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LOOKING AHEAD

February

Fri 22 School Banking commences
Yoga 1L, 1S, 2HR, 2L

Mon 25 Cross Country entries closed (am)
Yr 5 Robotics

Tues 26 Yr 3 Boys to St Paul's College

Thurs 28 Northern Beaches Swim Carnival

March

Fri 1 School Clean-up day
Soccer Gala Day entries due today

Mon 4 Catholic Schools Week commences
7pm P&F meeting in the Hub

Tues 5 Shrove Tuesday – pancake day

Wed 6 10am Ash Wednesday Mass

Thurs 7 Cross Country

Fri 8 9am Stages 2 & 3 Soccer
Yoga Yrs 1 & 2
2pm Assembly – Yr 3

Sat 9 7.30pm P&F Welcome Drinks at Wakehurst

Fri 15 Soccer – Stages 2 & 3
Yoga Yrs 1 & 2
Dads' Curry Night

April

Wed 3 Open Day 9.15am – 11am and
6.30pm – 7.30pm



ST KIERAN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OPEN DAY
WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL 2019

ENROL NOW
FOR 2020

Open Morning 9.15am - 11am **Principal's address** 10am
Twilight tour 6.30pm - 7.30pm

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Dear Families

Last Sunday's Year 2 Family Mass was a wonderful celebration of what it means to be part of a Catholic community. It was reassuring to see so many of our families, along with our parishioners, sharing in this Eucharistic celebration as one.

Fr John Sullivan shared in his homily the paradox of being a Christian in a world that focuses on the individual, money and fame and less on compassion, acceptance of others and giving. As Christians, we are called to be counter-cultural, to act in service to others. He quoted many examples in the gospels where these paradoxes are found e.g. "Blessed are the poor"; "Love your enemy"; "the last shall be first and the first will be last", to name just a few.

Yesterday I attended a principal meeting that started with prayer. The prayer reinforced Sunday's homily and as we are all leaders, in one form or another, I thought I would share this prayer as an example of how we are called to be counter-cultural in our lives.

Leadership: The World...The Gospel

The World

We lead more by what we say than by listening
We lead more by doing than being

The Gospel

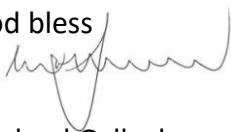
We lead more by listening than by what we say
We lead more by being than by doing

We lead more by making things happen than by allowing them to happen
We lead more by being in control than by surrender
We lead more by comparing than by accepting
We lead more from the head than from the heart
We lead more by external change than internal change
We lead according to how others react than by being grounded in who we are

We lead more by allowing things to happen than by making them happen
We lead more by surrendering than by being in control
We lead more by accepting than by comparing
We lead more from the heart than from the head
We lead more by internal change than by external change
We lead more by being grounded in who we are rather than according to others' reactions

Parents are reminded to move away from the class lines in the morning so students can enter their classroom without distraction or interference. Some children are becoming anxious when parents are chatting outside the classroom door!

God bless



Michael Gallagher
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Last Friday we conducted our MAI (Mathematical Assessment Interview) one to one assessments with the students.

The Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI) is task-based, interactive, designed for young children, and enables progress to be measured in four whole number domains (Counting, Place Value, Strategies for Addition and Subtraction, and Strategies for Multiplication and Division) against a research-based framework of **Growth Points**. An additional section of the interview focuses on early mathematics concepts for children beginning school and this is the assessment completed at Best Start by the Kindergarten students.

The principles underlying the construction of the tasks and the associated **Growth Points** were to:

- describe the development of mathematical knowledge and understanding in a form and language that was useful for teachers;
- reflect the findings of relevant international and local research in mathematics
- reflect, where possible, the structure of mathematics;
- allow the mathematical knowledge of individuals and groups to be described; and
- enable the identification of students who may be mathematically vulnerable.

The assessment tasks in the interview take approximately 30 minutes for each student and are administered by classroom teachers who followed a detailed script. Each child completes about 50 tasks in total, and given success with one task, the assessor continues with the next tasks in a domain for as long as a child is successful, according to the instructions in the script.

The MAI assessment provides the teachers with information that is *diagnostic*. That is it identifies for the teachers where the student is in terms of mathematical understanding. This then provides a starting point (through the allocation of a **Growth Point**) that the teacher uses to program specific teaching strategies that will further develop the student's understanding.

Should parents wish to find out their child's MAI results, they may speak with the teacher at the Parent Teacher Interviews to be held later this term.

Many schools conduct the MAI at the very start of the school year. At St Kieran's it was decided in previous years, after analysing data quite thoroughly – that by allowing the students some time to settle into their new class; meet and establish a connection with their new teacher, the MAI results gained at this time would be more reflective of their true ability. This is why we administer the MAI a few weeks into Term One of the school year.

Have a lovely weekend.

Marisa Bombardieri

KH	Clara D and Kate L	KS	Leila N and Oliver C
1L	Pearl G and Finn W	1S	Ben W and Sarah C
2HR	Jonathan M and Lucy W	2L	Olivia R and Benjamin P
3C	Daniel M and Sebastian D	3V	Asten F and Charlotte H
4G	Tom T and Amelia R	4K	Declan P and Cooper W
5K	Mikayla L and Gretel W	Yr 5/6A	Ronan H and Mila C
Yr 6	Hunter J and Eva B	PE	Jackson Q and Charlie D

SCHOOL NEWS

Help Needed Covering Books

Many thanks to the parents who have offered to cover new library books. I still need a few more helpers as there's quite a few books ready to go on the shelves but still need to be covered. Please see the note at the end of this Newsletter. Many thanks,
Liz McGuire

Northern Beaches Cluster Swimming Carnival

Next Thursday, a group of St Kieran's students will be participating in the Northern Beaches Cluster Swimming Carnival. **Please ensure that your child is at Warringah Aquatic Centre no later than 8:30am for a prompt 9am start.** Apologies for the change in start time.

All students need to be wearing their full sports uniform to the carnival and need to swim in their St Kieran's Swimming Cap. It is anticipated that the carnival will be finished by 2pm. It is important to note that no crepe paper, hair spray or coloured zinc is permitted at the carnival.

We wish all of our representatives who have been selected to participate in the carnival the best of luck. We hope that you swim your hardest and we are sure you will make all of us here at St Kieran's very proud of you!

St Kieran's Cross Country Competition

This weekend is your last opportunity to register for our St Kieran's Cross Country competition that will take place on Thursday 7 March. Please ensure that if your child wishes to participate, you complete the attached form by Sunday evening as it will close promptly on Monday morning.

<https://goo.gl/forms/NB7a6LtTBjeJ2nJs2>

We are also still looking for parent volunteers to assist with the running of this event. If you are able to assist, please notify Miss Emily Channell ASAP. Thank you in advance.

Yrs 3-6 Soccer Gala Day

The Years 3-6 Soccer Gala Day will take place in early April this year. All students in Years 3-6 have been entered in the event. A google form was sent home yesterday via email - <https://goo.gl/forms/wVABTYaSnPGTaSDk2>
Please ensure that you complete the permission form by no later than next Friday 1 March.

Compass Attendance: recording a full days absence on your mobile app

If your child is unwell and will be absent for a full day you can record their absence using the Mobile app. You can also schedule full day's absences in advance. For example, if your child will be absent for one or more days later in the term.

Please DO NOT use the mobile app to record a late arrival or early departure. These must be done at the kiosk near reception when you drop off or pick up your child. This ensures accuracy of who is on site at any given time.

A reminder that children must always be accompanied by a parent when arriving late to school. They cannot sign themselves in.

If your child is absent in the morning when the roll is marked and you haven't advised the school you will receive an SMS. Even if you have advised the school that your child will be arriving late you still may receive this SMS. In this case please ignore it.

We all have a part to play – Bus Safety Week

Be Bus Aware highlights the importance of bus safety for all road users. Buses are large, heavy vehicles and can't stop quickly.

Bus Safety Week runs from Monday 18 to Sunday 24 February 2019 to raise awareness for all road users on how to stay safe on and around buses, helping to reduce injuries and fatalities. You can access safety videos through this YouTube link - [Bus Safety Videos](#)

Religious Education

Please remember in your prayers members of the **School Advisory Council** who will be attending a retreat at Mary McKillop Place, North Sydney. During this time they will engage in prayer and discussion about sharing the gifts and talents of each member, for the benefit and guidance of our school community.

Life is journey. It is not an event that happens all at once. Life unfolds, step by step, day and day and year by year. By **sharing our journeys** we can all be better off. The shared wisdom of the group helps to guide us all. It is for this purpose that the School Advisory Council gather and reflect.

We are a pilgrim people who do not walk alone. Jesus' disciples walked along the road to Emmaus and encountered the risen Lord who opened their eyes to his presence. As we walk along our life's journey may we **recognise Jesus in those around us**. Over the weekend you may like to take your own Emmaus walk with your child and discover the wonder and awe of creation through the eyes of a child and their unconditional love.

Happy walking,

Yours in Religious Education,

Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

Parenting Ideas

Michael Grose is one of Australia's most respected experts on parenting. He is a former teacher and inspiring speaker and the founder of Parenting Ideas. Click [here](#) for his article on *School and Social Success*.

PARENT NEWS

From the P&F

Have you got your *Welcome Drinks* tickets yet? It is a fantastic way to start of the year and come together as a community.

Booking is closing soon so please make sure you get your tickets *asap* so you don't miss out.

THE ST KIERAN'S P&F ASSOCIATION
INVITES YOU TO OUR 2019

welcome evening

7:30PM | WAKEHURST GOLF CLUB
UPPER CLONTARF ST, SEAFORTH

\$30 per person (includes canapes)
Drinks available at club prices

RSVP & TICKET SALES THROUGH THE QKR
APP BY NOON, FRIDAY 1st MARCH

SATURDAY 9TH MARCH 2019

Buy your tickets now

Please note this is purely a social evening with no fundraising element.

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

Volunteers please are required for:

1. Wednesday 13 March, 9.00am - 1.50pm
2. Wednesdays (Week 3) – 15 May, and 7 August, 9.00am - 1.50pm, and
3. Thursdays (Week 10) – 4th April, 4th July, 26th September, and 19th December, morning shift 9.00am – 11.15am

If you can help out with any of these dates, please email: joannemnesbitt@gmail.com, or text: 0410 629 135.
Thank you in advance.

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 1 - Week 5):

Wednesday 27 February: Amanda Raleigh, Sania Saady

Thursday 28 February: Alyson Perry, Shahn Schwarz

Friday 1 March: Samantha Economos (M), Jenny You (M), Richard Bartlett, Amelia Tipping (A), John McNamara (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.

❖❖❖ School Banking has commenced and will continue each Friday ❖❖❖

St Kieran's Catholic School Manly Vale

Shrove Tuesday

'Pancake Day'



Pancake Tuesday is here!

Dear Parents

Shrove Tuesday is early this year, *Tuesday, 5th March 2019*, and we will be serving pancakes.

They will be served at **Recess @ 11.00am**, and will cost a **\$1.00 each**. The pancakes are the large size Golden brand, and there will be a maximum limit of 3 pancakes per child.

There will be a choice of:

- ❖ a drizzle of maple syrup, or
- ❖ a spread of strawberry jam.

Pancakes **do not** need to be ordered prior.

We will need volunteers, if you are able to please help out for an hour from 10.30am to 11.30am that would be greatly appreciated. Please either text myself on 0410 629 135 or email @ joannemnesbitt@gmail.com. We will require approximately 10-15 volunteers on the day. Thank you in advance.

The canteen will not be open for any other purchases on this day.

Regards

Jo Nesbitt
Canteen Manager

Dads' Curry Night

To all Kindy dads and current dads of course.

This is just a short note to let you know that I have been running an informal *Dads Curry Night* over the past 5 years!! (I have children in Yrs 4 & 6).

We try to catch up every 6-8 weeks at different Indian restaurants around the area. It's a great informal way to get to know other dads from St Kieran's from Kindy classes upwards.

We would welcome any new comers to come along and be part of the St Kieran's community. It's a great place to meet new dads who are in the same shoes as you, and meet all of us who have been part of the community for quite a while.

The first Curry Night will be in Manly on March Friday 15 March. We will meet in the front bar of the Steyne 6pm onwards and head to the restaurant for 7.30pm

Please email me howardgiles100@hotmail.com, to let me know if you would like to come and I can add you to the list. Generally we have 30 -50 Dads come along.

Look forward to meeting you.

Cheers Howard



Term 1 2019 Afterschool Robotics

*** Only a FEW places left ***

St Kieran's Catholic Primary School on Monday Afternoons.

TIME: 3.00pm to 4.30pm

COST: \$220 for 8 week program (includes gst)

DATES: 4th February 2019 – 8th April 2019

Year 1-3 Robotics Program in Term 1

Learn to code using Lego Mindstorms robotics motors, sensors and software.

All students welcome!

Bookings now open: <https://www.trybooking.com/ZTXL>

See our website listed below for more information about our award winning programs.



PARISH NEWS

Sacramental Program News

- There will be an additional celebration of First Reconciliation scheduled for **Wednesday 3 April at 4pm at SC Church**;
- The **TryBooking** link to book a celebration of First Reconciliation will be emailed to all parents next week;
- **Ritual of the Cross will be celebrated at all Masses on Sat 2 March and Sun 3 March** the children will be presented to the parish community and receive a small crucifix, families can attend any of these Masses;
- **Practice for First Reconciliation** Tuesday 19 March at 4pm in SK Church OR Wednesday 20 March at 7pm in SC Church;
- The next **Baptism of Young Children Program (for children aged 7 – 11 years)** will commence in Sunday 17 **March 2019**, prior to the beginning of the 2019 – 2020 Children's Sacramental Program;
- Advance notice - The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated on Saturday 17 August 2019 at 10.00am, 12 noon and 3.00pm.

DID YOU ORDER WINE?

There has been a paperwork error at **Tamburlaine Wines** and we may be missing out on the \$50 per dozen (which goes to the parish) if you ordered wine by phone.

Please contact the parish office with your details if you ordered by phone.

If you would like to reorder any wine or you forgot to order last year it is not too late! Copies of the order form are available from the parish office or from the back of both Churches. If you order by phone please mention the order is for the North Harbour Parish Anniversary Fundraiser

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

Calling All Future Catechists!!

We would love you to be a helper or to teach our children in our parish public schools. For further information please click [here](#).

RETURN SLIPS

Library Volunteer for 2019

I am willing to cover books with plastic / contact

Name _____

Child's Name & Class _____

Contact Number _____



I am willing to shelve books on:

Tuesday (morning/afternoon)

Wednesday (morning/afternoon)

Weekly

Fortnightly

Monthly

Once per term

Name _____ Contact Number _____

Child's Name & Class _____



St Paul's Catholic College - Manly

EDUCATING BOYS IN YEARS 7 TO 12



Thursday 7th March 2019
4pm – 7pm

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

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OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 13 March
4.00pm - 7.30pm

- Principal's address
- Student-led hands-on activities
- Guided tours by the student ambassadors
- Performances in the state-of-the-art theatre
- Meet our Heads of Department and friendly staff

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MATER MARIA CATHOLIC COLLEGE



OPEN DAY 2019

Thursday 7 March 2019 - 4pm to 7pm

Come and feel the Mater Maria spirit
Year 7, 2021 applications close on Thursday 4 April 2019
Please contact our Enrolment Registrar (Deborah Fitzgerald) on 02 9997 7044 or email deborah.fitzgerald@dbb.catholic.edu.au
Applications welcome for Years 8-11

ENROLMENT INFORMATION
<http://matermaria.nsw.edu.au/enrolment>

REQUEST A PROSPECTUS
<http://matermaria.nsw.edu.au/enrolment/request-a-prospectus-form>

BOOK A TOUR
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Live Life Well @ School

IMPORTANCE OF BREAKFAST



It's the most important meal of the day, but 1 in 4 children in Australia skips breakfast.

At school, a hungry child can lose concentration in class and have no energy for playtime.

Quick and easy breakfast ideas:

- Cereal with milk, yoghurt and/or fruit
- Wholegrain toast or raisin bread
- Smoothies made with fresh, frozen or canned fruit

Handy tip:

Discourage children from eating breakfast in front of the TV.

This can also help speed up your morning routines!

For more ideas, search 'breakfast' at healthykids.nsw.gov.au



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Local Health District