



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear St Kevin's families,

We have enjoyed some warm, autumn weather this week and home-based learning is progressing as we make plans to transition our children back to class. Yesterday, all families received confirmation of their allocated school day for Week 3 and Week 4 which will assist us in knowing how many students we can expect on site.

I know many of our families have tried to re-structure family life to incorporate learning and teaching from home and I have heard from some that it has been difficult, frustrating, and unnerving to say the least. On the flip side, parents have had glimpses of their children that most parents would not normally see; glimpses usually reserved only for classroom teachers. It a rare privilege working alongside our children, seeing how they learn and even what they may not fully understand.

Although I may not be meeting with many of our parents for a few more weeks yet, I am excited at the prospect of seeing some small faces who have been missing for a while. Our school is not complete without our students.

Too often we give children answers to remember rather than problems to solve. ~Roger Lewin

Enjoy the week ahead,

Lorraine Vincent –Principal

Week 3 and Week 4

- ❖ Every child attends at least one day of school per their allocated school day (emailed to families yesterday).
- ❖ **Morning drop off** – Teacher supervision from 8.25am; parents please limit time on site
- ❖ **Afternoon pick up** – Kiss and Ride from 3pm.
- ❖ If collecting children from the school playground, please observe social distancing

School Hygienist

Next week we welcome Danielle Fleming, who has been contracted to St Kevin's as our school hygienist for the remainder of Term 2. Danielle will be keeping our school sanitised each day by wiping touch surfaces in every classroom, all the bathrooms as well as the admin area. Danielle will complete these tasks on a daily basis between 10am and 2.30pm.

To send or not to send...

If your child is unwell with a cough, cold or runny nose, school is not the place to be. As winter approaches and immune systems are generally weaker, it is important to consider others and keep sick children home for a few days.

Kiss and Ride

This week, the Northern Beaches Council have issued us with two large sign boards clearly advertising our Kiss and Ride zone. This zone now stretches down Oaks Avenue in an easterly direction and provides us with an extra four car spaces. As always, please display your family name on your car, wait patiently and exit the queue safely.

School Uniform

All students will change to the winter uniform on Monday 25th May (Term 2, Week 5).

Until then you may choose either the **full** summer or **full** winter uniform according to the weather – **not a combination of both** for example tights are not to be worn with the girl's summer tunic. Uniforms can be ordered online via Qkr! or forms are available from the uniform shop or school office.

Enrolments for 2021

Any parents who have children at St Kevin's and whose siblings will start school in 2021 are invited to collect an enrolment form from the school office.

Religious Education

Parent Formation

During this period of home based schooling, social isolation and parents working from home, the diocese is trying to interact with our families differently. Instead of our parent reflection mornings we are developing a series of short sessions for parents across the Diocese to step aside briefly, but regularly, draw breath, become calm, reflect on their lives, and pray. Watch the newsletter for these sessions.

You can find resources and activities that your children will enjoy on the CSO Parent Hub, which will be continually updated.

<https://www.csodbb.catholic.edu.au/parenthub/fai>
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Project Compassion

Thank you to ALL our families who have either returned their Project Compassion boxes or donated directly to Project Compassion. So far we have raised \$187.35 with a small handful of boxes to still be counted.

Mother's Day

A mother's influence affects many aspects of our lives and our actions reflect what she has taught. We praise and thank God for their nurturing and maternal love. We also remember in a special way our mothers who are no longer with us, those who are in heaven with God.

Please look out for our Facebook celebration of our mothers.



Library News

Book Club

If you would like to browse through the latest Book Club magazine you can click on the following link to download the **VIRTUAL CATALOGUE**.

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>

Once you have decided what you would like, you can order via the usual online LOOP ordering system.

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

Orders are to be submitted by 18th May.

Happy Reading!

Angie Debien

Teacher Librarian

Parents & Friends

Canteen

The canteen is open for lunch on Monday's for **sushi only**. **Note: The canteen is not open at recess.**

All orders must be placed via Qkr!

Uniform Shop

Uniform shop opening times:

Tues & Thurs 8:45am – 9am

[Click here](#) for the Uniform price list.

Orders should be placed via Qkr! and will be sent home with your children. Alternately you can collect orders from the school office after 10am on Tues or Thurs mornings.

Community News ...

Young Writers Competition

Northern Beaches Library Service is pleased to announce that the 2020 Northern Beaches Young Writers' Competition is officially open!!

Write an original story using this year's theme word "**splash**" for a chance to win great prizes and be a published author in a Library eBook.

More information on the competition can be found here:

<https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/library/students-and-youth/challenges-and-competitions/young-writers-competition-2020>