A message from the Principal

I was a very proud St Kieran’s Principal on Tuesday night as I witnessed some of our Grade 3 students receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. This is a beautiful Sacrament, instituted by Christ as a way to offer us His Mercy and Grace. It is a very special time for our children and as parents, it’s our primary responsibility to help prepare them and reassure them that going to confession is not about getting into trouble; it’s about asking God for forgiveness and receiving God’s Grace to do better.

I would like to thank Fr Mathew, Fr Harry, teachers, parents and especially the children for the way they prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Another wonderful part of St Kieran’s is the ‘sense of community’; this was evident on Tuesday night as many other families and staff attended the celebration to pray for the children and show their support.

As this is the last newsletter for Term One, I wish everyone a happy and safe Easter. The first term has flown, however I’m very grateful for the support I have been given by the St Kieran’s School & Parish Community.

Peter McKenna

Our Grade 3 students after receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation

School Closure Day for Term 2

On Monday 18th April there will be no school for students. Staff will participate in a Maths Association of Victoria Professional Development Day held at Moe Racing Club. It is very rare that professional development of this quality is presented outside of Melbourne so the staff have taken advantage of this excellent opportunity to enhance our teaching & learning of the Maths Curriculum.
Stations Of The Cross & Last Day
The Stations of the Cross will be held next Thursday, 24th March in the St Kieran’s Church at 9am. Each class will act out three stations. Please try and attend if you are available. **School finishes at 1pm on the last day.**

Harmony Day Breakfast
Thanks to those families who attended our Harmony Day breakfast on Wednesday. We raised $110.40 for Project Compassion which was a great effort. The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs and this year’s theme is ‘our diversity is our strength’. Our next breakfast will be our Anzac Day breakfast to be held on Wednesday 20th April at 8:00am in the hall. All donations will go to Moe RSL.

Breakfast Event Co-ordinator
We are still looking for a Breakfast event Co-ordinator and/or anyone who would like to be part of a breakfast team to commence in April. Duties will include shopping, hall set up and clean up after the breakfast, on a rostered basis. Please contact Mrs Huffer or Mr McKenna if you are interested.

Principal Award
Congratulations to Anjelo Abuan who received the Principal’s award at assembly last week. Anjelo received the award for his enthusiasm to want to keep learning more than what is required. Anjelo is always trying to make connections with his learning across all areas of the curriculum.

Easter Raffle
The P&F have organised our Easter Raffle again this year. Raffle Tickets have been sent home to each family. This is one of our major fund raisers and the money will be used to help pay for new sports equipment. **The raffle will be drawn at 12.45pm on the last day of term in the Multi-purpose room before the children go home at 1pm.** Tickets are due in by Wed 23rd March.

Bogan Bingo Fundraiser & Social Night
Our Parents & Friends committee is currently organising a ‘Bogan Bingo’ and auction fundraiser, to raise funds towards new sports equipment for our students as well as much needed repairs to our basketball backboards. The fundraiser will be held at the Turfside Function Centre on Saturday, the 16th of April. The evening’s events will include bingo, various auctions and games. The night begins at 7:00pm, with eyes down at 8:00pm. Tickets are $30 per person, and can be purchased from Amie Cook (0418138731) and Kristy Walsh (0427807719). Tickets will also be sold on the last day of term in the multipurpose room at 12.45 during the drawing of the Easter raffle. An order form will be sent home on Monday for your convenience so you can buy individual tickets or organise a table.
Our Veggie Garden at St Kieran’s

During Term 1 our veggie garden has been very well maintained by parents Sandy Williams (Hollie’s mum) and Andrina Pearce (Bella and Isla’s mum). They have generously volunteered each Friday morning and afternoon and have been working with children from each of the classes. The children have been watering the garden and helping with harvesting tomatoes and zucchinis. Each Friday afternoon, Sandy and the children sell the produce to raise money for the garden. Sandy has plans to completely clear out each raised garden bed and get them ready for replanting in Term 2 and plant broccoli, cauliflower, carrots, beans and silverbeet. We are looking for any ‘green thumbs’ who may be interested in becoming part of the St Kieran’s Gardening team. This could be parents/grandparents or any family members. (A current Working with Children’s Check is required).

Please contact Sandy Williams at the school. She is available most Fridays before and after school or a message can be left for her at the office. We thank Sandy, Andrina and the children for all their hard work and dedication in maintaining the garden.

Sandy pictured with students working in the garden

St Kieran’s Day

Thanks to all the parents who assisted with the BBQ, icy poles, delivery of bikes and supervision at the park on St Kieran’s Day. The children loved the day at the park and the bike parade. It was the perfect advertisement for our wonderful School community.
St Kieran’s Athletics Carnival
The school athletics carnival is to be held on Friday 15th April 2016 at Joe Carmody Track Newborough. We look forward to a day of athletic fun. Any parents who can assist with the running of the athletic events are more than welcome to join us. Please let Mrs Effenberg know ASAP.

Junior Football Club
MLJFC are looking for players for Under 10’s, Under 12’s and Under 14’s for season 2016.

Training has commenced and is on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the racecourse between 4.30pm-5.30pm.

All enquiries to Andrew (MLJFC president) on 0429 149 553.

Please note: To be eligible to play, you must have turned 7 before 30th April 2016

Hope to see you in Season 2016.