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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear St Kevin's families,

Welcome back to Term 4! We have had a very enthusiastic start to the term, it is wonderful to see all students return to school ready to learn!

As we begin term 4, we look forward to lots of exciting events including Kindergarten transition and Year 6 Graduation.

During the holidays work on the playground was completed. We now have new grass in the top playground as well as new soft fall underneath the play equipment. Our thanks to the P & F for their significant contributions to this project.

We ask that all parents download the Compass app, and login ASAP – further information is available in the newsletter. All parents will have received login instructions today via email.

If you have any questions or problems, please don't hesitate to contact the school office if you require any assistance.

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless - Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Enjoy the week ahead,

Katie McDermott

Assistant Principal



Representative Athletics

Good Luck to Orlando (Year 6) as he represents the Broken Bay Diocese at the Polding Athletics Carnival at Homebush tomorrow. Orlando will compete in the Discus event after having placed **first** at the Broken Bay Carnival.

Compass Student Management App

During Term 3 we changed our admin/student management system to 'Compass' (*the new sleek electronic sign in / sign out system at the front office*).

The next "phase" of the project is the launch of a **Parent Portal**. Today you will have received information on how to download and access your Parent Portal account either through a smartphone, tablet app or via web browser.

It is vital that all parents / guardians download and access the app **ASAP** and update student information.

The parent portal will allow parents to:

- Monitor their child's attendance and enter explanations for late arrivals or absences.
- Receive app notifications/alerts about school news and events
- Communicate with their child's teachers and update their family contact details.
- Download and view their child's progress and semester reports.
- View their students' timetable and the school calendar.

Click on the link below to access the compass desktop or to access the app

Apple App Store Google Play Compass Website

Student Absences

From Week 2 all student absences can be notified through the 'Parent Portal.' In line with our 'Attendance Policy' it is the responsibility of the parent to notify the school and explain any student absence.

Late Arrivals

Any student arriving after the school bell at 8:55am needs to report to the office with a parent to sign in as late. Late arrivals are also recorded as part of student attendance.

Further information can be found in the <u>Compass Guide</u> <u>for Parents</u>.

(Inited In Love Award

Our school's motto, *United in Love*, is one that is promoted and known by all our students. This is an annual award given to the Year 6 student who most embodies our school values. In the coming weeks both the staff and Year 5 and Year 6 students will vote on the recipient and the award will be presented at the Year 6 Graduation Mass.

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Waste Free Wednesday

Waste Free Wednesdays are a part of our sustainability initiative moving forward. Through school participation students will gain a better understanding of how we can take action to reduce our waste. Waste-free lunches save money and promote healthier eating.



See the 'Tips for Waste-free Lunches' flyer below.

Religious Education Bishop Anthony Randazzo

Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Anthony Randazzo the fourth Bishop of Broken Bay. Bishop Randazzo, an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Sydney, succeeds Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli, whose episcopacy in Broken Bay ended in July 2018 after he was appointed Archbishop of Melbourne. Born in Sydney, Bishop Randazzo grew up in southeast Queensland and went on to study at the Pius XII Provincial Seminary and the University of Queensland. He was ordained a priest for Brisbane Archdiocese in 1991.

After Parish and Diocesan responsibilities in Brisbane, Bishop Randazzo moved to Rome, where he gained qualifications in canon law from the Pontifical Gregorian University. He later worked for five years at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Upon returning to Australia, Bishop Randazzo served as rector of Holy Spirit Seminary, which trains priests for the five dioceses of Queensland, before being appointed an auxiliary bishop for Sydney in 2016.

Bishop Randazzo's installation will be held on the 4th November 2019. Please find a link to a message from Bishop Randazzo's below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i71flsuWvcA

Family Mass

Please save the date for our final Family Mass for 2019. Kindergarten will lead us in this Mass while we also welcome our Kindergartens for 2020.

Saturday 16th November @ 6pm

Socktober

Pull up your socks this October and sock it to poverty!

Socktober is an initiative of Catholic Mission and one way in which our school can fundraise and engage in advocacy and formation activities during the World Mission Month in October.

St Kevin's will be holding Crazy Sock Day on Tuesday 29 October.

Gold coin donation.....

Baby News

Congratulations to Mrs. Orlando and her husband Reno on the arrival of Sienna Lucia ... a beautiful baby sister for Massimo. We send our love and congratulations to Mrs. Orlando and her family.



Parents & Friends Update Walk-a-thon

Many thanks to our St Kevin's families who contributed so generously to our annual School Walk-a-thon fundraiser. All sponsorship envelopes should be returned to the school office by tomorrow Friday 18th October. This year we were incredibly lucky to have the sponsorship support from Cunningham's Real Estate, Bike Addiction and Northern Beaches Rock House Indoor Climbing Centre.

Prizes will be awarded at the *Week 2 Assembly* for three children who raised the most amount of money, as well as the 'Pizza Party' for the class that raised the most money.

Canteen

The canteen is open for <u>lunch</u> every Monday / Thursday / Friday

Note: The canteen is <u>not</u> open at recess

We would love some extra helpers!! If you can spare an hour or two on a Mon / Thurs / Fri please contact Phayla on 0404 028 927 or <u>phayla1974@gmail.com</u>

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Multicultural Event

Expressions of Interest ...

A family multicultural event has been planned for St Kevin's later this term. To stage a successful event, we will need the commitment of <u>all</u> parents and families across <u>all</u> grades. There will be funding from P&F allocated to help make each food stall, event or idea happen, but without the commitment from all families within our school community the event simply cannot happen. If you would like to be involved in this event, please fill out the attached form <u>https://forms.gle/oGhp3KcxXBCd9AXX9</u>

We would love a volunteer "Multicultural Event Manager" to help bring all the elements together.

"None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful." – Mother Teresa

** SAVE THE DATE ** SAVE THE DATE ** SAVE THE DATE **

P&F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ... WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER - 7PM

A big thank you to those parent volunteers that have served the P&F for the last two years. There are a number of positions that will be declared vacant at the November AGM and we would love to see some "new faces"! Positions include ...

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Class Parent Co-ordinator
- CSP Representative (Broken Bay Diocese)

Plus, these key teams need your help ...

- Communications & Sponsorship Team
- Canteen Team
- Uniform Shop Team

Nominate now https://forms.gle/gFgrdZaQXrFHaXzy5

Don't have time?? Maybe consider a "job-share arrangement" with a fellow class parent.

If you are interested in getting involved, or have questions please contact Heidi heidiandscotttobin@icloud.com



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Library News

Library lessons Term 4

Just a reminder that Library lessons are on a **Monday this term**. Thank you to the students who remembered to bring in their library bags. We still have a small number of overdue books at home. Can you please have a good look at home and return them as soon as possible.

Angie Debien – Teacher Librarian



Tips for Waste-Free Lunches

Waste-free lunches contain only items that are eaten, composted or recycled. They don't contain wrappers or packaging that will be thrown in the rubbish bin.

Example of lunch items with waste	Example of items in a waste-free lunch
Sandwich in disposable cling wrap or	Sandwich in a snug-fitting reusable
plastic	container
sandwich bag	
Chips or pretzels in a plastic/foil packet	Snacks in a reusable container
Juice in a squeeze pouch, with a plastic straw	Water, juice or other drinks in a reusable and
	resealable bottle, filled at home from a bulk container
Yoghurt in squeeze pouches or plastic 'shot'	Yoghurt in a small reusable container, filled at
bottles	home from a bulk container
Individually wrapped muesli bars	'Trail mix' in a reusable container
Pre-packaged fruit salad in a small plastic	Whole fruits without packaging or fruit
tub or tin	pieces in
	reusable containers
Pre-packaged 'snack pack' of crackers	Raw or salad vegetables such as carrot,
and	lettuce,
cheese spread	tomato, cucumber and celery, plus a small
	container of dip.
Individually wrapped confectionary bars or cakes	Muffin, fruit bread or biscuits in a reusable container
Individually wrapped cheese sticks / strings	Cubes/slices of cheese in a reusable container
Disposable cutlery	Durable cutlery that is designed to be
	washed and
	Reused

Reusable containers – Using reusable containers is the cornerstone of a waste-free lunch! Suitably sized containers will keep sandwiches intact and make little treats easy to pack. Although reusable containers may have a higher upfront cost than a roll of plastic wrap, they are durable, they will save you money in the longer term and they will help to reduce waste.

Buying in bulk – Buying items such as juice, yoghurt, crackers, biscuits and cheese in bulk quantities or containers, rather than in individual servings, will probably save you money as well as reduce waste. It also allows your child to drink or eat only as much as they want at one time, and then they can reseal the container.

Recyclable packaging – We understand that some children's lunches may need to contain packaged food items for dietary, religious or other reasons. Check which types of packaging are recycled at the school (there is a guide on the Activity Sheet). You can also check which items can be recycled at home, by visiting RecyclingNearYou.com.au and searching under your council area. This information may be relevant for your bulk containers at home, or if recycling is not available through the school.

Packing a bottle of **frozen drink** with the lunch will give your child a cold drink and also keep the lunch cool.

Lastly, **join the Waste-Free Lunch Challenge!** Seeing you go waste-free for lunch at the same time is the best possible motivation for your child.

MANLY WARRINGAH BASKETBALL

JANUARY Holiday Camp

DATES:21ST & 22ND JANUARY,2020

TIME: 9:30 to 1:30pm VENUE: Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre AGES: 5 to 12 years (broken into age groups) COST: \$99 includes a singlet

> PROFESSIONAL COACHES & PRIZES Please bring light snack & water

BOOKINGS:HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BGBBY



Venue: NBISC Jacksons Rd, Warriewood NSW, 2101 Coach: Jerome Lee

BOOKING: https://www.aussiehoops.com.au/find-a-program/





Runs every Saturday during the school term. No need to book, just come along and join in the fun.

Ages: 5-7yrs., 1:30-2:30 7yrs and up, 2:30-3:30 Venue: Norhern Beaches Indoors Sports Centre Cost: \$10 per child.



Learn the skills of Basketball in a fun learning environment with qualified coaches.



Saturday Learn To Play 19TH OCT TO 7TH DECEMBER 2019