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SCHOOL
Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear St Kevin's families,

On behalf of the staff of St Kevin's I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our families. I especially welcome our Kindergarten children and their parents who are joining us for the first time. It has been a great first day for our Kindergarten students and a wonderful start to the first term for us all.

I look forward to catching up with each of you as the term progresses.

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 7th 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 2018. There will be question time allocated at the conclusion of each teacher's session. Supervision will be provided in the school library from 5.45pm.

Staff Development Days for 2018

There will be two pupil free days this year. Please note these dates in your diaries. On these days the school will be closed for students. Vacation Care will be provided by OOSH – for bookings please contact www.ooshnb.com.au

- **Tuesday – 3 April**
- **Monday – 15 October**

Assembly

The Welcome to School Liturgy commences in the school hall, Friday 2 February @ 2.30pm. All welcome! Principal's Awards will be distributed from Week 3.

Student Leaders 2018

Our Year 5 and Year 6 student leaders will be recognised on **Friday 9 February @ 2.30pm**. This special assembly will acknowledge their role as student leaders in 2018. 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 leaders. We can be very proud of our school leaders for 2018!

Leadership is doing what is right when no one is watching

Swimming Carnival

The school swimming carnival is scheduled for **Thursday 15 February at Manly Swim Centre**. If your child turns 8 this year they are eligible to attend our school swimming carnival. You must complete the online form using the link provided for your child to participate in this school event.

<https://goo.gl/forms/fs7XU6pvTALZUz2i2>

St Kevin's Diary

2 February	Welcome Liturgy
7 February	Parent Information Night
9 February	Leadership day for Year 5 and Year 6 students. Leadership Liturgy @ 2.30pm
14 February	Ash Wednesday
15 February	Swimming Carnival for children 8 - 12 years old
16 February	Welcome Drinks Night 7 – 8.30pm

Religious Education

Warringah Parish Sacramental Program 2018 Reconciliation

A Parent Information Night and blessing will take place in St John's Church Narraweena in week three, **Thursday 15th February**, at 7.00pm. Attendance is compulsory for at least one parent and their child.

This is the next sacrament on the Diocese of Broken Bay program following Baptism and Confirmation.



Welcome Liturgy

This will be held in the hall tomorrow afternoon from 2:30pm. All welcome.

Waste Free Days

Last year we saw the introduction to Waste Free Wednesday. Along the way we introduced Thursday to be a waste free day.

In 2018 we will continue our endeavor to make a difference on Ecology to care for our common home.

As of week 2 (next week), we will see waste free Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.

Parents & Friends

Welcome to the new school year!

We would love to see you at the following school events:

- **Welcome Drinks Night** Friday 16 February
7pm – 8.30pm in the school courtyard.
- **St Kevin's Bush Dance** Saturday 2 March –
6.45pm – 8.30pm
- **Just One Thing** – a chance for parents to be engaged and involved in the school community. Details provided next week.

Canteen

**The Canteen is CLOSED tomorrow
FRIDAY 1st February. The Canteen will re-open
next FRIDAY 9th February.**

We are always on the look-out for volunteers for the canteen. Please contact Melissa on 0414 886 247 if you are able to help.

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.

Class Parent Role 2018

We are holding a 2018 class parent kick off meeting on **Thursday 22nd 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.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open:

Tuesday: 8.45am to 9.00am

& Thursday: 3.00pm to 3.30pm

Library News

Children will visit the library every week for borrowing. **All** children require a library bag, including children in years 3 – 6.


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 – they will be ready to come back to school each week without the big fuss of finding them. K-2 have 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 an overdue note will come home. It is your responsibility as the parent to help the child find their book – failure to produce the book will require payment if it is lost.

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

Mrs O'Rourke – Teacher / Librarian

Healthy Lunch Box Ideas


Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to pack a lunch box is here!

The task of packing a healthy school lunch is now easier with the launch of our exciting new Healthy Lunch Box website healthylunchbox.com.au

The new website shows how easy it can be to pack a healthy lunch box that your kids will love.




It features an interactive lunch box builder that enables you to plan your kids' lunches on your phone, desktop or tablet - it's quick, easy and the kids will love helping too!

Healthy recipes and tips on adding more fruit and veg to lunch boxes will help set your child on a path of lifelong healthy eating to reduce their cancer risk.

Visit healthylunchbox.com.au for recipes & information you can trust.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit



Great story, featuring one of our St Kevin's families, in the Manly Daily earlier this week regarding the new Cancer Council healthy lunchbox website. <https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/manly-daily/new-website-inspires-parents-to-create-healthy-lunchboxes/news-story/83260b704c616c23656d3cbd68209fed>

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 **8.30am - 9.30am and 2:30 - 3:30pm**. This is a NO PARKING Zone at these times 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.

Community News

DEE WHY LIONS RUGBY CLUB



U6-U7 TAG RUGBY
U8-U12 MODIFIED TACKLE RUGBY
U13s & OVER TACKLE RUGBY
ALL GIRLS TEAMS FOR AGES U6-U10

2018 REGISTRATIONS

FRIDAY	2nd FEB	5-8pm (free BBQ)
SATURDAY	3rd FEB	11-2pm
SATURDAY	10th FEB	11-2pm

2018 Registration Fees

U6/7s \$65.00 U8/9s \$100.00 U10-15s \$180.00
Incl. team photo and shorts/ socks for new players

FREE 'COME & TRY' RUGBY PROGRAM

BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 4-9yo

FRIDAY	2nd FEB	5-6pm. (free BBQ and giveaways)
FRIDAY	9th FEB	5-6pm. (free BBQ and giveaways)

Where: cnr Fisher Road North & Carawa Road, Cromer. NSW 2099
(behind the Cromer Community Centre)
Register your interest to attend at the email address below



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