Congratulations to Bella Pearce for winning the Ashton Scholastic Reading Competition. Bella blitzed the field in the State by reading for 9,990 minutes. Well done Bella.

Joanne Johnson

Dear Parents

With the announcement of Jo Johnson’s retirement we have begun the process of selecting a principal for St Kieran’s to commence at the beginning of the 2016 school year. As we determine our selection criteria I would be grateful for parent input identifying the qualities of the person we should be seeking to be our new Principal. Attached to this newsletter is a parent input sheet which you are invited to fill in and return in a sealed envelope by 4:00 pm on the 23rd July 2015. The information you provide will be collated by Michael Hanney from the Catholic Education Office and will help inform questions for the selection panel.

Yours in Peace
Fr Harry Dyer

Thank you to all at St Kieran’s school for your prayers, thoughts, gift and love on the occasion of my 25th anniversary of priesthood.

Celebrating the Mass together on Monday with St Mary’s was a wonderful, prayerful experience and a sign of our care and support for one another.

God Bless, Fr Harry

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2016 Enrolments

Enrolments for 2016 are now being taken. You can pick up an enrolment form from the Office.

Science Fair

Please mark in your diaries our Science Fair. We will be holding this on a Thursday 17th September in the evening starting at 6pm. This is an opportunity to work with your child on some science experiments.

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17th July, 2015

Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 21st July** — P&F Meeting 9am

**Tuesday 21st July** – Parent meeting for Confirmation Candidates 6pm at St Kieran’s.

**Thursday 30th July** – Grandparents Day Mass and Celebration.

**Friday 31st July** – Christmas in July Disco for children.

**Tuesday 4th August** – Confirmation candidates and Parents Workshop 6pm at St Mary’s.

**Saturday 15th August** – Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for St Kieran’s candidates 6pm Mass.

**Wednesday 19th August** – Book Week Breakfast

**Thursday 17th September** – Science Night.
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**P&F**

Our next P&F Meeting will be held at 9am on Tuesday 21st July in the Staff Room. Please come along and help us to help the school.

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**Tuckshop**

*Tuckshop will only open on Thursdays and Fridays from now on.*

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**Fr Harry’s 25th Anniversary**

What a wonderful day of celebrations at St Kieran’s last Monday in honour of Fr Harry’s 25th Anniversary of his priesthood ordination. Thank you to all those parents, grandparents and parishioners who generously brought along morning tea to share. We would like to extend a special thank you to St Kieran’s Parish Care Group, especially Tony Frendo and Lewis Vella for setting up the hall and to all those who assisted with the morning. Also thanks to Angela Battista and Marlene Orton who helped out in the kitchen with the cleaning up. Great community effort St Kieran’s!

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We have been looking at Michael Camilleri illustrations and sketches, in particular his illustrations of Australian soldiers. The children have done a fantastic job at sketching some light horsemen. It also ties in with the memorial boxes we have on loan at the school. These memorial boxes are on loan from the Australian War Memorial for 2 weeks. This term in the art room will be a jam packed one, with lots of exciting projects happening. : )
A big thank you is extended to Andrina and Tim Pearce for going above and beyond! 2/1H.E. spent several weeks last term exploring different picture story books written by acclaimed Australian author, Alison Lester. The children each wrote a letter to Alison Lester, sharing their opinions about her books and letting her know that they had each written their own book in her familiar style. Andrina, Tim, Isla and Bella (as well as the Guthrie family and the Burleigh family) travelled to Fish Creek during their holidays and attended Alison Lester’s latest book launch celebration. Isla presented Alison Lester with the letters from children in our class. Andrina also bought Alison Lester’s latest picture story book and donated it to our school library. Alison Lester has told us she plans to visit our school later this term! The children’s own books are on display in the library along with photos of Isla with Alison Lester at the book launch.

Rose Howell

Healthy Eating Tips from the Health and Wellbeing Team

A film led movement to get more kids (and their folks!) outside and reconnecting with nature. The film takes a funny and revealing look at a complex issue, the increasingly disparate connection between children and nature. Bookings essential: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/project-wild-thing-tickets-17388806388

The screening will take place on Thursday 23rd July 6.15pm at Lavalla Catholic College Theatre, Cnr Grey St and Grubb Ave, Traralgon. Following the screening there will be opportunity to discuss the films subject with a number of local experts from a range of organisations including Parks Victoria, Latrobe City Council (Environmental Planning) and Department of Environment, Water, Land and Planning. If you want nature, wildness and free-range living for kids and adults to exist alongside an increasingly industrialised and technological society then join us and get involved in making that happen. Light refreshments will be provided. Mrs Huffer will be attending the screening so if anyone would like a lift please let her know.