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SCHOOL  
Newsletter

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear St Kevin's families,

The children are suitably excited for our upcoming **Carols Night** tomorrow night. Mr. Frazer and the teachers have planned the music and the accompanying story; we have the musicians and the appropriate sound equipment. Now, what we need, are all the children and their parents in attendance to make our end of school year a great one. See you all on Friday night!

The children are also very excited for the *St Kevin's You've Got Talent Quest* on Monday afternoon. My sincere thanks go to Mrs Banfield for her organisation of this event.

A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the best things you can be. ~Douglas Pagels

Enjoy the week ahead,

Lorraine Vincent

Principal

## Congratulations and Farewell

Congratulations to Katie McDermott who has accepted the position as Assistant Principal at St Kevin's. Katie currently teaches at St Ives Corpus Christie.

Regrettably, we farewell the following teachers from St Kevin's:

Jodi Twidale, Rebecca Raso, Fiona Ngamu and Kirsty O'Rourke. The teachers will be formally farewelled at the Carols Night. Each of these teachers are to be acknowledged for their generosity, warmth and genuine concern for all students in their care. We wish them every success and happiness.



## Beginning of year 2019

Dates for the start of 2019:

**Tuesday 29 January:**

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

**Wednesday 30 Jan:**

Compulsory Assessment Day for Kindergarten to Year 6

**Thursday 31 Jan:**

Compulsory Assessment Day for Kindergarten Years 1 to Year 6 – commence first school day

**Friday 1 Feb:**

Compulsory Assessment Day for Kindergarten

**Monday 4 Feb:**

Kindergarten – first school day

## Compulsory Assessment Days 2019

**All appointments are to be finalised by**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

To make an appointment open the link below and select a time

<http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au>

Event code: **rvz9f**

14 December	<b>Whole School Christmas Carols @ 6.30pm</b>
19 December	<b>Last Day Term 4</b>
29 & 30 January	Assessment Days
31 January	First Day Term 1 (Yr1-6)
4 February	First Day Term 1 - Kindergarten

## Religious Education

### Advent – Week 3 (The Candle of Joy)

**Joy is trusting when you want to doubt.**

Trust is the LORD forever, because in Yah, the LORD, is an everlasting rock. As Christ followers we aren't pressured to do it all for everyone. We trust in Jesus to do the heavy lifting. The key is trust.

### Baptism

Congratulations to Denzel and Magnus for making their Baptism on Saturday. We were all blessed from the Holy Spirit on your very special day.



### 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 who showed such generosity to the families in need in our local community.

### Mission- Mike Pawley

We received an email from Mike with some of the children from his orphanage with new t-shirts on and some fresh fruit.



## Christmas Mass

Refer to the information below for Christmas Mass times for Warringah Parish.

### Parents & Friends Update

A big heartfelt thank you to all the wonderful parents that have volunteered their time during 2018, we greatly appreciate your involvement in our community!

Also thank you to the parents that have already volunteered to be class parents for next year.

Lots of exciting things are happening at St Kevin's in 2019 – see below for all the details!

### Uniform Shop

A sincere thank you to the wonderful Tina who generously gives her time every Tues and Thurs (and a lot of days in between) in the School Uniform Shop – thank you!

**\*\* Last day to purchase uniforms for 2018 is next TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> December ... the uniform shop will re-open Term 1 Week 2 \*\***

### Canteen

**Next MONDAY** will be the **last day** for Canteen for 2018. Sushi will be available via Qkr! and limited over the counter items – ice-blocks, drinks, chips.

A big thank you to Melissa, Phayla & Skye and their trusty team of helpers who volunteer their time in the Canteen each week – your support is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to Cicy – who is doing her very last canteen shift at St Kevin's tomorrow!

**In addition to a fabulous new menu, the canteen will be opening different days / hours in 2019!**

[Click here](#) for a copy of the new menu.

## Library News

**There are still too many overdue books. All to be returned by MONDAY!**

This is my last newsletter forever. I have spent 1/3 of my life at St Kevin's. When I started in 1999, I felt that I had been at St Kevin's for much longer than one week. All the staff and parents were extremely welcoming. The students will always have a special place in my heart as this school is the most unique and beautiful school on the Northern Beaches. It is truly 'United in Love' and I feel blessed to have been part of such an inclusive community. It has been the best job and the best school I have ever worked in.

So keep up your reading over the holidays and if you see me at the shops please say HI.

Mrs O'Rourke Teacher Librarian - Retired

## Council of Catholic School Parents (CCSP) News

### Happy Families by Dr. Justin Coulson

Happy Families outlines three key elements for creating a happier family. He called these the three L's: Love, Limits and Laughter.

**Love** is special 'time' to a young child. Take time to stop, look and really listen in your interactions with your children. By giving them your focused attention you let your child know that you love them, are interested in what they do and say and have time to 'be' with them; seeing what they see and understanding what they want.

**Limits** are set by explaining, exploring and empowering. Explain the what and why of the limits and boundaries you set; explore what this means for the child and other options and possibilities; empower the child; ask how you can help them?, what they think they could do instead? with older children an inclusive discussion could include the question what would you do if you were the parent? When children are part of the solution they are empowered to own it and follow it.

**Laughter** means having fun and finding the funny in day to day things. Justin says a great way to greet children when you get home from work is to stop, drop and roll. You will soon have the children climbing on you and laughing which provides a fun time for the child and a stress release for the parent at the end of the work day.

Music and dance is another way to change the mood and add some fun. Justin also talked about creating family traditions of family time. Something simple and free that you do as a family like going to a park every Saturday afternoon. You can find out more here

: <https://www.happyfamilies.com.au/about/>



### Week 10 News

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

Another school year will come to a close, but we'll make sure that there are plenty of fun things on our program to end the year on high. As we have made it to the end of a long and exciting year, we will be celebrating with a party and our Kris Kringle, whilst looking forward to a nice break ahead.

If you haven't done so already, please bring in your Kris Kringle present – we will be opening them tomorrow for the families going away, and early next week for everyone else.

We wish to remind parents that our Centre closes **promptly at 6:00pm**. There are late fees that apply after this time so please arrive beforehand to avoid paying these additional fees.

Our **Vacation Care program** is up and running on My Family Lounge! To check out our amazing program either head online and check our website, check your My Family Lounge calendar app or stop by the centre where we will be displaying the program. Come along and join us as we travel to the movies, Inflatable World, Our Big Kitchen and Fishing in Narrabeen among other great incursions and excursions. If you have a kindy sibling starting next year you will be able to book them in and send them along to our program starting from January. Spots do fill out quickly so make sure you book in early to avoid disappointment!

We hope you have wonderful Christmas and a happy new year. If you are coming to vacation care keep in mind that it is held at Cromer, and we are looking forward to seeing you there. If you are enjoying your time off, we hope you have a wonderful summer and we will see you next year for a great 2019!

The team at St Kevin's Kids Club!

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# PARENT SHORTCUTS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THE FIRST WEEKS OF TERM 1 2019!

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**PARENTS**  
**SOCIAL NIGHT**  
**FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY**

TECHNOLOGY PITSTOP

**GET YOUR APPS**  
**IN ORDER**  
**WEDNESDAY**

**30TH JANUARY**

The P&F Team will be on hand at Assessment Day in the courtyard to help you get **tech-ready** for the 2019 school year.

QKr! STKDY School App and Website, FB Groups and more!

## WHO IS YOUR CLASS PARENT?

### Kindergarten

Lauren Brincat  
Ainslie Page

### Year 1

Daniella Cistulli

### Year 2

Charmaine West  
Zoe Wright

### Year 3

Kate Cashel  
Michael Zaccaria

### Year 4

Mami Cheng  
Agnieszka Karamarkovic

### Year 5

Dorothy Landers

### Year 6

Belinda Winfrey

LOOK OUT for INFO from your class parents in the first weeks of Term 1

Many thanks to all our 2018 Class Parents who made such a welcoming and friendly contribution to the St Kevin's School Family throughout the year

Fiona Gibbons, Phayla Dittavong, Analyn Velasco, Marianne Guiao, Louise Tofts, Kate Cashel, Heidi Faul Michael Zaccaria and Belinda Winfrey



### NEW CANTEN MENU

We have added, removed and replaced a number of the items on the Canteen menu to begin the process of bringing us into line with the Healthy School Canteen requirements set out by the Dept. of Health. Check out the new menu on the notice-board or download from the website/app

### NEW CANTEN DAYS

Canteen will be operating at LUNCHTIME only on the following days  
MONDAYS - SUSHI  
THURSDAYS - SANDWICHES  
FRIDAYS - HOT FOOD + COUNTER SERVICE

NEW MENU AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM SCHOOL WEBSITE AND ON THE STKDY PARENTS INFO HUB (FACEBOOK GROUP)



### REQUIRED FOR LUNCH ORDERS!

All Lunch orders need to be placed on QKr! Cash will only be accepted during Friday Lunchtime Counter Service for items on the snack menu.

### NEW SHORTER SHIFTS!

Canteen Helpers required for 2019. Momdays and Thursdays are just small 2 hour shifts and Fridays have been reduced to 3-4hrs

SIGN UP FOR TERM 1 NOW

<http://signup.com/go/OKMNjfb>

**31 JAN**  
**1ST DAY OF**  
**TERM 1**

**4 FEB**  
**1ST DAY FOR**  
**KINDY**

**27 FEB**  
**P&F TERM 1**  
**MEETING**



## 2018 Talent Quest Program

(Please note: Exact timing is impossible to predict- Some children may pull out or be away on the day. This is a guide only.)

<b>Session 1: 12:00 – 1:00pm</b>
1. Ruben (Year 5)
2. Tea (Year 6)
3. Kate and Bobbie (Year 3)
4. Boys (Kindy)
5. Jayden & Luka (Year 6)
6. Bruna & Luiza (Year 4)
7. Aidan (Year 1)
8. Aliya, Laura, Chloe, and Sophia (Year 4)
9. Aidan O'Hara (Year 5)
10. Clara (Year 3)
11. Harriette (Year 6)
12. Summer J and Summer H (Year 2)
13. Indiana, Teresa and Charlotte (Year 4)
<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>Session 2: 2:00pm – 3:00pm</b>
14. Matilda (Year 2)
15. Tihana (Year 1)
16. Aron Radhamma (Year 5)
17. Amanda, Eduarda, Tori, Megan, Mia, Giorgina, Chanelle & Maya (Kindy)
18. Jesse O'Hara (Year 2)
19. Bridie (Year 4)
20. Jorja, Isabella, Indi, Chiara, Fin? (Year 2 and Year 6)
21. Jamella, Bianca, Zeanty (Year 6)
22. Daniel (Year 1)
23. Izabella (Year 1)
24. Jake, Maxim, Byron, Izach, Jaime (Year 1)
25. Jude P (Year 6)
26. Orlando (Year 5)



## Open Air Family Mass

Monday December 24th at 5.00 pm

(carols start at 4.30)

St John's Church, Narraweena



All Welcome



Children please dress up in Christmas gear  
angels, shepherds, or tinselled  
Fairies/ Elves to be part of  
the Entrance Procession and sit  
around the Holy Family in front of the  
altar.



Bring a rug to sit at the front or a chair to sit at the back.

It'll be great to see you there!

Christmas Bush available. Proceeds to St V.de Paul'

Other Christmas Mass times at St Johns:

Christmas Day – 8 & 10 am



If anyone is available to help set up for the Mass, please contact the Parish office on 9982 6536,  
or Gerard Haddrick



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



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now open**

Students 5-18 Years



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