Dear St Kevin’s families,

We extend a very warm welcome to our new Kindergarten children who have established themselves extremely well. They have had a very smooth start to the year and have been wonderfully supported by their parents and teacher, Ms Raso.

Worry can rob you of your happiness, but kind words will cheer you up — Proverbs: 12:25

Enjoy the week ahead,
Lorraine Vincent
Principal

Parent Information Night

Wednesday 15th February.
There will be two repeat sessions: 6pm and 7pm

Your attendance on this night is a valuable support to the classroom teachers as well as providing an excellent overview of the learning that is in place for your child. We ask parents to come prepared to the Information Sessions with any questions you may have regarding your child’s school year in 2017. There will be question time allocated at the conclusion of each teacher’s Information session. Supervision will be provided in the school library from 5.45pm.

Student Leaders 2017

Our Year 5 and 6 school leaders will be recognised tomorrow afternoon 10 February @ 2.30pm. This special assembly will acknowledge their role as student leaders in 2017. These students are encouraged to accept the responsibility of servant leadership throughout the school on many levels, acting as senior buddies, assembly leaders, Peer Support guides, environmental and technology enthusiasts. We can be very proud of our school leaders for 2017!

Leadership is doing what is right when no one is watching.
Religious Education

Warringah Parish Sacramental Program 2017
Reconciliation
A parent Information/Enrolment night will take place in St John’s Church Narrabeen tonight Thursday, February 9 at 7.00pm. This meeting is for parents to register their child on the four week preparation program. This is the next sacrament on the Diocese of Broken Bay program following Baptism and Confirmation.

Beginning School Liturgy
Last Friday we had our Beginning School Liturgy in the school hall. It was great to see a so many parents join us in this celebration to help welcome our new Kindergarten students and teachers. The students sang with such enthusiasm and the readers read beautifully.

Staff Development Days:
Please see information attached to this newsletter regarding these two pupil free days:
- Monday – 24 April
- Friday – 28 April

Parents & Friends
Welcome to the new school year!
We would love to see you at the following school events:
- Welcome Drinks Night Friday 10 February
  7pm – 8.30pm in the school courtyard.
- The St Kevin’s Bush Dance Saturday 25 March – 6.45pm – 8.30pm

Just One Thing in 2017!
Notes were sent home earlier this week. Please complete and send back to your child’s class teacher by next Tuesday 14 February.

Canteen
Canteen is open tomorrow, FRIDAY 10 Feb – menu is attached. It would be appreciated if you could ensure your child has the correct money, and their name & class is clearly written on the outside of the lunch order bag. 
Please note due to the unavailability of volunteers we are no longer able to offer Sushi on a Tuesday …

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday: 8.45am to 9.00am & Thursday: 3.00pm to 3.30pm.

Family Liaison Officer

Parent Engagement – Are you engaged in your child’s learning? Part 1
There is an interesting link for parents who wish to read more about Parent Engagement:
http://www.education.act.gov.au/teaching_and_learning/parental-engagement/progressing-parental-engagement. Here is a short quote from this page:

Parental engagement...
- recognises that both parents and teachers play an important role in children's learning, development and well-being - and that children generally do better when there are connections between home and school.
- is about family-led learning which focuses on high aspirations for children, shared reading, a positive environment for homework, parent-child conversation, a stimulating home environment and support for social and emotional well-being;
- is most effective when it is focused on developing positive attitudes towards learning and education for children, building their motivation and confidence as learners and fostering their enjoyment of learning.

Each week for the next 6 weeks, we will provide you with a parent engagement goal for you to use at home. The first one is “Make reading a family affair”. See the attached poster for you to print off and put on your fridge.

1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching – Parent Seminar Series
Date: 9th, 16, 23rd March
Time: 9-11:30am
Venue: St. Kevin’s downstairs hall
Cost: $10 – covers of the cost of the workbook
To register, or if you have questions email: jeanie.mcdonnell@dbb.catholic.edu.au. Or return slip on attached flyer.

Class Parent Role 2017
We are holding a 2017 class parent kick off meeting on Thursday 23rd Feb @ 2:30pm in the downstairs hall.
The agenda is to confirm who the class parents are for each class, read through the Class Parent Guidelines & answer any questions you may have.
It is ideal if 2 or more parents share the role. If you wish to volunteer to be class parent or share the role of a class parent please email: jeanie.mcdonnell@dbb.catholic.edu.au to express your interest and confirm your attendance at the meeting.
Library News

Read With Me club was handed out to all students last Thursday. So the official starting date is Feb 2\textsuperscript{nd}. Everyone starts at zero every year, and if you read every day including weekends, then your child can reach the 300 level. Books are awarded for every 100 nights of reading at Friday assembly. Certificates are given by the teacher for every 25 nights of reading. Reading with your child is one of the most valuable and important activities you can do with your child.

Scholastic Book Club was also distributed last week. This is a commercial book club that provides excellent choices and prices for the latest books for all ages. Your ordering is done online at scholastic.com.au/LOOP. You will have to register for your first time, but after that it is easy. Please locate your child's class as all the books come to school packaged by class. The school does not handle cash payments as we cannot process them. But you can pay by cheque payable to Scholastic Australia. Online payments are on a secure site and I will process those orders next Friday 17\textsuperscript{th} Feb.

Returning library books each week can cause undue stress to parents and children. Can I suggest that you keep the library books in their library bag when you are not reading them – then they will be ready to come back to school each week without the big fuss of finding them. K-2 has a red basket outside their classroom where the child places their books in carefully. Library bags are then taken into class to be placed on their chairs or tables when the teacher collects the class from lines. This is the best way to make your child responsible for school property. If books are missing for 2 weeks then an overdue note will come home. It is then your responsibility as the parent to help the child find their book. Failing to produce the book will require payment if it is lost.

Every child requires a library bag each week, including years 3-6. I also accept plastic shopping bags if you wish to recycle clean ones.

If you have any questions I am available after 3pm on Wednesday and Thursday.

Safety First

The school car park is not to be used as a pick up or drop off venue by parents in the morning/afternoon unless your child is attending before/after school care.

Parents are NOT to leave their car on Oaks Avenue between 2:30 and 3:30pm. It is a NO PARKING Zone at this time which means the driver is not to be more than three metres from their vehicle.

The play equipment is unsupervised after school and is not to be used at this time.