20th March, 2015

**Dates for your Diary**

**Wednesday 25th March**
Harmony Day Breakfast – 8am and drawing of Easter Raffle

**Thursday 26th March**
Family School Picnic 6pm. Last day of School

**Friday 27th March**
(School Closure Day – Staff Inservice

**Term 2 Coming Events**

**Monday 13th April**
- Term 2 begins

**Wednesday 22nd April**
- School Photos (Winter Uniform please)

**Wednesday 6th May**
- School Athletics at Joe Carmody Oval

**Friday 8th May**
- Mothers’ Day Stall

**Tuesday 12th May**
- First Communion Workshop for Parents 6pm

**Tuesday 12 – Friday 14th May**
- NAPLAN for Years 3&5

**Thursday 21st May**
- Interschool Athletics

**Sunday 31st May**
- First Communion 10.30am Mass St Kieran’s

**Tuesday 9th June**
- School Closure Day for Staff In Service

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**FAMILY SCHOOL PICNIC**

We will be having a Family School Picnic on **Thursday 26th March at 6pm** on the grass area at the back of the school.

Come along and join us, bring a picnic or take away. All welcome. This is a great way to celebrate the end of term and to meet up with other families and staff.

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**Easter Raffle**: The P&F have organised our Easter Raffle again this year. Raffle Tickets have been sent home to each family. This is one of our major fund raisers and the money will be used to help pay for our new playground equipment. Tickets due in by Wed 25th March. Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday afternoon and announced over the PA system.

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The world is moving so fast these days
That one who says it can’t be done
Is generally interrupted
By someone doing it.

(Harry Emerson Fosdich)

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 26th March – 13th April**
Parents and Friends News

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th March at 2pm. All Welcome

Raffle tickets for the Easter Raffle need to be returned by Tuesday 23rd March. The money for the Raffle will go towards helping to pay for our new Playground equipment.

Don’t forget your Hot Cross Bun orders need to be picked up on the Wednesday 25th March.

Our St Kieran’s P&F have a Facebook page which will keep you up to date with all the news about what is going on around the school.

Tuckshop

Have you checked out our new Tuck Shop menu?

Around our School

Bikes on Parade
Ride2School Day
A HUGE thank you to the children, parents and other family members for your AMAZING efforts decorating bikes and arranging to have your children ride or scoot to school last Friday! St Kieran’s School made a big impression on our special guests. Both members of parliament, as well as some of the 5 police officers attending, commented on what a lovely school St Kieran’s is – and I have to admit they are right!
The morning was organised to celebrate Bicycle Victoria’s ‘Ride 2 School Day’ and was also an excellent way to promote our school’s commitment to The Victorian Prevention and Health Promotion Achievement Program, better known as ‘Healthy Together Latrobe’. At this stage, St Kieran’s School is working towards achieving active play/physical activity benchmarks and healthy eating and oral health benchmarks. AND we have only just been informed from Latrobe Community Health earlier this week that our school is currently leading the way across the Latrobe Valley for its commitment to the Health Promotion Achievement Program. Much credit goes to Miss Jannah Reid for starting us on this path over the last few years. Mrs Howell

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Easter is a Christian religious holiday and although much of the faith of the three days has been obscured by the commercial aspect of decorated eggs and chocolate, Easter is still very important to practicing Catholics and Christians. The celebration of the Easter Vigil is the beginning of the season of Easter. The Vigil is the Christian feast *par excellence*, the feast of new birth, new beginnings, salvation renewed, and humanity restored to the Lord. While the Vigil marks the end of the paschal fast, the end of the celebration of Holy Week, and the end of repentance and conversion for which Lent prepared the community, it is much more a beginning. It is the beginning of a new season of grace and a time of joy and thanksgiving, for Easter is not one day or one solemnity—it is a fifty day celebration, and the fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday together comprise what the General Instruction terms "the great Sunday".

Harmony Day Breakfast
Our next school breakfast will be our Harmony Day Breakfast, to be held on Wednesday 25th March at 8:00am in the hall. All donations raised will go towards the UNICEF Appeal for Vanuatu Schools. Families can bring an item (non-food) to share that represents their culture.

Foodcents Program
The Foodcents Program is a free educational program that assists families to achieve a healthy diet and save money on their weekly grocery shop. The program consists of 3 sessions which run for 2 hours each. The first session is a supermarket tour focusing on economical shopping for the family. The second session focuses on budgeting and nutrition and the third session is a cooking session where participants will cook a nutritious meal. At the end of the program each participant will receive a voucher to spend on fruit and vegetables. A note has been sent out regarding this program please return to classroom teacher by Wednesday 25th March. The program will be run by Healthy Together Latrobe and is for Parents or Carers and will be conducted on Tuesday 14th, 21st and 28th April from 9:00am to 11:00am. Anyone interested in attending the sessions can contact Monica Huffer, at the school or via email: mhuffer@stkmoe.catholic.edu.au