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Looking ahead Term 1

Week 10	Week 1 – T2	Looking Ahead
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uniform Shop open 8.30 – 9.30am</li> <li>7.30pm Just ASC AGM in library</li> <li>Holy Week commences</li> </ul> <b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last Day Term 1</li> </ul>	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Term 2 commences</li> <li>Athletics Carnival</li> </ul> <b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Twilight Open Day</li> </ul>	<b>April</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Peninsula Cross Country</li> </ul> <b>May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Cyber Safety Awareness Yr 6 to IMAX</li> <li>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Police visit Yrs 4, 5 &amp; 6</li> <li>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Mothers' Day breakfast &amp; liturgy</li> <li>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Parent Ed in Numeracy</li> <li>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Children's Choir at 9.30am Mass</li> </ul>

Principal

Dear Families,

I find it somewhat disconcerting that next week is the end of the first school term and I reflect that a quarter of the year is soon to be already gone! The Kindergarten children have settled as other classes, and routines and processes for learning are well and truly established. The term ends for us on Thursday of Holy Week and we enter into what is a very important time for us as Christians; the passion and resurrection of Jesus our Christ.

On Wednesday I attended the *Faith and Families* forum held at the parish and was introduced to an allegory that I found was extremely poignant; life can be like a game of *Snakes and Ladders*; sometimes life goes really well and we climb ladders of success and happiness only to land on the snakes that move us into disarray, despair, loneliness, frustration and fearfulness. I know from my own life experience as wife, mother, teacher and principal, that there have certainly been times of climbing followed by times of falling; this is true of all of us.

Every so often we hear the phrase "What a day that was!" and we know immediately that the day's events were more disaster than delight for the one who uttered it! **Holy Week** was a period in Christ's life of which he, from a human point of view, would have welcomed the end. Within this context then, a reflection on our Christian faith might be appropriate. Around the walls in every Catholic church can be found the fourteen plaques or pictures which depict Christ's journey to Calvary; they are known as the Stations of the Cross.

When we have a 'bad day' as we have had in the past and we certainly will in the future, we might give some thought to the burdens of our own life – pressures of work, loneliness, poor health, unemployment, a strained relationship or whatever – and come to a realisation that Christ, through his suffering and death, invites us to share these burdens of life with him.

At various stages in our life we experience many small "Good Friday's"; when we feel disappointed, when our commitments seem to be getting to us, or whatever the 'cross' is for us at this time in our life. It is often at these times we experience Christ's redemptive act for us and have activated within us faith and hope that will eventually lead us to the "Easter" of our own difficulties.

- Lord, help me to love in union with You to build my life on Your teachings and to have faith in You.
- I sometimes find it difficult to see You in my world. Please reveal Yourself to me in Your goodness and Your love.
- Help me to have faith in the good news You expressed through Jesus.
- Help me through the commemoration of Holy Week to develop within myself Your gift of faith.
- Help me to live each day prayerfully and wisely.



During HOLY WEEK parents are invited to join with the school on our 'Journey with Jesus' each day. Please note the events and times in the Religious Education section of this newsletter

### Student Survey Years 4 – 6

St Kieran's is participating in an initiative called kidsMatter Primary to further improve the mental health and wellbeing of students at our school. It is good for schools to think about how they are doing things and to hear from members of the school community in improving ways things are done.

Next week students in Years 4-6 will complete an anonymous online survey to ask for their views about aspects of the school that relate to supporting student mental health and wellbeing. The surveys will take about 10 minutes. The information provided will be stored electronically in accordance with the Australian Privacy Act and it will not be possible to identify students from their answers. Summarised results are used by the school to assist with planning and may also be used to inform the national development of the KidsMatter initiative.

Parents are able to view the survey via theKidsMatter site: [www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/studentsurvey](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/studentsurvey)

### Car Wash

Thank you to the families who attended the Car Wash on Saturday and a very SPECIAL acknowledgement to the P&F Executive for all their efforts in enabling this day to go ahead. I have had so many positive comments from staff, students and parents about how wonderful the day was. This is 'community' in action and I congratulate all participants for entering into the spirit of the school as community.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who assisted with the Gala Days and Swimming Carnivals this term. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated by staff and students.

God bless,

Terri Paterson  
Principal



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## Assistant Principal

The **NAPLAN** Weebly is still open for parents of children in Years 3 and 5 to view. The Weebly provides interesting information about the NAPLAN tests. It can be accessed at: <http://naplan2015.weebly.com>



The password is: naplan2015stkierans

**ICAS** Competitions (only for students in Years 3-6) in the areas of Writing, English and Mathematics will be held on the following dates:

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Please return the form and correct money in a labelled envelope to school by Thursday April 2. **All competitions, regardless of the sitting date will need to be paid for by this date.** This is to facilitate a more efficient processing method. (Please note: Cheques to be made payable to "St Kieran's School").

Have a lovely weekend,  
Marisa Bombardieri

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## Religious Education Coordinator

We are now coming into the final stretch of Lent, our time to re-orientate ourselves towards the risen Christ. Here are a few ideas to keep you going.



**Day 36:** Make a conscious effort to fast from bad habits and practice good habits.

**Day 37:** Don't rush away from the table after your family meal. Have everyone tell one thing they're grateful for during the day, or one person they helped or were helped by.

**Day 38:** Forgive anyone in your family that you need to forgive. Ask forgiveness of those you have hurt. Attend a parish Reconciliation service.

**Day 39:** Watch a DVD that reflects Christian family values. Watch it together as a family.

**Day 40:** Have your children ask an older relative about their faith and what it has meant to them through the years.



Congratulations to the children of the Parish and School who have completed their First Reconciliation. Thank you to their parents, teachers and group leaders for their evangelising work in passing on our faith to our children. Thank you to the Parish Sacramental Team and to the Priests of our parish for facilitating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### Join us next week for our "Journey with Jesus".

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we will be remembering the events of Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, The Washing of the Feet and The Garden of Gethsemane. Our liturgies will be led by various classes. We will be meeting in the school assembly area at 2:30pm or in the church if there is wet weather.

Our Thursday liturgy takes the form of a pilgrimage around the Stations of the Cross. Commencing at 11:30 and then every 15 minutes we will prayerfully journey around the playground reflecting on Jesus' journey to the cross.

### Dates for your Diary:

#### Holy Week Liturgies "A Journey with Jesus"

- Monday 30 March 2.30pm : Palm Sunday – playground Kindy
  - Tuesday 31 March 2.15pm: Last Supper – church Year 1
  - Washing of the Feet – church Year 4
  - Wednesday 1 April 2.30pm: Garden of Gethsemane – playground Year 2
  - Thursday 2 April commencing at 11.30am: Stations of the Cross – playground Year 5
- Year 5 will re-enact and reflect upon some of the Stations of the Cross in the form of a pilgrimage commencing at 11.30am.

*Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar, Religious Education Coordinator.*

### Question of the Week

'Crucify him! They cried louder, 'Crucify him!' *Mark 15:14*

- At school: Have I ever agreed to be nasty to someone, to say hurtful things?
- At work or study: When, in my heart, have I said these words?
- In my family life: Do we go along with the crowd, or can we speak out as a family of fairness?

Prayer this week? God, we wonder how anyone could join in this cry, but we see it daily on the news. Calm us down from anger, jealousy, scorn and stir in us a love of all people as you love them. Amen.

### ★ ★ ★ Awards



<b>KC</b>		<b>KR</b>	Dylan G, Kayla D
<b>1L</b>	Mila C, Isaac C	<b>1R</b>	Dan A, Zoe A
<b>2B</b>	Blake U, Faye M	<b>2S</b>	Lauren E, Finlay P
<b>3B</b>	Caitlin W, Sam Z	<b>3S</b>	Zoe S, Jas K, Leila D
<b>4C</b>	Kailan S, Neve D	<b>4S</b>	Albert I, Jack H, Matthew C, Thomas S
<b>5L</b>	James N, Cleo J	<b>5W</b>	Julian W, Hannah H
<b>6</b>	Charlie W, Joshua O, Liam D, Emily N	<b>PE</b>	Ruby T, Iggy M, Lilli G, Sonny K
<b>Italian</b>	Grace H, Veronica W	<b>Band</b>	Jas K
<b>Library</b>			

### School News

#### Sibling Enrolments 2016

Enrolments are now open and application forms are available online or from the school office. If you have a sibling starting at St Kieran's in 2016 we ask that you complete and enrolment form and return to the office ASAP.

#### Winter Uniform

Children may return in Term 2 in either summer or winter uniform, dependent upon weather conditions. However if winter uniform is chosen, the full winter uniform must be worn. All children are to be in **full winter uniform by Monday 4 May, 2015**. Below please find the winter uniform list for St Kieran's.

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check pinafore</li> <li>• White long sleeved shirt with peter pan collar</li> <li>• Navy bow tie</li> <li>• Navy knitted jumper, navy zip vest, polar fleece jumper</li> <li>• Short white socks, Long navy socks or navy tights</li> <li>• Black leather shoes—no coloured markings of any type</li> <li>• School hat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White long sleeved shirt</li> <li>• Navy long pants</li> <li>• School tie</li> <li>• Navy knitted jumper, navy zip vest, polar fleece jumper</li> <li>• Navy socks</li> <li>• Black leather shoes—no coloured markings of any type</li> <li>• School hat</li> </ul>

### Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)

The PRC is well under way and it is great to see the enthusiasm of the students and teachers. The issues with logons seems to be solved and students may access their page to log their books. It isn't too late to start as the PRC doesn't finish until the 21 Aug. Happy reading!



Also, don't forget the **Book Bonus**. Book Bonus offers an opportunity to encourage our students to read books for the Challenge while raising funds to help resource the school with high quality books. Our school will receive books to 100% of the value of funds raised by our students and we'll also be helping schools in need across NSW. 50% of all funds raised will be used to provide books to schools in Dymocks Children's Charities literacy support programs. Note also, there are **prizes for the students'** participation with each child raising over \$200 receiving a book of their choice (valued up to \$20) and prizes for the top fundraisers in the state. See [www.bookbonus.org.au](http://www.bookbonus.org.au)



Please see the message below re the PRC:

### Message from the Premier

I would like to congratulate all students around NSW who are participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge this year.

The Premier's Reading Challenge allows students to experience a range of exciting stories, and explore issues that can challenge the way one thinks.

With thousands of books to choose from, students have the opportunity to embrace subjects that will widen their horizons and expand their vocabularies.

I encourage all participants to be courageous with their reading choices, and to approach the Challenge with great energy and enthusiasm.

The world of books is certainly an exciting one, and I wish all students undertaking the Premier's Reading Challenge a fun, enjoyable and fulfilling experience.

*Mike Baird MP  
Premier*

### Holiday Borrowing

Students are permitted to borrow from the library for over the holidays. However, if you are going away, we ask that you do not take library books with you and save them for reading at home.



### Year 6 Robotics

Year 6 students have been involved in one day robotic workshops led by Mrs Jo Townsend. The children used a laptop to program the robots to create projects including rotation sensors, touch sensors and sonar sensors. All children successfully developed STEM programming skills during the workshop.

### 100 Years of ANZAC

Our school has been invited to participate in the **100 Years 100 Boats Anzac Beach Memorial Ceremony** being held on Collaroy Beach on Anzac Day 2015; the event is being organised by South Curl Curl Surf Life Saving Club, as a community event commemorating the passing of 100 years since the Gallipoli campaign.

In brief, there will be 100 surf boats simulating the landing of the ANZAC forces a century ago. As the sun rises over ANZAC Cove in Gallipoli for their Dawn Service, here in Australia it will be approximately 1pm. Our landing of 100 surf boats will take place to align with the Dawn Service in Gallipoli. As a symbolic gesture, 100 schools will prepare 'wreaths' which will be presented to a representative from each surf boat crew on landing. Surf boats will then return to sea, raise oars and spread the 'wreaths'. As an exchange of goodwill and understanding, crews will present 100 seedlings/saplings originating from the original Loan Pines of Gallipoli to the participating schools. It will be a spectacular and moving event.

A student representative from St Kieran's will present our wreath to a boat crew. I encourage all families to consider attending this memorable occasion. You will need to arrive early, and should consider catching public transport to the event. For more details visit [www.anzacbeachmemorial.com.au](http://www.anzacbeachmemorial.com.au)

### Thank you, Thank you

A big thank you to all the families who contributed so generously to the Vinnies appeal this month. The notice was short but the generosity enormous. A special thanks to Colleen Digby (1R) who very resourcefully got donations from Woolworths Dee Why and Warringah Mall.

St Kieran's – you never cease to amaze me??  
Wendy Rose and the Mission Team

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Over the past two weeks, many students in Year 3 joined their families to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time at St Kieran's Church. The children reflected beautifully on their experience.

*'At the beginning of Reconciliation I felt a bit nervous. Once we were in St Kieran's Church I felt relaxed. When I was sitting in front of Father Senin, I said my wrongdoings and the Act of Contrition. It felt like I had ripped a piece of paper and I just repaired it. I also turned back to God and He forgave me. When I got back to my seat I said the Our Father and then my mum and dad gave me a huge hug and kiss. I felt relieved and I felt forgiven' – Opal 3B*

*'When I made my First Reconciliation at St Kieran's church, I felt as happy as can be. I walked up onto the altar and confessed my sins to Father Paul. He was very nice and it was a short and sweet talk, and I can tell you when I walked off that altar I felt very proud. I walked out of the church door as thankful as ever' – Jessie, 3B*

*'Forgiveness means to me that if I get hurt by someone and they say sorry I will forgive them. Forgiveness also means to me that I feel thankful, loved and blessed.'* – Nick, 3B

*'On my First Reconciliation I felt nervous and shy because I didn't know what priest I was going with. When I went to the priest I felt really blessed. When I told him my sin, my mum and dad were really proud and I was proud too. So I got the worksheet and finished it and sat there peacefully' – Xavier, 3B*

**Educational Assessment Australia** (EAA) conducts an Academic Competition called **'International Competitions and Assessments for Schools' (ICAS)** for students in Years 3 – 6 who are achieving at a high level and wish to participate in the competition.

As initiated in 2014 the ICAS Competitions will be held before school rather than during school time. Due to increasingly stringent compliance expectations our school Assessment Policy requires that we implement a comprehensive and detailed program of assessments and as such we are able to gather a very thorough and specific understanding of the students' individual ability. This then impacts on the time dedicated to teaching and learning and so we are required to monitor that mandated times for teaching and learning are met. Taking all of this into consideration then, we're conscious of making decisions which will ensure that quality teaching and learning time is not being continually "eroded" by additional activities.

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## Sport News

### What a Star

Congratulations to Kai M who won a Gold medal in the 50m Backstroke and a Silver in 50m Freestyle last Friday at the NSW CPS Polding Swimming Carnival. Both Kai's efforts were PBs.



### Athletics Carnival

Don't forget that our Athletics carnival is the first day back to school next term Monday 20 April. Today the program has been placed outside the Kindy classrooms on the display board. Please check that your child is in all the compulsory events (5-7 year olds : 70m and 100m; 8ys onwards 100m and 200m) and anything else they may have entered in. Please also check they are in the correct age group and colour house. There is a change of entry form available outside the office if any changes need to be made. This is NOT an opportunity to add your child to extra events.

No more changes will be accepted after Wednesday 1st April. Teachers have also been checking the program with the children in class.

Thank you

*Ali O'Brien*

### Athletics Carnival Parent Helpers.

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to help at the carnival – such a big response. To those who have been given a job, a note was sent home to inform you of your role on the day. Please contact me ASAP if you are no longer able to assist us. I have attached the parent helper roster just in case notes did not make it home.

*Ali O'Brien*



### Stage 3 Gala Day

Year 5 and 6 students enjoyed a wonderful day yesterday as they participated in the Peninsula Schools soccer gala day. There were many goals scored throughout the day by all our teams. Congratulations for the sportsmanship shown by all.

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## Parent Community

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

### Uniform Shop

- **Opening hours:** every second Monday from 8.30am - 9.30am – next open **30 March then 27 April**.
- 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)



**Volunteers Required to Help with Uniform Shop:** As one of our volunteers will be unable to help after this term we desperately require some more volunteers. If you can help every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday morning during term please contact [lizsnell72@gmail.com](mailto:lizsnell72@gmail.com)

### Canteen

**NEW to the Canteen:** Dairy Farmers Plain Flavoured Milk, 300mls @ \$1.60 each. These are available on FlexiSchools now. There will be a limited amount of stock for a couple of weeks until I can properly assess the demand, apologies for any inconvenience.

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

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER:

**Wednesday 1 April:** C Starkey, K Beaman

**Thursday 2 April:** J Schoene, K Di Staso, M Polome

**Friday 3 April:** Good Friday

- 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 - [SSKMV.canteen@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:SSKMV.canteen@dbb.catholic.edu.au) or 0410 629 135

*Jo Nesbitt*

## 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.

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## Community News

- **.Kikoff Easter Holiday Clinics:** April 7 – 10 from 9am – 12pm. Further information 9119 3675 or go to [kikoff.com.au](http://kikoff.com.au)





## PARENTS JOBS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2015

**Starter:** *Martha Bird*

**Assistant Marshalls (all day)**

*Fiona Hastings*

*Justine Oakley*

**Placings/Judges**

**ALL DAY**

**CHIEF:** *Nioka Jeffery*

1. *Suz Arthurs*
2. *Anne McPhee*

**Time Keepers: 8 helpers**

**ALL DAY**

**CHIEF:** *Katrina Beaman*

1. *Robert Juric*
2. *Philip McCahey*
3. *Jaclyn Schoene*
4. *Freya Elliott*
5. *Carly Starkey*
6. *Stephanie La Greca*
7. *James McGrath*
8. *Gabbi Stubbs*

**Recorders:**

**AM SHIFT (9.30-12 noon) 3 helpers**

1. *Bec Schopen*
2. *Jacky Worthington*
3. *Kirsty Conlon*

**PM SHIFT (12 noon-2pm) 3 helpers**

1. *Jo Quarrell*
2. *Jane Smith*
3. *Alison Buckley*

**Ribbons/Place sticks:**

**ALL DAY 3 helpers**

1. *Rachelle Woodland*
2. *Ursula Kirby*
3. *Sascha Chahwan-Harris*

**Kinder Ribbons: 2 helpers**

1. *Maria Dunn*
2. *Fiona Kenny*
3. *Jo Nesbitt*

**Coffee/Tea/Refreshments: 2 helpers**

**9.30-12 noon**

1. *Julie Fawcett*
2. *Christina/Paul Cole*

**12-2:30 shift**

1. *Tracy Lynch*
2. *Leesa Bellamy*

**Children from stands to Marshalling area: 2 helpers**

**BLUE:**

1. *Cris Unwin*
2. *Kelly Arrastia*

**GREEN:**

1. *Niamh Collins*
2. *Sondra Hamill*

**RED:**

3. *Yasmin Ricketts*
4. *Allison Simons*

**YELLOW:**

1. *Melissa Noble*
2. *Elisa Filpi*

**Long Jump:**

**ALL DAY**

**Girls: Teacher 2 parents**

1. *Jenny Simpson*
2. *Tricia Hansen*

**Boys: Teacher 2 parents**

1. *Todd Nevin*
2. *Cameron Matthews*

**Finish Tape: 2 helpers**

**AM SHIFT (9:30am-12 noon)**

1. *Brendon Feeney*
2. *Sania Saady*

**PM SHIFT (12 noon-2.30pm)**

1. *Melissa Carey*
2. *Jo Ingleton*

**Infants Sports (from 12pm) Assistants 14 helpers**

1. *Deanna Lines*
2. *Michelle Walker*
3. *Nikki Pawley*
4. *Jo Funtanilla*
5. *Sunny Thelappali Kunjappan*
6. *Ben Davies*
7. *Dario Spralja*
8. *Jo Hull*
9. *Alicia Poteger*
10. *Edelvine Rigato*
11. *Catherine Aronis*
12. *Natasha Gennusa*
13. *Amanda Raleigh*
14. *Peita Daly*
15. *Steph Keogh*
16. *Shahn Schwarz*

## ***DID YOU KNOW?***

Catholic schools are open to all students – Catholic, non-Catholic, poor, wealthy, indigenous and those with a disability – and are therefore representative of the wider Australian society.

Enrolments of students with a disability and indigenous students have been the fastest growing in NSW Catholic schools for the past 15 years.

With more support, we can do more for students with the greatest need.

This is why funding support from Federal & State Governments must keep pace with rising education costs - *to maintain education quality and to ensure a Catholic education remains affordable for all families.*



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