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LOOKING AHEAD

November

Sun 18	9.30am Kindy 2019 /Yr 5 Buddy Mass
Mon 19	10am Italian Day orders close 7pm P&F AGM
Tues 20	8.15 – 8.45am & 2.50 – 3.30pm Scholastic Book Fair
Wed 21	8.15 – 8.45am & 2.50 – 3.30pm Scholastic Book Fair
Thurs 22	Italian Day NB Debating – Round 5
Fri 23	9.15am K2019 Transition #4 War Cry practice Vinnies Night Patrol collection – whole school
Mon 26	Swimming Carnival
Tues 27	Stage 3 Surf Ed Day
Thurs 29	2pm Ribbon Ceremony (Swimming) NB Debating Grand Final
Fri 30	Yr 6 Spirituality Day

Fri 30 9.15am Kinder 2019 Developmental Play

December

Mon 3	Yr 3 Excursion to Botanic Gardens
Wed 5	6pm Yr 6 Dinner at Long Reef
Thurs 6	Dads Curry Night
Fri 7	7.30am Band Breakfast Kinder 2019 Developmental Play 6pm Christmas Carols
Mon 10	Yr 4 Surf Ed
Mon 17	6pm Yr 6 Celebration liturgy
Wed 19	12pm Thanksgiving Mass End of Term for students Staff Development Day
Thurs 20	
January 2019	
Wed 30	Year 1 – 6 commence Best Start Kinder appointments
Thurs 31	Best Start Kinder appointments
February	
Fri 1	Kinder 2019 commence

Dear Families

Teachers are meeting over the next few weeks to consider planning for 2019 class groupings. So much needs to be taken into account when this type of planning occurs. Classes need to be academically balanced and students' social and emotional needs taken into account. Teachers work collaboratively, using their professional judgement, to discuss and place children with the class and teacher that is the "best fit". Students are included as part of this process. This process is complex and consideration is given to many factors in making a decision. Therefore, we ask that this process is respected. Should there be any concerns regarding class placements, they need to be addressed in writing to the principal where due consideration will be given. Please note that concerns raised should be of a significant nature. With so many factors that influence this process, requests may not always be met.


Before the year is out, I am keen to hear from parents about how effective communication is between school and home. Between newsletters, the Learning Quarterly, school website, Facebook pages, push notifications, Compass and emails, there are many modes of communication! What I want to know is what works best? I plan to send a short survey home before the end of year to get some feedback so we might consider what changes might be made. Your feedback would very much appreciated.

I have [linked](#) the revised *Homework Guidelines* that have been reviewed this year. While the guidelines aren't too different to the previous ones, we have made it clearer as to what parents can do if homework causes difficulties at home. Please take the time to read.

The final P&F Meeting for the year is being held next Monday evening in The Hub at 7pm. It is the AGM and I will be providing updates on classroom and playground works and technology upgrades.

I look forward to seeing many of our Year 5 students and families at Mass this Sunday when we welcome our 2019 Kindergarten students and their families to the St Kieran's community.

God bless



Michael Gallagher
Principal

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KC	Nadia I and Arthur H	KH	Leon A and Luke W
1L	Jacob B and Asher K	1R	Ella C and Zac B
2HB	Sam M and Darcy B	2S	Katelyn W, Willow B, Toby S and Emma S
3B	Addie L, Aiden T ad Keira L	3V	Nicholas H and Malgosia K
4G	Lachlan H and Luke W	4K	Joel S and Lennox L
5K	Daniela D and Cole I	Yr 5/6	Jess H and Ruby N
Yr 6	Jackson J and Ashley N	Band	Isaac C, Luke W, Philippa Q

SCHOOL NEWS

Family Registration forms

Family registration forms were emailed and sent home as a hard copy last week. Please note: this form must be **completed by every family returning to St Kieran's in 2019**. All forms, signed by both parents, were to be returned by today. **If you haven't returned your form please do so asap.**



Religious Education

Students, parents and friends are warmly invited to the **9.30am Sunday Mass** this weekend. At this celebration our Year 5 students will **welcome Kindergarten 2019** to our parish and school family. Thank you to our Year 5 families who are participating in the Eucharistic Celebration and in the true style of St Augustine are providing hospitality following Mass.

Agency is about involving students in decision making and acting. Agency is about letting the learners take ownership and leadership in their learning and activities, whilst supporting and challenging their choices. Children learn best when they are active participants in their learning. One aspect of agency is being able to make choices and decisions to influence events and to have an impact on one's world.

Last term our **Mission Leadership Team** attended a Mission day at St Paul's. After listening to the speakers on that day they came up with an idea to put together a care package of simple toiletries. The Mission team then organised a voluntary collection of these goods. Supporting our children's agency is about recognising that children have a right to make choices and decisions, and are capable of initiating actions and learning. By supporting students in their endeavours, big or small, we are acknowledging that they, our children, are learning to be sensible decision makers and to make a difference in their world.

Thank you for supporting the Mission Team and their endeavours last week. The toiletries will be send to St Vincent De Paul in the country for distribution amongst families that need assistance. Congratulations to our Mission Team for their initiative and leadership and service.

Dates for Term 4

Year 5 & Buddy Mass

Christmas Carols

Year 6 Celebration Liturgy

Thanksgiving Mass

Sun 18 Nov

Fri 7 Dec

Mon 17 Dec

Wed 19 Dec

9.30am at St Kieran's

6 pm at St Kieran's

6 pm at St Kieran's

12.00 pm at St Kieran's

Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 20-21 in the library from 8.15-8.45am before school, then from 2.50-3.30pm after school.

This is not only a great opportunity for the students to purchase some great quality books but also a chance to do some early Christmas shopping. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter and your child will also bring one home next week. There is an opportunity to pay online if you are unable to make it to the Fair. This information is on the back of the flyer being sent home. Please note that the flyer is just a small sample of



the huge range of books that will be available. There will also be posters and knick-knacks (pencils, pens, rubbers etc) for sale.

The Book Fair is also a perfect opportunity to purchase a book to donate to the school. Your child's name will be put on the inside cover of the book as a memento of the purchase.

I would really appreciate some parent helpers as the Book Fair gets very busy! If you are able to help at any of the sessions, please fill in the slip attached to this newsletter or let the school office know. Many thanks in anticipation.

Book Covering

I have a fantastic group of parents who help cover books for the library. While many of them cover the soft cover books with contact, I would really love a few more parents to help cover the hard cover books in plastic. I have a lot waiting to be covered! If you could help out, please let the school office know.

Italian Day & Assembly

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Ciao a tutti!

Just a friendly reminder that our Italian Day and assembly is approaching – **Week 6, Thursday 22 November!**

Students from grades 1 – 6 will be presenting the Italian Assembly, showcasing diverse aspects of their learning so far. There are a few things to note:

- **Attire:** The day will be treated as a normal school day, so all students are to wear their usual school uniform however with a 'touch of Italian' – green, white and red – ribbons etc for girls and socks/ties for boys for example.
- **Assembly Attire:** Students performing have been made aware of specific dress they will require for their assembly item and they will change into that at the appropriate time. Some students will require particular props/items for their performance also and are responsible for those, particularly Stage 3 students. Generally, neat and nice grooming of hair and uniform is required for all or where a specific costume is not necessary.
- Look out for notes regarding specific costume requirements for some students next week.
- **Assembly Concert:** The Italian Concert will take place in the school hall at **11:30am**. All are welcome to attend!
- **Lunch:** A special Italian inspired lunch of Pizza and Gelato will be on offer via the canteen, so place your orders! **Grazie Jo!**
- **Practice Makes Perfect:** Of course, all students have a little something to practise at home for their concert item, but some students may have specific readings to rehearse and will be given copies to read over at home.

Thank you for your time and support,

Saluti,

Maestra Fabiola

Tennis Gala Day

Well done to all the St Kieran's students who participated in the Tennis Gala Day on Tuesday. All children demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and had fun playing doubles and singles rounds with children from other Northern Beaches Catholic schools.



Band News

St Kieran's Rocks Warringah Mall at the Schools Showcase!

Last Monday the St Kieran's Junior and Senior Bands conducted by Surrey Hodges rocked the lunchtime shoppers with hits such as Just Dance, Funky Town & Stadium Rock to name a few.... what a success!

To all band parents, members and anyone interested in joining the Band in 2019,

We have had a very busy week this week, filled with fun, music and laughter.

Firstly, both Junior Band and Senior Bands attended the Warringah Mall showcase on Monday and had a fantastic time playing wonderful music to an amazing audience.

Today we had blow-test for anyone interested in music, band and everything in between for Year 2 and Yr 3 (and anyone else interested). We also had a wonderful band assembly where we heard both bands perform as an ensemble and also individual performances that were beautiful.

Big congratulations to all the wonderful musicians, but also a huge thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to walk, drive and everything else for these wonderful opportunities for the students.

We have had an absolute blast this week, and look forward to the rest of the year's performances.

Mrs Hodges, Band Conductor

Catholic Care

To access After School Care's newsletter for this week click [here](#) .

PARENT NEWS

From the P&F

Meeting this Monday 19 November

Where did the year go?! Please come along and join our last P&F meeting for the year, which will also be our AGM. Join us this Monday 19 November, 7pm in the Hub.

Items on the meeting's agenda include:

- Presentation of updated Homework Policy
- Update on Playground upgrade
- Technology within the school
- P&F funds being donated to the school
- Classes for 2019



Interested in getting involved?

We're still on the lookout for a few helping hands for 2019. We'd love to hear from anyone who might be interested in getting involved as Class Parent Coordinator, or in taking on the role of St Kieran's Representative for the Broken Bay Catholic School Parents Council. If you'd like to know more please drop an email to stkierans.pf@gmail.com or come along on Monday evening.

Get in touch!

As always, as your P&F Committee 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](#)

Italian Day will be held on Thursday 22 November 2018. We will need parent volunteers to serve the pizzas and gelatos on the day from **12.30pm to 1.30pm**. We will need approximately 12 volunteers, if you can please help out it would be gratefully appreciated, please text Jo on 0410 629 135. Grandparents most welcome too.



Orders for Italian are now open on QKR!, pizza slice \$2.50 and gelato \$1.50. **Orders close Monday 19 November @ 10.00am.** Families, please select each individual child when ordering.

NEW: We have set up a new button on QKR! for outstanding canteen balances, it is called **Canteen IOU**. This is a more convenient way to pay any outstanding canteen balances, for use when you may have missed the 8.30am cut off, or your child has accidentally left their lunch at home. You will still receive an "outstanding canteen" slip which will come home with your eldest child.

Ovalteenies are still out of stock with our supplier.

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 4 - Week 6):

Wednesday 21 November: Evana Christofides, Amanda Raleigh, Kate Foley (A)

Thursday 22 November: **ITALIAN DAY** - Claire Sutherland (M), Rowena Macrae, Alicia Potega (A)

Friday 23 November: Alex Miles (M), Estelle Tilly (M), Jen Galland, Richard Bartlett (A), Diane Hall (A)

Dads' Curry Night

Dads Social Christmas Function on Thursday 6 December 2018 Dinner at 7.30pm. **\$80.00 per person.**

- 4 course Banquet Dinner with beverages, pappadums & dips.
- Entrée- 5: 2 Veg, 2 Non-veg, 1 seafood (served around/ mingle)
- Mains- Selections of 5 mains- 2 Veg, 3- Non-Veg Mini -Buffett Station Set Up.)
- Rice, Naan Breads.
- Dessert of the day to finish off.
- Beverages- Assorted Softs, Juices, House Wines, Sparkling's, Beers. (Standard -3.0 hrs package.)

Location- Urban Tadka Function Room.

I will be booking the bus to pick us up from St Kieran's - 6.45pm and return us later approx 11.30pm.

The whole event should cost \$110/ \$120. Depending on how many take the bus.

Package includes all food, beer and wine, soft drinks as per the last few years. It's a great catch up and the food is top notch. Please let me know if you can come. I have had plenty of guys say they are coming which is great, but will need to reconfirm numbers.

As I have to prepay the bus and put a deposit down on the restaurant, there will be a \$50 deposit. Will send details shortly. Let me know if any other dads want to come, all are welcome. The bus takes around 50 people!!
Look forward to ending the year with a bang.

Cheers Howie 0438888528

PARISH NEWS



Christmas Eve Children's Mass.

If your child is in Yrs 3 – 6 and would like to be part of the Children's Choir at the Christmas Eve Mass on 24 December at 5.30pm please complete and return the slip at the end of this newsletter. The children will need to be at the church by 5pm. The Children's Choir will practise at lunchtime in the church during December.



All children attending, whether they are in the choir or not, may dress up as angels, shepherds and all manner of animals.

Parish Wine and Cheese Christmas Celebration

Parish Community Centre Refurbishment Fundraiser

Wine and Cheese Christmas Celebration Friday 30 November. Join us for our Tamburlaine Wine Tasting and purchase your wines for Christmas see order [form](#) .

Please RSVP by Monday 26 November.

If you cannot attend you may be able to support the event by donating a prize for our raffle or by ordering wine. Please contact Evelyn Paterson at robevelyn@tpg.com.au if you can assist with a donation.

Celebrate the
20th Anniversary of the Parish Community Centre
A fundraising evening
for our Refurbishment Project

SAVE
Wine and cheese
Christmas celebration
THE DATE

Friday, 30 November at 7pm
North Harbour Parish Community Centre, 2 King Street, Manly Vale.
Catch up with old friends, buy your **Tamburlaine Wines** for Christmas
and enjoy beautiful Christmas carols courtesy of the Hummingsong Community Choir.

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

Welcome to our New Children's Liturgy Co-Ordinator

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to **Bryanne Crabb** who will be the new Children's Liturgy Co-ordinator in 2019 for St Cecilia's and St Kieran's Schools. Bryanne is a St Cecilia's mother with three children.

The children's liturgy ministry is always looking for new mums, dads and grandparents to be involved in this wonderful and rewarding ministry. Being a volunteer in this ministry involves helping with children's liturgy that takes place on Sundays at the churches of St Cecilia and St Kieran's. You will be placed on roster alongside another volunteer who is currently doing children's liturgy to help out about once to twice a term. Children's liturgy only takes place within the school term and doesn't take place when year family Masses are scheduled. All information, resources and activities are printed off and provided by the children's liturgy co-ordinator on a weekly basis. All volunteers will be required to obtain a working with children check number but this is simple to do and this is something that I can help you obtain. If you feel like this is something you could get involved with or would simply like more information please feel free to contact me on 0402 099 746 or at albowyer@bigpond.com

I would like to wish Bryanne and all the children's liturgy volunteers for 2019 all the very best in this wonderful ministry and I'd like to thank everyone for the friendship and support shown to me over the many years as co-ordinator.

God Bless

Adriana Bowyer

COMMUNITY NEWS



St Paul's Catholic College - Manly

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Thursday 7th March 2019
4pm – 7pm

Guided tours | The College in Action | Meet the College Leadership Team | Complimentary BBQ

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- Small enough to care for our students' wellbeing
- Innovative learning
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Our school is looking for volunteers to help us hold an incredible Book Fair!

Dear Parents and Families,

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at our school on **Tuesday November 20 and Wednesday November 21** from 8.15-8.45am and 2.50-3.30pm (on both days).

Do you have some talents that could help us out at our Book Fair? Please complete the form below by circling the areas that you are interested in volunteering.

Thank you so much! Return the form to Liz McGuire.

Sincerely,

Liz McGuire
Librarian and Book Fair Organiser

Please sign me up to help at our Book Fair

Name _____ Telephone _____

Email _____

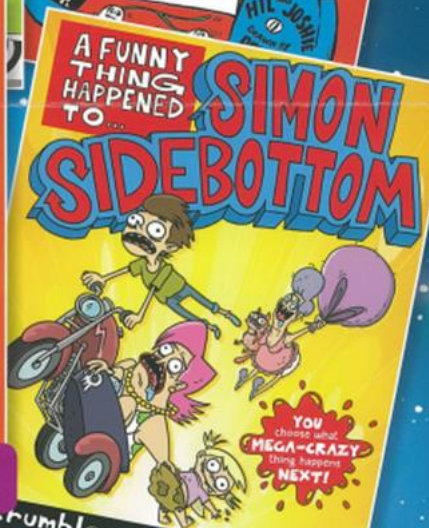
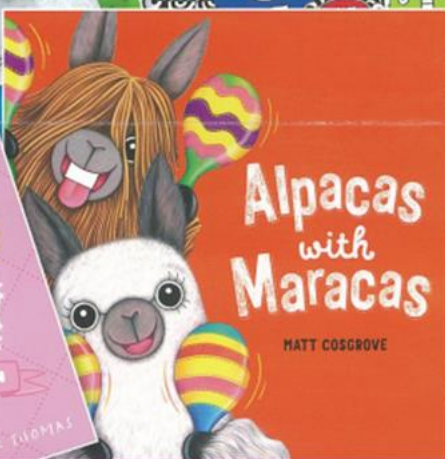
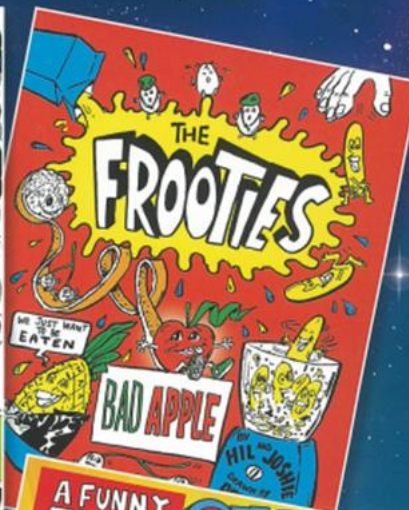
Day(s)/Times(s) available: _____

I have circled areas where I'd like to help:

- Setting up the Fair
- Helping shoppers at the Fair
- Checkout
- Packing up the Fair

You're invited to our Scholastic
BOOK FAIR!

Reading Is Out of This World!



Choose from a huge selection of books at the Fair!

Date *Tues/Wed Nov 20-21* Time *8.15-8.45am and*
Place *St Kieran's Library* *2.50-3.30pm*

TO THE BOOK FAIR AND BEYOND!



Every purchase earns books and learning resources for our school

 SCHOLASTIC

Christmas Eve Children's Mass

24 December 2018 5.30pm

My child/ren would like to be part of the Children's Choir on 24 December.

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Parent Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

