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#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### Dear St Kevin's families,

Some time ago the federal government sponsored the development of a new mobile app to encourage parents to get more involved in their children's education. The free *Learning Potential* mobile app is available to download on Android and Apple devices. The *Learning Potential* app offers inspiring ways for parents to become more engaged in their children's learning at any age. It is still a valuable resource and certainly worth a look. For more information, go the *Learning Potential* website: http://www.learningpotential.gov.au/

We had a fabulous team of parent helpers on Tuesday for our annual walkathon event and I thank them for their support and participation. This is our only school fundraiser so I urge you to be generous in your funding of this event. All money raised will be used to fund our school technology resources.

Once a word has been allowed to escape, it cannot be recalled. ~Horace

Enjoy the week ahead,

Lorraine Vincent – Principal

### Parent Survey

Please complete this survey as we work together 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

#### Congratulations



Congratulations to Finau (Year 6) for his great achievement in making the PSSA Athletics Championships. Finau will compete in October at the Sydney Athletics Centre, Homebush. We are very proud of him!

#### PUPIL FREE DAY Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October

All children will return to school on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** wearing their summer uniform.

# Open Classrooms

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

#### Safeguarding

Please find attached a letter from the Very Rev. Dr David Ranson, outlining a new Diocesan initiative.

#### School Photo's

School photos were sent home with children earlier this week. Please contact the office if you have not received your photos.

Group photos – SRC, Library team, Sports House Captains, Mission, Communications, IT, and Environment teams, and Year 6 Fun photo are now available for purchase via the school office or online www.advancedlife.com.au – online order code **6NN KNT DTQ** 

#### Cricket Gala Day

A reminder that the Cricket Gala Day permission form https://goo.gl/forms/u9y3jP0HsSfgduFz2 needs to be completed no later than tomorrow.



#### Religious Education

#### Family Mass

A big thank you to all the families who attended and or assisted in our Term 3 Family Mass.

#### Class Mass

This week year 5 & 2 will attend Mass with our parishioners @ 12pm. All are welcome.

# A Parent Retreat Day

On Friday 2nd November the diocese will be hosting a Parent Retreat Day. The aim of this day is for you to rest, refresh and renew. Please see attached flyer for more details.

# Why Pray?

Relationships thrive on good communication. To grow in love and friendship we need to communicate, not just openly but often! When we pray, we express our desire to grow closer to God. Through prayer we can praise, thank, ask, cry, argue and express many emotions. We can speak, listen, sing, chant, dance, smile, embrace or just sit with God.

# Family Prayer

God be with our family, From the youngest to the oldest, Lighting up our relationships, Sowing grace into our troubles.

God be with our family, Weaving love into our work, <u>Our res</u>t, and our play.

Amen.

# Parent Mobile App

Have you downloaded the St Kevin's **Mobile App??** The app gives us another communication tool to keep families up to date with news & events happening at school. Download it today from the App Store or Google Play– it's **FREE!!** 

#### Canberra Excursion

Years 5 and 6 have recently undertaken an education tour of our National Capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democratic government.

All of the students and teachers had a wonderful time, learning valuable information and experiencing how a democratic nation works and the importance of Australia's voting system.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributes \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program. This rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

A special thank-you to Mrs Lewis, Miss Goldspring and Mrs Ngamu for their enthusiasm and support towards the students during this valuable excursion.



### Parents & Friends Update 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 volunteer Adrienne who is rostered on this week

REMINDER: Canteen will be closed next Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September – last day of term. Please ensure your child has recess & lunch packed. <u>No</u> lunch orders.



Our limited edition 2018 United in Love Tea Towel design is created by our student community and is made up of their own self-portraits handdrawn by all our children in recent weeks and have been screen printed in navy onto premium 100% white cotton tea towels.

Let's celebrate what a great year we have had a St Kevin's or maybe your looking for a unique christmas gift for the family (easy to post overseas!) All profit from the tea-towels will assist in funding equipment for the new 2019 Science Curriculum.

Order your limited edition 2018 United In Love Tea Towel by going online to the St Kevin's QKR app.

Orders need to finalised before October 26th to be sure they will arrive to us all in plenty of time to post overseas for Christmas or get ready to wrap for under the tree! There is a sample of our tea towel design pinned up in the parent notice board

Thank you for your continued support!

#### LIMITED EDITION

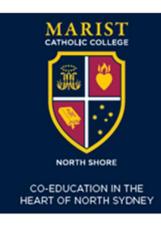




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PLACE YOUR ORDERS ON QKR! ORDERS CLOSE OCTOBER 26TH 2018



Marist College North Shore would like to inform families in your school community that Marist College North Shore (Marist Catholic College) will be Co-Educational commencing Year 7 2021.

JOIN US FOR OUROPEN AFTERNOON - WEDNESDAY, 17 OCTOBER 4.00–5.30PM. Now Enrolling Girls and Boys For Year 7, 2021



Week 9 News

Week 9 was all about sustainability and the environment. As it was our theme for the week, we learnt the importance of reusing and repurposing the things that we might ordinarily discard. For sustainable house day on Monday, we made houses using cardboard boxes and other recycled materials. It proved to be really popular, the kids loved having the chance to create and use their imaginations in a group setting. We got our hands dirty with some gardening, tending to our veggie patch by watering, weeding and trimming our herbs and vegetables, a good way to teach our kids about growing your own produce and the responsibility of maintaining a thriving garden.

The rest of our program featured a diverse range of activities. We had Chilean rain sticks for Chile's national day, an OOSH talent show, rhino masks craft, dressed up as pirates finished the week with yoga, for international day of peace. Our sports of choice included basketball, soccer and survival tag.

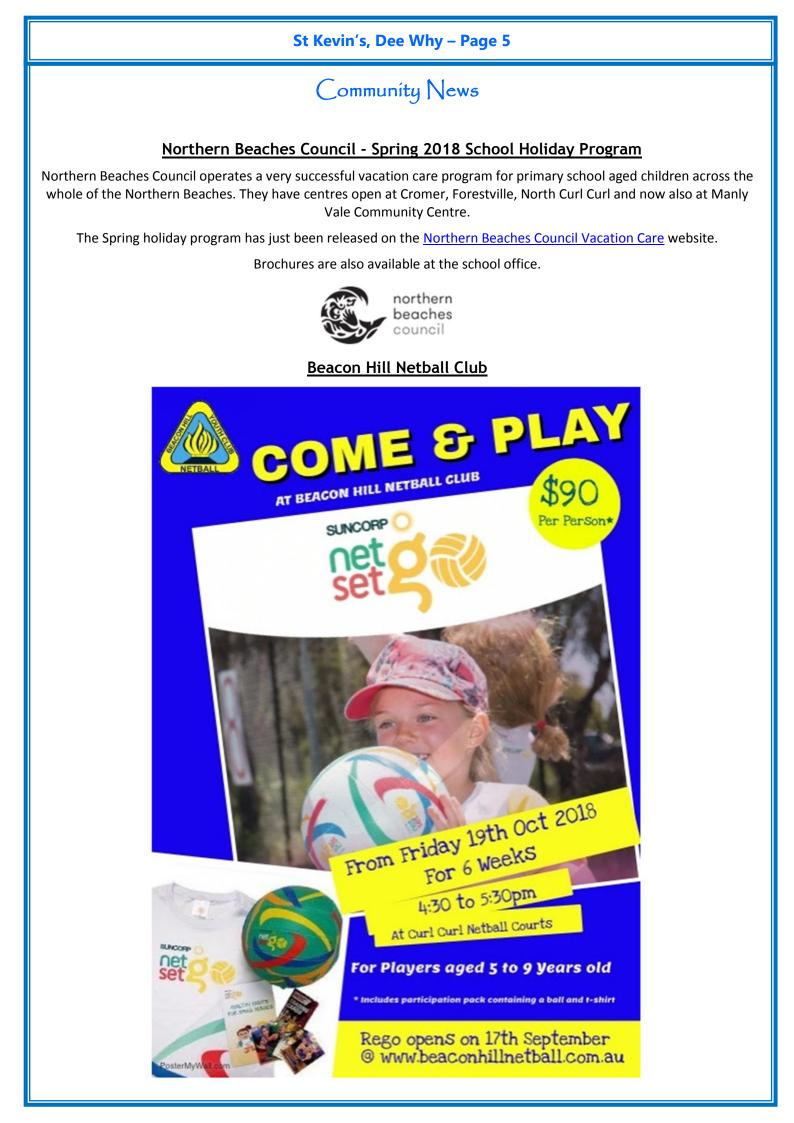
A friendly reminder, our vacation care program is ready to go. This is uploaded on the website, you are able to book in via the casual booking system on the app now! Places are limited so get in quick

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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PLEASE NOTE, IF YOU REQUIRE A CASUAL BOOKING, YOU MUST BOOK THROUGH YOUR MY FAMILY LOUNGE ACCOUNT EITHER ONLINE OR THROUGH THE MFL PHONE APP. IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH MAKING A BOOKING PLEASE RING US ON 0425219953, EMAIL US AT <u>deewhy@ooshnb.com.au</u> or RING HEAD OFFICE ON 99818089 AS WE CAN NOT ACCEPT CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT BOOKED IN, DUE TO NUMBERS AND STAFFING RATIOS. PLEASE SEE LACHLAN IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.





#### Circle of Friends - Workshop for Year 6 Girls

The Circle of Friends is a small and engaging event exclusively for Year 6 girls to empower them to develop a strong sense of self-trust and have the skills to navigate the complex world of friendships, online and offline, with more self-confidence and resilience.



# CIRCLE OF FRIENDS Year 6 Girls - Spring School Holidays

Reconnecting your daughter with her innate strengths Strengthening her self-trust as she navigates teen years & Providing her a safe place to belong

Thurs 4th Oct - 10am-1pm - Brookvale Sydney - \$55 www.bit.ly/circleoct4th

#### 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



#### <u> Kids Yoga - FREE Holiday Class</u>



 enhances physical health (balance, strength & flexibility) Teacher & hopes to foster a calmer and more mindful generation of children.

To register please contact jessica.brown16@live.com.au facebook.com/leavesofchangechildrensyoga