



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear St Kevin's families,

I understand that this is a challenging time for all our families, and I thank you for your patience and understanding. Thank you for your ongoing support of our teachers who continue to demonstrate an unwavering commitment to teaching and learning as they tackle unprecedented challenges.

Please ensure you monitor your emails and Compass messages as we will continue to use these methods of communication.

Stay safe,

You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives. ~Clay P. Bedford

Lorraine Vincent - Principal

Staff Development Days for 2020

- Monday – 27th April
- Monday – 20th July



Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will **not be open** for 'face-to-face' sales for the remainder of this term. However, you can still order uniforms via Qkr! or contact the school office.

Uniforms can be collected from the school office at a pre-arranged time. [Click here](#) for the Uniform price list.

Home Based Learning

St Kevin's is preparing for Home-Based learning to begin next week, either at home or at school. At the centre of our approach is a strong belief in the importance of partnership with families. The approach will be one which will enable students to learn with the provision of high-quality learning experiences, regular and consistent communication and support for families. I would ask you to think about how you can best provide a space for learning at home for your children.

Communication during Home-Based Learning

Regular communication from the school will be provided through Compass and email. The school will use Google Classrooms (Year 3- 6) and Seesaw (Kindergarten to Year 4) for online delivery of learning. **We ask that ensure that you are able to connect to the appropriate learning platforms. Please contact the school if you are experiencing any difficulties.**

If your contact details have changed, please update them as soon as possible by emailing the school office skdy@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Student Wellbeing

It is important to talk to students about the possibility of Home-Based Learning and about what will happen with their learning and how they will connect with friends during this time. The following link provides useful tips [Unicef How to talk-your-child-about-coronavirus-covid-19](#)

It is hard to imagine what the next couple of months will be like for all of us. As we move to Home-Based Learning, this does not mean that we are not connected. As the situation continues to evolve, we will keep you updated. Please rest assure that we are well placed to manage any changes to our day to day operations. As always our focus is on ensuring that we support our students, families and indeed all members of our community.

This afternoon all families will be emailed our St Kevin's Home-Based Learning Guidelines. Tomorrow afternoon you will receive a letter from your child's teacher outlining how this learning will be organised in your class setting.

Religious Education Lent

This Sunday commences the Fifth Sunday of Lent, 'Setting Free'. We all long for freedom, for ourselves, for our communities and for the world. In Christ we find true freedom and true hope for the future. In Christ we are set free to live as God intended it- in loving relationship with Him and in community with others.

During this time of uncertainty, this message could not be truer.



In this challenging time.....

Lord Jesus Christ, our true physician and healer, be merciful to us and bring us your aid in these troubled times. Heal all our sickness and every affliction of your people.

Drive out our infirmities of soul and body; free us from all disease and especially from this pestilence.

We place in your gentle Heart the elderly, the frail, people with disability, children, young people and families, our indigenous peoples, those who are poor, lonely and isolated. As you walk with us, free them from fear, and give them patience and hope together with our loving care.

In your mercy deal also with the causes of our pitiful condition, that in curing our lack of faith and spiritual weakness, you may also remedy our bodily ills.

We place our trust in you, the risen Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen



Reconciliation

Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Due to new government changes, the Sacrament of Reconciliation has been **CANCELLED**.

All families have been notified by email with a letter from Fr Reinaldo.

Library News

Borrowing

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are to return their books by tomorrow at the latest. This will give me the chance to check outstanding books and find missing books on our shelves. Overdue notes were distributed today to every student who has overdue books. Your assistance in returning overdue books to school is greatly appreciated.

Book Club

Issue 2 Book Club Orders have been processed. These can be picked up from the school office when they arrive.

HOW TO KEEP UP YOUR READING AT HOME

It is important to keep reading at home. There are many ways you can do this.

The State Library of NSW has hundreds of eBooks which you can access. These are books that you can download and read from any device at home. You can become a member of the library and then download the eBooks in their catalogue.

<https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/research-and-collections/get-library-card>

Please also use your Northern Beaches Library card to borrow eBooks. There are many to choose from in the catalogue.

<https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/library/your-library>

If you are not a member, you can join via this link:

<https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/library/your-library/joining-library>

You can also find some free eBooks to download via a number of websites. Check out the following:

<https://www.booktopia.com.au/ebooks/free-ebooks/19998-p5-e.html>

<https://www.kidsworldfun.com/ebooks.php>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

<https://www.free-ebooks.net/childrens-classics>

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

Happy Reading!

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