



# St Kevin's Catholic Primary School

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SCHOOL  
Newsletter

29/11/2018

Term 4, Week 7 2018  
Newsletter No. 27

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear St Kevin's families,

Our thoughts and prayers are offered to all in our community who are suffering grief and loss. Today, we pray especially for a former student of St Kevin's, Isaac McInnes and Shane Greaves, the Admin officer at Maria Regina Avalon. We pray for their families at this very difficult time.

God help us,  
If our world should grow dark  
And there is no way of seeing or knowing.  
Grant us the courage to trust in you  
To touch and be touched  
To find our way onwards  
By feeling and loving. Amen

## Staffing 2019

Congratulations to Katie McDermott who has accepted the position as Assistant Principal at St Kevin's, commencing 2019. She is currently the REC at Corpus Christi, St Ives. Katie will visit St Kevin's before the school year comes to a close.

## Assessment Day 2019

**All appointments are to be finalised by  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

To make an appointment open the link below  
<http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au>

Event code: rvZ9f

Enter your details and select an  
appointment time.

## Beginning of year.....2019

Dates for the start of 2019:

**Tuesday 29 January:**

Assessment Day for Years 1 to Year 6  
(12 - 3.30pm)

**Wednesday 30 Jan:**

Assessment Day for Years 1 to Year 6

**Thursday 31 Jan:**

Years 1 to Year 6 - first school day

## End of year.....

The last school day for all students  
will be **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.**

## Baptism

Two of our students are being welcomed into our Catholic family by having their first sacrament, Baptism.

Magnus and Denzel will be celebrating their baptism on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 11:30am at St Kevin's church. All are welcome to join the boys and their families on this very special day.



## Volunteers

There will be an afternoon tea for all volunteers on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December @ 2pm** to thank our generous helpers for all their support this year. Invitation attached.

## Reminder ...

**All children are to wear sports uniform  
tomorrow Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November.**

St Kevin's Diary	
5 December	Volunteers Thank-You afternoon tea @ 2pm
13 December	Year 6 Graduation Mass 11:30am
14 December	Whole School Christmas Carols @ 6.30pm
19 December	Last Day Term 4

## Religious Education Advent to Christmas

Our season of Advent starts this Sunday. Each Monday morning at assembly time we will light a candle on an advent wreath. There are three purple and one pink or rose candle. In some places a white candle is also placed in the centre of the wreath symbolizing Christ. The other four candles represent hope, love, joy and peace.

## St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

*'Make it a real Christmas filled with Joy'* is the concept for this year's Christmas appeal.

Thank you to all the families who have already contributed to our Christmas hampers. Your small contribution will make a big impact on families who have very little to look forward to during this festive season.

**Hampers will be collected on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.**

## Class Mass

Year 6 will be attending Mass tomorrow at 12pm with our parishioners. All are welcome.

## 2019 Sacramental Dates

If you are planning on your child/ren completing the sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation or First Holy Communion, please make a note of the following dates for 2019.

**Confirmation: Saturday 29th June**

**Reconciliation: Week of April 1st -4th 5pm**

**First Holy Communion/Eucharist: 24/25 August, 14/15 & 21/22 September**

While these are the actual dates of the sacrament, you will also need to attend an enrolment, 4 lessons and a rehearsal which are the weeks prior to this date. More information will come next year.

## Plenary Council 2020

Crucial to the preparation for the Plenary Council 2020 is the process known as **"Listening and Dialogue Encounters"**.

This Saturday morning 1<sup>st</sup> December we will be holding a Plenary Council expression of interest meeting. If you would like to facilitate a group or you are just wanting to find out more, please join us in the St Kevin's top hall at 10am.

You are invited to attend ONE of the following dates: **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 7:00-8:30 pm at St John's Church OR Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 10:00-11:30 am at St Kevin's Hall.**

These sessions will 1) provide you with the tools to form groups and commence the "Listening and Dialogue Encounters"; 2) provide you with the opportunity to raise your questions regarding the Plenary Council.

Your voice is needed! No matter where you might find yourself in relation to the Church, we need to hear from you!

## Talent Quest

On **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December** St Kevin's will be holding their annual Talent Quest. Entry forms will be handed out in Week 8 and should be returned by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Parents must sign the entry form and students must audition for their class teacher.

## Parents & Friends Update

### Nominations are now open for 2019 Class Parents ...

Nominations are now open for **2019 Class**

**Parents.** Class Parents are an important role in the parent community. Ideally we would love to have Class Parents in place before the end of the 2018 school year, to enable us to communicate to the school community via the final school newsletter. Please complete the google form as soon as possible if you are interested in this role <https://goo.gl/forms/tJgTXVe3aoVaBgO02>

Ideally the Class Parent is a shared role, with two parents for each year group. It would be lovely to have nominations for the class parent role rather than the P&F committee allocating roles!!

### So what does a class parent do?

**Be Sociable:** Be approachable, friendly and welcoming – especially if there are new families joining your class in 2019. Promote school social events and help coordinate the refreshments at your class' family mass.

**Be a Communicator:** Send regular communication to your year group about what's going on at school. Make sure your parent group are aware of the communication tools already available at the school - School Website, School App, QKR app for payments, Weekly Newsletter and Parents Facebook group run by the P&F.

**Be Supportive:** Offer support to families in need – this can be as simple as listening. It is not part of the role to take on board parent feedback / complaints; just be a referral point to direct them to the appropriate channels – classroom teacher, school principal, family liaison officer.

**Be Involved:** Maintain contact with other class parents for support and guidance. And encourage involvement of your parent group in school activities.

If you have any questions about being a class parent please contact Belinda Winfry

[belinda.winfry@bigpond.com](mailto:belinda.winfry@bigpond.com) or Heidi Tobin

[heidianscotttobin@icloud.com](mailto:heidianscotttobin@icloud.com) to discuss in more detail.

## Canteen

Canteen is open for lunch and recess every **FRIDAY**, and Sushi is available (for lunch) every **MONDAY**.

The canteen will also be open Monday lunchtimes for the remainder of Term 4 for over the counter purchases – ice-blocks, drinks, chips

[Click here](#) for the latest Menu.

**A special thank you to our wonderful volunteers Libby & Tina who are rostered on this week! Tina & Libby have been doing St Kevin's Canteen together for the last 8 years! Thank you for your wonderful support and commitment to St Kevin's Dee Why!**

New volunteers for the canteen are always welcome. Go to signup <http://signup.com/go/PcBGFZH>

**Note:** No food prep is required for Mondays – the sushi is freshly made by a local supplier. We just order + collect! If you have an hour to spare on a Monday, contact Phayla [skdy@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:skdy@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

## Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open every week and has a good supply of new and pre-loved uniforms!

**Tues: 8.45am to 9.00am**

**Thurs: 3.00pm to 3.30pm**

## Library News

Please ensure that all library books are returned to the school library by the end of next week.

There will be no more borrowing from Week 8 onwards.



## Week 5 News

**Wednesday's are starting to reach capacity, if you would like your child to attend please ensure you book them in prior to the day to avoid disappointment.**

**NOTE: WE CAN NOT ACCEPT CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT BOOKED IN, DUE TO NUMBERS AND STAFFING RATIOS. PLEASE SEE LACHLAN IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.**

Week 6 was a busy one for OOSH! We got into the Christmas spirit with some festive craft and decorated the room with the artwork from it. The children made Christmas trees using a template which they folded together themselves and then decorated. They also made wooden ornaments which they proudly displayed on the Christmas tree they put up themselves. It looks fantastic and the bright tinsel and Santa, sitting atop the tree, really brighten up the room.

Aside from the Christmas activities, we had loom band jewelry as a really popular activity, a geography quiz spurred on by our inquisitive children and the fairy gardens got a workout with the children setting up areas to play and hang out in. We also had games of touch football, cricket, 44 homes and jail, a basketball game.

This week, we have continued to make Christmas a main theme, but we have also focused on learning and performing, based off our observations of the kids recently. We had children engaged in some games on their tablets, utilising technology as a learning resource, a science experiment at before school care and a look at some craft activities for Albania's and Barbados' national days, on Wednesday and Friday, respectively. Some other highlights included an OOSH talent show, yoga, and gardening and capture the flag. In the kitchen, we made sure to include a chocolate cake for 'world cake day' on Monday.



Have you joined our Facebook group? We post daily about all of our fun and adventures at OOSH. Search for Dee Why Kids Club on Facebook.

The team at St Kevin's Kids Club!

Website: [www.ooshnb.com.au](http://www.ooshnb.com.au)

Centre No: 0425 219 953 or Office: 9984 8089

Email: [deewhy@ooshnb.com.au](mailto:deewhy@ooshnb.com.au)



## **Volunteers Thank You Afternoon Tea**

**Dear St. Kevin's Volunteer,**

**Thank you for giving up so much of your time to help make St. Kevin's a most wonderful school. In recognition of your efforts and to show our appreciation you are invited to join us for an**

**Afternoon Tea**  
**Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Courtyard**  
**2pm**

**We hope you can make it.**

**Please return the attached slip, by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December to help with catering. Or email to: [skdy@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:skdy@dbb.catholic.edu.au)**

**Thank you and kind regards**

**Lorraine Vincent**

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**I will be joining the Volunteer Afternoon Tea on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm**

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_





## Sing Your Heart Out Holiday Workshops

Singing Workshop for children aged 5 to 12 years.  
Sing rock, pop, music theatre!  
Learn how to beat box and voice loop!  
Become a confident performer!

Highly qualified voice coaches Natasha Cupitt and  
Nadia McCarthy make a whole lot of learning, a  
whole lot of fun!

**Mon 21st - Wed 23rd January (3 Days) William St  
Studios, Fairlight**

For more information and to enrol, call Natasha on  
0425 297 827 or visit **SYHO.INFO**

**Enrolments  
now open**

Students 5-18 Years



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**WHAT'S ON**

**StarTime**  
STUDIOS

# HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

AT ST KEVIN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**DEE WHY**

## Minecraft Masters Filmmaking

Using green screen technology  
step into your Minecraft world

21 – 22 JAN, 9AM – 3PM



## The Greatest Showman Musical Extravaganza

Celebrate your individuality!

23 – 24 JAN, 9AM – 3PM



## Mad Scientist Day

Learn fun and exciting science  
experiments like a mad scientist

25 JAN, 9AM – 3PM



FOR  
AGES  
**5-12**

STRICTLY  
LIMITED  
NUMBERS

**Enrol Online**  
[startime.com.au](http://startime.com.au)



# School Holiday Activities

Summer 2018/19

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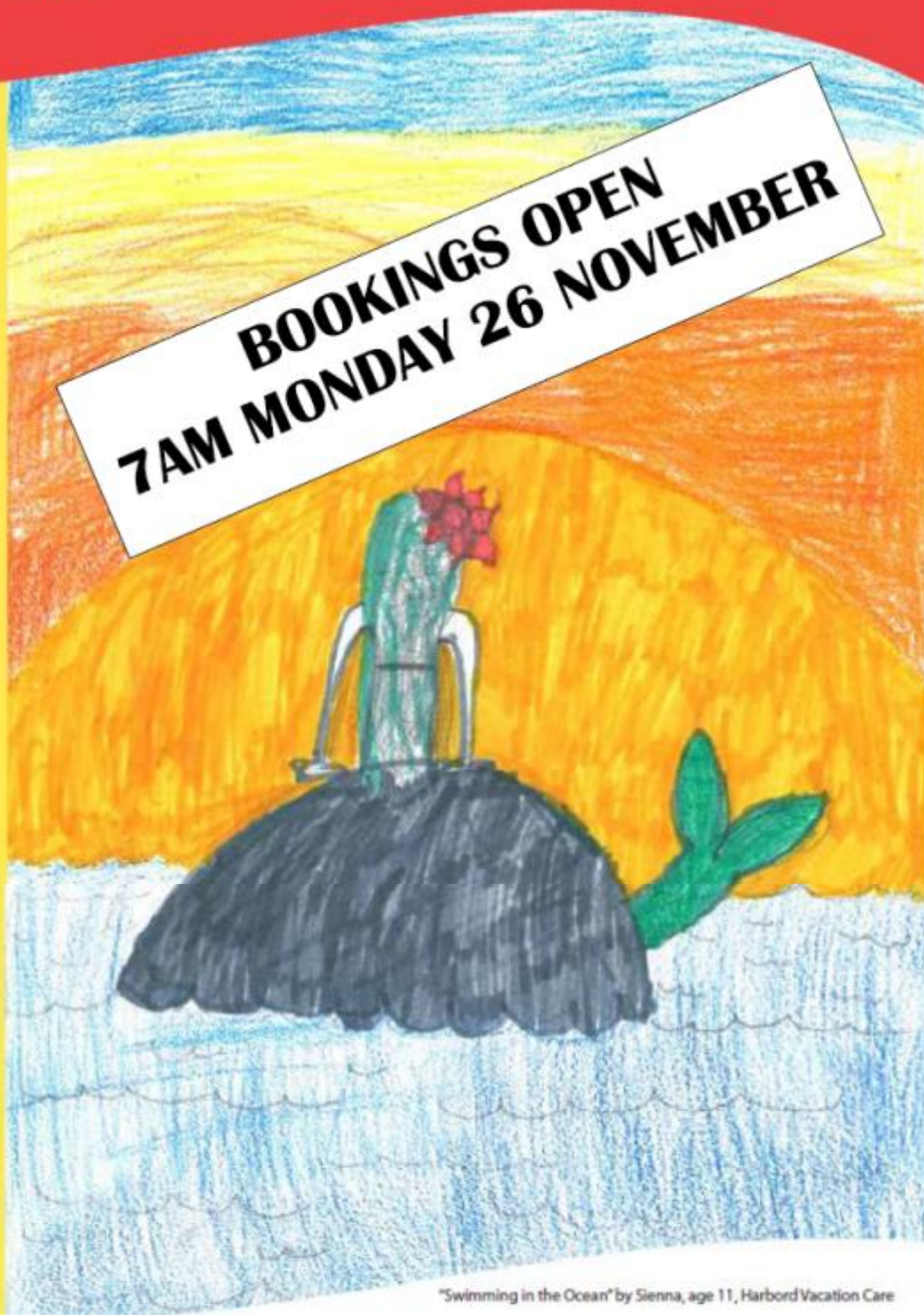
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**BOOKINGS OPEN  
7AM MONDAY 26 NOVEMBER**



"Swimming in the Ocean" by Sienna, age 11, Harbord Vacation Care





### **Matildas stars in action at Cromer Park in Sydney FC W-League game**

MWFA and Sydney FC will host a Westfield W-League competition game for the second successive season when Sydney FC takes on Adelaide United at Cromer Park on Thursday 13 December.

**Every single registered female players (registered to MWFA in 2018) will have an opportunity to register for a FREE TICKET to the match.** Please go to the MWFA website / FB and follow the link for additional information and ticket ordering. [www.mwfa.com.au](http://www.mwfa.com.au).

Tickets are available now from \$13.50 for adults and \$7 for juniors

MWFA and Manly United will run a free female football clinic (MWFA Female Football Festival) for girls aged U6-U12 at Cromer Park from 5.30-6.30pm along with activities for the kids inside and outside the ground from 6pm.

To pre-register for the MWFA Female Football Festival log onto the link <https://manlyunited.wufoo.com/forms/zzx4q8x0eysxf6/>

### **MATCH DETAILS**

Sydney FC v Adelaide United

Cromer Park

Thursday 13 December 2018

7.30pm kick off

Live on FOX SPORTS





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**MANLY WHARF**

**9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 DECEMBER**

**8AM TO 12.00PM**

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