



To Learn

&

To Love

TERM 3 WEEK 3, 4 August

This Week at St Kieran's

It was such a pleasure to host Grandparent day on Friday last week. To see the Church full in attendance, joining in prayer, song and reflection with you as a faith filled community was extraordinary. We were blessed with a sunny winter's morning as we hosted the reading to your grandchild in the playground. Seeing the playground littered with your smiles, laughter and story sharing was a treat for the school and one your grandchildren will remember for some time. Please enjoy some photos below.

As mentioned in previous communication, on Friday (tomorrow) the staff participate in a Staff Development Day on the needs and characteristics of higher ability students. The in-service and training day is facilitated by Dr Katrina Eddles-Hirsch, a lecturer in gifted education from the UNSW. We look forward to this professional learning experience with another school we join with, Holy Family Primary Lindfield.

Learning together and exchanging ideas is very beneficial and we grow professionally from the exchange. More importantly, all children benefit from teachers tailoring their classroom learning programs to meet the needs of all learners.

This week we feature in the newsletter a new segment about what's happening in our amazing school. In the teaching and learning space we embed a short video showcasing our students' learning and achievements. This week's focus is on the Science Club. Each fortnight or month two students will be selected to host what is happening around the school. This week's segment is hosted by Katelyn W and Emilia G in Year 6. Great job girls!

Last week I met with Year 2 parents for a meeting and talked about the offerings in Stage 2. We shared an opportunity to dialogue with each other as we prepare our students at each stage of learning and development. I share this with you here.

What are the Stage 2 Offerings at St Kieran's ?

Social/Leadership

- SRC leadership Years 3-5 - school and social outreach initiatives & projects
- Buddy System - Yrs 3/2/1 (Mini Engage)
- Peer Support program - ENGAGE participants in Stages ES 1 - 2 and then leaders of ENGAGE in Stage 3
- Oval Park - sport mentoring with boys from St Paul's College
- Year 3 boys visit to St Paul's College for a taster experience of secondary school
- Join Song Club at lunch times

Teaching and Learning

- Collaborative learning across Stage 2
- Use of Chrome laptops per child
- EPMC Mathematics problem solving approach
- Bear Pit Speech Competition
- STEM learning incorporating Micro Bits & Bee Bots across the curriculum
- Homework tailored for balance of school and home life

Sport

- External professional sport providers in sport skills engaged eg NRL, AFL, Basketball, Soccer, Cricket
- Gala Days with other Catholic schools within the diocese eg, Eagle Tag, Cricket, Soccer, AFL or Netball

Sacraments - parish based

Sacramental program incorporated in RE lessons - Confirmation, Reconciliation, Eucharist

Thank you to the P&F Committee for sourcing such great prizes for the raffle draw on Monday. Thank you to every family for your support of this drive, we made families happy recipients of the fabulous prizes.

I return from my Long Service Leave on Monday 29 August. I will send you warm wishes from Rome on Monday 8 when I arrive in the Eternal City. It happens to be Mary MacKillop's feast day too, Australia's first Saint. Happy feast day!

Anna Marsella
Principal



Learning and Teaching

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to hear about what has been happening in Science club!



Merit Awards

KB: Madeleine M, Valerie D
KW: Blake D,
1B: Edward S, Lucas H
2B: Patrick M, Kailao H
3B: Mario R, Angelique C
3W: Chloe P, Archer M
4B: Oscar Mc, Finn W
4W: Charlie S, Saskia C
5B: Chelsea A, James G
5W: Jacob B, David P
6B: Emilia G, Kieran H

Happy Birthday...

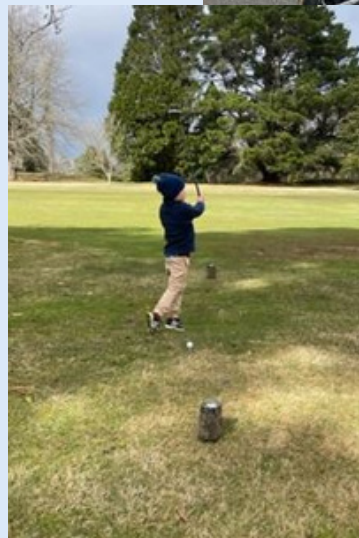
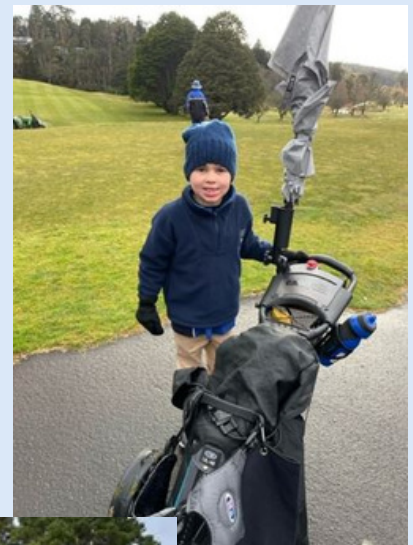
to the following students celebrating a birthday this week:

2 August:
Nadia I, Sophie M, Marcus F

Achievements

Congratulations to Thomas Mc Yr 3 who represented St Kieran's in the Catholic schools golf competition, Thomas had a brilliant time:

"I played golf for St Kieran's at Blackheath on Monday. I played 9 holes and I shot a score of 65. It was very cold there, 7 degrees maximum and there was rain before the game started, so the course was wet. However I still had a fun day representing my school."



Religious Education

Grandparents Day

Following a vibrant liturgy lead by Year 2 the playground was abuzz with happy children enjoying reading with their Grandparents and special older friends. A huge thank you to our parents across the grades for providing a beautiful morning tea for our guests. Year 2 deserve a special mention for leading a thoughtful Liturgy in celebration of our Grandparent. This was the first Liturgy they have led in the church, and they did so with reverence and enthusiasm.

A huge thank you to our wonderful teachers for preparing the singing, reading material and grandparent gifts for the day. A special thank you to Mr Huskins for co-ordinating this day of thanksgiving for the rich and generous lives of our older generation and the love they share with their grandchildren. St Kieran's community spirit is alive and thriving.

Religious Creative Arts Prize



All information related to the Arts prize can be found at the following link: [Religious Creative Arts Prize](#).

Students must submit their final creative art works to their school by Thursday 18 August, which is the end of Week 5 Term 3, 2022.

For information about times and date [click here](#).

For information about categories and criteria [click here](#).

Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

Parish News

- For all Parish bulletins from the Catholic community of North Harbour please click [here](#)
- Parish Gospel and Homily recordings [Facebook](#) or via [You Tube](#)
- For information regarding Sacraments please contact Janette Davidson on 0408 866 521 or via email: Sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au

MARY MAC'S PLACE Fundraising Mufti day

Monday, August 8 is the feast day of Australia's first saint, Saint Mary Mackillop. Mary lived her life with a simple philosophy: "Never see a need without doing something about it." She founded the Order of St Joseph's, a teaching and nursing order of nuns who cared for the under privileged in our community

More information about the life of Mary Mackillop can be found [HERE](#).

Mary Mac's Place supplies nutritious sit down lunches to those in need. During this time the lonely and those who are struggling can interact with others. Legal support, health assistance and other outreach programs are offered to those in need. Mary Mac's Place provide showers and a clothes washer to help the homeless maintain hygiene. Mary Mac's does all this without government assistance and therefore relies wholly on donations.

On Monday, August 8 we are hosting a mufti day where students can wear casual clothing for the price of a gold coin. Closed in shoes must be worn. All money raised goes directly to Mary Mac's Place to support the services they provide.

Thank you for your support of this initiative.



Library News



Book week occurs in Week 6. As a lead up to Book Week, there will be an author visitor, Yves Stening, coming next week on Tuesday. Don't forget his signed books are available to purchase online or with cash on the day. Children have been given an order form and you can also access one [HERE](#).

The series is an adventure back in time and around the world hunting down clues to solve recipe riddles. The books are also on the PRC reading list. Yves will talk to the students about writing books and will read some of his stories to the students too.

<https://www.dinnerdetectives.com.au/>

In Week 5, there will be the [Perform Education performance](#), "Story Quest" for K-3 students.



On Tuesday, August 23 (Week 6) students may come to school dressed as their favourite book character or as a character related to the theme, "Dreaming with eyes open...." There will be a short assembly at 8.45am to acknowledge and celebrate this annual event. We look forward to this exciting time of year

Regards, Liz McGuire

P & F News

Congratulations to our raffle ticket winners:

1st Prize: Vanessa Ireland

2nd Prize: Emily Langford

3rd Prize: Anne Quattroille

And well done to Fletcher C, Year 3 who won an iPad for selling the most raffle tickets! Over \$11,000 was raised for the school by you all - a wonderful effort by everyone, thank you.



The P&F has been blown away by the level of school community and broader community support we have received. Our biggest thank you goes to Cunningham's Real Estate and Brookvale Dental as the major sponsors of the gala event.

We launch our silent auction soon and that will run from 8-30 August. The level of school and business community support in getting ready for the auction was simply extraordinary. We have 75 donations and counting and we hope the St Kieran's community enjoy the items we have on offer, maybe you can snag a bargain in there! This auction is available to friends and family so please feel free to socialise and send the link on.

Ticket sales for the gala event has been super. We are extremely excited to have the Green Whistlers and Evergreen playing. Many of you will know members of that band with all being current or former parents of the school. Their first 'professional debut' as a band!! And for those of you who have seen the Evergreen band play at Bucketty's and elsewhere you will know how outstanding they are.

We will have Cunningham's provide an auctioneer on the Gala event night for the kid's art auction. This will be the only fundraising on the night. Don't worry, there is no obligation to bid and you will not be 'hit up' for any other cash. It should be a great night so book that babysitter and book your tickets.

Finally the P&F are keen to put these funds to great use and has paid for the robotics equipment in the new science room; we are very conscious this is your money! You have donated and supported these P&F initiatives and we treat it as such. We welcome input from all families on our three areas of focus for this years spending: playground, garden and STEM equipment.



Please let the school or P&F know if you have specific suggestions, and thank you for a several great ideas already! Pfskmv@gmail.com to get in touch

P&F Team

WATCH THIS SPACE: Dad's Curry Night's will be back soon with Matt Willis and Rob Curran organising.



What's Happening

P & F News

Thank you for your support so far!

UPCOMING PROPOSED EVENTS:

- Sat 27 Aug: P&F Gala Event
- Fri 2 Sept: Father's Day Breakfast
- Fri 28 Oct: School Disco
- Fri 9 Dec: Christmas Carols



Upcoming Key Dates

AUGUST

- Fri 5: Staff Development Day
- Thu 18: Nthn Beaches athletics carnival

SEPTEMBER

- Wed 7 -
- Fri 9: Yr 6 Canberra Trip
- Wed 21: Stage 3 Musical
- Fri 23: Last Day term 3

Canteen Orders

The canteen is open Wednesday to Friday for **online orders only for recess and lunch**. Please order through qkr.

A reminder we always appreciate any assistance you are able to offer as a volunteer in the canteen, please fill out this [form](#) if you can help.

Term Dates

- Term 3: Monday 18 July - Friday 23 Sept
- Term 4: Monday 10 Oct - Fri 16 Dec

Parenting Ideas

Read the latest article [HERE](#) from one of Australia's most trusted parenting experts, Dr Justin Coulson: "Sextortion on Instagram."

Enrolment 2023

If you know of any families who you believe may be considering St Kieran's for enrolment next year, please let them know that we are currently conducting enrolment interviews for 2023 and to call the office.

Extra Curricular Opportunities

Evergreen Music: Junior and Senior Band has commenced with Evergreen Music. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Drama: To enrol click [here](#). *Stephanie Waites, Drama teacher 0407 235 914*

Chess: Term 2 Chess has commenced on Fridays from 1pm-1.50pm. For further information and to register click [here](#).

Science Club Term 3: Registrations are open for Term 3 Science Club: TOYOLOGY. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Community News

HELP US FUNDRAISE FOR MARY MAC'S PLACE
An educational opportunity for our schools and community

MUFTI DAY
MONDAY 8 AUGUST 2022
Mary MacKillop Feast Day

PLEASE BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION

Mary Mac's Place supplies a nutritious two course sit down lunch daily and a place to shower and to wash clothes. We offer friendly support and companionship plus access to outreach services like Legal Aid, homelessness support services, emergency relief and health assistance.

Homelessness and social isolation can be overcome by working together - CatholicCare and Catholic Schools Broken Bay - as one community. We receive no funding and rely 100% on community support!
www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/mmp-schools

2022 ENTER NOW

RELIGIOUS CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION

COURAGE

"Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

ANNUAL ART PRIZE

RELIGIOUS CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION

In 2022 the competition theme is **COURAGE**. The art prize has been re-imagined. It will now include segments in visual arts, dance, drama, music and short film.

Showcase evening featuring artworks and performances by finalists **10 October 2022**

- Industry professionals as judges
- Great prizes

PRIZES
Special Major Prize announced on the night.
Segment Prizes \$50 - \$200

INFORMATION

For more information, also visit
[catholiccaredbb.org.au/2022Resources/SitePages/Religious-Creative-Arts-Competition-2022.aspx](https://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/2022Resources/SitePages/Religious-Creative-Arts-Competition-2022.aspx)

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