



St. Kieran's Newsletter

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Dates for your Diary

Saturday 20th February-St Kieran's Parish Car Boot Sale 9am

Tuesday 23rd February- -St Kilda Football Clinic at Albert Street Primary School for Grades 1 & 2

-District Swimming Sports

Tuesday 1st - Wednesday 2nd – Parent teacher meeting 2pm -5pm

Thursday 3rd March- P & F meeting

Friday 4th March- Celebrating St Kieran's Day

Sunday 13th March- Family Movie Day in Warragul - Zootopia

Monday 21st –Wednesday 23rd March- Grade 6/5 Camp

A message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

I write to you about threats which have been made to a range of Victorian and interstate schools. Since the lengthening list of schools affected now includes Gippsland Catholic schools, I write to clarify how we would respond in similar circumstances.

Last Friday all students, staff and parents working at St Kieran's practised the school's emergency management evacuation plan. I commend the students for their calmness and maturity in taking the drill seriously and preparing for a real emergency. If such a threat was to occur we would ring all parents to let families know there has been a threat made and emergency services called. In the next few weeks parents will have access to the **Skoolbag Mobile App** which will allow

St Kieran's staff to send out alerts and messages to let parents know instantaneously events that are happening in the school. More information on this new 'App' will come home in the next two weeks.

I was fortunate enough to be part of St Kieran's first breakfast for 2016. Staff, families, Fr. Harry and parishioners came together to share a breakfast with many opportunities to have a laugh and a chat.

The community that had gathered had generously donated \$150 to assist Emiliy Haeslar attend World Youth Day. As a school we are aiming to raise \$2000 towards the \$6000 it costs Emily to attend. She is currently selling Zooper Doopers on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and all money raised from the selling of furniture from the old portable at the St Kieran's Boot Sale on Saturday will also go to you that have experienced Emily teaching your child will know that Emily is one of the most humble individuals you could ever meet; she was so grateful for the generous donations.

From previous experience the impact World Youth Day has on a school community when the pilgrims return is very faith enriching for the students, staff and families and I have no doubt, knowing Emily for only a short time, she will give generously of her time and experiences on her return. We would like to thank the Effenberg family for donating the bread and to Amie Cook and the breakfast team for their organisation.

Peter McKenna





Parent Teacher Meetings

On Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd March from

2pm-5pm we will be having our Parent/Teacher Meetings. These meetings are for you to speak about your child and let the teacher know any information that may be pertinent to the education and welfare of your child.

You should have received a note yesterday giving you the the school code (wsz5m) for www.schoolinterviews.com.au. If you cannot make one of these dates please let the teacher know so they can reschedule. If you need a longer time please ask to make another appointment at a different time.

Achievement Program and Monday Munchies

We are seeking a parent representative to be part of our Achievement Program. Meetings are held monthly for an hour. Anyone interested in the role please see Mr McKenna or Mrs Huffer.

Our Monday Munchies program is running well. Thanks so much to Lisa Wilson, Midi Cosgriff and Karen Davis who have volunteered to assist with the program. Our Health and Wellbeing student representatives have been doing a great job assisting the parents as part of their role. Thanks once again to Woolworths Moe for their ongoing support. Pictured is Caige Effenberg assisting Lisa Wilson



St Kieran's Day

On Friday March 4th we celebrate St Kieran's Day. We start with a whole school Mass at 9am. After Mass parents/Grandparents are invited back into the classrooms to explore the learning that has taken place over the first 5 weeks. After recess the students will have a fun hour over at Apex Park. Keep this date free so you can come and celebrate with us. The children will be given a 'free sausage sizzle' cooked by our wonderful P&F. A permission note will be sent out next week and must be signed and returned to allow children to walk and play in the park.

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. St Kieran's staff will be selling off furniture and other items from the old portable. All money raised goes to supporting Emily Haeslar with raising money for World Youth Day.

School Advisory Board

Members of the School Advisory Board form part of discussions that assist the Principal in school policy and the decision making process.

Our current board members are:

Principal – Peter McKenna

St Kieran's Parish Priest – Fr. Harry Dyer

Board Chairperson - Samantha Luke

Parent representatives - Ward Cook

Parent representative – Paul Walsh

Parent Representative- Ian Nairn

If you are interested in joining the School Board, please let Peter McKenna know.

St Kieran's Playgroup

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'.

Around our School



Parents and Friends News

We have included a P&F newsletter with the school newsletter with dates and information for upcoming events.



Tuckshop

A note has gone out asking for helpers in the tuckshop. 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.

Casual Clothes Day

There will be a casual clothes day next Thursday 25th February. The gold coin donation will go towards the Easter raffle

Chinese New Year Learning

Children in all grades are enjoying learning Mandarin with Jingjia. Last Monday the children celebrated Chinese New Year by making dumplings. The students and parent helpers had so much fun and the dumplings tasted amazing. Thanks Jingjia!



Shrove Tuesday

A big thank you to all our parents that came in to assist children and teachers make their pancakes. It was so pleasing to walk around the classrooms and see so much parent support.



Principal Awards

Congratulations to Mitchell Humphrey and Benjamin Vincent for their Principal's awards at the first two assemblies. Mitchell received his for 'initiative' and Ben's was awarded for 'risk taking' and achievement in the pool.



ST. KIERAN'S EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21	22 Playgroup 9am	23 Saints football Clinic –Grade 1 & 2 District Swimming	24 Preps Day Off	25 Casual Clothes Day- Easter Raffle	26 Moe Community Fun Day- 3/4	27
28	29 Playgroup 9am Preps start full time	1 March	2	3	4 Celebrate St Kieran's Day	5 St Kieran's Day
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 P & F Movie Day	14	15	16	17	18	19

