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LOOKING AHEAD

April

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| Mon 3 | Yr 4 to Hyde Park Barracks |
| Tues 4 | Soccer Gala Day Yrs 3 & 4 – Rat Park |
| Wed 6 | Band to Hardy Aged Care |
| Thurs 6 | Soccer Gala Day Yrs 5 & 6 – Rat Park |
| Fri 7 | End Term 1 |
| Mon 24 | Staff Development Day – Pupil Free |
| Tues 25 | ANZAC Day – Public Holiday |
| Wed 26 | Term 2 commences – <i>either full summer or full winter uniform for the first two weeks</i> |
| | Easter Story Yr 6 |
| Thurs 27 | Yr 5 Excursion to Rouse Hill Farm & House 9.30am School Tour |
| Fri 28 | Yoga Yrs 1 & 5 2pm Assembly |

May

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| Mon 1 | School Photos – full winter uniform today |
| Tues 2 | 6.30pm Parent Ed in Numeracy |
| Wed 3 | Northern Beaches Cross Country – Rat Park |
| | Yr 4 Robotics |
| Fri 5 | Yoga Yrs 1 & 5 |
| | Full winter uniform |
| Mon 8 | NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 |
| Tues 9 | NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 |
| Wed 10 | NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 |
| Thurs 11 | 8.45am Mothers' Day Liturgy & Morning Tea |
| Fri 12 | |
| Wed 17 | 1-2-3 Magic Parent Ed Course |

Dear Families

As we approach the end of term and the Lenten season we soon head into the Season of Easter. The journey begins with the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and concludes with Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday. During these last two weeks of school, each year is taking responsibility in focusing on one aspect of the Easter story. Kindergarten focused on Palm Sunday this week with Year 3 focusing on the story of "Doubting Thomas" next term. Hopefully you are able to be part of one of these liturgies this Easter.

I trust you have organised to meet with your child's teacher this week or next. This is a great opportunity to work with the teachers in ensuring that every effort is being made by your child, the school and the family to do all that we can so that your child is reaching their potential. I thank you for your efforts in making these interviews and to the teachers for the early mornings and late evenings during this time.

The council has installed **No Stopping** signs on King Street opposite the entry and exit driveways of the St Kieran's carpark. **These are active between 8.00 am – 9.30am and 2.30pm – 4pm.** Please assist with the traffic flow by following the signage as well as the other procedures with carpark in the morning and afternoon.

Thank you to Howie Giles for organising the Dads' Curry Night in Manly last Friday evening. There were approximately 30 dads in attendance with some very fiery curries consumed! If you didn't get along this time around there will be another during Term 2. It is a great way to meet new people and chat about "secret men's business"!

Mrs Tracy Brown will be taking Maternity Leave from the beginning of Term 2. Taking her place for the remainder of the year will be Miss Jedda Kassis. Miss Kassis will be working with the Year 6 teachers before the end of term to ensure a smooth transition for the Year 6 children.

Congratulations to the Wyss family on the safe arrival of baby Carson Jack on Wednesday this week.

Michael Gallagher
Principal

★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

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| KC | Lucy C, Jacinta W | KH | Erica K, Jacob B, James G |
| 1L | Daniel M, Mila L | 1R | |
| 2C | Will B, Addison L | 2S | Joel M, Michael P, Tahlia M |
| 3B | Josie S, Makayla T, Sefania S, Tadhg M | 3S | Faren B, |
| 4G | Alexander F, Mitchell A, Finlay P | 4K | Joseph H, Ella T |
| 5H | Caitlin W, Jackson J | 5R | Tessa J, Emily N |
| 6 | Molly L, Mattaeus P | PE | |
| Italian | Luke W, Jack H, Kye P, Christian C | Band | Isaac C, Isabelle L, Mia B, Faren B |

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Let us remember in our prayers the children who have participated in their First Reconciliation over the last few weeks. May their hearts be full of peace as they take their lessons and the gifts of Reconciliation to their families, school and communities. We thank parents, teachers, group leaders and Priests who have facilitated and supported the children on their faith journey. Congratulations children!

Last week the Parish of North Harbour held an evening reception for the Prior General of the Augustinians, Fr Alejandro. Leaders from our Year 6 cohort represented our school community. Our students assisted on the evening by distributing food platters and chatting to parishioners and clergy alike. Ana Luiza F commenced the formal session of the evening by reading the “*Our Father*” in Spanish, Fr Alejandro’s mother tongue. We would like to commend and thank the following students for their dignified and cheerful participation in this parish event.

Our thanks go to: Kye P, Alannah W, Natasha V, Sara C, Isabella D, Isabella K, Isabel O, Mya D and Charlotte K for representing their school with dignity and service. A special thank you to Ana Luiza for sharing her linguistic talents.

Dinner with Father Alejandro Moral Anton

Last week a few Year 6 students went to the welcoming dinner for Father Alejandro Moral Anton. This event was held for welcoming our special guest into our community. Fr Alejandro is the general of all the Augustinians in world and lives in the Vatican with the Pope. While we were there he presented a very inspirational speech which spread a very special message. Fr Alejandro is a man of wise words as he told us to love your family, have faith and God will lead you through the toughest of times. This speech really helps us reflect on our lives today and improve it especially during this time of Lent.

By Natasha and Alannah Year 6

CARITAS: Project Compassion

Over the next two weeks some of our primary classes will be organising fund raising activities for Project Compassion. In keeping with our “Head, Heart and Hands” social justice model the children will have researched a social justice problem, **HEAD** reflected on the issue through the eyes of the Gospel, **HEART** and designed a way to assist those in need, **HANDS**.



we can help

This Week Year 4 has run a “Shoe Shine” booth in the playground. The booth was open each lunch time and children worked to a roster. Recipients of the shoe shine donated a gold coin to Project Compassion.

CARITAS fundraisers for next week include; desk cleaning by Year 3 ongoing throughout the week, Car washing by Year 6 on Tuesday, for teacher’s cars only and damper cooking by Year 5.

Holy Week Liturgies

The children will be preparing and celebrating Holy Week Liturgies with their class throughout the days leading up to Easter. Each day a different event of Holy week is being reflected upon by the students in the Kieran Room. Should parents wish to see what the children will be doing they are welcome to visit the Kieran Room between 8.30 and 8.45am.



FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Sibling Enrolments 2018

Enrolments are now open for Kinder 2018. If you have a child starting next year please download Enrolment forms from the school [website](#) .

Qkr

St Kieran's Catholic Primary School has launched *Qkr* (by *MasterCard*) as an easy to use, secure phone app for making school payments from your mobile phone. *Qkr* will accept payment using **ANY** credit/debit card (except American Express) and has a simple checkout function. No info is stored on the mobile phone. We are encouraging all credit card payments to be completed through *Qkr* particularly for canteen orders, school fees or other special events etc.



Step 1. Download *Qkr!* on your Android phone or iPhone.

iPad users can download iPhone App. [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#)

Step 2: Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3: Find St Kieran's Catholic Primary School, Manly Vale

Search for St Kieran's Catholic Primary School or Manly Vale

Step 4: Register your Children

When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school payments on their behalf.

Note: The [Qkr web client](#) is available for those not wanting to complete transactions from their mobile phone - visit <https://qkr.mastercard.com/store/#/home>

About the *Qkr!* App

Qkr is a safe, secure and reliable way to pay for school items. *Qkr* is provided by MasterCard so you know the payments are secure. No information is stored on your phone. Registration details and card information are saved securely on the MasterCard network. *Qkr* will accept payment using **ANY** credit/debit card (except American Express).

Canteen

From Wednesday April 26 – students and staff can place food/drinks orders for recess or lunch. Parents are presented with a two week calendar view when placing food orders. Food orders for that day will close at 8.30am to allow for the food to be prepared.

FLEXI SCHOOLS WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE AT ST KIERAN'S FROM 26 APRIL

For those with balances in FlexiSchools at the end of term please follow these instructions:

*After you have used your FlexiSchools account for the last time go to the My Account tab when you are logged into the desktop site and select **Pay my balance back to me**. This will close your account and trigger a full refund of any outstanding balance.*

SCHOOL NEWS

School Photos Monday 1 May

Printed *School Photo* envelopes were sent home today. Please take note of the following points:

- **Do not** seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office
- If paying by **cash** please enclose **correct money** as no change is given on photo day. **No Cheques** accepted
- Credit card payments can be made online www.msp.com.au (please follow instructions on the envelope) or by calling MSP office prior to the day - 9499 6555. **Your child will still need to take their envelope with them on the day.**
- Sport / Specialty Photo orders will be organised after photo day on a separate form.
- **All parent queries** direct to MSP Photography 9499 6555



Winter Uniform

- The changeover to full winter uniform takes place during the first **two** weeks of Term 2.
- Students may wear either full summer or full winter during that period but not a mixture of both.
- **However** for Monday 1 May only, **all students** are to be in full winter uniform for school photos.
- All students to be in full winter uniform by Monday 8 May.

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| <p><u>Girls</u> Winter tunic White long sleeve shirt Girls tie Long navy socks or navy stockings on cold days</p> <p><u>Sport</u> Blue collared T-shirt with school emblem Navy pleated sports skirt /skort / shorts White socks White sandshoes—minimal coloured markings Navy tracksuit / jacket / pants</p> | <p><u>Boys</u> Navy trousers Long sleeve white shirt Tie (elastic tie available for Kindy to Y2) Navy socks (same as summer)</p> <p><u>Sport</u> Blue collared T-shirt with school emblem Navy sports shorts White socks White sandshoes—minimal coloured markings Navy tracksuit / jacket / pants</p> |
| <p><u>Jumpers:</u> polar vest, polar fleece, micro fibre track jacket or Woollen jumper</p> | |

Some Carpark Guidelines

P – Please always stay in your car during drop off and pick up times. If your child/children are not able to leave you in a 'kiss and drop' situation, please walk them in.

A – Avoid the rush! Remember that you can pick up your children up to 3.10pm. Take some extra time and you'll have a smoother pick up.

Are you driving down to end of the wall – where the stop sign is?

R - Respect all other drivers at all times and make sure that we aren't parking over our neighbour's driveways in Gordon and King St. It is best practice for the safety of all children not to pull into driveways in Gordon St to turn around. Please drive to the top of the cul de sac to turn around.

K – Know that doing these very simple steps will help make it work more efficiently.

Safety is a Shared Responsibility.

Parents we'd like to ask that in the interest of safety if you are using one of the parking bays in the car park during afternoon pick up, please refrain from reversing out of the parking bay until all drive through car park pick up is complete. If you do need to pick up your child and leave (and cannot wait until drive through pick up has finished) we suggest parking in nearby streets and walking to pick your child up from school

Also, we ask that if parents are using Gordon Street to drop off their children in the morning they are to either use the 4 hour parking places or a spot on the road to park before allowing their children to get out of the car. Stopping the car in the middle of the road in order for students to leave the vehicle is a dangerous practice.

Netball Congratulations

From almost 60 girls from Northern Beaches & the Central Coast, Opal B was one of 8 girls successful in being selected to represent Broken Bay Diocese at the NSWCPSS Polding Winter Sport Trials to be held in Bathurst next month. Congratulations Opal.

Band News

This week we did our first fundraising drive for the year with an extremely successful cake stall. Thanks to all the parents for baking and sending in the lovely cakes, they were fantastic. The band raised \$380 which will go towards updating equipment and resources.

Thank you to everyone involved. The band doesn't grow and evolve without your incredible efforts. The Hardi Aged Care performance for senior band is next **Wednesday 5 April**. Please remember to send in your permission slips.

Looking forward to the year ahead,
Miss Hodges, Band Conductor

PARENT NEWS

Canteen

Volunteer required please: Friday 9.00am to 1.50pm, 16 June, 8 September, and 1st December? If you can help out with these dates please text Jo Nesbitt on 0410 629 135. Thank you in advance.

NEW: Sushi selection - chicken schnitzel is now available. As of Term 2 sushi will cost \$3.20 each due to a price increase from our supplier. Don't forget about our NEW rice paper rolls: Teriyaki chicken with salad, or Tofu with vegetables, \$2.90 each.

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

Wednesday 5 March: Eleanor Hill (M), Jenni Schofield (M), Carla Guinee (A), Marina Penberthy (A)

Thursday 6 March: Vanessa Morello (M), Jennifer Lee, Vanessa Longobardi (A)

Friday 7 March: Angela Sokolow, Sania Saady, Ali Holie

- Full day Volunteers are required from 8.50am to 1.50pm.
- Morning Volunteers are required from 8.50am to 11.15am (M).
- Lunch Volunteers are required from 11.15am to 1.50pm (L).

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

St Kieran's Umbrellas: will be sold near the canteen over the next two weeks for an absolute BARGAIN, only \$10 for a large strong umbrella.

Uniform: To order please go to the Pickles [website](#).

1-2-3 Magic Workshop.

The Catholic Schools Office Parent Ed Team is presenting a 1-2-3 Magic Workshop on Building emotion intelligence and managing behaviour. This is a very worthwhile program and is being presented over three evenings in May at St Kieran's. Please register your intention of attendance by emailing or phoning the school. Click [here](#) for further information.

PARISH NEWS

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to all the children who receive the sacrament of First Reconciliation. Approximately 180 children and their families have participated in the sacramental preparation program this term. Thanks to all the families for their commitment to the program and to the group facilitators (and co-facilitators) who so generously lead the small family group sessions

Next term the children will prepare for and receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Janette Davidson

First Holy Communion

The sacramental journey continues for the children (who have completed the sacraments of Confirmation and Reconciliation in Year 3 and older) and their families next term as the children will prepare for and receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Parent Information Sessions will be held the second week of Term 2 on either **Tuesday 2 May at 9.30am OR Wednesday 3 May at 7.00pm both in St Kieran's Church.**

2017 – 2018 Sacramental Program for Children in Yr2 (and older) – Key Dates

- Parents of children in Year 2 (and older) who wish to participate in the 2017/2018 program are reminded that the program will commence with a **Sacramental Program Information Meeting for Parents on either Tuesday 9 May at 9.30am OR Wednesday 10 May at 7.00pm in St Kieran's Church.** Information presented at this session will include what parents need to know to accompany their children on their sacramental journey. Please note it is not necessary to attend this meeting if parents have had a child participate in the program in 2015 or 2016.
- **Enrolment for Confirmation on Tuesday 6 June between 9.00am and 10.00am OR 6.00pm and 7.00pm in the St Kieran's Parish Centre.** All documentation including Registration Form to be handed in.
- **Confirmation Parent Information Meeting on either Tuesday 27 June at 9.30am OR Wednesday 28 June at 7.00pm in St Kieran's Church.**

All documentation including the Program, Photo Card and Registration Form can be downloaded from the parish website at www.northharbourcatholic.org.au under the sacraments tab and from the back of both Churches.

Please contact Janette via email sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au or mobile 0408 866 521 if you have any questions.

Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister

COMMUNITY NEWS

Manly Warringah Basketball: Please click [here](#) for **holiday camp** information and next terms **Pink Ball**

Brigidine College: Open [Day](#) Thursday 4 May 3.30 – 6pm

