1st May, 2015

**Dates for your Diary**

**Wednesday 6th May** – School Athletics at Joe Carmody Oval.

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

**Monday 11th May** – Footsteps dance program begins for the next 5 Mondays

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

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

**Tuesday 19th May** - First Communion Workshop for Parents and child 6pm

**Wednesday 20th May** – Mass for Eugene deMazenod. St Mary’s will attend.

**Thursday 21st May**- Interschool Athletics

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

**Monday 8th June** – Queen’s Birthday Holiday

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

**Monday 15th June** – Footsteps Evening session with Parents and children

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**New No Smoking signs**

You will notice a number of new No Smoking signs around our school. It is now a legal requirement for all schools to install suitable ‘No Smoking’ signs at all entrances to school premises. Smoking is now officially banned within four (4) metres of school grounds. More information can be found at [www.health.vic.gov.au/tobaccoreforms](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/tobaccoreforms)

Thank you to David Demagistris for putting up our signs.

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Mrs Johnson will be on Long Service Leave till Monday 1st June. Mrs Broeren will be acting principal for this time.

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**2014 Concert DVDs**

The concert DVDs are available for $10 each. Please see Lina deVent in the Library if you would like a copy.

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**Just a reminder:**

Parents please be aware that if you bring your child to school after the first bell, could you please walk them to their classroom. If your child arrives after 9.00am they must be signed in at the office.
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Parents and Friends News

Don’t forget Mothers’ Day stall on Friday 8th May.

Tuckshop

Check out our Pasta of the Week on the whiteboard.

ART ROOM

Ms van Breugel is asking parents & children to save any empty & clean small soft drink or water bottles for the art room.

Breakfast

Our next school breakfast will be our Walk Safely to School Day breakfast. This will be held on Wednesday 20th May at 8:00am in the hall. Parents and families are invited to pound the pavement and participate in Walk Safely to School Day. If you can’t walk the whole way, park the car a good distance away from the school gates and walk the rest of the way! Donations will go towards the running of our school breakfast.

May is National Family Reading Month!

Riding on the wave of our Active April success, St Kieran’s is now entering Scholastic Book Club’s Read More in May Challenge! (There is no need for regular access to the internet this time.) To participate, your child simply writes down on the supplied Reading Log the number of minutes spent reading each day in May. In the first week of June, tally up the total minutes spent reading in May and enter this online for a chance to win some great prizes – including $250 worth of book vouchers and our school could win $600 worth of books. For more information visit www.scholastic.com.au/readmoreinmay

Thank you to, Abraham Maluk, one of our parents, for coming to our school assembly and speaking to us about his time in South Sudan at the Bor Orphange. This formed part of our social justice teaching and enhanced student learning through Family School Partnerships.
An Outstanding Active April!

Congratulations to all children, parents and other members of our school community who took part in this year’s Premier’s Active April Challenge! St Kieran’s School blitzed last year’s effort of two class teams with no less than 7 teams in this year’s challenge! At the time of writing, our school’s total number of hours logged were 1,047 which is virtually half of Moe’s total of 2,112 hours! Our top 3 participants from each class were: From Prep H – Reily O, Mrs Haesler and Matilda H; from 2/1D – Jack H, Mrs Johnson and Xavier W; from 2/1H.E. - Ethan B, Makayla P and Sophie W; from 3B – Bayden H, Ben V and Joel B; from 6/5/4B - Mia H, James O and Jaxon B; and from 6/5/4H.B. – Hollie V, Jake Davis and Mr Blackman. Congratulations!

Don’t forget that everyone who registered can download your pass for 10 free swimming sessions at any Latrobe Leisure facility, and other rewards, from the Notifications page of the Active April website.

Great job everyone!

Children's Choir for 1st Communion Mass and other Sunday Masses

On the second Sunday of every month this year, our 10:30 a.m. parish Mass has a special focus on the involvement of children and youth. As part of this focus, we have established a Youth/Children’s choir and are keen to have more children come along and sing with us. All children and youth are warmly welcome. We have also been asked to lead the singing for the First Communion Mass on Sunday 31st May at 10:30 a.m. Please let Mrs Howell know if you are able to join us. All children and youth are more than welcome. The more the merrier! Please see Mrs Howell for more details.

Healthy tip of the week – Physical Activity

It is important for children aged between 5-12 years to be physically active for one hour each day to decrease the risk of obesity and anxiety. Not only does it make you feel great, but it can improve posture, sleep concentration and self esteem which is important for children.

It can be hard to motivate children to exercise. You can still be physically active without playing a structured sport. Below are some fun tips to stay active:

- Go on a family bike ride
- Fly a kite at the local park
- Roller blade/roller skate
- Have a kick of the footy
- Walk the dog
- Have a game of table tennis
- Go for a swim at the local pool with friends
- Jump on the trampoline
- Go for a bush walk

Children learn by example. If parents engage in physical activity, not only will their health improve, but so will the health of the whole family.

Anzac Day March

Congratulations and thank you to all the children and staff who came to the Anzac Day Ceremony and marched and sang in our St Kieran’s School Choir. You did a wonderful job and made us all very proud. Well done.

Book Fair:

Our school book fair is open! You can come along, have a look and maybe even buy a book. The book fair runs until Friday the 8th of May.

School Athletics Carnival:

Next Wednesday the 6th of May we are having our school athletics carnival at the Joe Carmody track, Newborough. Anyone who can come along to help is most welcome.

Mothers’ Day Mass:

We are celebrating our Mums and Nans with a whole school Mass on Friday the 8th of May at 9.00am in St Kieran’s Church.