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Looking ahead Term 1

Week 3	Term 4	Looking Ahead
<p><b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MAI testing Stage 3</li> </ul> <p><b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.30am Reconciliation enquiry morning Yr 3</li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm Reconciliation enquiry evening</li> <li>MAI testing Stage 1</li> <li>Children's Choir practice at lunch</li> </ul> <p><b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening School Mass 10am</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Banking commences 8.20am</li> <li>MAI testing Stage 2</li> <li>Jnr Band commences</li> <li>2pm Assembly – Yr 6</li> </ul> <p><b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children's Choir at 9.30am Mass</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Literacy Parent Ed K – 1 parents 7-9pm</li> <li>Aladdin Auditions Yrs 5 &amp; 6</li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ash Wednesday – Yr 5</li> <li>Aladdin Auditions Yrs 5 &amp; 6</li> </ul> <p><b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drinks under the Stars</li> </ul>	<p><b>February</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Open Classrooms – Literacy</li> <li>Tues 24<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm Parent Ed Literacy K &amp; Yr 1</li> <li>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> <b>Staff Development Day</b></li> </ul> <p><b>March</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Robotics Workshop Yr 5</li> <li>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Yr 3 Boys to St Pauls</li> <li>Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Peninsula Swim Carnival</li> <li>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Catholic Schools Week</li> <li>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Children's Choir practice at lunch</li> <li>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Cross Country</li> <li>Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Children's Choir at 9.30am Mass</li> </ul> <p><b>April</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Twilight Open Day</li> </ul>

Principal

Dear Families,

We welcomed our Kindergarten and families on Monday and again a wonderful start to the learning journey at St Kieran's. The Year 6's enjoyed the long anticipated opportunity to be with their buddies and they also had their time with their teacher mentors as they begin in earnest their year as senior leaders. It was wonderful to see so many parents attend the morning assembly on Tuesday as we gathered for the first time in our morning assembly area as a whole school.

This week the teachers reflected on *how joyful* their beginning to the new year was. Here are some responses for sharing:

- How ready and excited the children were to start the new year
- Starting has been very exciting; have loved getting to know the children in my class
- The happy and keen learners in my classroom
- Seeing the beautiful smiling faces on that first day!
- The joy of the children being back at school. Their positive attitude!
- The enthusiasm of the students to learn and to share about themselves
- Seeing happy and well rested children

Last week I spoke about the importance of partnerships as schools and parents work together building positive learning relationships and a learning environment for our children. It is therefore important that parents are aware of the direction the school will be taking in 2015.

Our Mission Statement emphasises the school as a *'welcoming school community that promotes the gospel values of acceptance, respect, dignity, compassion and the uniqueness of the individual.'* The school **Vision**, as developed from the last School Review, teaching staff, School Board and P&F is:

**EMBRACE EQUIP ENGAGE**

Both the Mission and Vision Statements identify what is important for our school community and for all stakeholders.

Each year the school develops a School Improvement Plan (SIP) based on the three key areas of responsibility;

**Catholic Life and Mission; Pastoral Care; Teaching and Learning.**

For **2015 the targets** set for School Improvement are as follows:

- **Improved student awareness of discipleship challenges as stated in the Religious Education modules Kindergarten - Year 6**
- **Increased evidence of students linking Scripture to Action**
- **Evidence of improved student ability to resolve conflicts**
- **Greater whole school awareness of Wellbeing**
- **Students to achieve at spelling Benchmarks**
- **Decrease the % of students identified as vulnerable in number (MAI) in middle and upper primary.**

These are the main areas of focus and emphasis for the year and will be reported to the community in the Annual Report 2015 released early in 2016.

As parents, engaging with the school focuses student learning on these aspects of school life. Last week parents were given the opportunity to complete a Newsletter attachment "About my Child" for the class teacher. Many parents have taken this optional opportunity to meet with their child's teacher. This is NOT a meeting to discuss student progress; this 10 minute time is for parents to SHARE and lead the conversation about their child. Teachers are currently working on establishing routines and processes in their classrooms that enables effective learning to occur. Teachers are keen to hear about their students as they work to develop a quality learning environment that meets the learning needs of all.

Assessments are underway in areas of Literacy and Numeracy. On **Friday 27 February** there is a **Staff Development Day (PUPIL FREE)**. Teachers will review the MAI data (Years 1 – 6) and Best Start data and work with the numeracy coordinator (Marisa Bombardieri) in designing programs of learning to meet the 2015 school target in Numeracy. Next week the focus for professional learning will be to analysis student writing work samples to identify benchmarks in Spelling, also aligning with school targets.

Throughout the year parents are welcome to meet with their child's teacher. However, these meetings MUST be done via the school office arranging for a specific meeting time that suits the professional demands of our teachers. Teachers have a duty of care to their students within their class and therefore 'on the run' or 'popping in' to visit the teacher in the classroom without an appointment is not appropriate.

[A reminder that school supervision begins at 8:15am when there is a rostered teacher on duty in the playground. Supervision of students begins at 8:15am in the morning and supervision of students ends at 3:15pm.](#)

#### **Dismissal from Car Park**

On Thursday the process for the new dismissal from the car-park occurred. I ask for your cooperation and assistance by adhering to the following for a calm and safe afternoon dismissal for our children and families who walk, catch buses and use car to get home.

- **Parents/carers using the car park dismissal indicate from the pickup area using car *indicators* as to whether they are turning **Right to exit into King Street**, or **left to drive through and exit left onto Condamine Street****
- **Parents/carers choosing to enter the school grounds and walk home will need to ensure that they keep children close to them (particularly infants/toddlers) and walk within the areas designated**

I want to acknowledge the support of the Traffic Advisory Team of parents and in particular the parents who have assisted in supervision of families during this dismissal process.

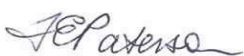
#### **Canteen Manager 2015**

I take this opportunity to welcome Jo Nesbitt as Canteen manager for 2015. Our canteen began operation this week under Jo's guidance. I want to acknowledge our parent volunteers who support Jo in this service we provide for our families.

#### **Staff News**

Congratulations to Ali O'Brien (co-ordinator release) on news of her coming third addition to the family. Ali will be with us till the end of term 2 and we wish her every blessing at this time.

God bless,



Terri Paterson  
**Principal**

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## Assistant Principal

Our Learning Support Program is a multi layered program designed to meet the needs of specific students as well as providing collaborative support in terms of the teaching and learning class programs.

Children who are funded for a learning disability – receive regular, ongoing 1:1 or small group support from Karen Hughes as the Learning Support Teacher. Children, who are identified by their teacher as requiring support or extension in their learning, can be assisted in a variety of ways. They could receive 1:1 or small group support from the Teacher's Aide (Kerrie Powell), the Learning Support Assistant (Karmena Hayden) or the Learning Support Teacher. Once the class teacher has discussed this with the Learning Support Teacher and the Principal, a program is written (Learning Plan) outlining the particular focus for that child and how long the intervention will last. This intervention can last from one term to more if required. The Learning Plans teachers write usually support the children in areas of Literacy or Numeracy.

At times, however, children will require specific support in areas such as **Occupational Therapy** or **Speech Therapy**. These areas are quite specialised and have, in recent years become a more regular avenue of therapy for primary aged school children. Teachers may suggest that (Speech or Occupational) therapy could be beneficial for your child. If this is the case, then an initial assessment by the therapist would ascertain whether therapy would be effective. Parents often aren't familiar with the assistance Speech and Occupational therapy can offer and so the following is an outline of exactly what these specialised areas are about.

Many children who are referred to **Occupational Therapy** have difficulties with handwriting. It is the Occupational Therapist's task to assess the child's handwriting and identify the underlying cause of the difficulties. The therapist will need to assess the level of functioning in the following areas:

**Visual Motor Integration** (neural function transferring what is seen into motor expression)

**Fine Motor Skills** (hand dominance, bilateral and motor co-ordination, in-hand manipulation, functional pencil grip, muscle tone, hand, arm and shoulder strength).

**Visual Perception** (discrimination between numbers, letters and words that are similar; spacing between letters; placing letters on the writing line and using margins correctly; identifying which letters have been formed completely; letter and number reversal).

**Cognition** (memory; language comprehension; specific learning difficulties e.g. problem solving and reasoning).

**Possible sensory processing difficulties** (..that interfere with posture, attention, tactile senses)

These may all impact on handwriting so it is important to determine and diagnose the underlying cause of the handwriting problem. There are a number of activities that a child can do to help with handwriting difficulties. An Occupational Therapist will usually provide a program of activities to be done daily alongside the school handwriting program that focuses mainly on letter formation and legibility. These activities tend to be incorporated into the child's daily routine. Most children improve with the correct intervention and with maturity. Some issues however, tend to persist into adolescence and could continue into adulthood if the right intervention is not given.

We do not currently have any Occupational Therapists working from our school, although if any parents needing the services of an OT aren't sure who to contact, they are welcome to contact the school.

**Speech Therapy** is the treatment for most children with speech and/or language disorders. A speech disorder refers to a problem with the actual production of sounds, whereas a language disorder refers to a difficulty understanding or putting words together to communicate ideas.

Speech disorders include:

**Articulation disorders:** difficulties producing sounds in syllables or saying words incorrectly to the point that listeners can't understand what's being said.

**Fluency disorders:** problems such as stuttering, in which the flow of speech is interrupted by abnormal stoppages, repetitions (st-st-stuttering), or prolonging sounds and syllables (sssstuttering).

**Resonance or voice disorders:** problems with the pitch, volume, or quality of the voice that distract listeners from what's being said. These types of disorders may also cause pain or discomfort for a child when speaking.

Language disorders can be either receptive or expressive:

**Receptive disorders:** difficulties understanding or processing language.

**Expressive disorders:** difficulty putting words together, limited vocabulary, or inability to use language in a socially appropriate way.

Speech Therapists are able to identify the issue and plan a specialised program of intervention.

Currently, we have one Speech Therapist who works with identified children at school, during school times. The Speech Therapist also sees children out of school hours. It is important to note that both Occupational Therapists and Speech Therapists are specialist practitioners and are not part of the Diocesan Catholic School system. The Speech Therapist, Rebecca Clarke who works with some of our students at St Kieran's is a private practitioner who works

under her own business registration and is able to use the school premises in certain circumstances. It is neither an expectation nor custom and practice that children automatically receive Speech Therapy during school hours. This is because obviously in order to do this the child would miss out on valuable class time. As there are **some** exceptional cases (and only very limited places) *there is a process around identifying and prioritising who receives Speech Therapy at school.*

A good plan of action is...

- Firstly, parents need to discuss the possibility of Speech Therapy with the class teacher (or the Learning Support Teacher) in order to identify whether a child would benefit from intervention.
- If parents decide to pursue this, then the Speech Therapist will always do an initial test and report to ascertain the child's needs.
- Parents can then decide whether or not to proceed with Speech Therapy. If they would like their child to attend Speech Therapy at school with Rebecca Clarke they must make an appointment to see me as the Co ordinator of the Learning Support Program at school. At this meeting the Speech Therapist's report will be discussed. This way, if it is a high needs case, or if there are special circumstances – we (the school) are able prioritise availability. Parents are not to make private arrangements with the Speech Therapist to have sessions held during school hours. It goes without saying that private arrangements for Speech Therapy outside of school hours is something parents may organise freely although it is still beneficial for the school to know that this is occurring. This is because reports from the Speech Therapist will always contain identified concerns and strategies for teaching and learning which may be incorporated into the classroom setting.

Have a great weekend...

*Marisa Bombardieri*

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## Religious Education Coordinator

### Opening School Mass, prepared by Year Six

Year 6 wishes to extend to our entire school and parish community a warm invitation to attend our Opening School Mass. Family and friends are also welcome to join us in the celebration of the Eucharist on Thursday 12 February. Commencing at 10 am, the Mass is being diligently prepared by Year 6.

### Parish Based Sacramental Program –**Year 2 Confirmation** and **Year 3 Reconciliation**

- **Parents of Year 2 children** are asked to contact the Parish Office and sign up for the 2015 Confirmation Program. Please send an e-mail to [sacramentalcoordinator@northharbourcatholic.org.au](mailto:sacramentalcoordinator@northharbourcatholic.org.au) giving your child's name, child's school and e-mail contact details and you will receive **ALL** the pertinent information for the Sacramental program. Even though you do not commence this program until later in the year it is important that you register with the parish as soon as possible.
- **Parents of Year 3** are also requested to touch base with the parish sacramental team. Parent Catechesis Session for Reconciliation on either Tuesday 10 of February at 9.30am or Wednesday evening 11 Feb at 7.00pm in the church. Please see the attached PDF or contact the Parish office for more information.

Further information can be sought on the Parish website: [www.northharbourcatholic.org.au](http://www.northharbourcatholic.org.au)

The children will also be learning about these sacraments in their school religion lessons. The school based sacramental modules compliment the parish based program.

### Dates for your Diary:

Opening School Mass	Thursday 12 Feb	10.00am	Church
Reconciliation Morning 9.30	Tuesday 10 Feb	9.30am	Church
Reconciliation Evening 7.00pm	Wednesday 11 Feb	7.00pm	Church
Grade 2 Family Mass	Sunday 15 Feb	9.30 am	Church
Ash Wednesday 10.00am	Wednesday 18 Feb	10.00am	Church
Grade 1 Family Mass	Sunday 15 March	9.30am	Church
Holy Week Liturgy	Thursday 2 April	10.15am	Church



*Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar*

*Religious Education Coordinator*

### Question of the Week

'Everybody is looking for you.' Mark 1: 37

- At school: When do I go searching for Jesus...why?
- At work or study: Do I have friends who also look for Jesus? Would that help me look too?
- In my family life: Take time to do a "Where's Jesus" search this week.

Prayer this week: God, stir me up to look for the face of Jesus and find the thoughts of Jesus. That way I will have something sure and strong to guide me. OK?



## ☆☆☆ Awards



<b>KC</b>	Whole class	<b>KR</b>	Whole class
<b>1L</b>	M Murrell, E Spralja	<b>1R</b>	R Hartley, S Kwon
<b>2B</b>	J Delaney, L Quinn	<b>2S</b>	H Dileep, S Keogh
<b>3B</b>	J Connor, Khoder Ani	<b>3S</b>	E Dunn, S Beaman
<b>4C</b>	J Thomas, C McPhee	<b>4S</b>	E Donohoe, L Iemma
<b>5L</b>	H Conlon, Z Hains	<b>5W</b>	J Wynne, H Hunt
<b>6</b>	E Barcham, S Youngman, S Frazer, L Schopen	<b>PE</b>	F Allen, M Pascuzzo
<b>Italian</b>	L Iemma, E Lynch, E Carey, M Swwarz		

## School News

### Term Dates 2015

Term 1	Wednesday 28 January	to	Thursday 2 April
Term 2	Monday 20 April	to	Friday 26 June
Term 3	Monday 13 July	to	Friday 18 September
Term 4	Tuesday 6 October	to	Wednesday 16 December

### Creative Arts Showcase

Starting week 3, preparations will begin for our 2015 Creative Arts Showcase evening happening part way through the year (date to be confirmed). Our Concert for this performance is *"Aladdin"* by Mark and Helen Johnson, Script by Sue Langwade. Children in Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) will once again feature as singers, actors and dancers on stage and our Song Clubs will sing along with the year 5 and 6 classes on the night to provide vocal accompaniment. On Thursday children interested in auditioning for singing and acting parts attended a meeting with Miss Ryan. The children have been given a script to prepare a 1 minute acting and/or singing piece of their choosing for auditions to take place on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

Warm regards,

Vanessa Ryan and Jordan Waller

## Class Weeblys!



As we begin our first term of 2015, it is important to remind and inform parents about one of the fantastic resources that we have here at St Kieran's. Each grade has a Class Weebly that is accessible by both students and parents from any computer or mobile device. The purpose of the Class Weebly is to have a platform where classes can share their work and to keep parents up to date with the quality learning that is happening in the classroom. It is an opportunity for teachers to share photos with parents, as well as learning tasks and links with students that can be easily accessed at home.

To make our Class Weeblys more secure this year, we have updated the individual password that protects each Weebly. The theme for this year is different types of fruit. **You will have to ask your child to inform you of their 'secret Weebly password' as they have been discussing it in class.** Passwords are in lower case.

Also going home this week is the student Internet Agreement form. Please take the time to read this form with your child as it is vital that both parents and students understand the importance of cyber safety and how to 'stay safe' while using technology. On the Internet Agreement form you will find a box to tick that allows your student to have their photo uploaded onto their password protected Class Weebly. **Please discuss this with your classroom teacher if you have any queries.**



To access your child's weebly you will need to go to the school website tabs – learning and teaching / class pages. There you will find the list of each grade.

We at St Kieran's take cyber safety and privacy very seriously. We look forward to working in partnership with parents to keep our students safe and give them lots of opportunities to use technology.

Tracy Brown, (ICLT Coordinator)

## Kinder and Year One Parent Education Course in Literacy 2015

At St Kieran's we are committed to explaining the 'why?' behind the teaching and learning practices that occur in our classrooms. 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 during the English block in the Kinder and Year One classes, you need to have completed both sessions of this course.** However, the course needs to be completed only once, so there is no need to repeat the course when younger siblings arrive at school.

The course consists of two sessions of two hours 7-9pm and we ask you to commit to **both sessions.**

The 3 main components of the course are:

- Literacy learning and introduction to how children learn to read
- Reading at school and home
- The Writing process and learning to spell

Each week one of the K-1 teachers joins me to also give input from the point of view of the classroom teacher. The course includes:

- Presenter input
- Time to share with other parents
- Supportive take-home notes
- Strategies to try at home
- Opportunity for questions

The feedback we received over past years showed that parents found the course worthwhile in helping to understand the beliefs that underpin how we teach literacy at school, how you can help at school and most importantly, how you can help your child at home.

The course is offered over two evenings. Both sessions are conducted in the icentre (library) and dates and times are listed below:

**Session 1: Tuesday 17 February 7 - 9pm**

**Session 2: Tuesday 24 February 7 - 9pm**

Please find the registration form in the 'Return Slip' section of this newsletter. **Please return by Tuesday 10 February** if you will be attending.

Regards,

*Mary Brown (Literacy Coordinator and Year Three teacher)*

### **Take it Home Tuesday**

Starting next Tuesday 10 February we will be re-establishing **Take it home Tuesday** at St. Kieran's. This means that we need to bring our food in re-useable containers and water in a drink bottle. Each Tuesday there will be no bins on the playground – this alone will be saving about 200 plastic bin liners! Compost bins will be out at recess and lunch for fruit scraps. Please help us make a difference to our environment.

*The Environment Team*



### **School Canteen**

The menu for the school canteen is attached and can also be found on the school [website](#). Orders are placed via Flexischools from either your mobile or desktop. If you have not logged on before go to [flexischools.com.au](http://flexischools.com.au) and click register. Please see the 'Parent Community' section for next week's volunteers.

### **Children's Choir**

Welcome back to school for 2015. We hope you've all had a restful and fun time with your children over the Christmas holidays.

The Children's Choir will be singing at 9.30am Mass at St Kieran's Sunday week on **Sunday 15 February**. Please have your children at church by 9am. There will be a **practice for the first half of lunch, next Wednesday 11 February**. Please meet Maria Dunn outside the canteen after the 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch bell. **WE'D LOVE TO WELCOME LOTS OF NEW SINGERS!!!!** So if you've never been in the choir before, come along to the practice, we'd love you to join us! If your child usually goes to oval on this day, please remind them not to go to oval and they can have some fun singing with us instead! The next Children's Choir Mass will be Sunday 15 March.

Please note there is no Children's Choir in April due to school holidays

We're looking forward to hearing lots of wonderful voices in 2015!

God bless,

*Maria Dunn & Kathryn Williams*

### **Junior Band**

Junior band will commence in 2015 next Friday 13 February morning at 710 in the hall.

### **Italian After School Classes**

Parents who are interested in having the opportunity to have Italian language classes after school are invited to notify the school this coming week (February 9<sup>th</sup> – February 13<sup>th</sup>). Depending on take up, classes may be offered for children after school on Wednesday afternoons at a cost to parents of \$23 per hour (lessons of one hour duration).

Parent interest is required for this opportunity to be further explored. Please ring the school office (99493523) to register your interest.

**Drama Classes** begin on Tuesday 10 February

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## Parent Community

[st.kierans.pf@gmail.com](mailto:st.kierans.pf@gmail.com)

### Dates for your diary!

Please book your babysitters & plan your diaries for this year's events! We've had a fantastic response from volunteers this year BUT we still need more hands on deck so please put yourself forward to help out wherever you can. First up it would be great to have some helpers to assist with set up for the "Drinks Under the Stars" event. Please contact the P&F via [st.kierans.pf@gmail.com](mailto:st.kierans.pf@gmail.com) or with a note to "P&F DUtS event" via your child's classroom. MANY THANKS!

- **"Drinks Under the Stars"**: Sat 21st Feb \*\*\*7pm - 10pm\*\*\*  
A fantastic get together welcoming parents & teachers across all years to the new school year. Please refer to flyer for further details and some beautiful shots from last year's great event (courtesy of Brendan James!).  
  
\$15pp includes substantial food & welcome drink. Book your tickets via [www.trybooking.com/GONK](http://www.trybooking.com/GONK) or cash in an envelope marked "P&F DUtS" via your child's classroom.
- **P&F Meetings** for the year - please come along & find out what is going on in the school!  
Term 1: Monday 9 March 2015 - iCentre/Library  
Term 2: Monday 1 June 2015 -iCentre/Library  
Term 3: Monday 24 August 2015 -iCentre/Library  
Term 4: Monday 16 November 2015 - P&F AGM - iCentre/Library tbc
- **"St. Kieran's Car Wash"**: Sat 21 March \*\*\*12pm - 4pm\*\*\*  
Following on from last year's roaring success this popular event is a smash with children & parents alike! More details on the following nearer the time.....
- **"Mothers Day Breakfast"**: \*\*\*Friday 8 May 2015\*\*\*
- **"State of Origin"**: Dad's Committee (Mum's Welcome) \*\*\*Weds 27 May 2015\*\*\*
- **"Children's Disco"**: \*\*\*tbc\*\*\*
- **"Family Fun Day"**: \*\*\*Sat 31 October 2015\*\*\*
- **"Fathers Day Breakfast"**: \*\*\*Friday 4 September 2015\*\*\*
- **"Parents Social"**: \*\*\*Saturday 14 November 2015\*\*\*
- **"Christmas Carols"**: \*\*\*Friday 4 December\*\*\*

PHEW! Hope to see you all at "Drinks Under the Stars"!

### Uniform Shop

- **Opening hours**: every second Monday from 8.30am - 9.30am – next open **9 February**.
- Orders will be filled alternate Tuesdays. Orders placed through the office will be filled each Monday. Order forms available at reception or on the website.
- Stock held at office: ties (girls & boys), hats, excursion bags, & scarves. Please have the correct money as only small change is held.
- EFTPOS and credit card facilities are available at the Uniform Shop.
- If you have any uniform queries please email: [lizsnell72@gmail.com](mailto:lizsnell72@gmail.com)

### Canteen

The roster next week is:

- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> R Woodland, S La Greca
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> B Hartley, Wells
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> S Molinia, L Snell

### GET INVOLVED WITH SCHOOL BANKING – starting 13 February

School Banking is back again on **Friday mornings from 8:20** in the playground with your new team of Coordinators.

This year you can be an 'Outer Space Saver' and earn tokens with every deposit you make. Get 10 tokens and select a reward. You will also earn St Keiran's commission with every deposit you make – that's a WIN WIN !

If you would like to join, go to your nearest Commonwealth Bank branch and open a YOUTHSaver account then come along and start saving.

### Lenten Gathering

**Looking for something to do for Lent?** I would like to welcome any mums & dads (children most welcome too) to my home for a low key gathering each Wednesday morning from 9am - 10am during Lent. Join us for a cuppa and morning tea as we are guided through Lent with some beautiful reflections and discussions. My aim is to include

everyone, wherever they feel they are, in their faith journey. It is always wonderful to hear your comments or perspectives from wherever you are in life. If you can only make one session or all six, we would LOVE you to come. The sessions will run each Wednesday during Lent from 9am – 10am at 46 Quinlan Pde, Manly Vale (which is quite close to school, just off King St on the way to Manly Dam). No need to RSVP, just come along, we'd love to see you! Bring your children if they're not yet at school, there's a great backyard and plenty of toys! Feel free to contact me on 0402 202 135 if you have any queries. Dates: Wednesdays: Feb 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1.

*God bless, Maria Dunn (Yr 6 & Yr 3)*

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## Community News

- **Red Cross Mobile Blood Service** – visiting Warringah Mall Shopping Centre Friday 27 February 9 – 2.50pm and Saturday 28 February 9 – 2.50pm. Call 13 95 96 or visit [donateblood.com.au](http://donateblood.com.au) to donate
- **Brigidine College St Ives Scholarships 2016.** Examination for academic and all-rounder scholarships for entry into Yr 7 on Saturday 14 February. Also currently enrolling for Yr 7 2017. Contact [www.brigidine.nsw.edu.au](http://www.brigidine.nsw.edu.au) for further information.
- **Manly Bombers** - Registration for 2015 season is now open. Come to our registration days on 7 and 14 February from 10am - 2pm outside Freshwater Community Bank, Albert Street Freshwater
- **Forest Run:** Sunday 22 March – Walkers, joggers and runners plus food activities and stalls. For further information go to [runforestrun.com.au](http://runforestrun.com.au). for adults and children

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## Return Slips

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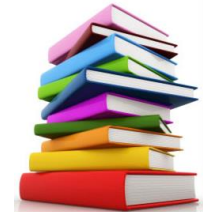
### Library Volunteer for 2015

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## Parent Education in Literacy Course Registration Form

Yes, I/we would like to attend the Literacy K-Yr1 Parent Education Course.

I/We understand the commitment to **both sessions**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_

**K & Yr 1  
Parent  
Ed**

**Please return by Tuesday 10 February**

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# STANDARD COLLECTION NOTICE

Catholic Schools Office Diocese of Broken Bay

## Standard Collection Notice

- 1 The school and the diocese both independently and through its schools collect personal information, including sensitive information about students and parents or guardians before and during the course of a student's enrolment at the school. This may be in writing or in the course of conversations. The primary purpose of collecting this information is to enable the school to provide schooling for your son/daughter and to enable them to take part in all the activities of the school
- 2 Some of the information we collect is to satisfy the school's legal obligations, particularly to enable the school to discharge its duty of care.
- 3 Laws governing or relating to the operation of schools require certain information to be collected. These include education, public health and child protection laws.
- 4 Health information about students is sensitive information within the terms of the National Privacy Principles under the Privacy Act. We may ask you to provide medical reports about students from time to time.
- 5 If we do not obtain the information referred to above, we may not be able to enrol or continue the enrolment of your son/daughter.
- 6 The school from time to time discloses personal and sensitive information to others for administrative and educational purposes including to facilitate the transfer of a student to another school. This includes -
  - government departments, government agencies and statutory boards
  - the Catholic Schools Office
  - the Catholic Education Commission NSW
  - the Diocese of Broken Bay and its parishes
  - systemic schools within the Broken Bay Diocese and other schools
  - NSW Board of Studies and the Australian Curriculum and Reporting Authority (ACARA)
  - medical practitioners
  - people providing services to the school, including specialist visiting teachers, (sports) coaches, volunteers and counsellors
- 7 Personal information collected from students is regularly disclosed to their parents or guardians. On occasions information such as academic and sporting achievements, student activities and other news is published in school newsletters, magazines and on our website. Photographs of student activities such as sporting events, school camps and school excursions may be taken for publication in school newsletters, magazines and websites and for Diocesan Schools System publications and website. The school will seek parents' permission to use student photographs in this way.
- 8 Parents may seek access to personal information collected about them and their son/daughter by contacting the school. Students may also seek access to personal information about them. However, there will be occasions when access is denied. Such occasions would include where access would have an unreasonable impact on the privacy of others, where access may result in a breach of the school's duty of care to the student, or where students have provided information in confidence.
- 9 The school from time to time engages in fundraising activities. Information received from you may be used to make an appeal to you. It may also be disclosed to organisations that assist the school's fundraising activities solely for that purpose. We will not disclose your personal information to third parties for their own marketing purposes without your consent.
- 10 If you provide the school with the personal information of others, such as doctors or emergency contacts, we encourage you to inform these parties that you are disclosing that information to the school and why, that they can access that information if they wish and that the school does not usually disclose the information to third parties.
- 11 The school utilises service providers to provide certain services to the school and its staff and students. The school may provide your personal information to those service providers in connection with the provision of these services. The school's service provider may store personal information in the "cloud" which may mean that it resides on servers which are situated outside Australia. The school's email service provider may store and process emails outside Australia
- 12 The Diocesan Schools System Privacy Policy also sets out how to make a complaint about a breach of privacy and how the school will deal with such a complaint



## Confirmation 2015

"These children have been reborn in baptism.  
They are now called Children of God,  
for so indeed they are." *From the Baptism liturgy.*



**\*Attendance at each Stage & Ritual is required, and weekly Sunday Mass is understood\***

### \*STAGE 1 INFORMATION & CATECHESIS FOR PARENTS (1 hr)

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If you have had a child through this process in 2013 or 2014, you do not need to attend Stage 1, but please contact Ricki for a special enrolment form.  
Please also advise if you are willing to be a group Facilitator .....  
... we will need 25-30 groups of no more than 6 children.

★ May 12 9.30am Meeting in Parish Centre, 2 King St. ★  
OR  
May 13 7.00pm

**\*STAGE 2 GATHERING DOCUMENTATION.**  
A copy of Baptism certificate is required unless Baptised at SC or SK plus completed Registration form.

**\*STAGE 3 ENROLMENT TIME – June 10**  
(includes signing up for a home group)  
*Come any time between: 9-10am OR 6-7pm in the Parish Centre.*  
Parent sign up for a home-group for 4 sessions and hand in all documentation. (approx 10 mins)  
\*\*\* Enrolment closed from June 18 \*\*\*

*Group Facilitators Training- July 21, 10.30am or July 22, 8pm  
Parish Centre SK (1 hr)*

### \*STAGE 4 PARENT CATECHESIS

July 21 9.30am (parent only) in SK church (1HR)  
July 22 7.00pm (parent only) in SK church "  
OR  
July 26 *Family Funday* after 9.30 mass – including parent only talk, children's activities & BBQ (finish 12noon) – *Parish Centre*

*July 25/26 \*Rite of Welcome.*  
Sat Vigil or any Sunday Mass in the parish.

### \*STAGE 5 FAMILY GROUP CATECHESIS

July 27 Home Sessions Week 1  
August 3 Home Sessions Week 2

*August 8/9 \*Ritual of Creed.*  
Sat Vigil or any Sunday Mass in the parish

August 10 Home Sessions Week 3  
August 17 Home Sessions Week 4

### \*STAGE 6 CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT

All Confirmation Ceremonies will take place at St Kieran's Church, Manly Vale  
Friday August 21 at 7pm  
Saturday August 22 at 10am  
Saturday August 22 at 2.30pm

*Please note that due to the installation of our new Bishop Peter Comensoli and his request to have all Confirmations in the Church we have had to make some date changes*

Email Mrs Ricki Hayes: [sacramentalcoordinator@northharbourcatholic.org.au](mailto:sacramentalcoordinator@northharbourcatholic.org.au)  
Further information on parish website: [www.northharbourcatholic.org.au](http://www.northharbourcatholic.org.au)



## Reconciliation 2015

Check the parish website for possible changes  
[www.norharbourcatholic.org.au](http://www.norharbourcatholic.org.au)

"See that the divine life which God gives them is kept safe from the power of sin, to grow always stronger in their hearts."  
*From the Baptism liturgy*

School starts: 28th January, 2015

\*\*\* Attendance at each stage required \*\*\*

### STAGE 1 PARENT CATECHESIS

February Tue 10 9.30am  
Or  
February Wed 11 7.00pm } in the church SK

*Group Facilitators Training (only 2 choices)*

Feb 10 @ 10.30am (after parent catechesis) OR  
Feb 11 @ 8.00pm (after parent catechesis)

### STAGE 2 FAMILY GROUP CATECHESIS

Wk beginning February 16 Home Sessions Week 1  
February 21/22 *Ritual of Cross*

*Sat vigil or any Sunday Mass in the parish*

February 23 Home Session 2  
March 2 Home Session 3  
March 9 Home Session 4

March 18 Practice at SK Church 3.30pm or 7pm

### STAGE 3 CELEBRATING THE

SACRAMENT – 7pm

*families book in for particular date*

Thurs March 19 at SK  
Tue March 24 at SC  
Wed March 25 at SK

March 27 Parish 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation @ SK  
at 7.30pm

March 29 - April 5 Holy Week



School Holidays: April 3-19



[www.norharbourcatholic.org.au](http://www.norharbourcatholic.org.au)

## Communion 2015

"In Holy Communion, they will share the banquet of Christ's sacrifice, calling God 'Father' in the midst of the Church."  
*From the Baptism liturgy*

\*\*\* Attendance at each stage required \*\*\*

### STAGE 1 PARENT CATECHESIS

Tue April 28 9.30am  
or  
Wed April 29 7.00pm } in the church SK

*Group Facilitators Training (after parent cat)*  
April 28 10.30am or April 29 8.00pm Parish C

### STAGE 2 FAMILY GROUP CATECHESIS

May 4-10 Home Sessions Week 1  
May 11-17 Home Sessions Week 2  
May 16/17 *Ritual of Our Father*  
Sat vigil or any Sunday Mass in the parish  
May 18-24 Home Sessions Week 3  
May 25-31 Home Sessions Week 4

### STAGE 3 CELEBRATING THE

SACRAMENT

June 2 Practice SC 3.30 or 7.00  
June 3 Practice SK 3.30 or 7.00  
June 6 First Communion SK 6.00pm  
June 7 First Communion  
SC. 9.00 am SK 9.30am  
June 13 First Communion SK 6.00pm  
June 14 First Communion  
SC. 9.00 am SK 9.30am  
June 20 First Communion SK 6.00pm  
June 21 First Communion  
SC. 9.00 am SK 9.30am

### STAGE 4 MYSTAGOGIA

July 19 "Come to the Table"  
Parish gathering hosted by 'program' families  
Held in the grounds at St Kieran's  
(wet weather in Parish Centre)

Dates correct as at 28.1.2015





# 2015 TERM 1 SEMINARS + GROUPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS North Shore / Peninsula

## PARENT EDUCATION

### BECAUSE YOUR CHILDREN ARE WORTH IT

Most parents struggle from time to time with parenting and helping their children manage difficult situations.

Your local CatholicCare Family Centre provides parents with a range of free or minimal cost groups on key parenting topics to help build stronger relationships with your children, as well as on other issues commonly faced by families.

All courses and facilitators are fully accredited by the trademarked program owner and the appropriate funding agency at State or Commonwealth level.



## BOOKINGS

**Brookvale Family Centre**  
Unit 9B, 44 Wattle Road Brookvale  
T: 8968 5100  
E: brookvalefamilycentre@dbb.org.au

**Naremburn Family Centre**  
40 Merrenburn Ave,  
Naremburn  
T: 8425 8700  
E: naremburnfamilycentre@dbb.org.au

**Waitara Family Centre**  
29 Yardley Ave,  
Waitara  
T: 9488 2400  
E: waitarafamilycentre@dbb.org.au

CatholicCare also provide a comprehensive range of counselling, family dispute resolution & mediation, family support & referral services, as well as domestic violence advocacy & support and a wide range of respite, recreation, life & employment skilling for those with disabilities.

	Course / Content	Cost	Where /When
Infants	<b>Bringing baby home</b> Helps equip expectant couples to prepare for life with baby. Learn how to strengthen your friendship and intimacy as a couple as well as how to regulate conflict and promote your infant's social and emotional development.	2 full day sessions \$200 per couple	Waitara Family Centre Sat 31 Jan and Sat 7 Feb 9.30am - 4.00pm
Infants	<b>Bonding with your baby – infant massage</b> Learn massage skills beneficial for bonding. Learn your baby's body language and 'touch' for your baby's healthy development; sleep and settling; colic and tummy troubles; and relaxation (for baby and parent!)	6 week program	Waitara Family Centre Fri 10.00am - 12.00pm: Starts 6 February Brookvale Family Centre Fri 10.00am - 11.30am: Starts 6 February
Infants to pre-school	<b>Circle of Security</b> Learn how to better understand your child's needs and behaviours; help them manage their emotions; develop skills to build a positive relationship with your child and to build their confidence and self-esteem.	8 week program \$60 / 30 Concessions apply	Brookvale Family Centre Wed 10.00am - 12.00pm: Starts 18 Feb Waitara Family Centre Mon 6.30pm - 8.30pm: Starts 9 Feb
Infants to pre-school	<b>Sing and grow</b> Provides music therapy for families with young children. Learn how to have fun making music together and learn new ways to support child development.	10 week group program Free	Women's Resource Centre (Dee Why) Thurs 9.30am - 11.00am Starts 12 February Book via Brookvale Family Centre
Infants to pre-teens	<b>Triple P (Positive Parenting Program)</b> covers general parenting issues including: why children behave in certain ways + what they best respond to; how to deal effectively with aggression, non-cooperation and disobedience; how to recognise + manage sadness, anxiety, difficulty with separation and problems mixing with other children.	3 week seminar series Free	Lane Cove Library Wed 10.30 - 12.00pm: Starts 4 March Book via Naremburn Family Centre Dee Why Public School SACC Tues 9.30 - 11.00: Starts 3 March Book via Brookvale Family Centre
Toddlers to pre-teens	<b>Triple P (Positive Parenting Program)</b> Builds on the seminar program. Provides an opportunity to develop and practice skills, gain support from other parents and view video demonstrations of core parenting skills.	6 week group program Free	Naremburn Family Centre Tues 6.00pm - 8.15pm Starts 17 Feb Brookvale Family Centre Thurs 10.00am - 12.00pm Starts 5 Feb Waitara Family Centre Tues 10.00am - 12.00pm Starts 17 Feb
Pre-school to pre-teens	<b>Tuning into kids</b> Learn skills to assist your child understand and manage their emotions, deal with frustrations and conflict, and develop social skills and positive behaviours.	6 week program \$50	Naremburn Family Centre Mon 12.30pm - 2.30pm Starts 16 Feb
Parenting post separation	<b>Keeping kids in mind</b> Learn strategies for working better as co-parents for the well-being of your children; how to support them through and beyond the separation to deal with feelings of loss and grief. Learn how to communicate with less conflict and how conflict impacts on your children.	5 week group program \$100 (\$20 per session)	Brookvale Family Centre Tues 6.00pm - 8.30pm Starts 24 February Waitara Family Centre Tues 6.00pm - 8.30pm Starts 17 Feb
Parenting for dads	<b>Just for Dad's</b> Tips for all dads, but especially those who are frequently away from home, solo fathers, step fathers, access fathers, men who grew up in difficult or abusive situations or did not grow up in Australia	8 week group program \$100	Waitara Family Centre Wed 6.30pm - 8.30pm Starts 11 Feb
Parenting for dads	<b>Men's Group</b> This group will discuss the changing role of fathers and how to cope with life stress. Learn how to understand your children's needs and to develop their wellbeing, even if you are not living with them.	Fortnightly group program Free	Waitara Family Centre Thurs 6.30pm - 8.30pm Starts 26 Feb
Beyond domestic violence	<b>Women of strength</b> Provides a confidential support group for women who are currently in, or who have been in, an abusive relationship.	8 week group program Free	Waitara Family Centre Wed 10.00am - 12.00pm Starts 11 Feb