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SCHOOL
Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear St Kevin's families,

Thank you to the parents who were able to come to our first parent education session on Friday. We shared some valuable social and emotional learning strategies and then had an opportunity to engage with the students. This was real parent engagement into student learning. Thank you to Mrs. Banfield who prepared and delivered the session with me. The time taken to deliver valuable learning to our parent community is time well spent.

The purpose of learning is growth, and our minds, unlike our bodies, can continue growing as we continue to live. ~Mortimer Adler

Enjoy the week ahead,

Lorraine Vincent – Principal

Parent Survey

This week we are 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.

The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and well-being at St Kevin's.

The survey takes about 20 minutes to complete. Please log on to the link below and **complete by Thursday 27 September**.

www.tellthemfromme.com/parentsurvey

Staffing News

Fiona Ngamu has accepted a position as Assistant Principal at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Mona Vale, commencing in 2019. Fiona is a sound educator and an important part of the leadership team at St Kevin's. On behalf of the school community, I congratulate Fiona on this appointment and wish her all the very best.

Open Classrooms

This is an opportunity to engage with your child's learning - come and visit your child's classroom on **Monday 24 September, from 2pm.**

ASSEMBLY

Year 4 will lead our assembly on Friday at 2.30pm in the school hall. All are very welcome to join us.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Congratulations to the following children who will receive this award at tomorrow's Assembly.

Yarraman (Kindergarten)

Megan for her fantastic Bubble Story writing.

Tori for her excellent word ladders during reading groups.

Nginyang Nyanga (Year 1)

Kara for being a proud and responsible learner by always doing her best.

Zoe for being a respectful class member and always having a positive attitude.

Ngaliya (Year 2)

Isabella for being a proud learner and always doing her best.

Ngubaty (Year 3)

Clementine for her positivity and determination towards the presentation of her public speaking speech.

Wana Gulang (Year 4)

Laura for her enthusiasm and positivity that she brings to the classroom.

Yudi (Year 5)

Marcus for his enthusiastic and focused attitude at our Canberra excursion.

Yudi (Year 6)

Harriette for showing great perseverance with her learning.



St Kevin's Diary

15 September	Family Mass @ 6pm
18 September	Walkathon
24 September	Open classrooms – 2 – 3pm
27 September	Seasons Liturgy @ 2.30pm
28 September	Last day Term 3

15 October	PUPIL FREE DAY
16 October	First day Term 4

Religious Education

Family Mass

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

We look forward to seeing many families on this evening of community.

First Holy Communion

Last weekend we had many of our students celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Here are some pictures of the children.



Family Liaison Officer News

Seasons for Growth

A reminder that our Seasons For Growth Celebration is being held on **Thursday 27th September from 2.40pm – 3:10 pm in the lower front hall at St. Kevin's**. The celebration is attended by children who have participated in the program, their parents / carers / significant others, Mrs. Mc Donnell and Mrs. Vincent. We will finish with a celebration where we will share some food. If possible please supply a **small** plate of fruit or party food. Please follow the link to RSVP: <https://goo.gl/forms/ntUph44QVSRCFDjx2>

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

PUPIL FREE DAY Monday 15th October

Children will return for **Term 4** on **TUESDAY 16th October**.

CHANGE OF SPORTS DAY – NEXT WEEK

Due to the Walk-a-thon being held next Tuesday **sports day for the whole school will be on MONDAY next week**. Please ensure your child wears their full sports uniform on Monday 17th September.

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

Not long now to get those feet walking!!
Our annual Walk-a-thon is being held next **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 our 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 Cicy & Michael 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

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

Our last Book Week celebration will be the Trivia Quest next **Wednesday 19th Sept** after lunch.

The Peer Support Leaders need to bring a blanket and a simple snack (i.e. chips, packet of biscuits, snakes) to share with their group. Please Remember **NO** nut products. We have several children with severe food allergies. Thank you.

Mrs O'Rourke Teacher Librarian



Week 8 News

Our morning Rubik's cube challenges are proving to be popular, as are the fairy gardens, cooking and touch Rugby.

Activities based around community and cultural events include Hijra (Islamic New Year), the independence days for several Central American nations and R U OK Day? We also plan to continue with our morning Rubik's cube challenge, it has really excited the children of late and focuses on their problem solving and mathematical thinking.

Homework club is always an option for the children, we are happy for you to come and discuss if you would like your children to do their homework here. We have our homework area set up with plenty of supplies ready!

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

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





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

Email: nippers@dyslsc.org.au

Website: <http://dyslsc.org.au/nippers/nippers-info-and-sign-up/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/638546516213004/>

TeamApp: [https://dynippers.teamapp.com./](https://dynippers.teamapp.com/)



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 | ph: 0450 107 367



Kids Yoga - FREE Holiday Class

Kids' Yoga

Now at St Kevin's

Leaves of change
Children's yoga

Free
holiday
taster class

Movement
Mindfulness
Meditation

Monday 8th October

Grades K - 2 2:30 - 3:15 pm
Grades 3 - 6 3:30 - 4:15 pm

Speak with Jessica if you're wanting to enrol siblings in the same class.

Registration necessary

Why kids' yoga?

- Kids' yoga is fun
- improves concentration
- promotes emotional wellbeing
- enhances physical health (balance, strength & flexibility)

Jessica Brown
BEEd (ECE) - MINED

Jessica is a Primary School Teacher & hopes to foster a calmer and more mindful generation of children.

To register please contact
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[facebook.com/leavesofchangechildrensyoga](https://www.facebook.com/leavesofchangechildrensyoga)