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Looking ahead Term 4

Week 8	Week 9	Looking Ahead <i>continued</i>
<p>Sat 21st</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> P&F Parents Rio Night <p>Friday 27th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 4 Taekwondo Kinder 2016 Optional free play <p>Sunday 29th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Welcome Mass – Yr 5 & Kinder 2016 	<p>Monday 30th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 6 & Kinder Teddy Bears picnic P&F meeting <p>December</p> <p>Tuesday 1st</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Band Christmas Concert 6.30pm <p>Thursday 3rd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming Carnival 12.15 – 3.30pm <p>Friday 4th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 4 Surf Ed at Manly 8.50 – 9.05am Parent Prayer Meditation in the Kieran Rm 	<p>December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 7th Yr 6 Surf Ed at Dee Why / Yr 5 Night of the Notables / Stella Orientation Day Tues 8th 4 – 5.30pm Just ASC Christmas Concert Thurs 10th Kinder excursion to city Fri 11th 6pm P&F Carols / Last day of Canteen for the year Mon 14th Yrs 6 lunch & Yr 6 Celebration Evening Wed 16th Thanksgiving Mass – Last day for students Thurs 17th Staff Development Day <p>2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School resumes for Yrs 1 - 6 Thursday 28 January

Principal

Dear Families

It is only a week ago since the events in Paris unfolded and for many it is hard to imagine that this could have occurred and what this means for our global community going into the future. This is a difficult time for parents as these events, living out in the media, have been a part of our family lives. *What is it we say to our children? How do we answer their questions?*

Today I include some links that parents might find helpful at this time. You know your context best; your own children and your family situation.

To assist parents and educators regarding media coverage this great Aussie resource;
http://childrenandmedia.org.au/assets/files/resources/fact-sheets/parent-strategies/children_disaster.pdf

As a Catholic school community our Monday morning Assembly linked the Beatitudes with a prayer for peace - in our world, in our nation, in our city, in our school, in our family and in our own hearts. We can make a difference in our own living communities with the grace and love of a peaceful, merciful and loving God.

I found this particular clip of a French father and his son talking to be a very powerful and moving experience.
<http://www.fox5ny.com/news/50991531-story>

God bless,

Terri Paterson
 Principal



Assistant Principal

The teaching of digital literacy in the classroom is a global education trend on the rise. The inclusion of "coding" – the algorithmic language of computers – in school curriculums around the world exemplifies a shift away from the focus on instructing children how to use computers, applications and programs towards teaching them about *how computers are built*, how they work, and how to instruct their function and behaviour through coding.

As computer technology becomes increasingly entrenched across many aspects of life, business and industry, digital proficiency is being viewed as a vital "foundational skill" upon which the jobs and careers of the future will depend.

By teaching coding in schools from an early age, it is widely believed that children will acquire the skills necessary to create, design and adapt technology to meet future requirements.

At St Kieran's, during 2015 we began the process of including "coding" as part of our teaching and learning program through the initiation of the Robotics Program. This year we began with our Stage 3 students who as well as experiencing the program during class time, also had the opportunity for further experiences via an after school program.

In 2016, the Robotics program will be implemented for all our students from ES1- to Stage 3. Jo Townsend (mother from Year 6 and Year 5) has worked with our school to lead this program. Jo will be speaking at the P & F Meeting on Monday 30 November, for those who might be interested in finding out more about this. She will outline the importance of Robotics and how it will be organised for 2016 at St Kieran's.

Have a lovely weekend!
Marisa

Religious Education Coordinator

Ben Marshall is preparing to raise the roof at Sunday evening Mass on 22 November. In his words:
*"We are doing a big shindig at the 6pm mass. I did it last year and it's pretty inspiring musically because I got everyone to sit all around the church with trumpets, violins and all sorts of bells and whistles and did a massive musical celebration. I called it **RAISE THE ROOF**. There's spaghetti night afterwards and it's a good Mass, especially for the Years 5 & 6. So come along on **Sunday the 22nd November to the 6pm mass!**"*



Thank you to Kathryn Williams and the Children's Choir for enhancing the quality of the Parish Mass on Sunday. The Choir are proudly wearing their well-deserved Choir badges on their school uniforms.



In Wednesday's afternoon heat the teachers of St Kieran's laboured in the Parish kitchen preparing food for struggling families in our local area. We offer a huge THANK YOU for your efforts in such extreme weather ladies. It was certainly hot in the kitchen on Wednesday.

At Assembly this Friday the Mission Team will be presenting Georgia Strut from St Vincent De Paul with a cheque towards the refurbishment of the Vinnies food van. Thank you to all the children of St Kieran's for your wonderful fundraising at the "Children's Fun Fair". Yet another well run event organised by Mrs Rose and Mission Team. Thank you one and all.



Dates for your Diary

- Sunday 22 Raise the Roof 6pm
- Sunday 29 November: Yr 5 and Kindy 2016 Mass – 9.30am Church
- Friday 11 December: Carols Evening - Playground
- Monday 14 December: Yr 6 Celebration Liturgy Evening - Church
- Wednesday 16 December: End of Year Thanksgiving Mass - 11.30 Church

Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

School Administration

School Fees

A reminder that all school fees should have been **paid in full by 15 November** unless you have made other arrangements with the office.

Should you be unable to meet your fee commitment please call the office to make an appointment to see Mrs Paterson. Unpaid accounts can be referred to the Catholic Schools Office Fee Administrator for collection



Family Registration Form 2016

Please complete the Family Registration form and return to the office by the due date of **November 20, 2015**. The Family Registration form is used to determine fees and payment schedules for 2016. (eg. any reductions for siblings etc). Thank you for your prompt attention.



☆☆☆ Awards



KC	R Molina, J Perry	KR	B Matthews, M Piggott
1L	C Cott, I Doughty	1R	Z Aronis, M Lynch
2B	B Unwin, E Thompson	2S	S Lefers, S Perry
3B	C Snell, I Kirby	3S	A Jeffery, E Camphin, J Miners
4C	L Delaney, M Dahl	4S	E Hansen, M Arthurs, E McBean, D Miners
5L	M O'Brien, S Sterrantino	5W	L Wright, S Ross
6	T Bennett, V Worthington, L Schopen, L Simpson	PE	Yr 5 boys and D Sokolow
Italian	K Ani, J Wells, T Ricketts, A Woodland, K McGovern, R Munro		

Library News

Scholastic Book Fair

What a huge success the Book Fair was this year! Many students were able to enjoy the wonderful books that were on sale. Reorders have been placed and will be sent to your child's classroom once they arrive. Hopefully that will be next week. Some students received their books on Thursday- these were the last copies from the Fair.

Many thanks to the wonderful parents who assisted at the Book Fair. I would also like to thank the teachers who assisted at the Book Fair too. It was a very busy time!



Finally, a HUGE thank you to the families and teachers who purchased and donated a book to the school. We are very fortunate to have such generous people in our school community.

Library borrowing

Next week (week 8) is the last week for borrowing. Please ensure your child returns all books they have borrowed as we need to do a stocktake for the end of the year.

PRC

Certificates for the Premier's Reading Challenge will be distributed by Week 9.

HELP NEEDED Due to the "retirement" of Mrs Schopen, we are looking for a parent to assist in generating the user names and passwords for the students so they can participate in the PRC. Once user names and passwords are generated, they are entered onto a spreadsheet for future reference. Please contact the school office or Mrs McGuire if you think you can assist. Many thanks in anticipation!

Impetigo

We have had suspected cases of impetigo within the school. Please see below for information:

- **Time from exposure to illness:** 1 to 3 days.
- **Symptoms:** Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.
- **Do I need to keep my child home?** Yes, until treatment starts. Sores to be covered with watertight dressings.
- **How can I prevent spread?** Careful hand washing.

Further information can be found on the NSW Health website.

Band

To all band members and potential band members:

I would like to thank all the wonderful Yr 2 & 3 children who participated in the blow test today. I hope you had lots of fun and that you would like to apply for the Junior Band program for 2016.

If you do, ALL children were sent home with a band manual with information and an application form to return to the school office by Friday 27 November so I can inform you which instrument best suits your child for the band program for 2016 and beyond.

For both Junior and Senior Bands, I would like to congratulate you on what I know will be a marvellous performance today at assembly and am looking forward to next Thursday's performance at Warringah Mall.

Getting very excited about the things to come.
Miss Hodges, Junior Band Coordinator

2016 Enrolments

A reminder that enrolment forms for ASC for next year were due back at school today

Sport News

Swimming Carnival Programs

Programs are available from the school office at a cost of \$2.

Water Polo

Congratulations to Hayley, Ben, Charley and Emerson who competed in the Combined Schools Water Polo Competition at Sutherland on Monday. All four students played their best and showed great sportsmanship. Well done!



Parent Community

st.kierans.pf@gmail.com

HOLA AMIGOS: IT'S ALL HAPPENING TOMORROW NIGHT AT THE BOATSHED!

Last CHANCE to book for St Kieran's end of year P&F "Rio Carnival" Party!! Hosted by CIBO DESIGN in association with Sushibar,

John Newell Mazda & Cunninghams. This promises to be an amazing night with dancers from Rhythm Brazil and amazing sounds from

Julio Molina and his band Revolucion!! We have fantastic raffle prizes including a Pool Cleaner, Soccer Rego's for Manly Vale &

Manly Allambie, Vouchers for Big W, Target, a 4 Pines Brewery tour & Massage & Facial....and don't forget the annual Live Auction for the coveted "Principal for a Day"!!!!

Book your tickets at www.trybooking/JPVZ

ATTENTION!!! *** St. Kieran's AGM ***

The Annual General P&F Meeting will be held in the iCentre (Library) on **Monday 30 November at 7pm**. We will have the results from the Family Fun Day and a new Executive Committee will also be elected for the next two years. There are still some positions available so please come along and support our school! If you would like to register your interest or add an agenda item please email us at stkierans.pf@gmail.com

St Kieran's Charity Clothes Donation

We are pleased to report that with leftover items from the Vintage Clothes Stall St Kieran's donated many children's items to Dalwood Homes & St Vincent de Paul. We were also able to donate 2 large bags of great quality designer suits and tops as well as 2 bags of accessories and shoes to Dress For Success in Marrickville. They were extremely happy to receive the items and asked Jo Townsend, who kindly took the items over, to pass on their thanks to the school community.

Dress for Success Sydney is a registered charity that improves the employability of women in need in NSW by providing, free of charge, professional clothing, a network of support and the career development tools to help women achieve self-sufficiency. Dress for Success Sydney is a highly professional & compassionate organisation making a difference for disadvantaged women building confidence and optimising their potential to achieve self-sufficiency and financial independence.



Uniform Shop

- **Opening hours:** every second Tuesday from 8.30am - 9.30am – next open **Tuesday 24 November**.
- Orders will be filled alternate Tuesdays. . 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

Canteen

NEW - Now available: Fried Rice @ \$4.50 each.

A huge "Thank you" to all our wonderful Italian Day volunteers: Signoras - Josie Zavaglia, Deb Barton, Vanessa Longobardi, Cris Unwin, Nadine Fagan, Gayle Connor, Susan Nicols, Suzanne Henderson, Josie (Max & Luka's grand-mother), Juliette Cronin, Lyn (Jackson C's grand-mother), Kim Porter, Jo Quarrell, and

Trisha (Tara's grand-mother). The children seem to really enjoy the traditional Italian pizza from Ray's Pizzas Balgowlah, and the Gelato cups.

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 4 - Week 8):

Wednesday 25 November: C Day (M), A Molone (M), N Fagan (L), M Noble (L)

Thursday 26 November: S Schwarz, A Buckley, N Fagan

Friday 27 November: J Cronin, S & P Wilson, N Covich

- Full day Volunteers are required from 9.00am to 1.45pm.
- Morning Volunteers are required from 9.00am to 11.30am (M).
- Lunch Volunteers are required from 11.30am to 1.45pm (L).

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

Any changes to the canteen roster, please contact: Jo Nesbitt - joanne.nesbitt@dbb.catholic.edu.au or 0410 629 135.

Canteen Closing and Opening Dates 2015 - 2016

The Canteen will close on Friday 11 December and will reopen for 2016 on Wednesday 3 February.

If you have a reoccurring order for Flexischools please be aware of these dates



School Banking

BE AN 'OUTER SPACE SAVER' WITH SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is back again on **Friday mornings from 8:20** in the playground.

This year you can earn tokens with every deposit you make. Get 10 tokens and select one of the super rewards. You also earn St Kieran'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.

Parent Prayer: Wellsprings Meditation

..... The Present of Presence

You are warmly invited to join us for **Wellsprings Meditation** on **Friday 4 December**. The meditation will commence at **8.50am** and conclude by **9.05am**. The focus of the meditation is the **Present of Presence**; coming towards the end of the year and into Advent we begin to rush and often have a lot of mixed feelings whirling around us as we prepare for Christmas, so the gift of presence to ourselves and one another is sacred.

We began offering these short meditation sessions last term in addition to the Parent Prayer sessions. The initiative was sparked by positive feedback to the meditations that open each of our Parent Prayer sessions. It is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to those of you who may want a little spiritual snack packed with power. These sessions are short but they aim to help you 'find the ground' for the day before you start 'running'! Meditation itself has wonderful benefits to our overall wellness, but giving ourselves the gift of time and awareness hopefully helps us respond more authentically and creatively as we embark on our day.

Give yourself the gift of presence and light, and cleanse the mind of negative chatter as we enter a season that offers us life and hope.

We look forward to welcoming you...

Please feel free to catch me in the playground, or call or email me if you have any questions.

Katrina Beaman

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Community News

- **Warringah Council Vacation Care Program** is now available on their website. Bookings open Monday 23 November. To access their full program including *Club 567* and *Booking Request Form* please go to www.warringah.nsw.gov.au
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**An Invitation to Parents of Children
Starting School in 2016**



You are warmly invited to the
Blessing of Kindergarten 2016.

Children from all schools within the Catholic
Community of North Harbour are invited to a
special blessing during Sunday Mass on

29th November 2015
at
9.30am in St Kieran's Church

*To pray a blessing for our children is to join our
desires for them with God's own desire for them.*

Please join us for a wonderful opportunity to celebrate this
very special family occasion with your
faith family. Following Communion you will be called
upon to receive a blessing.



**Morning Tea will be
served by Year five
parents following Mass.**



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BATHROOMWARE

CIBO DESIGN PRESENTS
ST. KIERAN'S END OF YEAR BASH

RIO CARNIVAL PARTY

LET YOUR HAIR DOWN & LIMBA UP FOR SUMMER

**DANCERS FROM
Rhythm Brazil**

**Julio Molina
AND HIS BAND
Revolucion**

**THE OLD
MANLY BOATSHED**
BAR • RESTAURANT • NIGHT CLUB

SAVE THIS DATE:
Sat 21st Nov 2015
7.30pm to very, very late

VENUE:
Old Manly Boatshed

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IN ASSOCIATION WITH

JOHN NEWELL THE RACING CONNECTION



Cunninghams



Fact sheet: School Opal card

The School Opal card provides free travel to school aged students between home and school on weekdays under the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) across the Opal public transport network.

School Opal card can be used:

- On approved travel on school days between the student's home and school, and
- For travel between 06:30 and 19:00 weekdays (21:30 for TAFE school students).



Who is eligible?

To be eligible a student must be a resident of NSW plus:

- Infant student (K-2) older than 4 years and 6 months who lives any distance between home and school; or
- Primary student (Years 3-6) who lives more than 1.6km (straight line) from school, or 2.3km or more by the most direct practical walking route; or
- Secondary student (Year 7-12) who lives more than 2km (straight line) from school, or 2.9km or more by the most direct practical walking route; or
- TAFE student under 18 years of age at 1 January of the year of application and enrolled in a full-time TAFE course for a minimum of 20 hours a week, and is not employed, lives more than 3.2km from the college by the most direct practical walking route, and attends the college closest to their home where enrolment is available.

School Opal Cards enable a student to travel on:

- Mode(s) of transport most applicable for the student's travel requirements; train or bus or both. For bus travel, cards are restricted to individual or a combination of bus operators. For approved ferries; and
- School days only.

For travel outside school hours or days a Child/Youth Opal card is available and provides concession fares and other Opal benefits.

How do parents/students get a School Opal card?

Students with school travel passes this year will be not need to apply for a School Opal card *unless* they are changing schools or their home address or moving from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7.

Those students who do not need to apply will have a School Opal card sent to their school for the beginning of the first term in 2016.

For new applications or for students with changing circumstances, the parents, guardians or students over 16 years are required to fill in a form online at www.transportnsw.info/school-students

After filling in the online application they print it off and take it to the school to endorse. Transport for NSW has the data online from the application and waits for the school to then endorse the application and will mail the School Opal card to the applicant's home address.