



To Learn

&

To Love

TERM 2 WEEK 2, 4 May 2023

This Week at St Kieran's

I appreciate the time and thank the parents who attended the parent session on Tuesday evening on the Advantages of Boys Continuing to Stage 3 at St Kieran's. We hope you found the session informative in assuring you the completion of primary education is in the best interest of your son.

Key summary points discussed follow:

- Trend data shows that students learn best in co-educational school settings from Kinder to Year 12.
- Completion of primary education in one school setting following 7 years of foundational education best prepares children for secondary education. This completes a rite of passage in accordance with the stages of child development. This makes for a smooth and easy transition to the next phase of schooling, secondary education.
- Primary school teachers are the specialists in the primary years and secondary teachers are specialists of students from 13-18 years of age.
- St Kieran's offers a strong student leadership program including leadership of team groups and kinder buddy opportunities. Students benefit in confidence and self esteem as these offerings support them to flourish in secondary school.

- Students need to experience being the big fish in the little pond in primary school.
- There is a memorandum of understanding between St Kieran's and St Augustine College. That is, your enrolment for Year 5 can be deferred to Year 7 if you wish your son to attend.

Parents are fortunate to have the choice of excellent schools in the Northern Beaches, therefore we encourage families to choose the school that is the best fit for your child. At St Kieran's we believe the decision to complete the primary years at our school completes and best prepares your child not only for secondary but the future. The innovative and collaborative approach and pedagogy in Stage 3 and The Hub space is the ideal setting for the preparation for life long skills.

I commend and thank Mrs Erika Burmeister and Mrs Jane Silcock and their respective sons, Jacob and Charlie, for sharing their perspective and experience in choosing to keep their boys at St Kieran's. Their speeches were compelling and well received by participants. Jane and Erika are more than happy to have a chat with you if you have any questions. We also thank Mr Michael Reid, principal of St Paul's College Manly who presented the secondary school perspective. Michael is a tremendous supporter of the benefits of the completion of primary education as a stepping stone to secondary.

Anna Marsella
Principal

Learning and Teaching

The Leadership Program for our Year 6 students encourages and develops leadership skills in all our students. It is based on a belief that all students develop confidence when given an opportunity to lead. Our students are given the opportunity to choose an area in which they would like to lead and in consultation with their teachers, are allocated a team where they plan and implement initiatives for the duration of the year.

We know this is beneficial for our students and believe that this structure:

- Develops individual capacity to lead and influence others in a responsible manner
- Links strongly with learning about citizenship and the process involved in a democracy
- Provides opportunities for the children to learn about and exercise the rights and responsibilities of participating in a community that values social justice
- Gives children a direct role in decision making and how they can have a positive effect on the school community they are part of
- Gives senior primary children a sense of vision, purpose and working towards this vision

On Monday next week, all teams will meet with their teacher/mentor in order to continue the initiatives commenced in Term 1.

Marisa Bombardieri


Learning Diversity Teacher/Assistant
Principal

Merit Awards

KB:	Grace M, Ruby N
1B:	Isabelle S, Smith R
1W:	Jad M, Reuben M
2B:	Greta C, Avik S, Sam S
3B:	Hayden B, Louis H
4B:	Callum D, Juana M
4W:	Jorgie A, Oliver C
5B:	Charlie S, Natasha M
6B:	Lysander B, Jacob B
6W:	Annabel N, Olivia R
PE:	Chelsea A, Lysander B

REMINDERS

- From Monday 8 May all students are required to wear their full winter uniform.
- Staff Development Day on Monday 15 May



The poster features the St Kieran's Manly Vale logo in a blue circle on the left. The main text 'PARENT EDUCATION IN LITERACY' is in large white letters on a dark blue background. Below this, it specifies 'Monday 8th May' and '6:30pm - 7:30pm' on a purple background. To the right, it says 'For Kindergarten and Year 1 parents and carers'. At the bottom, there is a photo of three children in a library holding books, and a green box with the text 'Learn more about the new English syllabus and find out how best to support your child at home.'

St Kieran's Manly Vale

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Religious Education

Easter Resurrection Liturgy

Thank you and congratulations to Year 6 on their engaging and reverent presentation of the Easter Resurrection Story. It was a wonderful way to round out our Easter celebrations watching the Year 6 students acting out the joyful events of Jesus' resurrection. Thank you to Miss Williams and Miss Kassis for preparing the students for this.



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.a](mailto:Sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au)
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Mother's Day Liturgy

It is with great excitement that children across the school are preparing for Mother's Day. We look forward to our Mother's Day Liturgy prepared by Kindergarten on Friday 12 May, 8:45am in the playground following the breakfast hosted by the P&F. All mothers, grandmothers, aunts and special women are invited to attend!



Mary, Queen of May

As we look forward to celebrating our own mothers on Mother's Day, we also take time to celebrate Jesus' mother, Mary. The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. During this month, in church and at home, we offer up to Mary special prayers and worship. Each week, we will publish a different prayer to Mary for you to use at home. You might also like to leave a flower at the statue of Mary in St Kieran's church, offering a prayer to Our Blessed Lady.

Children's Liturgy Dates

Dates for this term are:

St Kieran's: 14 May & 4 June (9.30am)

St Cecilia's: 7 May & 4 June (9am)

Year 3 Family Mass

Year 3 students and their families are invited to join in celebrating Sunday Mass on May 19, 9:30am at St Kieran's. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to connect with each other.

Vinnies Schools and Youth Newsletter

Click [HERE](#) to read the Term 2, 2023 edition of the newsletter.

Mrs Nikki Delrennie
Religious Education
Coordinator (Acting)

Sacramental Program

The 2023/2024 Children's Sacramental Program information is available at the back of both Churches and can be downloaded from the parish website [HERE](#)

Please note the Sacramental Program Overview Meeting for Parents new to the program on Tuesday 9 May at 9.30am OR Wednesday 10 May at 7.00pm in St Kieran's Church.

Our Baptism of Young Children Program (for children aged 7 – 11 years) will commence on Sunday 14 May 2023 after the 9.30am Mass at St Kieran's. The meeting will be held in the parish centre.

Please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au for program details, dates, and further information.

Sport News

Cross Country

A huge congratulations to all the students who participated in the Peninsula Cross Country last Thursday. It was a spectacular day and we all had fun and did our best!

The students are commended for their 'never give up' attitude, being willing to have a go and their amazing sportsmanship. Thank you for representing the school so admirably and making the supervising teacher's job a privilege. We are extremely grateful for our parent helpers: Lisa Gashovski, Kylie Billing and Dominic Hill. We can not attend these days without your assistance and we appreciate your support.

Congratulations to the following students who have made it through to the Diocesan Carnival at Galston representing the peninsula schools:

Under 9	Under 10
Lauren W	Sarah C
Thomas M	Chloe P
Patrick M	

A special mention to Jacob Burmeister who was the only Year 6 boy who attended. We are proud of your determination and 'can do' attitude. Please remember to wash and return all athletic singlets ASAP.

Mrs Middleton and Ms Rowe



Athletics Carnival – Seaforth Oval

The Athletics Carnival this year will be held at Seaforth Oval, this is only for this year due to the Sports Academy at Narrabeen resurfacing their tracks and are therefore closed for a long period of time. Some dates prior to them starting the resurface were available to high schools and championship carnivals.

Seaforth Oval has been chosen as it has a long jump pit this will be the only field event at the carnival this year. Due to safety reasons/facilities the shot and discus events will be held during the school day prior to the event at Millers reserve, the children will be able to sign up to take part in these events on the compass permission note.

Thank you for your understanding with this we love going to Narrabeen sport academy and look forward to returning next year. Over the next term a permission note will be sent out via compass, it would be greatly appreciated if parents/guardians are available to help on the day of the carnival- Monday 19 June, thank you.

Lucy Middleton
Sports Teacher/ Coordinator



State Soccer Trial

Last Thursday, on the 27 to the 28 of May, I drove to Tamworth to play soccer at the State Soccer Trials. The trial was so much fun but when they announced the possibles and probables team, I didn't make it. It was a gala day and we played 5 matches. We did quite well and we only lost one game against Newcastle. 3 girls in my team made it into the state team. Overall the day was so much fun and I really hope I can do it again.

Stella N - Year 6

P & F News

Mother's Day Breakfast BBQ will be held next Friday 12 May. Final orders via QKR need to be place by close of today - No late orders will be accepted. A liturgy by our Kindy students will follow straight after the breakfast.

As the month of May is about celebrating mother's we thought it would be only fitting to do a St Kieran's Mother's Dinner at Monkey Thai Balgowlah on Thursday 18 May please see flyer for more info and RSVP to pfskmv@gmail.com.



RAFFLE TICKETS

Don't forget to keep selling your raffle tickets and if you wish to sell more and be in the running to win the iPad for the most tickets sold please collect them from the school office. The payment option for the raffle tickets besides cash is also via QKR.

The focus of our fundraising is to raise money to purchase additional sporting and creative play equipment as well as fund additional programs to further enhance the offerings in the playground and classroom. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 29 May at assembly. All tickets must be returned by Friday 19 May.

Special thank you to Rault Collective and Brookvale Dental for their support and donation of the fabulous prizes on offer.

2nd hand Uniform Sale

2nd hand uniform sale will be on Monday 1 May in the playground \$5 per item from 8:15am. If you have any WINTER uniform donations only please drop to the school office by Friday this week.



P&F Team

P&F GENERAL MEETING

Save the date for P&F General meeting this will be on Tuesday 6 June 7pm. We only have 2 general meetings a year and it would be great to see you all there!

Car park volunteers

Please contact the office if you are able to help as a carpark volunteer. All that is required is 15 minutes of your time at school pick up from 2:45pm-3pm; help keep the children safe.

Library News

The new Book Club Issue is out now and all orders are due by May 12.



What's Happening

P & F News

UPCOMING PROPOSED EVENTS:

MAY

Fri 12: Mother's Day BBQ Breakfast

Fri 19: Raffle tickets to be returned

Mon 29: Raffle to be drawn

JUNE

Tue 6: General Meeting 7PM

Upcoming dates

MAY

Mon 15: Staff Development Day

JUNE

Mon 19: School Athletics Carnival

Canteen News

Please sign up to volunteer in the canteen.
We still require volunteers for Term 2.

MAY:

Fri 12

Thur 18

Wed 31

JUNE:

Thur 1

Fri 2

Wed 14

Wed 21

Fri 23

Wed 28

Thurs 29

Please click [HERE](#) to put your name down for a shift or contact Crystal:
crystal.pullen@dbb.catholic.edu.au
0404091615

We rely on volunteers to help run the canteen, if we don't have enough volunteers the canteen can't operate.

Term Dates

2023

Term 2:

Wed 26 April First Day Term 2

Thurs 29 June Last Day Term 2

Term 3:

Mon 17 July First Day Term 3

Fri 22 Sep Last Day Term 3

Term 4:

Mon 9 Oct First Day Term 4

Fri 15 Dec Last Day Term 4

Parenting Ideas

Read the latest article [HERE](#) from one of Australia's most trusted parenting experts, Dr Justin Coulson: "Five things your tween wants you to know".

Community News

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THE TECH DIET FOR PARENTS

Presented by Brad Marshall
The Unplugged Psychologist

SESSION OVERVIEW

- When Should Parents Panic? This seminar will spell out the warning signs if your child or teenager is headed down the wrong path.
- The "Psych Science" or psychological underpinnings that drive the addictive nature of gaming, social media and online gambling delivered in plain English, NOT research jargon.
- Introduction to the 7 UNPLUGGED STEPS for parents as a guide to manage screen and gaming addiction in children and teenagers at home.

THE WATERFORD HALL
ST PAUL'S COLLEGE
DARLEY RD, MANLY



WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY

5.30 pm Welcome BBQ
6.30 pm Seminar commences

*Proudly supported by the P&T from
each of our schools*

REGISTER TODAY

Registration Closes on 17th May



YEAR 7 2025 ENROLMENTS

St Paul's Catholic College Manly
will be commencing their first round of offers to
Year 7 2025 applicants early Term 2 2023.

Families interested in enrolling their children at St Paul's are
encouraged to submit an enrolment application and the
associated paperwork by
Friday 31 March 2023.

CLICK HERE for further information
regarding enrolling your children at
St Paul's Catholic College Manly

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