Message from the Principal

NEW CHILD SAFE STANDARDS MEAN GREATER CONFIDENCE FOR PARENTS

As part of our introduction of the Child Safe Standards to the St Kieran’s School Community, I spoke with parents at this week’s board meeting about how the standards will be implemented at school and what needs to be put in place going forward. Whilst there has been a great amount of time, effort and work put into being compliant it’s important to continually remind ourselves that if one child is saved from the pain and torment of abuse then it’s something we must do within our community no debate.

One of the new changes in how we operate at a school level is that all staff, aides, admin, volunteers and contractors must sign a code of conduct and sit an induction course before entry onto the school site. This is now the standard minimum practice within our school and all Catholic schools in Victoria and we have to be consistent in making sure we meet our expectations and requirements at all times.

Our Child Safety Code of Conduct recognises the critical role that our staff play in protecting the children in their care, and clarifies and affirms the standards of behaviour expected of all Catholic school staff and personnel who work in or provide services to Catholic schools.

Our child safety code of conduct spells out professional boundaries and acceptable and unacceptable adult/child relationships and behaviour, and provides a reference point for our staff, School Committee members, volunteers, contractors and clergy.

A final copy of Our Child Safety Code of Conduct will be made publicly available to all families in the coming weeks. We expect that all families will familiarise themselves with the code. You can learn more about Victoria’s new child safe standards from the link below.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) - Dairy Assistance

As part of the Victorian Government’s dairy assistance package the CSEF is being extended to students currently enrolled in our government and non-government schools whose parents own, share-farm or lease a dairy farm business; or those people whose primary occupation is working on a dairy farm. Parents of students enrolled at the start of Term 3 2016, are eligible for the fund. For further information regarding this funding please call at our school office.

**Book Week Breakfast and Dress Up**

What a wonderful day our school shared last Wednesday at our Book Week Breakfast and Dress up day. Staff, parents, students and parishioners gathered in the hall to start the morning with breakfast followed by a dress up parade. Students were involved in classroom Book Week themed activities and stories. The theme for this year’s Book Week celebrations was ‘Australia! : Story Country’. Some of the Australian book characters included: Ned Kelly, AFL players, Gumnut babies, Blinky Bill, Nutsy, The Fox from Wombat Stew, Old lady who swallowed a mozzie, Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley, Michelle Payne, Mad Magpie Gullu, Dame Edna, Grug and many more. We also had a visit from the Cat in the Hat, Vampires, Cowboys and Cowgirls, Pearlie the Park Fairy, Princess Bubblegum, Captain Hook, Pirates, Angel Gabrielle, Red Riding Hood and Granny, Mary Poppins, Jeannie, Harry Potter and Hermione Granger, Indians, Thing 1, Where’s Wally, Santa, Butterflies, Princesses, Ballerinas, Alice in Wonderland, Fox in Socks. There were also plenty of superheroes including Superman, Bat Woman, Ninja Turtles, The Flash and Spiderman. Thank you to all our parents and students for their efforts in creating such wonderful costumes. Our breakfast donations raised $95.75 which will go to our school library.
CAR PARKING AT END OF DAY

Please try and use the car parking bays closest to the presbytery first when arriving to pick up your child. This avoids parents having to enter the exit gate to find an empty carpark. During the September holidays there will by line marking done which will mean the last car park in the middle bay will no longer exist. If we could avoid parking in this bay now it means parents can drive in and out and avoid the pick-up bay queue.

Bogan Bingo

Tomorrow night is a massive fundraiser for St Kieran’s. I would like to personally thank our amazing parents in our Parents & Friends who have put in many hours of work promoting St Kieran’s amongst local businesses. The Moe/Newborough Community have been extremely generous in donating items, vouchers and memorabilia for our auctions, spinning wheel and door prizes. Below are three of the items that we hope will be very popular.

![Bogan Bingo Items](image_url)
THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please keep our Grade 6 Confirmation candidates in your prayers. Our school community is most welcome to attend the Confirmation Mass tonight at 6pm.