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SCHOOL  
Newsletter

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear St Kevin's families,

This week is National Child Protection Week. The importance of keeping children and young people safe in our schools is paramount. Your support in promoting these activities and initiatives is greatly appreciated. The following websites will be of interest.

[http://csochildprotection.weebly.com/uploads/5/4/0/8/54082219/cover\\_page\\_-\\_info\\_pack\\_for\\_parents\\_and\\_students.pdf](http://csochildprotection.weebly.com/uploads/5/4/0/8/54082219/cover_page_-_info_pack_for_parents_and_students.pdf)

[http://csochildprotection.weebly.com/uploads/5/4/0/8/54082219/student\\_voice\\_activity\\_-\\_take\\_home.pdf](http://csochildprotection.weebly.com/uploads/5/4/0/8/54082219/student_voice_activity_-_take_home.pdf)

It was great to see so many of our wonderful fathers who joined us for our liturgy and breakfast last Friday morning. My thanks go to Mrs de St Germain for the preparation of the liturgy, the teachers who prepared the children and the all-important BBQ chefs, Mrs Ngamu and Mr Goldspring.

*Safety never takes a holiday. ~Author unknown*

Enjoy the week ahead,

Lorraine Vincent - Principal

## Sporting News

Finau in Year 6 will represent St Kevin's at the Polding Athletics Championships next week in the discus event.

Congratulations to Finau and good luck!

## Canberra Excursion

And they're off .... Wishing our **very excited** year 5 and year 6 children and teachers a safe trip to Canberra!



## White Balloon Day

Bravehearts' 22nd White Balloon Day on Friday 7 September is Australia's leading child protection awareness and fundraising campaign held during [National Child Protection Week](#) (2 - 7 September 2018).

White Balloon day is a day to have fun with friends and talk about how important kids are and what we can all do to help keep them safe.

## Parent Survey

Next week we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process. We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Kevin's.

## Parent Education Sessions

There are still places available for the Parent Education sessions being held tomorrow and next Thursday.

- **Wellbeing at St Kevin's**  
Friday 7 September: 9 - 10.30am
- **Mathematics**  
Thursday 13 September: 9 - 10.30am

## St Kevin's Diary

7 September	Parent Education Session #1 Wellbeing at St Kevin's - 9am
8-9 September	First Holy Communion
13 September	Parent Education Session #2 Mathematics - 9am
15 September	Family Mass @ 6pm

## Religious Education

### Family Mass

**Term 3 Family Mass:** Saturday 15 September @ 6pm. Stage One will host the Mass and provide a light supper afterwards.

Please ensure that you fill out the Google form link <https://goo.gl/forms/rbmOlsfuDGuj4b2B3>

### First Holy Communion

This weekend is the first of three weekends where our students from varying grades will complete their Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

We wish all of these children a wonderful Communion and hope that they will feel much closer to God through this experience.

Just a reminder to families to be at the Church 15 minutes prior to Mass. Don't forget a perishable item for your child to place in the basket on the altar.

### Mission Project Day

Today representatives from year 4 went off to St Paul's College to engage with our Northern Beaches community on issues that our world faces today.

The students came away with great enthusiasm and they can't wait to share their ideas with Mrs. Vincent and our school community.



*Chloe, Gian and Luiza asking Jack questions about how he came up with the idea of 'Fiver for a Farmer'.*

As we joined in to help our Australian farmers, it was great to hear Jack say that so far the campaign has raised already **over ONE MILLION DOLLARS!!**

## Parent Mobile App

St Kevin's now has a **Mobile App** to keep families up to date with news and events happening at school. The app allows us to send important reminders to families and notifications about upcoming news & events. Download it today from the App Store or Google Play– it's **FREE!!**

### Parents & Friends Update

### Walkathon

**Get ready to walk St Kevin's!**  
**Our annual Walk-a-thon is being held on Tuesday 18 September. All money raised will be used to purchase iPads and Chromebooks that will be used for our learning. You could be in the running to get a great prize for your efforts!**

### Canteen

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

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

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers Vicki & Phayla who are rostered on this week!

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

Please contact Melissa on 0414 886 247 if you have any questions.

### Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open the following times:

**Tuesday: 8:45am to 9:00am**

**Thursday: 3:00pm to 3:30pm**

**Exciting News! We have new backpacks!!**



**Price \$50 ... order now for delivery before the end of term. Orders can be made via Qkr! or the school office.**



Get ready to walk St Kevin's!



**These feet were made for walkin'  
AND THAT'S WHAT WE CAN DO!  
These feet were made for walkin'  
TO FUNDRAISE FOR OUR SCHOOL!**

# 2018 WALK-A-THON

## TUESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

The St Kevin's School Walk-a-thon is our major fund raiser for 2018. **Our goal is to raise \$5000** which will enable us all to support the school and assist purchasing technology for our children in their classrooms. **That's just \$30 per child!**

### Gaining Sponsorship

Each child will receive an envelope to gather sponsorship for the completion of the Walk-a-thon. We ask that children approach family and friends for support, and encourage parents to escort children if they are door knocking.

### Due Date for Funds Raised

Children are asked to return their Sponsorship envelope, along with the money raised to the school office by **Friday, 28th September (last day of Term 3)**.

They do not need to bring their sponsorship envelope on the day of the event.

### How the event works

On the day all children will walk to James Meehan Reserve, where the children are encouraged to walk as many laps of the park for about 30 minutes (10 minutes for

Kindergarten and Year 1) before heading back to school for lunch. In the case of wet weather, teachers will instead arrange a rotation of sports/fitness activities at school on the day.

### Parent Helpers Required

For the event to run smoothly we need lots of parent helpers. If you haven't already completed the 'Just One Thing' link - please sign up and provided your contact details <http://signup.com/go/nyHXDNu>

## AMAZING PRIZES!

**FOR THE STUDENTS WHO MAKE THE BIGGEST EFFORT FUNDRAISING!**



**WITH MANY THANKS TO OUR WALKATHON SPONSORS!**



## Library News

St Kevin's Literacy world continued this week with our Book Week Dress Up parade. It was refreshing to see so many creative children and parents. It is always about participation and having a go. Some great recycling projects were clearly evident and many children displayed their treasured characters.

**Scholastic Book club was processed last night and should be here next week.**

Lunch with the Stars was held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept, at the International College of Management in the Great Hall. Over 200 children from 22 schools and 22 authors and illustrators had a wonderful lunch together, followed by lots of book buying and autograph hunting. Our author was Yvette Posoglian who writes the Ella and Olivia books. We represented many of her characters including cupcakes that were not a catastrophe. Nakita wrote *"it was the best time I had in years! I will never forget it. The authors were talking to us like they were "normal", not famous people"*. Jude P, Maeve, Kassandra, Ava, Georgina, Harry and Adrian also attended the lunch. They were all very excited and well mannered.

Special thanks to Mr Godfrey for driving the children. Check out the photos on the [school website](#).

Our last Book Week celebration will be the Trivia Quest on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept (Week 9).

Have you found your treasure of literature yet?

*Mrs O'Rourke Teacher Librarian*



### Week 7 News

We're excited to announce that our holiday program for the upcoming school holidays is available. Go to the My Family Lounge App and book in from there. Be quick, as spots fill up fast!

Last week we had a special visit from our new yoga instructor, Min. The kids thoroughly enjoyed learning all the poses and ways to de-stress. Other activities included gardening, craft in the form of Trinidadian Carnival masks and puppet making, as well as our usual sports, with basketball, touch football, soccer and table tennis among the games we played throughout the week.

This week our theme was 'Spring'. With the winter now behind us, we decided to do some sunny and bright craft activities. If you have time, feel free to pop in and see the wonderful work our talented students.

Keeping us busy throughout the week, our other highlights from our program included cooking, a talent show, Aboriginal craft, musical instruments and lots of group games. Our animal masks were a definite stand out, we made them for Threatened Species Day, to shine a light on endangered animals and they had a lot of interest from the kids of all ages wanting to make a mask of their favourite threatened species.



All suggestions are encouraged here at St Kevin's and we welcome all ideas and feedback, so please don't be shy in getting in touch with us if you have anything in mind. Have you joined our Facebook group? We post daily about all of our fun and adventures at OOSH. The team at St Kevin's Kids Club!

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## Community News

### DISNEY'S BEAUTY & THE BEAST – Glen Street Theatre, 21<sup>st</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Each year, the Stage Artz Theatre Company and Stage Artz Performing Arts School combine to stage a musical production to raise money for The Children's Hospital at Westmead. Stage Artz Charity Musicals have currently raised \$233,000 for the kids at Westmead. Our aim this year is to raise another \$17,000, to take our total donation to \$250,000... making Stage Artz an official benefactor of The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

The stage adaptation of Disney's Beauty and the Beast is an international sensation that has played to over 35 million people worldwide in 13 countries. Based on the Academy Award-winning animated feature, the original Broadway production ran for over thirteen years and was nominated for nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Stage Artz is thrilled to bring the enchanted world of Disney's Beauty & the Beast to the Glen Street Theatre stage! The show includes a cast of 150 talented performers, aged 5yrs to 60yrs, and a full orchestra.

### Northern Beaches Council - Spring 2018 School Holiday Program

Northern Beaches Council operates a very successful vacation care program for primary school aged children across the whole of the Northern Beaches. They have centres open at Cromer, Forestville, North Curl Curl and now also at Manly Vale Community Centre.

The Spring holiday program has just been released on the [Northern Beaches Council Vacation Care](#) website.

Brochures are also available at the school office.



### St Joseph's Narrabeen - Halloween 2018 Fun Fair



**FREE Workshop – Raising Kids & Teens in a Screen World**



## *Raising Kids & Teens in a Screen World*

**A FREE WORKSHOP FOR  
PARENTS AND CARERS OF  
STUDENTS IN YEARS 4 TO 12**

Being a parent in today's digital world can be an overwhelming and confusing task... Become the pilot of your family's digital plane with some realistic advice to enhance learning and safeguard your child's physical and emotional health.

**Dr Kristy Goodwin,  
Presenter**

As a leading digital parenting educator, speaker, researcher, author and former teacher (and mum who deals with her kids' techno-tantrums), Kristy translates the latest research into essential, digestible information and tips for parents and carers, so that they can safely navigate the digital terrain, without suggesting that kids be 'digitally amputated'!



This engaging seminar arms parents with simple strategies to manage screen-time at home without tears and tantrums, and without having to constantly fret about online safety.

- ✓ Learn why our kids become infatuated with technology and why they find it hard to switch off devices
- ✓ Understand how to help your kids develop healthy digital habits
- ✓ Examine the current risks to kids' online safety – the 3Ps: predators, pornography and peers
- ✓ Explore why we need to avoid using screen-time as a reward or punishment tool

**Tuesday 11 September, 7-9pm (doors open at 6.30pm)**

Mater Maria Catholic College, 5 Forest Rd, Warriewood NSW 2102

Tickets [www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/dr-kristy-goodwin](http://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/dr-kristy-goodwin)



Helen O'Grady Drama Academy - Drama Classes Term 3

# Drama Classes Term 3

**Drama develops kids**



**Classes at Harbord Literary Institute Freshwater**

We all want our kids to be confident.

You'll love your child's growth in confidence, creativity and communication skills through our self-development drama program.

**Enrolments Now Open**

**[www.helenogrady.com.au](http://www.helenogrady.com.au) | ph: 0450 107 367**





# NIPPER REGISTRATION DAY

9th & 16th September 2018

9am till 11am

Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club

U6 through to U14

(U6 must turn 5 by 30th September 2018)

## PRELIMINARY EVALUATION SWIM DATES

(for U8-U14 only)

16th & 23rd September 2018

2pm till 4pm at Pittwater House

(Gold Coin Donation)

## NIPPER SEASON STARTS

7th October 2018

U6 & U7 \$75 / U8 to U13 \$90 / U14 \$120

Nipper Parent \$60

Family Membership \$250

(Surf Life Saving are an eligible sport as part of the Active Kids

Rebate program)



## NIPPER CONTACT & COMMUNICATIONS

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