

ST KIERAN'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 4 — We nurture the faith and wellbeing of our school community, inspiring minds through the joy of learning

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST

8- COMBINED MASS WITH ST MARY'S

8 - P & F MEETING 3pm

15- SCHOOL BOARD 7.30pm

17- BOOK WEEK PARADE

19- SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

20- BOGAN BINGO IN THE HALL

31- FAMILY LIFE GRADE 1/2

September

7- FAMILY LIFE GRADE 3/ 4

14- FAMILY LIFE GRADE 5 / 6

15- FOOTY DAY DRESS-UP

16- LAST DAY OF TERM

December

9- School Concert

Message from the Principal

During assembly this week Grade 3/4 VE shared the parable of the 'Rich Man' from Sunday's Gospel. The students described how the rich man's plan sounded like a great idea in theory. "Relax, eat, drink and be merry" — where's the harm in that? As always, however, there is a twist and a challenge to Christ's stories for children and adults alike. Jesus asks us to 'share everything we have! When trying to teach this message to the children of St Kieran's staff talk about sharing our good works, knowledge, talents, sporting equipment, learning, faith and time. As parents we can reflect on times we are selfish with our own time because of technology, social media, work and money. This week's Principal's award went to Emma Rudy for the way she is always so generous with her time, resources and knowledge to anyone she comes across in her learning community. Highlighting behaviour similar to Emma's affirms the behaviour of other children who have similar social and learning behaviours to Emma.

*God, guide me in using my possessions and talents rightly, always remembering others who can learn from me or may be less fortunate....
Amen*

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Child Safe Schools

The new Child Safe standards aim to create child safe cultures and environments in organisations that work with children. Consequently, as a minimum standard for school registration under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006, schools must comply with the seven Child Safe Standards that are outlined in the Ministerial Order No 870.

Our school has worked, and continues to work, towards meeting compliance for these new safety standards. Policies relating to the standards have been developed with staff. These policies will be soon added to our school's website for all families of our school community.

These policies/links include:

- Links to Child Safety and associated policies on the Sale Catholic Education Website
- Catholic Education Victorian Commission (CECV) Commitment Statement to Child Safety
- Child Protection and Safety Policy
- Protection of Children - Failure to Disclose Policy
- Protection of Children - Grooming Policy
- Protection of Children - Failure to Protect Policy
- Mandatory Reporting policy
- Pastoral Care Policy

This area will continue to be a work in progress with more additions in the near future. I encourage all families to regularly visit our school website and take a moment to peruse these policies.



WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK / SIGNING IN AT THE OFFICE

As part of updating our policies and processes in line with the Victorian Government Child Safe Standards, all volunteers and contractors to our school (including parent volunteers) must have a current Working With Children Check. This has been standard practice at our school but this information serves as a reminder for all. It is also imperative that all volunteers, parent helpers, special guests, visitors and contractors sign in at the front office when they arrive and sign out when they leave the premises once their work is completed. Thank you, in advance, for working with us to create a culture of Child Safety at our school.

Grade 6 Graduation Parent Meeting

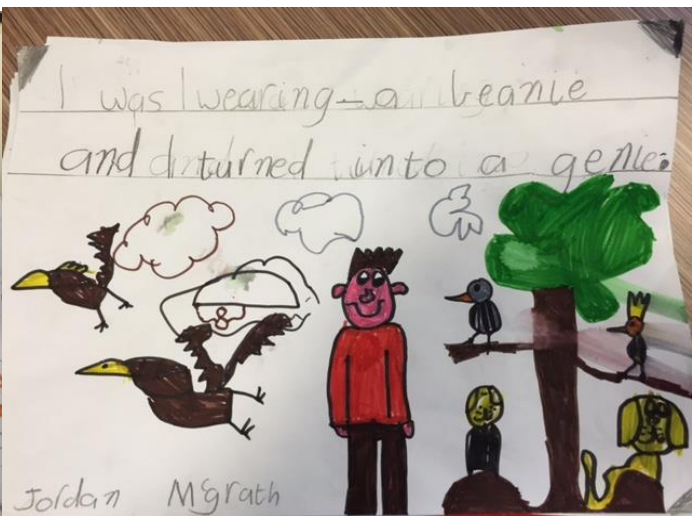
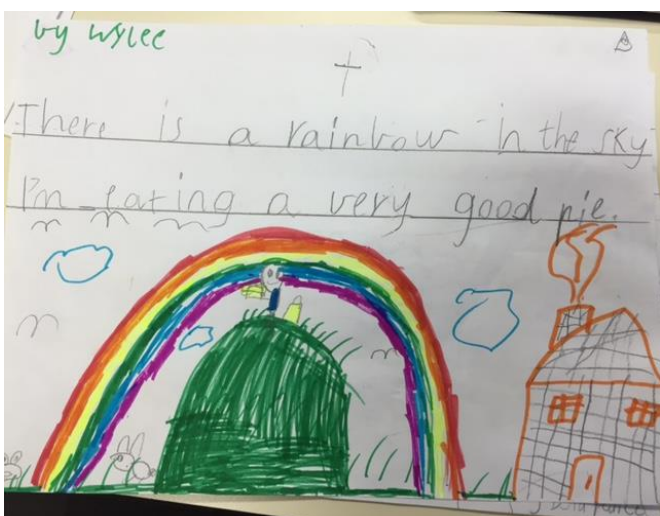
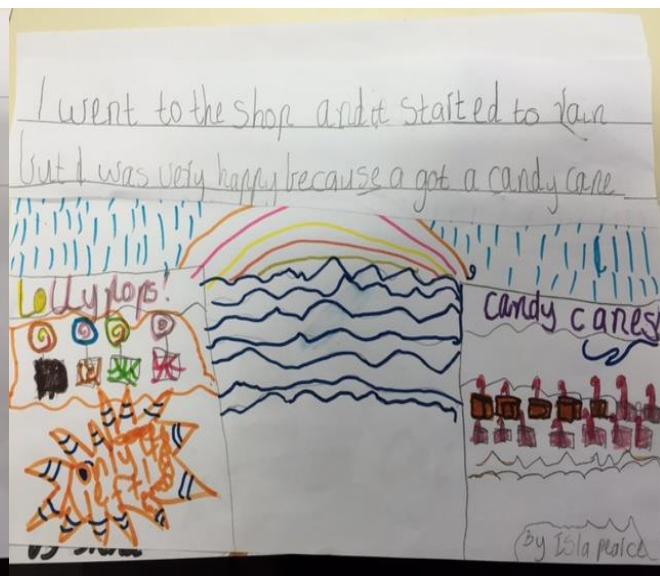
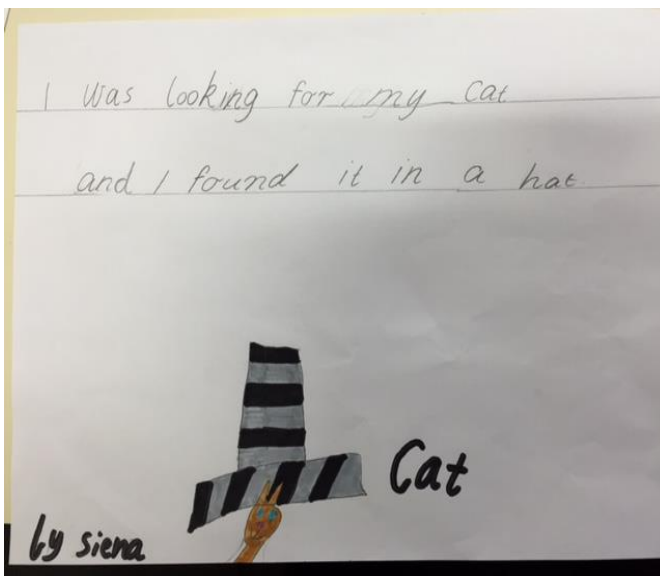
Parents with children in Grade 6 are invited to attend a meeting in the hall on Wednesday 10th August at 2.30pm. At this meeting we will discuss all the possibilities and idea for the 2016 Graduation. The children's ideas will be collated so they have input into this very memorable occasion.

SRC Parent & Student Surveys

A big thank-you to all the students, staff and parents who participated in this year's Insight SRC survey. The feedback obtained from these surveys helps keep the learning community of St Kieran's informed and progressive.

Assembly Class News from Grade 1 / 2

This week at assembly Grade 1 / 2 shared the amazing work they have been doing with their rhyming poems. Rhyming words are a very important spelling strategy which help children determine whether the rhyming words used have the same or a different spelling choice. Children at this age then begin to form a bank of known spelling choices for particular sounds. Below are a few examples from some of the Grade Two students.



Book Week Dress-up and Breakfast 2016

Dress up day for Book Week will take place on Wednesday 17th August and will begin with a **breakfast at 8am**. All money raised from the breakfast will go towards our library. This year the theme is - Australia: Story Country. Children will be asked to come dressed as famous Australian book characters, or characters from books by Australian Authors, or famous Australian people who have become part of our Australian Story. etc.. Costumes can be put together from bits and pieces with a little creativity. It is all about having fun together and enjoying books. Please don't make this a stressful time for families. If children are stuck on the Australian Theme, children can choose other favourite books that are not Australian. **The St Kieran's P & F initiated by Belinda Vella and Katie Boyes have organised a raffle for 'book week' and many prizes for best dress-ups for each grade.**

Bogan Bingo Fundraiser

Please organise your tables and friends for Bogan Bingo to be held on Saturday 20th August. Our Parents & Friends have worked so hard to organise auction items, spinning wheels, coin toss and prizes for the big night. Please refer to the advertisement below for more details and phone numbers. All money raised at Bogan Bingo is going towards a new sandpit at the playground.



Bogan Bingo

St. Kieran's Fundraiser For 2016:

Where: St. Kieran's Primary School Hall

When: 7PM, 20th August 2016

Price : \$30 B70 oSky nbbles provided

Ticket Sales : Belinda Vella
0437 713 560
Kristy Walsh
0427 807 719
St Kieran's Office

Tables of 10 are available or individual tickets.

Raffles and prizes to be won.

WVPSSA 2016 Basketball Championships

On Wednesday 3rd August, students from St Kieran's competed in a Moe Regional Basketball Tournament. Both teams showed tremendous teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day. The girls consisted of students from Grade 3-6 and despite being outsized in every game managed to win two games and be very competitive in their other games. The boys from Grade 5/6 played excellent basketball winning the tournament and going through the day undefeated ready to play in Traralgon later in the term. The children would like to thank Mrs Effenberg for organising the day and coaching the girls. A special thanks to Nick Luke who gave up his day off from Marist Sion to coach the boys.

