Mass times St. Kieran’s Parish:
Saturday 6:30pm
Sunday 10:30am

29th May, 2015

D倍ES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY 31st MAY –
First Communion 10.30am Mass
St Kieran’s.
MONDAY 8TH JUNE –
Queen’s Birthday Holiday
TUESDAY 9TH JUNE –
School Closure Day. Staff In Service
MONDAY 15TH JUNE – Footsteps
Evening session with Parents and children

Mrs Johnson will be back on deck next week after her long service leave.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Sunday 31st May 10:30am, St. Kieran’s Moe and 9:00am St. Mary’s Newborough.
A special prayer for our Communion Candidates on their special day.

Please be aware: As we have some staff and children away sick with gastro, we ask that if your child is unwell, please keep them home for at least 48 hours for the protection of our school community.
Thank you.

St. Kieran’s School Fees 2015
The evaluation of the school’s operations, including school fees, is an annual process conducted in consultation with St Kieran’s Parish, the School Board and the Catholic Education Office, Diocese of Sale. School fees help to provide the day-to-day operational running of our School.

From the funds we receive from government grants and local contribution we have to cover the costs including:
- Staff salaries, Cleaning & Maintenance, Administration- insurance, water, phone, gas & electricity costs, Computer Updates, Library Resources, Class Resources

Our School over the last few years has been able to maintain fees at a very low figure despite the rising costs, which engulf us. Our School currently has one of the lowest fee structures for like Catholic Primary Schools in Gippsland and across Victoria. We have enjoyed several years with minimal fee increases, however, with rising costs and the commitment to continue to deliver quality education it has become necessary to increase fees for 2015. (This process of reviewing fees takes place annually.)

Whilst the current economic climate may not be seen as conducive to this rise, it is a clear fact that we can no longer function effectively with the current structure. The fee rise at the beginning of the year was long overdue and necessary.

The fee increase has been acted upon in consultation with the Catholic Education Office Diocese of Sale and St Kieran’s School Board and is consistent with other local Catholic Schools.

School Camps will be invoiced in the month prior to the camp being taken as costs are not finalised until then. Excursion and incursions will be charged, when the need arises, during the year.

Fees are a vital part of our School’s operation. They may be paid either upfront, at the beginning of the Terms or in instalments to the school. We will make every endeavour to provide parents with a fee arrangement to suit their individual circumstances.
Thank you for taking the time to read this. Any queries to do with fees or levies please don’t hesitate to contact the school.
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Parents and Friends News

Tuckshop Check out our Pasta of the Week on the whiteboard

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.

Care Group

Thank you to those who returned the Care Group forms. We now have enough members of parents and staff to continue with the St Kieran’s Care Group. If you would still like to be involved please return the form to Andrina Plunkett Pearce via Bella Pearce Yr. 4/5/6B. Contact Monica Huffer, Family School Partnership Convenor at mhuffer@stkmoe.catholic.edu.au for an additional form.

Vinnies Winter Appeal and Breakfast

Our next school breakfast will be our Vinnies Winter Appeal Breakfast to be held on Wednesday June 17th at 8:00am in the hall. As part of the Vinnies Winter Appeal, throughout the months of May and June, we will be collecting blankets, warm jackets, gloves, socks, scarves and beanies. You may also choose to make up toiletry packs in zip-lock bags with items pictured below:

- socks
- tissues
- lip chap stick
- antibacterial wipes
- band aid
- toothbrush
- toothpaste
- notepad
- pen
- Mars/MilkyWay/butterscotch

Socks and toiletries need to be new however the blankets, jackets and winter accessories can be good quality used donations. We will be donating these items to Vinnies Moe at our Vinnies Winter Appeal Breakfast. These packs will be handed out directly to those in need via the Moe soup van. All items can be placed in the box located in the school office.
Preps have been busy!
The Prep's have had an extremely busy week this week. On Monday we had a visit to the Church with Fr. Matthew who showed us all the different parts of the Church. On Tuesday we had our Prep camp in which we dressed as our favourite book characters. We made a lot of foods from different books - the favourite was our 'Dirty Bertie dirt and worms' that we made out of Oreo's and sour worms! We walked over to Apex Park and had a play and under the shade of the trees we shared some of our favourite stories.

Walk Safely to School Day and Breakfast
Thanks to all the wonderful families who made the effort to walk to school safely last week and to those who attended our breakfast event. Our next breakfast will be our St Vinnie’s Winter Appeal Breakfast to be held on Wednesday 17th June at 8:00am.

FOODcents program
Congratulations to Lisa Wilson, one of our mums, on completing the FOODcents program recently held at St Kieran’s. Lisa is pictured with Gabrielle Francis, FOODcents Project Coordinator, Mrs Lisa Broeren, Sarah Porter, Health Promotion Officer, Healthy Together Latrobe and work experience student, Lacey.

Health Tip
Check out this video about the amount of sugar in soft drinks -
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FGnpfqmzaSY
It will certainly make you think twice about drinking soft drink!

Wednesday munchies
Thanks to the generous ongoing donations received from SecondBite, we will be able to continue offering our free munchies program (dependent upon fruit availability). The children will now receive free fruit every Wednesday recess. We thank Max and his team from Moe Hope Christian Community Church for distributing the items received from SecondBite. Our Mini Oblates will be doing some work with the church as a thank you for the donations.