



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear St Kevin's families,

This year I complete my contractual period as Principal of St Kevin's Catholic School, Dee Why. In accordance with diocesan policy, I will be engaging in a process of review and development. One of the purposes of this process is to demonstrate accountability to the parish, the school and the Director of schools.

The School's Consultant will visit the school on **26 March 2019** to support me in my reflection on leadership. Considering the data available to the panel, the chairperson will complete a renewal recommendation report and submit it to the Director of Schools.

As part of the review process you are invited to complete a survey concerning the effectiveness of my leadership at St Kevin's. This survey will be made available to all parents and teaching staff next week.

To lead the people, walk behind them. ~Lao-Tzu

Enjoy the week ahead,

Lorraine Vincent – Principal

Staff Development Days for 2019

Please note the following Pupil Free / Staff Development Days in your diary

- **Monday – 29 April**
- **Monday – 22 July**

School Cross Country

All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be participating in the schools cross country event on **Monday 1 April**. We will leave school at 9.15am and return 11am.

All children to wear full sports uniform on this day.

Open Day

St Kevin's Open Day will be held next **Tuesday 5 March from 9.30 - 11.30am**. There will also be an **Information Evening from 7pm – 8pm**. This is an opportunity for parents with children starting school in 2020 to see our school community in action.

Reconciliation Parent Info

Just a reminder to all parents whose children are making their Sacrament of Reconciliation. Your parent information evening is **tonight at St John's church @ 7pm. You must be in attendance with your child.**

Late Sign-ins / Absences

Some reminders regarding student lateness and absences:

- If your child is late for school (arriving after 8:50am) you must accompany them into the school office and sign them in. Please **do not** drop them at the gate for them to make their own way in.
- If your child is absent from school you must contact the school (phone / email / handwritten note). There is a legal obligation for parents to advise the school if your child is absent.

2 March	Family Mass @ 6pm
5 March	Open Day 9.30 – 11am & 7pm
6 March	Ash Wednesday Mass 12pm
1 April	School Cross Country
9 April	Soccer Gala Day: Year 3 and Year 4
11 April	Soccer Gala Day: Year 5 and Year 6

Religious Education

Family Mass

We have our first Family Mass this **Saturday 2nd March @ 6pm**. Years 5 & 6 will lead us in this mass. We have had a wonderful response so far. Please feel free to join us even if you haven't returned your RSVP.

Project Compassion

The theme for Project Compassion 2019 is based around hope and **giving Lent 100% in the name of hope**. Hope is one of the three pillars of Christian virtue. The other two being faith and charity. It is a powerful force for good and often helps to transform lives.

Hope helps us to face life's challenges and sustains us as we work alongside the most marginalised and vulnerable communities to achieve better lives. Based on God's love for all, hope enables us to rise above our fears and helps those in great need to shape a better future for their communities.

Caritas Australia believes that fundraising should be FUN! It's also an opportunity to raise awareness about important issues, and a chance for the community to take part in a social justice action. Everyone who contributes is empowered and able to stand in solidarity, with the communities we serve and those who benefit from our actions. Lives change when we all give 100%.

Please place your project compassion box somewhere where you can discuss the importance of giving to others. All boxes will need to be returned by **Friday 12th April**. Thank you for your support.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Ash Wednesday – 6th March

Ash Wednesday marks the start of **Lent** in the Western church and takes place 46 days before Easter.

The name of the day comes from the custom that churchgoers are marked on the forehead with a cross of ash to symbolise death and regret for past sins. The priest will accompany the marking with a recital of Genesis 3:19 - "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".

Please join us in celebrating Ash Wednesday Mass @ 12pm at St Kevin's Church next Wednesday.



Parents & Friends

Just One Thing – Term 1 2019

[Click here](#) for "**Just One Thing**". Several events are planned this term and we would love your support!

Canteen

The canteen is open for **lunch** every **Monday / Thursday / Friday**

Note: The canteen is not open at recess

New volunteers for the canteen are always welcome. Training will be provided, please contact Phayla on 0404 028 927 or pdittavong@hotmail.com

Click here to Sign-Up <http://signup.com/go/OKMNjfb>

Week 7 Well Being Week Special

Friday 15th March

Hot Chicken Roll or Hot Chicken and Rice + drink \$5

All orders must be placed on QKR

No other hot food orders will be taken on this day

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open every week:

Tuesday: 8.45am to 9.00am

Thursday: 3.00pm to 3.30pm

Save the Date - Annual Bush Dance

Saturday 16th March

Gates Open: 6.45pm

Food Stalls open between 6.45-7.45pm be early to grab your Sausage Sizzle or Corn Cobs Treats

Our favourite boot scootin' bush dance band "The Ducks" are back and playing from 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Drinks and Ice Creams will be sold (cash only) from the canteen between 6.45 and 8.30pm

Raffle Tickets for sale on the night \$5 each (cash only – no EFTPOS)

1st Prize Overnight Escape at the Langham Hotel Sydney

Note: Raffle tickets are only available for sale on the night – they are not being pre-sold. Winner will be drawn on the night!!

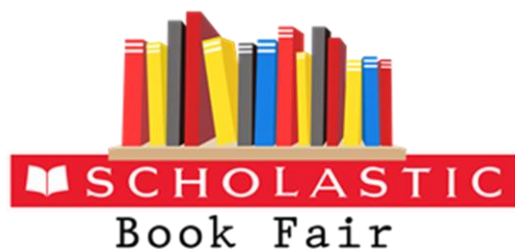
Volunteers still required for this event - go to sign up <http://signup.com/go/zgzFSec>

Family Liaison Officer News

Term 1 Parent Course – 1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching

St. Kevin's parents and carers are warmly invited to join the very popular 1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching course, which will be hosted by St. John the Apostle, Narrabeena. I strongly recommend this course to all parents of children ages 2-12. The course material covers managing difficult behaviours as well as learning how to tune into your child and help them understand their emotions and behaviours. Please see all the details included in the flyer attached. *Jeanie Mc Donnell - Family Liaison / Parent Education*

Library News



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held on Thursday 7th March from 3.15pm in our school library.

We are very excited, as this event is only one week away! Book Fair flyers were distributed to all classes today. Please note the date and time and pop this special event in your diaries. The flyer highlights some of the books on sale and has a credit card payment option on the reverse. The payment options available on the day are cash and credit card. If you are sending cash in with your child, please ensure it is sealed in a clearly marked envelope.

PLEASE NOTE: The fair will be open for one afternoon only.

Families will be given the opportunity to browse through some of the latest titles, posters, book packs and a variety of stationery items in our MINI BOOK SHOP, set up in the Library. These fabulous Scholastic items can be purchased and taken home. A percentage of the Book Fair proceeds goes right back to our school in the form of book commission.

Students will be given the opportunity to browse through the books on offer during their library time on the Thursday. Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are encouraged to bring along their mums or dads to help them choose appropriate books/ items and assist with their purchases. There will be more than one of each book available, however, if your child wishes to purchase a book which sells out, I can order more.

Book Fair Helpers

Thank you to the parents who have offered to help with the book fair next Thursday. Please pop into the library 15 minutes prior to the event so I can run through the book fair procedures. Thank you.

Book Club Orders

Some Book Club orders have arrived. These have been handed to the students. The remaining orders will be arriving shortly.

Angie Deben

Teacher Librarian

Safety Reminders

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 park their cars 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.

Thank you for your support of our school rules

Northern Beaches CSP

2019 is shaping up to be an interesting election year, to get the conversation started with Education, the NSW Council of Catholic School Parents are excited to host two 10 minute Facebook live conversations with the Shadow Education Minister and the Education Minister. It is important that families take this unique opportunity to listen to what the Ministers have to say about Catholic education before you head to voting booths on 23 March.

These conversations will be:

Thursday 28th February @ 9.30am with the Shadow Minister, Jihad Dib; and

Tuesday 5th March @10am with NSW Minister for Education, Rob Stokes

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/cathschoolparents/>

'Sustainable School Communities' Working Group Meeting - Tuesday 12th March, 10am St Mary's, Manly

Calling all parents who are **passionate about sustainability** to attend this meeting to discuss environmental issues in our schools and how we can **work together to improve sustainability** in our school communities.

There are some **great environmental initiatives already happening** in our schools and CSP reps decided **sustainability should be our focus for 2019**.

Catherine Judd has recently been appointed as an **Education Officer – Sustainability**. Catherine was a parent and CSP Rep for St Mary's, Manly in 2017. Catherine will **speak at the meeting about initiatives** we can all be involved in as families and schools.

This meeting is for any parent or carer, in the Northern Beaches Cluster of Catholic Schools, who is **passionate about sustainability and the environment** and may be interested in being involved.

Please **RSVP or register your interest here:**

<https://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/northern-beaches-sustainable-school-communities-project.html>

Catholic High Schools – Open Days

St Augustine's College, Brookvale

Federal Parade, Brookvale

Friday 1st March 3:45 – 7pm

St Paul's Catholic College - Manly

Darley Road, Manly

Thursday 7th March 2019 4pm – 7pm

Stella Maris College - Manly

52 Eurobin Avenue, Manly

Wednesday 13th March 4pm – 7pm

Mercy Catholic College, Chatswood

101 Archer Street, Chatswood

Sunday 3rd March 2019 11am – 2pm

Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College

128 Miller Street, North Sydney

Sunday 10th March 9:30am – 1:30pm

Live Life Well @ School

FRUIT, VEGETABLE AND WATER BREAK

The **Crunch&Sip** break at school is a good opportunity for children to stay hydrated.

Children lose fluid when being active, especially over the summer months.

Drinking water is the best way to quench your thirst.



Help your children choose water as their drink:

- Pack a water bottle each day.
- Try adding a frozen water bottle to your child's lunchbox to keep food items cool.

For more ideas, search 'choose water' at healthykids.nsw.gov.au



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Email: deewhy@ooshnb.com.au

Kids Club News

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 deewhy@ooshnb.com.au or RING HEAD OFFICE ON 9981 8089 AS WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT BOOKED IN, DUE TO NUMBERS AND STAFFING RATIOS. PLEASE SEE LACHLAN IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

If you are interested in starting, or you have any questions about before or after school care, please give us a ring or come down to the centre and we will be happy to help you out.

Have you joined our Facebook group? We post daily about all of our fun and adventures at OOSH. Search for St Kevin's Kids Club on Facebook!

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.

Week 5 News

For week 5 we will continue to explore and develop our growing interests here at OOSH, with a wide range of activities to keep them busy and entertained before and after school. We'll be including lots from our cultural calendar and saying goodbye to Summer on Thursday and welcoming Autumn on Friday with some themed arts and crafts.

Our homework club at OOSH will continue this year and we provide materials the kids will need to get a head start on their homework before heading home! If you would like your children to do their homework, please encourage them to bring it down for homework club, or, any day that they are here.

If you have any suggestions or feedback for our new school year, please let us know - we are always happy to hear the voices of the school and community!

The team at St Kevin's Kids Club!

