Dear St Kevin’s families,

My thanks to all those parents who were able to attend the Welcome Drinks Night last Friday night. It was a very successful evening, where parents could easily meet and mingle with each other. I would also like to thank all our teaching staff including Mrs O’Rourke, our teacher librarian and Mrs O’Donnell our Family Liaison Officer who took time out to come and meet some of our parents.

Many thanks to all our parents and caregivers who were able to visit the school for the important Parent Information Sessions held last night. It was fabulous to see the attendance of so many families and your support was very much appreciated by the children and their teachers. Parent Information nights also emphasise the fact that the relationship between home and school is a tremendously important one and St Kevin’s parents are very much valued as the primary educators of their children.

**Sometimes God calms the storm. At other times, he calms the sailor. And sometimes he makes us swim.**  
~Author Unknown

Enjoy the week ahead,
Lorraine Vincent  
Principal

**Welcome**

We extend a warm welcome to baby Maya Victoria, a sister for Jaden (Year 6). We hope to meet the newest addition very soon!

**Open Day**

*St Kevin’s Open Day* will be held on Tuesday 7 March form 9.30 - 11.30am. There will also be an Information Evening from 7pm. This is an opportunity for parents with children starting school in 2018 to see our school community in action.

**Assembly**

Year 6 will share their learning in the school hall on Friday @ 2.30pm. All welcome!

**Principal’s Award**

Congratulations to the following children who will receive this award at tomorrow’s Assembly:

- **Yarraman (Kindergarten)**  
  Patricia R for her fantastic understanding of number dot patterns.

- **Ngijyang Nyanga (Year 1)**  
  Hunter H for being a focused and helpful learner during Art.

- **Ngaliya (Year 2)**  
  Lucas G for being a proud learner and always doing his best.

- **Ngubaty (Year 3)**  
  Kaden C for his ‘Mathematical Thinking’ when using the jump strategy.

- **Wana Gulang (Year 4)**  
  Caleb G for always being a proud learner!

- **Yudi (Year 5)**  
  Shamecka C for striving to do her best during our Maths sessions.

- **Yudi (Year 6)**  
  Jaden T for being a kind and considerate classmate.

**St Kevin’s Diary**

- **28 February**  
  Year 3 boys visit St Paul’s

- **7 March**  
  St Kevin’s Open day  
  9.30am and 7pm

- **9 March**  
  1-2-3 Magic (session 1)

- **16 March**  
  1-2-3 Magic (session 2)

- **23 March**  
  1-2-3 Magic (session 3)

- **25 March**  
  Bush Dance
Religious Education

Warringah Parish Sacramental Program 2017
Reconciliation
Thank you to all the parents who attended the Information night last Thursday night.
Please ensure that you have enrolled your child and booked the time you want them to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. The online code for bookings is: https://www.trybooking.com/252699.
Remember you and your child must attend all 4 preparation meetings to be able to receive the sacrament.
If you have any questions please ring Mary Baldwin 0421904114 (after school hours) or email mary.baldwin@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Project Compassion 2017
This year the focus for Project Compassion is ‘Love Your Neighbour’. This is the time for St Kevin’s as a school community to help support the vulnerable worldwide by creating safe, resilient communities.
Next week your children will bring home a family Project Compassion Box. Please encourage your children to place spare change into the box.
All boxes need to be returned to school by Friday 7th April (last day of term 1).
Thank you for your support.

Family Liaison Officer
Parent Engagement – Are you engaged in your child’s learning? Part 2
Each week for the first 6 weeks, we will provide you with a parent engagement goal for you to try and achieve at home. The second one is attached “Learn about the world together”. Please refer to last week’s newsletter for the first one in this series: “Make reading a family affair”. There is an interesting link for parents who wish to read more about Parent Engagement:

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.

Catholic High Schools
2017 Open Days for Catholic High Schools below:
Mercy Catholic College
101 Archer St Chatswood
Sunday 5th March 11am – 2pm
Mater Maria Catholic College
5 Forest Road Warriewood
Thursday 9th March – 4pm to 7pm
Marist College North Shore
270 Miller St North Sydney
Saturday 11th March 10am – 2pm

Staff Development Days:
- Monday – 24 April
- Friday – 28 April

Special Request
Year 1 and 2 would like donations of old magazines for their art classes. Please send these in as soon as possible. It would be greatly appreciated.
Parents & Friends

It's safe to say the Welcome Drinks Night last Friday was a great success. We had 40-50 people from the school community come and enjoy some casual drinks and conversation. It will be a regular on the events calendar.

Thank you to all those families who have returned the Just One Letter. Your contribution is extremely valuable.

Don’t forget to put the Bush Dance in your diaries for March 25th and get the outfits for the kids ready!

Canteen

Canteen is open tomorrow, FRIDAY 17 Feb – thank you to Libby & Tina who are rostered on. Also a big thank you to Mel & Brenda for last week!

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.

Uniform Shop

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

Library News

“Reading for pleasure is the most important way to advance literature attainment in children”- National Literacy Trust UK

Today is International Read Aloud Day and I am encouraging all families to sit down for 5-10 mins tonight and read aloud a favorite book. Reading should be fun; reading should be about finding those WOW words that really make you laugh, cry or feel moved by.

Book Covering

There will be a “How to cover books without getting all sticky” learning session for all parents. This will be on next Thursday afternoon (23rd Feb) from 2.30 to 3.00 in the library. If you would like to learn the quick and painless way of covering books in contact, then this is the session for you. Pre-school children are very welcome.

Just one thing notes

If you are going to help in the library there are a variety of jobs.

1. Book Fair from March 6- need 1 person to help set up/pack up
2. Cleaning books and keeping shelves tidy- all the time
3. Covering library books
4. Helping with Ice Cream Day in term 2 Week 7
5. Book Week activities Term 3 August 21-25 & Book Fair
6. Christmas Craft Term 4 & welcome to summer ice-cream Wk 7
7. Knitting the squares for wraps with love

Scholastic Book Club orders will be processed tomorrow. I cannot take cash orders in future. It must all be done online on the safe and secure website. You will need a credit card for this.

BORROWING

From next week ALL STUDENTS REQUIRE A LIBRARY BAG/ PLASTIC BAG TO BORROW. Plus all books must be returned each week for K-2. No book + no bag = no borrowing allowed.