



# St Kevin's Catholic Primary School

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SCHOOL  
Newsletter

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Newsletter No. 1

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear St Kevin's families,

On behalf of the staff of St Kevin's I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our families. I especially welcome our Kindergarten children and their parents who will be joining us for the first time on Monday.

I look forward to catching up with each of you as the term progresses.

*Worry can rob you of your happiness, but kind words will cheer you up – Proverbs: 12:25*

Enjoy the week ahead,

Lorraine Vincent

Principal

## Parent Information Night

**Wednesday 13 February**

**There will be two repeat sessions: 6pm and 7pm**

Your attendance on this night is a valuable support to the classroom teachers as well as providing an excellent overview of the learning that is in place for your child. We ask parents to come prepared to the information sessions with any questions you may have regarding your child's school year in 2019. There will be question time allocated at the conclusion of each teacher's session. Supervision will be provided in the school library from 5.45pm.

## Staff Development Days for 2019

There will be two Pupil Free / Staff Development Days this year. Please note these dates in your diaries. On these days the school will be closed for students. Vacation Care will be provided by OOSH – for bookings please contact [www.ooshnb.com.au](http://www.ooshnb.com.au)

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

## Welcome/Student Leaders Liturgy 2019

**The Welcome to School Liturgy commences in the school hall on Friday 8 February @ 2.30pm.**

This will be a time to recognise our Year 5 and Year 6 student leaders and acknowledge their roles in 2019.

These students are encouraged to accept the responsibility of servant leadership throughout the school on many levels, acting as senior buddies, assembly leaders, Peer Support guides, environmental and technology leaders. We can be very proud of our school leaders for 2019!

*Leadership is doing what is right when no one is watching.*

## Swimming Carnival

**The school swimming carnival is scheduled for Monday 18 February at Manly Swim Centre for students 8 – 12 years.** If your child is turning 8 in 2019 they are eligible to attend the school swimming carnival. The online form will be distributed next week.

## Welcome

We warmly welcome baby Cian, a brother for Austin in Year 2 and Brielle in Kindergarten. We hope to meet the newest addition to the Gonzales family very soon.

St Kevin's Diary	
<b>8 February</b>	Welcome Liturgy and Leadership Liturgy @ 2.30pm
<b>13 February</b>	Parent Information Night
<b>14/15 February</b>	Year 5 and Year 6 Leadership Camp
<b>15 February</b>	Welcome Drinks Night 6 – 8.00pm
<b>18 February</b>	Swimming Carnival for children 8 - 12 years old

## Play Space

After lots of hard work in the holidays our play space is complete! The play space is located outside the K-2 classrooms. It will be a wonderful space for children to explore, and have access to valuable play opportunities. All classes will be allocated times to access the play space at lunchtime, it will also be a great outdoor learning space for the infants classes.



## STEM at St Kevin's

This year we are starting a new dedicated 'STEM' (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) learning program. The goal of STEM is to provide students with an environment in which these subjects are integrated together with real-world problem solving opportunities. STEM allows students to think outside the box with project-based learning.

Students in Years 3-6 will work together with Mrs Lewis and classroom teachers to build creative, innovative learning experiences that will help to develop key skills including: Problem solving, Team work, Critical analysis, Creativity, Digital literacy, Independent thinking. Initiative and Communication

Students in K-2 will also have access to new robotics resources and will be introduced to digital literacy skills during their Science and Technology program.

## Library

We welcome Mrs Angela Debien to St Kevin's this year as Teacher Librarian. Library day for all students K-6 is **THURSDAY**. Students in Years 3-6 will visit the library regularly every fortnight to borrow and access new resources.

## Parents & Friends

*Welcome to the new school year!*

*We would love to see you at the following school events:*

- **Welcome Drinks Night** Friday 15 February  
6pm – 8.00pm in the school courtyard.
- **Parish Family Mass** Saturday 2 March @ 6pm
- **St Kevin's Bush Dance** Saturday 16 March –  
6.45pm – 8.30pm

## Canteen

**The canteen will re-open next Monday - 4<sup>th</sup> February. No lunch orders tomorrow.**

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

**Monday / Thursday / Friday**

A different menu will be available each day ... Qkr! is currently being updated to reflect the new menu items.

**Please note: Paper bag lunch orders will be "phased out" during term 1 ... all lunch orders must be placed via Qkr!**

**[Click here](#) for a guide to downloading Qkr!**

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

## Uniform Shop

**The Uniform Shop will re-open next Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

**The uniform shop is open every Tuesday: 8.45am to 9.00am and Thursday: 3.00pm to 3.30pm**



# 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 CANTEEN 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



## 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 CANTEEN DAYS

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

## 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>

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

31 JAN  
1ST DAY OF  
TERM 1

4 FEB  
1ST DAY FOR  
KINDY

27 FEB  
P&F TERM 1  
MEETING



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Students 5-18 Years



# Helen O'Grady Drama 2019

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