

ST KIERAN'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 6 – We nurture the faith and wellbeing of our school community, inspiring minds through the joy of learning

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST

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

October

3– 1st DAY OF TERM 4

December

7- SCHOOL CONCERT

13- GRADE 6 GRADUATION

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.

<http://www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/childsafes/Pages/default.html>

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, Pearl 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.



BOOK WEEK WINNERS



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 be 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.



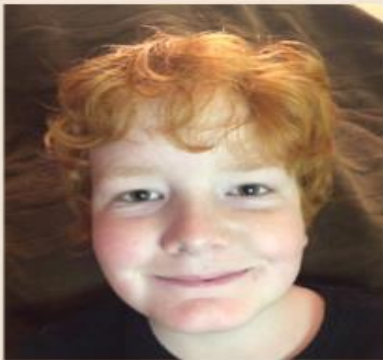
Bogan Bingo

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



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.



My name is Stella Bodycomb and I am in grade 6 at St. Kieran's. I am 12 years old. I like to play tennis and help my dad with his grey hounds.

I have chosen Saint Flora because she is a good saint and was granted favours by God. I am looking forward to making my Confirmation because I want to complete all the sacraments. Please pray for me and my family as I prepare for this sacrament.



My name is Elijah Walsh and I am in grade 6 at St. Kieran's. I am 12 years old. I like to dance, play football, I'm a member of the local fire brigade and I like to sing.

I have chosen Saint Valentine because he helped people get married. I am looking forward to making my Confirmation because I can be welcomed into the catholic community. Please pray for me and my family as I prepare for this sacrament.



My name is Jake Davis and I am in grade 6 at St. Kieran's. I am 11 years old. I like to play basketball and football and I also like building things.

I have chosen Saint Wolfgang because my both my uncles had St Wolfgang and I want to follow in their footsteps. I am looking forward to making my Confirmation because I know I will be confirmed by God. Please pray for me and my family as I prepare for this sacrament.

Confirmation



My name is Caige Effenberg and I am in grade 6 at St. Kieran's. I am 12 years old. I like to play guitar and do gymnastics. I am interested in electronics and I like to play RC cars and PS4.

I have chosen Saint Patrick because of how many people he helped. I am looking forward to making my Confirmation because it is my last sacrament. Please pray for me and my family as I prepare for this sacrament.



My name is Liam Weir and I am in grade 6 at St. Kieran's. I am 11 years old. I like to play basketball, footy and tennis.

I have chosen Saint Peter because he is one of the twelve apostles. I am looking forward to making my Confirmation because I am confirming that I am Catholic. Please pray for me and my family as I prepare for this sacrament.



My name is Jaxon Flores and I am in grade 6 at St. Kieran's. I am 12 years old. I like to play soccer, read, play video games and any sort of sport; especially running.

I have chosen Saint Paul because he is one of the most important saints. He also wrote some of the bible. I am looking forward to making my Confirmation because you get a chance to have your say in being part of God's family. Please pray for me and my family as I prepare for this sacrament.



My name is Matthijs Wiggers and I am in grade 6 at St. Kieran's. I am 12 years old. I like to write, read, play CPU games and climb things.

I have chosen Saint Matthias because he has the same name as me and I find it impressive for him to replace a person who did such a hard thing. I am looking forward to making my Confirmation because I will be confirmed in my Catholic faith.

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