

# ST KIERAN'S

## CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

### COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 5 — We nurture the faith and wellbeing of our school community, inspiring minds through the joy of learning

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

##### MAY

- 13 – DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
- 19 – COMBINED MASS WITH ST MARY'S
- 25 – SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME
- 26 – FIRST COMMUNION REFLECTION
- 29 – FIRST COMMUNION 10.30 MASS

##### JUNE

- 3 – LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIPS GR 3-6
- 7 – PIE DRIVE ORDER FORMS DUE
- 13 – QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
- 24 – LAST DAY OF TERM 2

##### JULY

- 11– FIRST DAY OF TERM 3
- 21– MISS HAESLER LEAVING FOR WYD

##### AUGUST

- 20– BOGAN BINGO IN THE HALL

#### *Message from the Principal*

Dear Families,

Last week we celebrated Catholic Education Week. This provided us with a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon and celebrate the fantastic role that Catholic Schools play in the faith formation and education of children. Collectively we should be very proud of the environments that we create and the results that we achieve.

Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all Catholic schools to celebrate our distinctive mission and share things that are special about our schools to highlight our ethos with families, parish and the wider community. Students from our Mini Oblates represented our school at the Student Leadership Mass in Sale on Tuesday, as part of the Diocesan celebration for Catholic Education Week. Miss Haesler organized for staff, students and families to be part of a photo to celebrate the year of Mercy. Children cleverly organized their bodies to make the letters for the words: COMPASSION, MERCY and LOVE. Staff were very grateful to all our parents who came down early to be part of the photo and help organize children into positions.



## Diocesan Students' Mass



The Mass at St Mary's Cathedral in Sale was part of the celebrations for Catholic Education Week. All the primary and secondary schools in the Diocese were represented with a special banner procession at the beginning of Mass. Aluel and Liam carried the St Kieran's banner with much reverence. During the Mass, Bishop Pat welcomed the students and gave a brief history of the Cathedral and told of the windows, icons and statues within the building. He then spoke about God's wonderful creation referring to a night he spent with friends looking at the planets through a telescope. He went on to discuss the work we have here following in Jesus' ways. It was a privilege to travel with four children who shared so many insights into our wonderful school and who were all clearly great friends who enjoyed each other's sense of humour.

## Important Notices



St Kieran's Skoolbag App has already been used successfully for newsletters, canteen reminders and Absentee notes. 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.



## Learning to live with change and loss

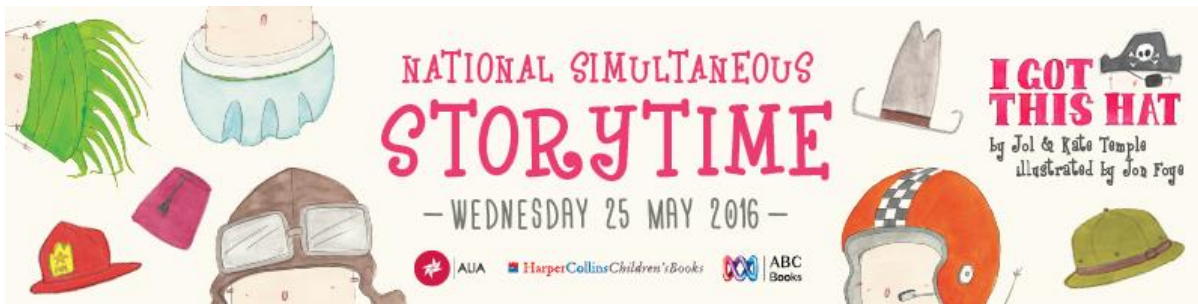
Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At St Kieran's Primary school we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce and related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called *Seasons for Growth* which will commence in Term 3. This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research which highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, and problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks. Every family will receive a notice next week with more details about the *Seasons for Growth* program. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from *Seasons for Growth* we would encourage you to talk to him/her about participating in the program.

St Kieran's is pleased to be able to offer this important program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved. If you require further information please contact Monica Huffer, Family School Partnership Convener/Seasons for Growth Site Coordinator [mhuffer@stkmoecatholic.edu.au](mailto:mhuffer@stkmoecatholic.edu.au)



## ***Mother's Day Liturgy & Stall***

Our annual Mother's Day stall was a great success with so many varied gifts to choose from. I would like to thank our P & F Committee for the many hours spent shopping and planning for the stall. They managed to provide practical gifts while still making over \$500 to put towards much needed resources for the students. Our Mother's Day Liturgy was also a beautiful and reflective lead into the weekend for our mums. The children did a wonderful job with their prayers, singing, drawings and poems to make it such a memorable afternoon for all who attended.



**National Simultaneous Story Time will take place at 11.00am on Wednesday May 25th**

This is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 16th successful year, this fun event aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book. The Australian Library and Information Association has announced that this year's National Simultaneous Storytime book is: **I Got this Hat**.

***All students and teachers are invited to come to school wearing their favourite or most unusual hat on Wednesday May 25th.***

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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### Guess the weight of the giant pumpkin competition

Have you seen our giant pumpkin in the veggie garden?

We are having a competition where the children can guess the weight of the pumpkin. Each guess is a \$1:00. The prize will be a \$10:00 tuck shop voucher. Our Health and Wellbeing student reps will be available at the tuck shop at lunchtime on Fridays to take guesses. The winner will be announced at assembly on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. All proceeds will go towards the maintenance of our school garden.



### Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD)

Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is to be held on Wednesday 18th

May WSTSD is an opportunity for parents and carers of primary school aged children to promote safe pedestrian behaviour. WSTSD will inform parents and carers that they need to closely supervise their young children, particularly those under 10 years of age, in all road environments, holding hands when near or crossing the road. Students and their families are encouraged to walk to school. If you can't walk all the way, park the car and walk part of the way.



### Healthy Together Victoria Achievement Program

Congratulations to our Health and Wellbeing team, who as part of Healthy Together Victoria's Achievement Program, have now completed the 'Celebrate' stage under the program and as a result St Kieran's is now recognised as a 'healthy school'. We have successfully demonstrated meeting the benchmarks for the 'Physical Activity' and 'Sun Protection' health priority areas. In recognition of this work, our school has received certificates and health priority icons to attach to our outdoor sign. Throughout the rest of the year, our team will continue their work to achieve other benchmarks set out under the programme.



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