

ST KIERAN'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 7 – We nurture the faith and wellbeing of our school community, inspiring minds through the joy of learning

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

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

29 – SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

AUGUST

20– BOGAN BINGO IN THE HALL

DECEMBER

7– SCHOOL CONCERT

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

This week children from Grade 4 will celebrate their first Eucharist at 10.30am Mass. It is such a significant day in their faith journey, symbolically receiving Jesus' body for the first time. Yesterday all Grade 4 students participated in a reflection day geared toward helping them understand the meaning of their first Eucharist. The day was combined with St Mary's and included re-enacting the Last Supper and art work highlighting the significance of the bread and wine. The students described it as a fun and meaningful day.

Dear God,

I know that You give me many gifts.

The gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ in Holy Communion is the greatest of all.

How can I ever thank You enough for this special gift?

At Mass we are called to be like Jesus, by loving and serving one another in the world.

As I become more like Him, please continue to help me. Show me the places and ways that I can bring Your love, kindness, and peace to others....

in my family, in my school, in my community, with my friends.

I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

On Wednesday staff and students celebrated National Simultaneous Story time, students wore their favourite, funniest or most unusual hat to promote the 2016 book, "I Got this Hat." Angelina and Aaron from Yr 3/4M did a great job reading the book to the whole school over the PA system and the classes followed the story on their whiteboards.



Walk Safely to School Day

Thank you to all those families who participated in Walk Safely to School Day last week. The weather was perfect for walking or riding to school. Mr McKenna and Mrs Huffer participated in 'Walk the Block' an initiative to get staff active at work and also enjoyed a morning stroll around the block.



Thank you to those families who have returned the Seasons for Growth notice to their classroom teachers. Could any remaining notices please be returned by Monday 30th May. Contact Monica Huffer, Family School Partnership Convenor/Seasons for Growth Site Coordinator at the school or email: mhuffer@stkmoecatholic.edu.au

We have a winner!

Congratulations to Emma Rudy the winner of our 'guess the weight of the giant pumpkin competition'. The weight of the pumpkin was 59.6kgs and Emma's guess of 60kgs, was the closest. We raised \$21.00 which will go towards the maintenance of our school garden. Thanks to everyone who participated. Enjoy your tuck shop voucher Emma.

Peer reading with St Kieran's Playgroup



Yr 3/4M students participated in a peer reading session with St Kieran's Playgroup children. The students enjoyed reading stories to St Kieran's Playgroup children and their parents/grandparents in our school library.

Appreciation of Ms van Breugel's Mum

St Kieran's would like to thank Ms van Breugel's mum, Jan Smith for her generous donation of hand knitted baby blankets and jumpers. We value our wonderful families at St Kieran's so when a new baby is born into one of our families the staff organise a small gift for the child. Jan's beautiful knitted items will enable us to continue this tradition.

Principals' Conference

I will be away at a National Principals' conference next week. Ms Jodie Mallows will be Acting Principal in my absence. Please contact the school to make an appointment with Ms Mallows if needed.

Pie Drive Fundraiser

St Kieran's are offering parents the opportunity to fill their freezers for the winter with delicious bakery pies, pasties and sausage rolls from 'Out of Dough' bakery owned by John and Mark Effenberg. The Pie Drive is also a great fundraising initiative for the school so please remember to get your orders in by **next week**.

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First Communion 2016



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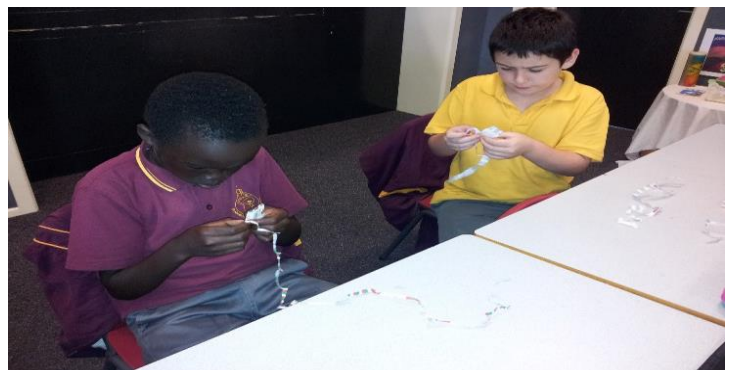
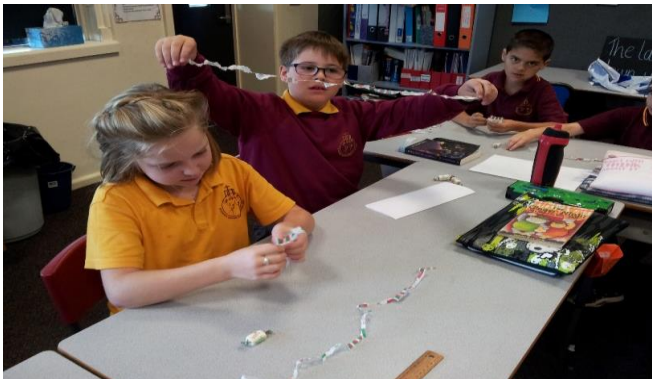
Celebrating the feast day of Eugene de Mazenod with Fr Harry, Fr Matthew and students from St Mary's

Learning in the Classrooms

4/3 EV Minties Madness

In our classroom this term we discovered a great way of combining and integrating all our subjects; English, Mathematics, Science and History. We all know that Hush, in Possum Magic, had Minties in Melbourne and we have all wondered how long a Mintie wrapper actually is. So we set out to discover the answer and map our progress on our 'Are we there yet?' maps of Australia.

We did a bit of research on Minties, just to check they were really true blue 'Aussie' and then set about seeing if there was a world record for tearing the wrapper. We could not find any official records, however, another primary school had said their record was 122cm long. So the challenge was set...Who could tear the longest wrapper and



therefore travel the furthest around Australia. There were

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very strict rules set down by Ms van Breugel...we **could not** use scissors or glue or tape to repair any rips in our wrappers.

You could have heard a pin drop within the classroom each time we were rippin' our wrappers! Luckily enough the Minities were on special so Ms van Breugel bought enough so that we could have a go at tearing 5 times. Ella came so close on her very first attempt with 97cm. Then Michael stepped up to the plate on our second attempt with a record equaling 122cm! The whole entire class was backing Ella, Michael and Poly, who had all become very skilled at tearing the wrappers. All our wrappers were measured using the exact same ruler, in exactly the same position, so there was no margin of error (or any bribery) involved. On the fifth and very last attempt at ripping the wrappers Michael Maluk took his time. The furrows on his forehead showed the immense pressure he was under and the huge amount of concentration involved. The class was silent when the wrapper was brought up for the official measuring...It measured a whopping 127cm.

Soccer balls donated to St Kieran's

The Moe United Soccer Club have generously donated 12 soccer balls for students to practise their skills with at lunch times. Showing off the new balls are some the members from Moe United.

