

# ST KIERAN'S

## CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

### COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 2 – We nurture the faith and wellbeing of our school community, inspiring minds through the joy of learning

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

##### October

17- Board Meeting 7.30pm

19- 5/ 6 Family Life at St Mary's

24 – History Enrichment Presentation

31 – School Closure Day – No School

##### November

1- Melbourne Cup Holiday (No School)

22- 2017 Prep Orientation

29 - 2017 Prep Orientation

##### December

6 - 2017 Prep Orientation

7- School Concert

12- End of Year Mass 9am

13- Grade 6 Graduation

16- Students last day. 1pm Finish

##### January

31- Children are to come in for testing

##### February

1- Children are to come in for testing

2- 1<sup>st</sup> Day of school for 2017 P-6

---

#### *Message from the Principal*

---

Welcome back to all as we begin our final term of the school year. We hope that all children and their families enjoyed the two week break and will now be ready for an exciting term. Term four is always a busy and rewarding term as we approach the end of our school year; we celebrate successes and at the same time prepare for the coming year in 2017. As we start Term 4, remember that hats are compulsory for all students when outdoors. Please ensure your child has their hat as it is a part of our uniform. Please also note the important dates - upcoming closure days during Melbourne Cup Week, the last day of 2016 for students and the beginning of 2017

#### *St Kieran's Kitchen Garden*

During the September holidays St Kieran's took another step in integrating a kitchen garden into the P-6 curriculum. The initiative led by Mandy Bialy promotes environmental and sustainability learning and connects students with healthy food and lifestyles by providing a hands-on understanding of literacy, numeracy, science and much more. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank Mandy & Randall Bialy, Sandra Williams, Jake Heusmann, Kerry Van Bruegel, Monica Huffer and all the other families who allowed their children to come in with Mandy during the holidays to get the garden organised. I encourage parents to come in and have a look with their children before and after school to meet the chickens and explore all the great initiatives happening.



## **Cooking using the celery and cabbage from the St Kieran's Kitchen Garden**



## **Walk to School October**

Walk to School October encourages children and their parents to walk to and from school on the first day of Term 4 (October 3rd) and keep it up each school day throughout the month. You can walk, ride or even scoot. Part of the way is okay too! There will be many prizes on offer including a scooter, sports stores vouchers, lightweight raincoats and leisure centre passes. Each classroom will be completing a Walk to School calendar where students will record the number of walks to and from school. Please make sure when children are walking across driveways that they don't run, and look out for any cars.

## **2017 Enrolments**

We ask that anyone who hasn't as yet returned their enrolment form, they do so as soon as possible, as we need to update our files and organise Orientation Days and booklists. If you know of anybody who wishes to enrol their child at St. Kieran's, please let them know they can pick up an enrolment form from the school office or give me a call to discuss the benefits of St Kieran's.



## **Gippsland Athletics**

Congratulations to the St Kieran's students who competed in the Gippsland Athletics on Tuesday in very trying conditions. Aaron Abuan (relay), Bryson Savage (relay), Leigh Effenberg (relay), Bayden Heusmann (relay & high jump), Hollie Vlasveld (shot put), Liam Weir (triple jump) and Jake Davis (hurdles). It is an exceptional effort to get to this level and compete against the best primary school athletes in Gippsland. Liam Weir came 3<sup>rd</sup> in Triple Jump only missing out on Olympic Park by 1cm.



## **St Kieran's Primary School Caregroup BBQ Fundraiser**

On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October, St Kieran's Primary School Caregroup held a BBQ fundraiser at TM&H Home Timber and Hardware in Moe. We would like to thank TM&H for sponsoring the event and providing all the equipment, sausages, bread etc for our fundraiser. We also held a sausage sizzle at the school and would like to thank the parents who assisted on both days. We raised \$260.55 which is a great effort and will go towards assisting families in need at St Kieran's. Anyone interested in joining our Caregroup can contact Andrina Plunkett-Pearce at the school.





## **Latrobe Valley Christmas Toy Drive**

St Kieran's will be participating in this year's Latrobe Valley Christmas Toy Drive. This organisation collects toys for needy families of the Valley and donates them to St Vinnies and the Salvos to distribute to the families. If anyone would like to support this cause and donate **NEW** toys or non-perishable food items, there will be a box situated in the foyer of the office to place the items in. On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 9:00am, we will be having a special assembly where the toys will be collected, also a special visit from Captain Koala who will be joining Santa and help spread the fire safe message. Representatives from Latrobe City, the Salvos and Emergency Services will also be attending. Parents are invited to attend the assembly. The toys will then be distributed at Old Gippsdown Moe on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

## **Class Structures 2017**

Next week the staff will commence work on the development of class structures for the 2017 school year. To assist us with this process it is vital that we know if your intention is not to return to St Kieran's in 2017. Grade structures will be confirmed at the Board Meeting on Monday night and then staff will begin the process of strategically assigning children to grades based on academic and social needs. I am always happy to allow parents time to come and see me to discuss the best learning and social opportunities for their child in 2017. If this interests you please email me on [pmckenna@stkmoe.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pmckenna@stkmoe.catholic.edu.au) or give me a call. The grade structures and new staff will be announced in the next newsletter.

## **St Kieran's Production**

A reminder to all families that the St Kieran's Production will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at Lowanna College Auditorium. This year's production is titled "In The Kingdom Of God" and has been written by our senior children. As per custom at St Kieran's, the grade 5 & 6 students have the lead roles. The students are hard at work already, learning their lines and getting to know their character and giving up their Wednesday lunchtimes to rehearse with the Grade 5/6 staff. The rest of the school have started working with Chloe Haeslar who is a dance teacher at Danceworks 114 in Traralgon to practise their singing and dancing. More information will come out in the next few weeks regarding purchasing of tickets.

## **Removal Of Parking Bay To Help Afternoon Car Line**

During the holidays the last carpark in the middle bay closest to the bins was removed and painted with a yellow cross. Parents had given me feedback that more room was needed to drive around the pick- up line to exit the gates. Please keep this parking bay free so car line can become more efficient during busy times.