerised system for student attendance is being implemented in our school over the holidays.

Students who arrive late or leave early will need to be signed in via a new computerised Parent Kiosk. They must be accompanied by a parent.

Linked to this Parent Kiosk will be other features that will be introduced at a later date. This would be an ideal time to ensure your **current email and phone numbers have been given to the school**. There will be more information and parent education sessions on how to use the new system in Term 4.

[Volunteer required to coordinate roster for carpark](#)

Would you like to help contribute to our wonderful St Kierans community, by being the coordinator for the parents that assist in the lollipop duty on car park? Juliette Cronin will be able to handover the position to the next willing candidate. Please contact her for details on 0411282592 or email to croningj@bigpond.com for more details.

[Summer Uniform](#)

Students will return to school in Term 4 in full summer uniform. If you require new summer uniform items please order through [Pickles](#) by the end of this term to ensure you have them for Term 4.

Netball Nationals in Darwin

A huge congratulations to Opal B who captained the NSW State Netball Team at Nationals last week in Darwin. The team played extremely well, receiving the bronze medal on Friday 21 September. Well done Opal for representing St Kieran's and the State of NSW with such pride, talent and modesty.



Religious Education

SAVE THE DATE!

Our school community will be begin celebrating Christmas with Christmas Carols in the school grounds on **Friday 7 December commencing at 6pm.**

Christmas Carols at St Kieran's was started by, and has been led by, our parent community. At this point we would like to call upon parent musicians 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 let the office know and we will put you in contact with like-minded parents.



Liturgically, Term 3 is a busy term for our school. We have celebrated the feast days of St Augustine and St Kieran and we prayed especially for our fathers and grandfathers in a Liturgy led by Year 1. We remembered and prayed for the children in Year 3 who celebrated their First Eucharist and Year 2 who completed their Sacraments of Initiation with their Confirmation.

Our Year 6 Mission Team attended the Diocesan Mission Day and our Liturgy Team continued to led us in prayer and oversee the smooth running of Masses and Liturgies. Thank you to these students who display enthusiasm and responsibility for their leadership roles within the school.

During Term 3 teachers attended professional learning designed to deepen their knowledge, understanding and teaching of the Scriptures. Five teachers have also participated in Diocesan led reflection days.

At the conclusion of Term 3, I would like to extend a heartfelt 'THANK YOU' to all the musicians, priests of the parish, teachers, parents, children and office staff at both our school and parish offices who have participated in our various community and religious events this term. Without you our celebrations would not be so well prepared, reverent and meaningful.

Dates for Term 4

Mission Mass	Thurs 18 th Oct	Mission Team Waitara
Parish Family Colour Run	Sun 21 st Oct	St Augustine's College
Year 6 Youth Mass & Spaghetti Night	Sun 28 th Oct	6 pm at St Kieran's
Year 5 & Buddy Mass	Sun 18 th Nov	9.30am at St Kieran's
Christmas Carols	Fri 7th Dec	6 pm at St Kieran's
Year 6 Celebration Liturgy	Mon 17 th Dec	6 pm at St Kieran's
Thanksgiving Mass	Wed 19 th Dec	12.00 pm at St Kieran's

Yours in Religious Education,

Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

PARENT NEWS

From the P&F

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](#)

Wednesday 17th October: Steph La Grecca, Juliette Cronin

Thursday 18th October: Jane Smith, Kristie Hardy

Friday 19th October: Kirsty Conlon, Virginia Marsh, Alana Janic

- 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.

Dads' Curry Night

Please put Thursday 6 December in the diary and on the fridge for the Xmas Dads' curry bash at Urban Tadka, Terry Hills <https://urbantadka.com.au>

This is a great restaurant and the food is very good. More details to follow but in essence it's an all you can eat and drink banquet with pick up and drop off at St Kieran's as per previous years. Whilst I haven't got the final numbers it's generally around \$110 per head inclusive.

I am also looking to do a quick curry beforehand on Friday 26 October. It may be short notice for some and that's fine. Venue to be confirmed. Again let me know if you would like to come. Also as always **all dads** are welcome.

Cheers Howie - howardgiles100@hotmail.com

PARISH NEWS



Dear Parents

Our Parish Colour Fun Run will generate funds for the refurbishment of our parish community centre and be a fun filled family afternoon.

A reminder that to register visit www.trybooking.com/405151 and if your children would like to participate in fundraising for the parish you create a student profile page on the fundraising website www.schoolfundraising.com.au **PLEASE NOTE WE REGISTER UNDER THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF NORTH HARBOUR AS OUR 'SCHOOL' ON THE SCHOOL FUNDRAISING WEBSITE.**

The holidays may present an opportunity for the children to contact family and friends who may want to support them in their fundraising efforts.

If you would like to be a volunteer to help on the day please contact Janette at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au or on 0408 866 521.

Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister- Catholic Community of North Harbour www.northharbourcatholic.org.au

New Children's Liturgy of the Word (Clow) Co-Ordinator Needed for North Harbour Parish

I have really enjoyed co-ordinating and being involved with children's liturgy for many years now. I remember starting children's liturgy when my first daughter, Sarah was in Kindergarten at St Kieran's school and Sarah is now 23 years old so we're looking at over 18 years. I can't even remember when I took on the role as co-ordinator but it probably was a couple of years after starting as a volunteer. I can truly say that Children's Liturgy together with being a Catechist is the most satisfying and rewarding ministries that I have been a part of. However, I feel that it is time for me to step down as co-ordinator and a volunteer of children's liturgy and for someone else to take on this very satisfying and rewarding role.

I am looking for someone to take on this role beginning in Term 4 of this year, Monday, 15 October. You may even wish to share this role with a friend or two.

So you may ask what's involved in being co-ordinator of children's liturgy? Here are some points:

- At the beginning of the year a roster for St Cecilia's and St Kieran's is put together.
- Each week on Mondays or Tuesdays resources (readings, prayers of the faithful and activity sheets) are put together and delivered to the persons who are rostered on for that week. Most of the resources are already photocopied and filed in folders and it's only the occasional week that you need to photocopy from scratch.
- You liaise with the volunteers of both St Cecilia's and St Kieran's churches.

If you think this is something you can take on or would simply like more information about what is involved in being a co-ordinator, please feel free to call me anytime and I would be more than happy to have a chat and meet up with you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Joseph's Narrabeen Halloween Fun Fair

Saturday 27 October 10am – 3pm. Trick or Treat Alley, rock climbing, stalls, face painting, craft, show bags, prizes, BBQ and much more.



Building Australia's innovators and problem solvers

**Term 4 Wednesday
After School Robotics Program
St Kieran's Catholic Primary School
Years 1-2**

TIME: 3.00pm to 4.30pm

COST: \$225 for 9 week program (Price excludes GST)

DATES: Term 4, Wednesday 17th of October 2018 - Wednesday 12th of December 2018

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CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Year 6 & 7 Girls - Spring School Holidays



Reconnecting your daughter with her innate strengths
Strengthening her self-trust as she navigates teen years
& Providing her a safe place to belong

Thurs 4th Oct - Brookvale Sydney - \$55
10am to 1pm - Year 6 Girls / 2pm to 5pm - Year 7 Girls

Reserve a space: www.bit.ly/circleoct4th



READY, SET, SCHOOL!

Preparing your Child for the School Journey.

"I never realised there were things I could do at home to prepare my child for a smooth transition into school". Kindy Mum 2018

St. Kieran's Manly Vale will be hosting a workshop for parents and an interactive morning for children to prepare you both for school life.

Join our passionate Kindergarten teachers and Principal to learn about:

- Supporting your child in starting school successfully
- Contemporary teaching practices in action
- A snap shot into a day in the life of big school
- How students progress through the primary school years
- Our inspiring learning environment

To register, please email skmv@dbb.catholic.edu.au.

"St Kieran's is a very caring and generous school community. Very approachable teachers who genuinely care about the children. Excellent learning facilities with a strong sense of friendship and community"- Dad, Year 2 and 5



FREE WORKSHOP:
THURSDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2018
9:30 - 10:30AM
63 Gordon Street, Manly Vale

* DRAMA CLUBS *

Lunchtimes Here at ST KIERAN'S

Yrs K,1 Drama Club MONDAY Lunchtimes

Yrs 2-5 Drama Club MONDAY Lunchtimes

Yrs 6,5 Theatresports THURSDAY Lunchtimes

TERM 4
ENROLMENTS OPEN NOW

FEES - 1st child: \$165.00 inc GST / 2nd child: \$150.00 inc GST.



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STEPHANIE WAITES: 0407 235 914

CELEBRATING OUR 5TH YEAR OF ST KIERAN'S LUNCHTIME DRAMA SCENE

5 TOP TIPS

Dr Kristy Goodwin



Did you miss the recent free talk with Dr Kristy Goodwin?

1. **Parents need to be pilots of the digital plane** (not the passenger): our kids need guidance and direction about how to navigate the Digital world – we must take an active role as parents.
2. **Keep devices out of bedrooms:** research is confirming the digital devices in bedrooms delay the onset & quality of sleep plus there are safety concerns with devices not in common areas.
3. **Balance kids screen time and green time:** kids still need outdoor unstructured play, as natural sunlight may help to prevent myopia (misogynist) and is essential for brain function.
4. **Focus on more than simply how much screen time kids are accumulating:** Also consider *what, when, where, with whom and how much* screens are being used, as time is only one aspect.
5. **Be mindful of our own digital habits** – kids are literally wired to imitate. As parents we need to be mindful of how they using digital devices, as parental digital destruction has resulted in increasing rates of childhood playground injuries and is changing child parent interactions.

Read More: www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com

Broken Bay Catholic School Parents