



St. Kieran's Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for the 2015 Term

- Term 1** Wed 27th Jan– Thurs 24th Mar
Term 2 11th April – 24th June
Term 3 11th July – 16th September
Term 4 3th October – Thurs 19th December

MONDAY 8TH FEBRUARY – Preps start full days with Wednesdays off till start of March.

TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY – Pancake Tuesday

WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY – Ash Wednesday

FRIDAY 4TH MARCH – Celebrating St Kieran's Day

SUNDAY 13TH MARCH – Family Movie Fundraiser, Zootopia at Warragul Cinema.

WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH – School breakfast

MONDAY 21ST – 23RD MARCH – Grade 6/5 camp



School Assemblies are held every Monday at 2.30pm. If Monday is a public holiday there will **not** be an assembly for that week.

A message from the Principal

"We want our young people to be their own person, as God created them to be, this is the greatest gift you can give to the children entrusted in your care"

These exact words formed part of Father Harry's homily on my first day at St Kieran's last Wednesday and have been at the forefront of my thoughts ever since. When I reflect on my own teaching career and my ten years as a parent I am always aspiring to teach, model and parent to enable my students, son and daughter to be their own person, as God created them'

It's only taken me a few days to realise the staff I have inherited as Principal at St Kieran's will be role models and mentors to ensure I continue to recognise this in my own life. Their dedication, compassion, nurturing and recognition of diversity in learning and personalities of their students and families has left me speechless on many occasions during my first week.

A sincere welcome back to all our families and especially the new families to St Kierans. I encourage you to keep introducing your self to me and never hesitate to come and see me if you have any concerns, celebrations or wonderings. I would like to formally welcome Jodie Mallows to the staff of St Kieran's. Jodie is an outstanding teacher and leader of young children who has been Leader of Learning at St Ita's in Drouin for the last five years. Her knowledge of contemporary learning will be invaluable for the staff, students and families of St Kieran's. On behalf of Jodie and myself I would like to thank all the parents and parishioners for their warm hospitality and cooking at our 'welcome afternoon tea' on Wednesday.

Peter McKenna

ST. KIERAN'S EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7	8 Playgroup 9am Monday Munchies commence Chinese New Year	9 Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Day 	10 Ash Wednesday Mass 9am Preps Day Off	11	12 P&F Meeting 9am	13
14	15 Playgroup 9am	16	17 School Breakfast 8am	18	19	20
21	22 Playgroup 9am	23	24 Preps Day Off	25	26	27
28	29 Playgroup 9am Preps start full time	1	2	3	4 Celebrate St Kieran's Day	5 St Kieran's Day



Parents and Friends News

Our first P&F meeting will be held on Friday 12th February at 9am in the Staff Room. I'm looking forward to having lots of input from the St Kieran's parent community.



Tuckshop

Tuckshop will reopen Friday 12th Feb. A new tuckshop price list has been included with the newsletter. A note will go home after next Friday's P&F meeting asking for helpers. If you could spare a couple of hours once a week, once a fortnight, once a month or once a term it will be greatly appreciated. New helpers will be shown how to work in the tuckshop

Back to School Breakfast

Our first breakfast event for 2016 will be a "Back to School" breakfast to be held on Wednesday 17th February at 8:00am in the Hall. There is no charge to attend the breakfast and we welcome all families, especially our new families to come along and join us. Please remember that children must be accompanied by an adult to attend the breakfast and we ask for assistance with the cleaning and packing up afterwards. Any donations received this month will go towards assisting Emily Haesler, Prep/1 teacher, who is attending World Youth Day in July this year. The Breakfast event is an extra-curricular activity, run by our parents. Come along and meet some of our wonderful parents and children.



For Your Interest

Camp, Sport, and Excursion Funding (CSEF):

To be eligible for this funding a parent or guardian must on the first day of Term One, 27 January 2016 or Term 2, 11th April 2016, be a holder of an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pension Concession card, or Veterans Affairs Gold Card.

CSEF Application Forms are available from the School Office – it is advised that applications be lodged by 29th February 2016 so that payments can be made from March 2016. However applications can be accepted up until the 3rd June 2016.



Around our School

St Kieran's Playgroup is held in the hall every Monday morning between 9:00am to 11:30am. The Playgroup is a Community Playgroup and member of Playgroup Victoria, which covers all insurance needs. All pre-school children are most welcome. Contact: Michelle Guthrie, Playgroup Co-ordinator or have a look at the Facebook page: 'St Kieran's Playgroup'.

Our New Preps have settled in very well



Monday Munchies

Our Monday Munchies program will resume on Monday 8th February. We would like to thank Woolworths Moe for their generous donation of fruit and vegetables for our program. We are looking for parents /grandparents who would like to be part of a roster. Duties will include picking up the fruit from Woolworths Moe on Monday morning and preparing it for distribution at recess. Please contact Monica Huffer, Family School Partnership Convenor, at the school if you are able to assist with this.

Newsletter

If you would like the school newsletter to be emailed to you or have changed your email address, please let the office know your details.



Any adult wanting to help in the classrooms or attend any school excursions MUST have a Working with Children's check. This is a legal obligation that St Kieran's must commit to. To gain a WWC you can do this on line:

www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications, The only cost would be is for a passport size photo. Please do not feel discriminated against if your help is refused. We are following Catholic Education Department rules.



If your child has asthma, anaphylaxis or any other medical condition it is important to ensure we have all that information. **It is a legal requirement for those children with Asthma, Anaphylaxis, allergies, or other major conditions to have a plan which is signed by you doctor.**

Piano/Keyboard lessons

Piano/keyboard lessons available Mon – Fri. in Moe. Children or adults welcome. Have WWC. Must own piano or keyboard. Please call Lisa Veenstra on 0437 502 838. .

Ash Wednesday Mass

The children from Grade 1-6 will celebrate Ash Wednesday mass next Wednesday, 10th March. Children will sit in their classes. We encourage parents to be a part of the mass and discuss the significance of the events with their children.

Chinese New Year

On Monday 8th February the students of St Kieran's will celebrate Chinese New Year as part of their LOTE learning. A flyer went out yesterday with all the details. Parent participation in the day is certainly encouraged and appreciated.

Zooper Doopers

Starting next week, Monday 8th February, Miss Emily Haeslar will be selling Zooper Dooper icy poles for 50 cents at lunch times on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays during Term 1. All proceeds from the icy pole sales will go towards helping to send Emily to World Youth Day.

World Youth Day (WYD) is a worldwide pilgrimage which will be held in Poland at the end of July this year. This event is an opportunity to experience an encounter with the Pope and to share with the whole world the hope of many young people who want to commit themselves to Christ and others. The experience Emily will gain from World Youth Day will enrich the students, staff, families and parish of St Kieran's.



PE Junior Grades

Classes focus on a specific gross motor skills, hand-eye/foot-eye and/or balance activities, as well as team building and sportsmanship qualities. During this 6 week program a range of sports will be focused on including, soccer, athletics, basketball and hockey.

Our aim is to encourage positive participation from students who are encouraged to experience that physical activity is fun, active and helps them to play as part of a team, while further developing their sporting skills and abilities.

Please feel free to come and watch our program which is on between 8.45am (2/1D) and 9.30am (P/1H) and see the fun your child is having in PE while also learning valuable sportsmanship skills for life.



Ready Steady Go Kids will be joining St Kieran's in Term 1 offering students in P-2 the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of 6 different sports whilst enhancing their gross and fine motor skills, coordination and balance.



RSGK classes are held in Warragul, Traralgon and Sale on weekdays and weekends. Enrol now for a free trial. Call: 1300 766 892 or visit www.readysteadygokids.com.au.

Parish News

Car Boot Sale

St Kieran's Parishes in Partnership will be holding a Car Boot Sale on Saturday 20th February

From 9:00am to 1:00pm in the St Kieran's school grounds and hall. Stallholders are required. Cost is \$15 for outside and \$20 for inside hall. BBQ and cake stall will also be available. Anyone wishing to book a space can contact Rita Elswyk on 5127 4485. All proceeds from the stallholders, BBQ and cake stall will go towards assisting Lisa Tops and Tessa Jenkins who are attending World Youth Day.

Commissioning Mass for Peter McKenna

On Sunday 7th February, at the St Kieran's 10:30am Mass, Mr Peter McKenna, will be commissioned as the new Principal of St Kieran's Primary School. All families are invited to attend and meet his family over a cuppa after Mass.

A New Year....

This is the beginning of a new year.

We have been given this year to use as we will.

We can waste it or use it.

We can make it a year long to be remembered for its joy, its beauty, its achievements, or it can be filled with pettiness.

What we do together this year is important, for at its end we will all be DIFFERENT to the way we were at its beginning.

The type of difference depends on each of us.

May God be at the source of all our actions.

May God's Spirit be our constant guide.

Amen

Tuckshop Price List

HOT FOOD:

Meat pies	\$3.00
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Party pies	\$1.00
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Sausage rolls	\$2.30
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Hot dog	\$2.90
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Hot dog with cheese	\$3.30
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Pizza	\$3.20
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Lasagne	\$5.00
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Chicken nuggets	.80c
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Fish fingers	.60c
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Sauce	.20c
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WRAPS:

3 nugget wrap	\$5.00
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5 nugget wrap	\$5.30
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3 fish finger wrap	\$5.00
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5 fish finger wrap	\$5.30
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(with lettuce and mayo)

SANDWICHES - toasted or fresh

Ham	\$2.10
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Cheese	\$1.40
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Vegemite	\$1.30
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Butter only	\$1.00
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DRINKS:

Juice box	\$1.60
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(apple black current, apple)

Slushy	\$2.00
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Big M	\$2.00
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SNACKS:

JJ's	\$1.20
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Zooper doopers	.40c
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Kanga Pop	.50c
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Banana/choc pop	.80c
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Frozen yogurt pop	\$1.00
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