



*To Learn*

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*To Love*

TERM 2 WEEK 6, 2 June



## This Week at St Kieran's

We have listened. Following your feedback from recent surveys we are making some changes to the way we communicate so that there is more focus, purpose, higher engagement and participation of parents in school life. One of the changes is the format of the newsletter, the look and items we publish to gauge your interest and enthusiasm for our amazing school. This is a beginning, and we will trial new formats like videos and virtual features involving students telling you about the amazing things happening at St Kieran's. As we roll out some of these changes in communication over time, I welcome your constructive feedback via email to the school.

We are so fortunate to have an enthusiastic P&F team so committed to social and fundraising activities that build school pride, climate and community. This week you received raffle tickets and a letter outlining details of the term 3 major raffle. The prizes are kindly donated by local businesses and there is a great incentive for the family that sells the most tickets. I trust you will get behind this initiative to raise funds to purchase new STEM resources, playground and sensory garden equipment to improve the facilities for children to play and garden at school. Thank you in anticipation for working with and supporting the P&F team on this drive.

Anna Marsella

Principal



## Merit Awards

KB: Leon C, Carson W  
KW: Blake D, Isabelle U  
1B: Lucas B, Diego A D  
2B: Owen L, Clancy B  
3B: Angelique C, Joshua U  
3W: Ava B, Archer Mc  
4B: Tom S, Luke P  
4W: Charlie B, Billy B  
5B: Sampo C, Zosia K  
5W: David P, Mila C  
6B: Aaron C, Sam M  
PE: James G, Sienna S  
Creative Arts: Oscar Mc



# Learning and Teaching

At our Professional Learning meeting on Tuesday, the teachers focused on how best to use questioning and technology to differentiate for our students.

As educators we know that the average classroom has a diverse range of learners often from different cultural, social and educational experiences. The “one-size fits all” learning pathway and “teaching to the middle” doesn’t work for any of our students as they are all at different points of need and ability on the learning continuum.

Teachers identify where their students are on the learning continuum by knowing their students, in particular their learning skills and current capabilities as well as motivations and interest. Data is used to identify each student’s “zone of proximal development”. From here, teachers plan the learning pathway taking into account the following, content, process, product and the learning environment.

A key factor in effective differentiation is the quality of teacher input and interaction. Teachers elicit higher order thinking by ensuring questions they ask of students are targeted and designed to extend thinking.

Technology too, is a positive way to ensure differentiation. An example of this is the use of the Speech to Text function useful for students who have issues with fine motor skills.

Marisa Bombardieri, Assistant Principal

## Happy Birthday....

to the following students celebrating a birthday this week:

1 June: Lucas H  
3 June: Charlie M  
5 June: Elizabeth G

## Achievements

### Broken Bay Diocese Cross Country

A big Congratulations to the following students:

Aston F, Stella N, Violet S, Kate L and Thomas M who drove out to a very windy Fagan Park on Tuesday this week. They completed in the Broken Bay Diocesan Cross Country Championships. Their efforts were exceptional and they did extremely well.



# Religious Education

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY CATHOLIC CHURCH

**We will be wearing a touch of red on Monday to celebrate Pentecost.**

Acts 2 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Coming of the Holy Spirit:



**When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.**

Pentecost is the time the friends of Jesus were strengthened by the Holy Spirit. They left their hiding place and went forth into the world to teach the lessons they learnt from Jesus.

Like Jesus and the disciples how might we spread God's message of love to those around us?

### Celebrate at Home

Red is the liturgical colour for Pentecost. Add a red festive touch to your meal table: e.g., red candle, red flower, red serviettes, red balloon. Enjoy!

### Pray

Teach your child this simple, powerful prayer: "Come, Holy Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love."

### Remember

As a parent, you are doing an amazing job. Ask the Holy Spirit for whatever grace, gift or strength you most need this week.

As Year four continue their learning and preparation for their First Holy Communion, please remember the students and their families in your prayers.

Yours in religious Education  
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

## Parish News

MASSES Livestreaming will continue for the next week and once that ends recorded Homilies will continue.

- For all Parish bulletins from the Catholic community of North Harbour please click [here](#)
- Parish Gospel and Homily Live Streaming [Facebook](#) or via [You Tube](#)
- For information regarding Sacraments please contact Janette Davidson on 0408 866 521 or via email: [Sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au](mailto:Sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au)



## Extra Curricula Opportunities

**Evergreen Music:** Junior and Senior Band has commenced with Evergreen Music. Please click [here](#) for more information.

**Drama:** To enrol click [here](#). *Stephanie Waites, Drama teacher 0407 235 914*

**Chess:** Term 2 Chess has commenced on Fridays from 1pm-1.50pm. For further information and to register click [here](#).

# What's Happening

## P & F News

Please support our major fundraiser and keep selling your raffle tickets for our STEM resource, play/ sensory garden equipment!

### UPCOMING PROPOSED EVENTS:

- Fri 29 July: Grandparents Day
- Fri 9 July: Movie night
- Sat 27 Aug: P&F Gala Event
- Fri 2 Sept: Father's Day Breakfast
- Fri 28 Oct: School Disco
- Fri 9 Dec: Christmas Carols



## Upcoming Key Dates

### JUNE

- Thu 9: School Photos
- Mon 13: Queen's Birthday- Public Holiday
- Fri 17: Athletics Carnival
- Thur 30: Last Day Term 2

### JULY

- Fri 1: Staff Development Day

## Term Dates

- Term 2: Tuesday 26 April - Thurs 30 June
- Term 3: Mnday 18 July - Friday 23 Sept
- Term 4: Monday 10 Oct - Fri 16 Dec

## Book Club

Orders for BOOK CLUB close on Sunday **June 12!** Get your orders in.

## Athletics Carnival

### FRIDAY 17 JUNE

Thank you very much for the completion of the athletics permission note. We are very grateful for all the offers of help it is much appreciated.

Next week a note will be sent out outlining details of your role on the day along with other parent helper information.

## Parenting Ideas

The latest insight from one of Australia's most trusted parenting experts focuses on Screen-based media read the article here: ["Savvy Parenting in a digital world"](#)

## School Photos

REMINDER: All Children are to wear **FULL WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM** for school photos on **JUNE 9**

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