



## Issue: 9 29 March 2019

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### March

Sun 31 2pm Parish Colour Fun Run

#### April

Mon 1 Practice NAPLAN for Yrs 3 & 5

Tues 2 First Reconciliation

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

Thurs 4 Stages 2 & 3 Rugby League sessions

Fri 5 Yoga Yrs 1 & 2

Sun 7 Yr 3 Family Day

Mon 8 2.15pm Palm Sunday liturgy - Kindy

Tues 9 Athletics Carnival entry forms due  
today

Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

Wed 10 Vinnies Night Patrol collection Yrs 3-6  
2pm Holy Thursday Night Yrs 1, 2 & 4

Thurs 11

Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day

2.15pm Kinder Open Classrooms

Fri 12

11.20am Stations of the Cross

End Term 1

Kindy picnic after school

Mon 29

Term 2 commences

2pm Easter Liturgy

#### May

Fri 3

Yoga – Kinder

Mon 6

6.30pm Parent Ed in Literacy

Wed 8

Northern Beaches Cross Country

Fri 10

8.45am Mother's Day Liturgy

Mon 13

School Photos

Winter Uniform

14-16

NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5

Fri 17

National Walk to School Day



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

Give your child the St Kieran's advantage.

Providing a comprehensive and diverse curriculum that engages and empowers the learner in real and relevant learning experiences. School tours can also be arranged by appointment.

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## Dear Families

Two Northern Beaches police youth liaison officers this week spoke to our Stage 3 students about the safe and responsible use of the internet and social media. The talk reminded the



students about the appropriate age for using certain social media apps and the importance of keeping personal information private. There was a request made to the students that they go home and ask their parents to check their own privacy settings on social media accounts. Without sounding alarmist, the sharing of photographs, names and school can compromise the safety of our children. It is worth checking your own settings if you have not done so for some time.

Each year students complete an **Internet User Agreement** that spells out all the things they need to do to ensure the responsible use of technology. If the agreement is broken, they may have their right to use technology taken away for an agreed period.

Next Tuesday an educational consultant is visiting the school as part of a research project for St Paul's College, Manly. He wishes to speak with parents who are considering sending their son to St Paul's, or to parents that have chosen *not* to send their son to the school. If you would like take part in this group, the meeting will commence at 2pm in the school office.

Many thanks to the volunteers who assisted with the BBQ at last Saturday's election. Thank you to all the families who supplied so many cakes for the stall which all sold by the conclusion of the day. It was a great opportunity to show the great community spirit that is so evident at St Kieran's. Next Wednesday we are holding our annual Open Day to prospective families. Thank you to those who have offered to assist on the day. **Remember to spread the word about our great school community to anyone you know that is considering a school next year for their child.**

Congratulations to the senior boys swimming relay team that placed second in the Polding Swimming Carnival and have gone through to the NSW PSSA state carnival.

The Athlete's Foot from Warringah Mall gave a \$370 donation to our school today based on sales to St Kieran's families. If ever you purchase shoes from the store, just mention our school and \$5 will be donated to St Kieran's. Remember, our school dress code requires that sports shoes are predominately white.

It isn't too late to sign up and register for the parish colour run which is taking place at St Augustine's this Sunday from 2-4pm. There are over 90 participants already signed up. Details can be found in the newsletter.

God bless



Michael Gallagher  
Principal

### ★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

<b>KH</b>	Joshua U and Lincoln D	<b>KS</b>	Olivia P and Peter S
<b>1L</b>	Tom S and Billy B	<b>1S</b>	Luke W and Madison B
<b>2HR</b>	Alana R and James G	<b>2L</b>	David P and Amelie P
<b>3C</b>	Hayley O and Sophia S	<b>3V</b>	Max D and Emilia G
<b>4G</b>	Lachlan S and Tahlia M	<b>4K</b>	Eve C and Oliver S
<b>5K</b>	Ana Luiza F and Sofia F	<b>Yr 5/6A</b>	Isabelle L and Joel S
<b>Yr 6</b>	Paria S and Lauren E	<b>Italian</b>	Nina F, Sebastian D, Emilia G, Sophie O, Eve C, Makayla J, Sonny K and Joel S

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### **2019 St Kieran's Athletics Carnival**

Thank you to all of the parents who have already entered their child/ren into the Athletics Carnival by completing the Google Form sent out on Tuesday.

If you are yet to complete this for your child/ren, please do so as soon as possible by following this link: <https://forms.gle/7K5HxbcbDQo51Ew6A>

This form is due, no later than Tuesday 9 April.

Thank you!

*Emily Channell*

### Kindergarten 2020 Enrolments

Applications for enrolment in Kindergarten 2020 are now being taken. **If you have a sibling starting next year please download and fill in the [application form](#) and return to the school office as soon as possible** (application packs also available from the office). We do not require a Parish Priest reference form to be completed for siblings. Our Open Day is on Wednesday 3 April at 9.15am to 11am and an evening session from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Please spread the word to friends and neighbours.

Should you have any questions regarding enrolment please email or call the school.

### Polding Swimming Championships

A huge congratulations to the St Kieran's students who competed in Wednesday's 2019 Polding Swimming Championships. They have been selected for the 2019 Polding Swimming Team who will compete at NSW PSSA 2019 State Swimming Championships on 11 April 2019:

- **Louis T, Jackson Q, Christian C, Lachlan D:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Senior Boys Relay 4 x 50m
- **Lachlan D** - 1<sup>st</sup> Boys U11 50m Freestyle, 1<sup>st</sup> U11 50m Butterfly, 2<sup>nd</sup> U11 50m Backstroke and 3<sup>rd</sup> U11 50m Breaststroke.



### Religious Education



Students at St Kieran's have been learning about other children in the world who do not have access to clean water. They would like to raise money for CARITAS International with the knowledge that their donation will be distributed throughout the world to empower communities to shape a better future for themselves.

With this in mind students from Yrs 3- 6 will be walking to Manly Dam to collect water in old milk/cordial/plastic containers or buckets. They will then be walking back to school carrying their water and emptying the water on the grass areas around the school. The round trip is 3 kms with a short rest at the dam.

We have two goals for this activity:

Firstly, we are doing this so the children can experience what it is like for millions of children, particularly girls, whose daily job is to walk up to the ten kilometres to access water for their families, cattle and gardens.

We also hope that the students can raise money for CARITAS by asking friends and family to make a gold coin donation to the Project Compassion boxes. All money raised will be donated to CARITAS. For further information about CARITAS please visit their web site: <https://www.caritas.org.au/>

We plan to walk up to the dam on Friday 5 April at 11.20am. Following a brief rest we will return to school. Parents and friends are most welcome to join us on our WALK 4 WATER.

Your support of this Social Justice activity is greatly appreciated. You can find out more [here](#) .

### **HOLY WEEK LITURGIES**

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Kindy will present Palm Sunday in the assembly area commencing at 2.15 pm
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Holy Thursday Evening. The Last Supper by Yr. 1, Washing of the Feet by Yr 4 and The Garden of Gethsemane by Yr. 2 will be held at 2 pm in the church.
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – A pilgrimage of the Stations of the Cross around the playground will be led by Yr 5. The first pilgrims set off at 11.20am then every ten minutes.

Parents, parishioners and Friends are welcome to attend any or all of our Holy Week Liturgies.

We congratulate the Year 3 students who made their First Reconciliation on Thursday evening. We continue to remember in our prayers the students who will be making their First Reconciliation next week.



Yours in Religious Education,  
*Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar*



## Attention: Kindergarten Parents

*Save the date:*

When: Monday 6 May 6.30 - 8.00 pm

Where: The Hub (Stage 3 Classroom - upstairs above office)

As part of our continued commitment at St Kieran's to developing partnerships in education with our parents, we will be holding a Parent Education session early in Term 2.

This session aims to give parents strategies to help their children become confident readers and writers in their early school years. Also, we value parent help in our school and know that this works best when we work together with shared understanding. For this reason, **if you wish to assist as a parent helper with reading in the Kindergarten classes, you need to have attended this session.** Please note that the course needs to be completed only once, so there is no need to repeat the course if you previously attended when an older sibling was in Kindergarten.

The two main components of the course are:

- An introduction to how children learn to read and comprehend – with a St Kieran's perspective
- How to help with reading at home and at school

There will also be some focus on writing and spelling in these early years.

Mary Brown, Education Officer from the Catholic Schools Office, will give the presentation, supported by our Kindergarten teachers and myself.

A Google Form will be sent to you in the last week of school this term so if you are interested, please reply to this to RSVP. We look forward to seeing lots of new Kindergarten parents there!

Kindest regards,

*Cara Appleton*  
(Literacy Coordinator)

### **Uniform Changeover**

Students may return in Term 2 in either full summer or full winter uniform – not a mixture of both. **All students are to be in full winter uniform by Monday 13 May.** A reminder that this is also **school photo day**. Please ensure your child/ren are in full winter uniform.

### **Pickles – New Opening Hours**

Pickles Brookvale store opening hours will take effect from Term 2. Hours are:

- Mon 9am – 5pm
- Tues 9am – 5pm
- Wed 9am – 5pm
- Thurs 12pm – 7pm
- Fri CLOSED
- Sat 9am – 1pm

Any queries contact [info@pickleschoolwear.com](mailto:info@pickleschoolwear.com) .

### **Band News**

Congratulation to Jackson Q and Catherine B who have been elected this year's Band Captain.

All Band members from both the Junior and Senior Bands will be receiving their badges at Monday morning's assembly 1 April. All parents are welcome to attend.

## PARENT NEWS

### From the P&F

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!

We just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone for their help for making last weekend's Election Day BBQ & Cake Stall so successful. We brought in \$2,680 which was an amazing result.

Besides the amazing money raised we found the day was a wonderful event to see the beautiful community we have. From the beginning stages of the event to the end; from the office, to the teachers, to the parents, to the students we truly came together for the good of our kids. We even had children from the class of 2018 coming down and helping.

Thank you very much to Michael and all the teachers for your support in handing out endless cake boxes and thank you so much for the volunteers who baked, spent their Saturday selling cakes and cooking sausages.

We also wanted to give the past P&F teams, especially Alyson and Aileen a shout out for all your help on the day and the Pinks family for the lend of their gazebo. You guys are amazing!

As always, we are here to help with any questions or concerns or just love a chat. Drop us a line at [st.kierans.pf@gmail.com](mailto:st.kierans.pf@gmail.com).

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

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER (Term 1 - Week 10):

**Wednesday 3 April:** Michaela Browne (M), Rebecca Tomas, Amrutha Jobin (A)

**Thursday 4 April:** Lisa Gashovski (M), Katrina Beaman), Kate Foley (A)

**Friday 5 April:** Simon Foale, Richard Bartlett, Niamh Collins

- 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.

### **New, Improved School Hall??**

Want a new, improved school hall for our kids? You can help us raise funds for a much needed makeover for this hall which houses:

- Daily after school care
- School play
- School disco
- Band practice
- Class assemblies
- Italian Day
- Mother's Day morning tea and many more community and parish activities.

All you need to do is [register](#) for this **Sunday's Family Colour Run:**

31 March from 2pm-4pm at St Augustine's oval, Brookvale

See attached flyer and book here today: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=476511&fbclid=IwAR0AFj-Tg40VXNgldCCHLD5PbpGcKHQmVcmvxgWD9LR6F7gX3nZXtlXrOio>





## **Term 2 - 2019 Afterschool Robotics - Monday**

**St Kieran's on Monday Afternoons.**

**TIME:** 3.00 pm to 4.30pm

**COST:** \$250 for 10-week program (excludes gst)

**DATES:** April 29<sup>th</sup> 2019 – July 1<sup>st</sup> 2019

### **MONDAY – Year 1 to Year 3 - WeDo Robotics Program**

*Each week the students do a Lego Build and Program guided by the WeDo Lego Software.  
They then use simple coding to bring the creations to life.*



**CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHER available**

*– See website below for details -*

**PLEASE REGISTER with SERVICES NSW,**

**BEFORE booking.**

[https://www.robokids.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Creative-Kids-Voucher-Parent-Guidelines -NB.pdf](https://www.robokids.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Creative-Kids-Voucher-Parent-Guidelines-NB.pdf)

**Bookings now open: [www.trybooking.com/BBQOZ](http://www.trybooking.com/BBQOZ)**



## **PARISH NEWS**

**Family Colour Fun Run** This Sunday 31 March 2pm – 4.00pm at St Augustine's College Oval

The Parish Community Centre at Manly Vale is now 20 years old and needs refurbishment including painting, new carpets and bathroom renovations. The Parish needs the support of the North Harbour Community to help fund this refurbishment. A fundraising **Colour Fun Run involving the whole family** is planned for 31 March.

### **Sacramental Program News Term 2**

The Sacramental Program for children in Year 2 and older commences with the **Parent Information Session in Week 2** on **Tuesday 7 May at 9.30am OR Wednesday 8 May at 7.00pm** both in St Kieran's Church. Copies of the program are available from the back of both Churches and can be downloaded from the parish website at [www.northharbourcatholic.org.au](http://www.northharbourcatholic.org.au) under the sacraments tab.

**First Communion for children in Year 3 and older (who have received the sacraments of Confirmation and First Reconciliation)** commences with the **Parent Session in Week 3** on **Tuesday 14 May at 9.30am OR Wednesday 15 May at 7.00pm** both in St Kieran's Church.

**Parents are reminded that preparation is by way of family preparation groups attended by both the child and their parent/s.** Parents are asked not to send their children with another parent. If the day/time of your group meeting does not suit please contact me and I will arrange a change of group.

Group Facilitators are reminded that the group facilitators meetings are held after the parent meetings. If you cannot attend can you **please arrange for a parent in your group to attend and collect the material**. Family preparation groups will commence the week beginning 17 May.

Please contact me on 0408 866 521 or at [sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au](mailto:sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au) if you have any questions.  
*Janette Davidson*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **NB Council Vacation Care**

Northern Beaches Council operates a very successful vacation care program for primary school aged children across the whole of the Northern Beaches. In the autumn school holidays we will have centres open at Cromer, Forestville, North Curl Curl and also at Manly Vale Community Centre.

With the April school holidays approaching fast, we have just released the holiday [program](#) on our website, with the Autumn 2019 brochure containing lots of activities and ideas to keep children occupied. Enquiries: [Northern Beaches Council Vacation Care](#)



**Live Life Well @ School**

**FRUIT, VEGETABLE AND WATER BREAK**

The **Crunch&Sip** break at school is a good opportunity for children to stay hydrated.

Children lose fluid when being active, especially over the summer months.

Drinking water is the best way to quench your thirst.

**Help your children choose water as their drink:**

- Pack a water bottle each day.
- Try adding a frozen water bottle to your child's lunchbox to keep food items cool.

For more ideas, search 'choose water' at [healthykids.nsw.gov.au](http://healthykids.nsw.gov.au)

 **Health**  
Northern Sydney  
Local Health District