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LOOKING AHEAD

December

Fri 7	7.30am Band Breakfast Kinder 2019 Developmental Play 6pm Christmas Carols
Mon 10	Yr 4 Surf Ed
Mon 17	12.50pm Yr 6 Lunch 6pm Yr 6 Celebration liturgy
Wed 19	12pm Thanksgiving Mass End of Term for students
Thurs 20	Staff Development Day

January 2019

Wed 30	Year 1 – 6 commence Best Start Kinder appointments
Thurs 31	Best Start Kinder appointments
February	
Fri 1	Kinder 2019 commence
Fri 8	10am Opening School Mass
Tues 12	6pm Kinder Parent Information evening
Thurs 28	Northern Beaches Swim Carnival

Dear Families

As we move into the last couple of weeks of the school year, the social calendar is getting busy! This week we have had the Night of the Notables (Year 5), Graduation Dinner (Year 6), the Dad's Curry Night and the Carols' Night this evening. This "busyness" starts to take its toll on everyone, especially the students. I ask that you keep this in mind and ensure that the children are given time to rest and relax so as to get over the finish line in one piece! It's important during this "silly season" to be kind to ourselves and to others.

Congratulations to Opal Bird who attended the "Broken Bay Outstanding Sports Achievement Awards" on Wednesday evening before dashing to the Graduation Dinner. Opal received recognition for her representation in two sports for the Polding Team as well as representing NSW. Opal was also asked to speak at the awards where she acknowledged the support given to her by St Kieran's and the Broken Bay Sports Council.



There has been a very good response to the Communication Survey sent home last week. The survey will close early next week so this weekend is your last chance to complete it if you haven't had the opportunity yet. <https://goo.gl/forms/GhuxW7Mg55Gbtoef1>

Next Friday we will host the Volunteers' Morning Tea at 9am in the staff room. Please RSVP as soon as possible so that catering can be organised.

School Reports will be distributed by email next Friday when you will also receive class details for 2019.

God bless

Michael Gallagher
Principal



★ ★ ★ AWARDS ★ ★ ★

KC	Violet S and Naomi T	KH	Mateo B-L, Maddison R and Luke P
1L	Lysander B and Alana R	1R	Ben P and Sophie M
2HB	Darek P and Kieran H	2S	Max D and Zaara B
3B	Oscar P and Thomas S	3V	Declan P, Dylan J, Freya M and Lachlan W
4G	Gemma B and Ollie F	4K	Ana Luiza FdS and Makayla T
5K	Alexander F and Isabel S	Yr 5/6	Lucas A and Lily Q
Yr 6	Samuel B and Lily-Rose M	PE	Finlay P

SCHOOL NEWS

Religious Education

Christmas Carols Go Ahead

Following a stormy demise to last year's Christmas Carols we are set for a wonderful evening of carolling and music from our school community. The booklet of carols is linked within this newsletter for you to print so you can join in with all the carols.



The St Kieran's School Band will kick us off at 5.30pm. We have heard the band practising for a while now and they sound fantastic. Thank you band and the band conductor, Surrey, for all your hard work in preparing for this evening.

Christmas Carols lead by parents and ex –students, "The Glittery Decorations", will commence at 6pm. Christmas Carols were started at St Kieran's by the parents of the school. They have run, weather permitting, for many years and can only continue with the leadership of the parents in the school. We thank Kathryn Williams and her helpers for their talent and time this evening.

This evening is a family event at school. We anticipate that all students will sit with their family and friends. As such upstairs and the stair wells, the under-croft area, sails area, church and car park areas are out of bounds. Safety officers in orange vests will be supervising the playground and crowds this evening. We are sure everyone will cooperate with their requests. In the event of a fire we will be evacuating to the car park.

Low chairs, picnic rugs and picnic nibbles are the order of the evening. We wish to remind parents that alcohol and smoking are not permitted in the school grounds. If you are not taking your rubbish home with you we ask that all rubbish be placed in the bins or in the dumpster as you leave. It would be lovely if the parents who have volunteered for clean-up have nothing to do.

Our final thanks need to go to our Kindy parents for their thorough organisation of the evening. Kindy volunteers have put their hands up to set up, be responsible for safety, signage and many other Santa jobs for our Christmas Carols evening.

Dates for Term 4

Christmas Carols

Year 6 Celebration Liturgy

Thanksgiving Mass

Tonight Fri 7 Dec

Mon 17 Dec

Wed 19 Dec

6 pm at St Kieran's

6 pm at St Kieran's

12.00 pm at St Kieran's

Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

Library News

- **Author Visit**

Next Tuesday the students in Kindergarten to Year 4 will attend a visit from author, M.C.D. Etheridge. He will read some chapters of his book, "Whitebeard" where he imagines his world as a pirate! Students are able to purchase a signed copy of the book for \$15 and can bring the money with them on Tuesday. Please see the flyer [linked](#) to the newsletter.

Further information can be found at <https://www.whitebeard.com.au/>

We look forward to this visit!

- **Library returns**

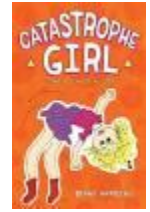
Borrowing has ceased for this year and all library books must be returned next week. Your child will be given a reminder if they still have outstanding books and this is a perfect opportunity to check book shelves at home. If books are not returned, they will need to be paid for.

- **PRC Update**

We are still waiting for the Gold and Platinum certificates to arrive as there has been a hold up with the printing. They will be distributed as soon as they arrive. Apologies for the delay.

- **New book from Diane Harding**

Earlier this year, Year 2 and 3 were treated to a fabulous writing workshop by author Diane Harding. Diane very generously gave each student a copy of her new book, "Catastrophe Girl."



She was telling the students about the book she was in the process of writing and it is now published. Please see the attached [flyer](#) about the new title, "I Dug a Hole to China." Details on how to purchase the book can be found here too. This is a terrific way to support local writers and would make a great stocking filler too!

Lost Property

There are a lot of items of clothing left from lost property that are unnamed or have a name on them from past students of St. Kieran's. These items will be out in the playground, BEFORE SCHOOL on Friday 14 December for anyone who would find them useful. However, it is an expectation that if they take something that the items are to be clearly labelled with the name of their child.



Christmas Carols at St Kieran's

Carols are on again at St Kieran's on Friday 7 December at 6pm. All classes will be singing and Kathryn Williams and her merry band of volunteer musicians will be leading the way. Wear something festive and join the fun. The carols booklet is available from the following link:

<https://www.skmvddb.catholic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/2018->

[Carols-at-St-Kierans.pdf](#)

PARENT NEWS

From the P&F

Get in touch!

As always, as your P&F Committee are here to help with any questions or concerns you have. Please drop us a note anytime at stkierans.pf@gmail.com.

Cheers from your P&F Committee

Aileen Cahill, Louise Magee, Jane Smith, Shahn Schwarz, Gemma Wall, Jen Galland and Howie Giles

Class Parents for 2019

We are still looking for Class Parents across all school years for 2019. We are especially looking for next year's Year 2 and Year 6.

Being a Class Parent is a fabulous way to become an active participant in the school community so please consider joining this wonderful group of people.

It really is a rewarding and vital part of making St Kieran's the great school it is.

If you think you might be interested, please e-mail Gemma Wall at gemmawall80@gmail.com.

Thank you.

Canteen: Canteen **Menu** [here](#)

NEW in the canteen: Blue Raspberry Sour TNTs replacing the Lemonade Fizz flavour.

NEXT WEEK's ROSTER (Term 4 - Week 9):

Wednesday 12 December: Andi West, Cath Hamer

Thursday 13 December: Ally Browne, Jennifer Lee

Friday 14 December: Susanne Foale (M), Nicole Covich, Deb Barton, Riany Tanner, Alex Miles (A)

- 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 - via text on: 0410 629 135.



DRAMA CLASSES 2019

LUNCHTIMES at ST KIERAN'S

Yrs K,1,2 DRAMA CLUB
MONDAY Lunchtimes



Yrs 3,4,5 DRAMA CLUB
MONDAY Lunchtimes



Yr 6 THEATRESPORTS
THURSDAY Lunchtimes



2019 ENROLMENTS ONLINE

www.dramascene.com.au

STEPHANIE WAITES: 0407 235 914

PARISH NEWS

Christmas Eve Children's Choir



If your child is in Yrs 3 – 6 and would like to be part of the Children's Choir at the Christmas Eve Mass on 24 December at 5.30pm please complete and return the slip at the end of this newsletter. The children will need to be at the church by 5pm. The Children's Choir will practise at lunchtime in the church during December.

All children attending, whether they are in the choir or not, may dress up as angels, shepherds and all manner of animals.

Christmas Eve Children's Mass

Christmas Eve Family Mass at 5.30pm at St Kieran's Church All children are welcome to participate in this Mass and come dressed as angels and shepherds (optional). Any assistance with the following would be greatly appreciated:

* Helpers to sit with angels and shepherds * Welcoming; *Collecting * Ushers

Please contact Janette by phone 0408 866 521 or email at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au if you and your family can assist in this joyous parish celebration.

Janette Davidson, Family and Sacramental Minister - Catholic Community of North Harbour

COMMUNITY NEWS

Manly Warringah Basketball - AUSSIE HOOPS

Learn to Play for all kids 5-12 - Term 1 Sundays February 10th - April 6th 2019 (8 weeks) at Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre, Jacksons road, Warriewood, NSW 2102. Aussie Hoops Coach is Jerome Lee. All participants receive a Basketball Australia pack which includes an indoor /outdoor basketball, reversible playing singlet and a gym sack. The cost is \$110 for (eight weeks) all inclusive. Book on the Aussie Hoops site

<http://www.aussiehoops.com.au>



Thank you!
volunteers

A morning tea will be held for all volunteers on

Friday 14 December
9am in the Staffroom

For catering purposes:
if you would like to attend please RSVP
by Monday 10 December



Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea

I will be attending the Thank You Morning Tea on
Friday 14 December at 9am in the staffroom

Name: _____

Thank you!



Christmas Eve Children's Mass

24 December 2018 5.30pm

My child/ren would like to be part of the Children's Choir on 24 December.

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Parent Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

