



St. Kieran's Newsletter

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Dates for your Diary

Friday 15th April- St Kieran's Athletics Day

Monday 18th April- School Closure Day

Board Meeting

Tuesday 19th April- AGM Parents & Friends

Wed 20th April- ANZAC Day Breakfast

Monday 25th April – ANZAC DAY

Wednesday 4th May – School Photos

Tuesday 10th May NAPLAN begins (Gr 3 &5)

Friday 13th May- District Cross Country Gr 3-6

Sun 29th May – First Communion 10.30 Mass

Friday 3rd June- Lightning Premierships Gr 3-6

A message from the Principal

Our thoughts and prayers are with Teresa Dinnie and her family. Teresa underwent an operation in the holidays. She is now home with her family recovering but will need the full term to recuperate fully. We are excited to welcome Kristy Walsh (3 days) and Gaye Vicic (2 days) to our Grade 1/2 classroom for Term Two.

St Kieran's Athletics Day

Tomorrow is our **School Athletics** at the Joe Carmody Athletics Track, Newborough. Children will travel by bus. It would be great to see parents and grandparents there supporting the children. The temperature for tomorrow is 25 degrees so please make sure your child has a hat, sunscreen and plenty of water to drink. We are hoping presentations will be conducted at approximately 1:30pm

Skoolbag App

St Kieran's now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent community. We are asking parents to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name **St Kieran's Catholic Primary School Moe** in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

For Windows users search for Skoolbag in the Windows Store and install the app and then find your school. Please note it must be a Windows 8.1 or 10 device.



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.

School Photos

School photos will be held on Wednesday 4th May. Please ensure all the children are in correct school **winter** uniform.

Jumpers/jackets are to be worn in the photos. **Please make sure they do not wear sports uniform for that day.**

Thank you

St Kieran's would like to thank the Vella and Hitchins families for their generous donation of a very much needed porta shade for our school. The gazebo shades will be used for swimming and athletics carnivals, fetes and other school and parish functions.

We would also like to thank Latrobe Community Health Service who has donated an additional gazebo. St Kieran's is participating in the Healthy Together Victoria Achievement program. We have been working closely with Claire Watts, Senior Health Promotion Officer, Healthy Together Latrobe, to achieve various Health and Wellbeing priority areas such as Physical Activity and SunSmart initiatives.



Catholic Identity Surveys

Thank you to the parents who are filling out our Catholic Identity Surveys. The surveys are mandated by the Catholic Education Office to assist us in understanding better how our Catholic Identity is expressed in work and practice here at St Kieran's. The results will also contribute to a reliable picture of our school's Catholic Identity, which we will use to inform our School Renewal for the next five years, which will take place in 2017. All staff and Grade 5/6 students will fill out the surveys over the next week. The online surveys are anonymous and we do really appreciate your efforts as they take between 30-40 minutes to complete.

Bogan Bingo Postponed

Bogan Bingo has been postponed until the beginning of third term. The exact date will be confirmed in the next few weeks. The night will be moved to the St Kieran's Hall. Hopefully this gives parents and friends more time to organise tables. Please support this event as it is the major fundraiser for 2016.

Parents & Friends AGM

An AGM for the Parents & Friends Committee will be held Tuesday, 19th April at 7pm. The committee organises so many social & fundraising events, but new faces would also be greatly appreciated to share the load and keep providing the St Kieran's students with the best learning and play environment possible.

St Kieran's School Board

The first St Kieran's School Board meeting will be held on Monday 18th April at 7.30pm in the school staffroom. Any members wishing to join the St Kieran's Board are most welcome to attend.

Anzac Day Breakfast

This is our first breakfast for Term 2, to be held on Wednesday 20th April at 8:00am in the hall. All donations will go to Moe RSL. All children must be accompanied by an adult, and assistance with the cleaning up after the breakfast would be much appreciated.

Grade 3/4 in the Art Room

During Term 1, Grade 3/4 worked on Mini-beasts for their Inquiry topic. In the Art Room they made Bee-hives & focussed on the community of bees and how they work together. Check out their fabulous bee-hives next time you come in for assembly!



Woolworths Earn and Learn Program

St Kieran's participated in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program last year. It was a great community effort by staff, families and parishioners. We were very excited to receive the items that were ordered which included some much needed items of sporting equipment.

Mrs Effenberg with Lisa, Loren and Xavier Wilson who kindly coordinated the program last year, are pictured displaying the equipment. We thank Woolworths for their ongoing support.



Principal Award

Congratulations to Liam Luke who received the Principal's award at assembly this week. Liam received the award for his outstanding leadership and modelling of how to treat others. Liam is looked up to by his peers, staff and the younger children at St Kieran's.



Grade 5/6 Melbourne Camp



YEAR 6/5 TRIP TO DOXA CAMP

Doxa Camp was awesome. We went down by train. When we got to Doxa, we had to carry our bags and suitcases up to the second floor. After that we went to the Common Room, where we talked about what we were going to do and where we were going to sleep. We talked about instructions and what to do if we got lost.

Then all the fun started. We went to so many places I lost count. We looked at the Street Art, and then on to the Old Melbourne Gaol. Most of us went on the Eureka Skydeck. We also had a tour of the MCG and heaps more.

My personal favourite thing we did was when we went to the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. We did an obstacle course on water. Some of us went on a 3 metre high diving board. There was also a wave pool and a water slide. On the first night we had Chinese and on the second night we had souvlaki.

If you asked me to rate the camp I would rate it a 9. I'm sure everyone else would agree. Thanks to all the teachers and Doxa staff for a truly wonderful time.

By Jaxon Flores



DOXA YEAR 5/6 CAMP MELBOURNE

The train ride to Melbourne was really fun. When we got to Melbourne everyone was so excited. It didn't take long to get to Doxa from the train station. When we got to Doxa camp, the staff member Dave told us all the rules and what we were doing. After that we went to the laneway tours and most of the spray paintings were really good. One was so realistic that it actually looked like a real child! Then we went to "The Big Issue" which was all about homeless people and how we can help them. Spicy Tongue was our Chinese restaurant for dinner. Afterwards we went to Eureka Skydeck. The elevator was so fast that everyone's ears popped. We had the chance to go to the edge. It was so scary. Then we walked to McDonald's and got an ice cream before going back to the hotel.

On day two we went to the Queen Victoria market and there was so much stuff there. I bought a didgeridoo! After that we went to the MCG and did a tour. It was really fun because they had games like football and netball. Then we went to Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. We even got to go off a diving platform! Dinner was at Gazi Greek restaurant and it was delicious. After dinner we played laser tag.

On the last day we went to Parliament house and the Royal Arcade. Some people got a hot chocolate there and some lollies. I would rate camp 8.5 out of 10 and would recommend it to anyone. A big thanks to Doxa staff and the teachers for taking us there.

By Jake Davis.



