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Looking ahead Term 4

Week 11	Week 1 2016	Looking Ahead <i>continued</i>
Monday 14th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No canteen this week Yrs 6 lunch Yr 6 Celebration Evening Wednesday 16th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanksgiving Mass Last day for students Happy and Safe Holiday Thursday 17th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Development Day 	January 2016 Monday 25th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Development Day Tuesday 26th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australia Day Wednesday 27th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers return Thursday 28th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.30 – 9.30am Uniform Shop open School resumes for Yrs 1 – 6 Best Start for K2016 appointments No Canteen until Wednesday 3 February Friday 29th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> K2016 Best Start appointments 	February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 1st Best Start K2016 Tuesday 2nd Kinder 2016 commence Thurs 4th Opening School Mass 10am Wed 10th Ash Wednesday Mass 10am Tues 16th Kinder/Yr 1 Literacy Parent Ed Tues 23rd Kinder/Yr 1 Literacy Parent Ed Sat 27th P&F Welcome Drinks Under the Stars March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tues 1st Yr 3 Boys to St Pauls Thurs 3rd Peninsula Swim Carnival Tues 8th 9am School Tours



Principal

Dear Families

As Christmas approaches we wonder “where did the year go? Advent provides us with an opportunity to look back on our year and revisit the highs and lows, the good and the not so good. These aspects are an important part of our family story.

Our family is where we nurture each other and help each other to grow. This ‘first community’ of ours is the most basic way in which we are gathered, formed and act in the world. A family experiences God in, and through, the ordinary relationships and events of family life. The ordinary experiences of family living can, and do, reveal the Sacred. I wish all our St Kieran’s school families much joy and peace as we enter into this Christmas season. The relationships that you nurture with your children will be memories that they will keep and hold forever and form the basis of what family means in their lives.

Getting ready for 2016!

The past few weeks have been a time of finalising the end of our academic year 2015 and planning for 2016. As part of our commitment to quality learning and teaching, in 2016 our literacy coordinator, Mary Brown 3B, will take on a co-teaching role in Literacy. The purpose will be working alongside teachers in classrooms with a focus on writing. This will mean that Mary Brown will be off class on Mondays and Miss Claire O’Brien will be teaching in 3B. We welcome Claire O’Brien to our school community.



Marisa will maintain her role as Numeracy coordinator for 2016. As part of this role she will again take the EMU intervention for the middle school years. Marisa will also be supporting individual students when needed through individual learning programs as based on 2016 MAI results.

Both Marisa and Mary, in their Literacy and Numeracy coordinator roles, will be supporting teachers through the delivery of professional learning and the high yield strategy of co-teaching in K-6 classrooms.

During 2016 our Year 1 teachers, Mrs Wendy Rose and Mrs Michelle Leydon will complete the early intervention EMU program and will be supporting Marisa Bombardieri as EMU specialists.

We farewell Jordan Waller and thank him for his contribution to our school as Creative Arts teacher. We wish him well in his future career. In 2016 we welcome Amaris Leong back to St Kieran's as Creative Arts Teacher after a year of being on maternity leave.

Karen Hughes will continue her role as Learning Support teacher working 2 days per week. Karen will be taking an extension group for Writing across Stages 1-3 and a Maths extension group as well.



I am pleased to announce that the following teachers will be continuing with us in the specialist roles at the school; Narelle Leathem, Deborah Morehouse, Liz McGuire and teacher aides, Kerrie Powell and Karmena Hayden.

On Wednesday we welcomed a visiting principal to the school; Miss Rapyhte Molinia. Miss Molinia enjoyed her day as principal and the teachers were very appreciative of the yummy slice she made and shared with the staff at morning tea. I thank Miss Molinia for her hard work and for assisting the office staff at this very busy time of year.

A belated congratulations to the McMillan family on the safe arrival of baby Samuel in November. A football team in the making!

Farewell... and Thank You

At this time of year it is important to thank the school community for the collective contributions made by so many in making 2015 such a wonderful year. On reflection the school has accomplished so much as we have lived the Vision: Embrace Equip and Engage.

To those who are leaving St Kieran's, our students and their families – a very special acknowledgement of the gifts, talents and quality time you have so generously shared with us in your association with the school. You will be formally acknowledged at the Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday 16th at 11:30am.

On behalf of the school community I want to thank the graduation Year 6 students for their generous gift to the school; a professional recording of the St Kieran's School song. The voices of all in Year 6 were used for the recording as their parting gift. Special 'thanks' to Kevin Mascarenhas (Ruby 4C) and his production team for making this such a professional musical recording for our school community. In time, the recording will be placed on our school website and will be used on many occasions going into the future. Thank you also to Kathryn Williams (Hayden Yr 6, Chloe 3B) for her vision and efforts in making this happen.

As this will be the last formal Newsletter for the year, I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas. May you be filled with much joy and happiness as you celebrate this season and find comfort within your own families. I wish you all a safe and happy start to the new year.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terri Paterson".

Terri Paterson
Principal



Assistant Principal

Events and the long list of busy tasks that have needed to be "ticked off" over the last few weeks has meant that all of a sudden, it would appear that we've come to the end of Term 4 and indeed the end of the 2015 school year!

The speed with which this has come about has made me think about the fast pace of modern living and how, if we are to survive this *busyness* it is necessary to cultivate time to reflect on *meaning* and *purpose* in our lives. I found this prayer below, which I feel provides a great reflection on real and *purposeful meaning* at Christmas. I thought it would be lovely to share with you...

Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth may we begin to see the world in the light of the understanding you give us. As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in quietness of heart. May we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving. Amen.

Wishing you a peaceful and happy Christmas followed by a chance to rest up and relax in "quietness of heart".

Merry Christmas
Marisa

Religious Education Coordinator



ANGELS, SHEPHERDS, KINGS, FARM ANIMALS PREPARE, GET READY !

Christmas Eve Mass is soon upon us and children, young and old, are invited to attend the **6.00pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass**. Children who are dressed as characters in the Nativity will be invited to gather at the rear of the church.

The Parish of North Harbour would like to send some representatives of our youth to **World Youth Day 2016**. To assist our young people with the cost of WYD the Diocese of Broken Bay has organised a raffle. If you wish to support this Diocesan endeavour you may purchase tickets from the school or parish office.



Our **Christmas Carols Evening** will commence at 6.30pm on the evening of Friday 11 December. The gates will open at 6pm. Families may wish to bring a picnic rug and low beach chairs on which to relax. Picnic hampers filled with a light evening meal are also welcome. Cool, non-alcoholic drinks will be needed to keep our voices in good form. Parents are asked to supervise their children. If the carols are cancelled due to poor weather an e-mail will be sent to parents.



All members of our School and Parish Community are invited to the **Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday 16 December**. Commencing at 11.30am we will be giving thanks for a year of learning. Following Mass students may commence their summer holidays and leave the school with their parents. Students who are being picked up by another parent or adult must have a letter from their parents stating who they are being picked up by. Following Mass please collect your child from their classroom.



A great way of preparing the children for Christmas is to **read the Christmas story** and **construct a Nativity scene** together. All children like building, especially the boys. Lego, old shoe boxes and bits and pieces from the sewing box provide hours of activity for the children and a vehicle with which you can discuss the Christmas story with your family. I have included a web page to support you. <http://www.tipjunkie.com/post/13-nativity-manger-sets-to-make/>

I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Holy Christmas filled with the joy that the Christ child brings. Thank you for your support over the past year.

Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar, Religious Education Coordinator.

Dates for your Diary

- Friday 11 December: Carols Evening – 6.30pm Playground
- Monday 14 December: Yr 6 Celebration Liturgy Evening - 6pm Church
- Wednesday 16 December: End of Year Thanksgiving Mass - 11.30 Church
- Thursday 24 December: Children's Christmas Eve Mass 6pm

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KC	All of KC	KR	
1L	All of 1L	1R	K Schoene, F Baker
2B	All of 2B	2S	All of 2S
3B	S Fawcett, J Hamill, O Fiorenza	3S	All of 3S
4C	All of 4C	4S	All of 4S
5L		5W	A Williams, D Arrastia
6	All of Grade 6	PE	S Filpi

School News

End of Year Returns

Congratulations to 4C who were the first class to return all their library books last week (and Ms Chiarella too!) Students who have not returned their books received a notice for replacement costs for their outstanding book(s). Please send payment in by next Monday.



Without the help of dedicated parents, I wouldn't be able to maintain the wonderful library we have at St Kieran's. A lot of "behind the scenes" goes on and I truly appreciate the assistance I receive with the covering of books, shelving of books, Book Club, Book Fair and PRC. Many hours are spent doing these "jobs" so a big THANK YOU to the parents who assist. Throughout the year, we have had books donated to the library so I would like to say a big thank you for that too. Enjoy your break and happy reading!

Liz McGuire

Yr 6 Immersion Day in Leichhardt



NSW Transport – Student Travel and School Bus Service Changes

As of Term 1 2016 most School Special bus services will be renumbered to eliminate any duplication of route numbers that may have caused confusion to students in the past.

Please note these changes do not impact the level of service provided to the school or the route taken by these services. The only change is to the three-digit route number of these services.

Route 741 will become 614

Route 742 will become 775

Route 775 will become 779

Detailed information regarding these changes is available on the Sydney Buses website: www.sydneybuses.info

To check the exact bus routes go to: <http://www.sydneybuses.info/schools/stkm>

School Bus Passes – Opal Card

If your child is **starting** school in 2016 or moving from **Year 2 to Yr 3**, or **Yr 6 to Yr 7** you will need to apply for a new bus pass. Please go to transportnsw.info/school-students and complete the application form, print and submit the form to the school for endorsement. The school will then forward the application to Transport NSW for processing. Transport NSW will send the School Opal card to the home address given in the application

Term Dates 2016

Term 1	Wednesday 27 January to Friday 08 April	Students Yr 1 – 6 commence Thursday 28 January Kinder 2016 commence Tuesday 2 February
Term 2	Tuesday 26 April to Friday 01 July	
Term 3	Monday 18 July to Friday 23 September	
Term 4	Monday 10 October to Tuesday 20 December	Students will finish Friday 16 December 2016



Principal for a Day

On Wednesday I was a visiting Principal for the day at my wonderful school, St Kieran's

I really like being a principal; I gave out lots of stickers to students who came to my office. I collected the office bags and helped put stickers on envelopes.

I loved meeting the staff and having morning tea with them.

One day I would like to be a school principal

Miss R Molinia

Sport News

Swimming Records

Congratulations to the following students who broke records our recent carnival:

- L Hendriks: 8Yrs 50m Backstroke (*a 16 year old record*)
8Yrs 50m Butterfly
- K McGovern: 11Yr Backstroke (*a 12 year old record*)

Girls Basketball Winners

Congratulations to the Yr 3 & Yr 4 Girls Basketball Team who won the grand final at Narrabeen on Saturday after a very challenging and exciting match. The girls won 16 of their 17 games.

Team: Leila, Caitlin, Tara, Alannah, Leilani, Amy, Amelia, Milla and Eloise.



Parent Community

st.kierans.pf@gmail.com

Report from the Outgoing P&F

In 2016 the P&F had another successful year in delivering to our goals and believe we have established and enhanced an ongoing structure and framework for continued delivery. Whilst none of the initiatives rest solely against one visionary goal of ENGAGE, EQUIP and EMBRACE each initiative had targeted key objectives.

We were successful in facilitating the parents ENGAGING with the school community through initiatives such as Drinks Under the Stars, Kids Disco and Parents social. These initiatives have had success in engaging with the parents (new and existing) and the students across all years.

We contributed to EMBRACING the community throughout the year with such successful initiatives as the Carwash, Mothers' & Fathers' Day, Working Bee and the Christmas Carols. These events have broadened the reach and enhanced the 'brand' of the school to the wider community – opening up the doors to showcase and enforce the Schools rich values.

We played a significant role in EQUIPING the school with funds via several fund raising activities throughout the year. Whilst the goal was to raise money for the school to purchase discretionary equipment for the children, in all cases there were clear additional and obvious visionary benefits of the activities. These included the Carwash, Family Fun Day and the evolution of the Canteen which have provided above and beyond fund raising, health and wellbeing benefits.

On behalf of the P&F Executive Committee, particularly given this is the end of the two year tenure of the incumbent P&F Executive Committee, I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to the parent and teacher community. Special thanks needs to be extended to those parents that gave up their precious time and volunteered to contribute to another successful year in further enhancing the reputation and interests of the school.

Anthony Molinia

And it's goodnight from Us....

The outgoing P&F Executive would like to extend their HUGE thanks to all the Parents, Staff, & Friends of the School who helped us out over our term. It has been a privilege to be so heavily involved in our wonderful school for the last two years. We would especially like to thank the brilliant volunteers who showed up time & time again (often in the rain!) to set stuff up, pack stuff away, sell stuff, wash cars, ride spin bikes, donate stuff, sell raffle tickets, walk round & round the oval, organise stuff, feed hundreds of "Mother's" & "Fathers", dance to bands, dance with bands, dance with dancers and generally support and help both us & the school. We are truly thankful for you all, and the experience. Big welcome to our fantastic new P&F team.

We wish you all a healthy & happy Christmas.

Over & Out.

Introducing Your 2016 – 2017 P&F Executive

President: Cameron Matthews

Vice Presidents: John McKee & Kathy Siu

Secretary: Jo Quarrell

Treasurer: Vaughan Saady

Diocesan Parent Council Representative: Sania Saady

Class Parent Co-ordinator: Steph La Greca



Uniform Shop

- **Opening hours:** every second **Thursday** from 8.30am - 9.30am – next open **Thursday 28 January 2016** and then every 2nd **Thursday after (11 Feb, 25 Feb)**.
- Orders will be filled alternate Thursdays. . 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

Thank you to all the Volunteers, without you our Canteen could not operate.

- 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 Closed: Opening Dates 2015 - 2016

The Canteen will close today and will reopen for 2016 on Wednesday 3 February.

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

Parish News

World Youth Day

The Diocese of Broken Bay has launched its DBB WYD Krakow 2016 Raffle with amazing prizes to help support our World Youth Day pilgrims. Raffle tickets are only \$2 each and the prizes on offer are:

- 1st Prize - 2016 Hyundai 5 door Accent Active 1.4 MPi, including on-roads, rrp \$16694.70 - Sponsored by Avium
- 2nd Prize - Cosmos 2016 European holiday for two people to the value of \$6000.00 (\$3000.00 per person) - Sponsored by Cosmos
- 3rd Prize - 1x Apple Watch Sport 38mm space grey aluminium case with black sport band, rrp \$499 - Sponsored by Catholic Church Insurance
- 4th Prize - 1x Apple iPad Mini 2 Wi-Fi 16GB, rrp \$369 - Sponsored by Broken Bay Institute

Any money raised from the sale of the raffle tickets will go toward supporting pilgrims who will travel to Krakow, Poland for WYD 2016 as a pilgrim. The raffle will be drawn on Palm Sunday, 20 March, 2016. The tickets are available from our school office.



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School Canteen Information and Roster – 2016

Dear Parents

The Canteen at St Kieran's is managed by the Parent Community and is run by our volunteers. It is open for lunch and recess on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

To keep this service running for our School community, we need a large pool of new volunteers each year to replace our departing families in Year 6. We would like to offer you the chance to get involved and join this wonderful group of volunteers.

Being in the Canteen is a great way to see your child in the school environment. It helps the children see that St Kieran's is a community for all the family.

What's involved:

1. Sign up for a day that suits you – pick from the following shifts:
 - Full day: 8.50am – 1.45pm (feel free to do other drop offs if needed)
 - Morning: 8.50am – 11am (feel free to do other drop offs if needed)
 - Afternoon: 11am – 1.45pm
2. Roster will be sent out to confirm dates and volunteers
3. Turn up on the day – training will be given to all new volunteers
4. Have fun sharing a day at school with your children

The Canteen at St Kieran's uses the online ordering system, FlexiSchools. Our new healthy menu has been prepared with the assistance of Healthy Kids Association NSW. The Canteen is Allergy Aware and caters to those children in our community with special needs.

So please complete the Roster Form below for whatever time you can spare, and be guaranteed you and your child will benefit from this involvement in the St Kieran's community. Thank you in advance.

For any questions regarding the Canteen or the Roster, please email: joanne.nesbitt@dbb.catholic.edu.au.

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St Kieran's Canteen Volunteer Roster for 2016

Please return by Friday 4 December 2015

Name: _____ Contact No: _____

Email address: _____

- I am happy to volunteer:
- Wednesday Thursday Friday
- Full day 8.50am – 1.45pm Morning 8.50am – 11am Afternoon 11am – 1.45pm
- Monthly Termly Weekly

I would like to volunteer but won't know what days or times at present. Please contact me in 2016.

Comments _____
