

ST KIERAN'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

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 10am

13- Grade 6 Graduation

16- Students last day. 1pm Finish

January

31- Children to come in for testing

February

1- Children to come in for testing

2- 1st Day of school for 2017 P-6

Message from the Principal

At Monday afternoon's assembly Prep/one shared a beautiful prayer about '*mission*' inspired by the Gospel of Matthew, '*Love your neighbour as yourself*'. The beautiful prayer shared by Prep/ 1 coincided with World Mission Day on the 24th October. Currently each class is learning about mission and what it means to the local and global communities. Pope Francis asks us to "go out" as missionary disciples, each generously offering their talents, creativity, wisdom and experience in order to bring the message of God's love to everyone in the world. Over the next few weeks children will raise money for the missions, our families will have the opportunity to place a new toy in the box at the front of the office for the Moe Toy Run and students will be reminded of Pope Francis' message that mission is also about using their talents, wisdom, creativity and experience with their peers in the playground and at home.

St Kieran's Production Tickets

A reminder to all families that the St Kieran's Production will be held on Wednesday 7th December at Lowanna College. This year it was decided by staff that families would be allocated seats to determine if there would be sections in the auditorium where grades could sit once they had performed on stage. I encourage families to buy tickets early to allow some families the opportunity to buy more tickets if they wish to do so. If you have any questions regarding ticket sales please contact Mrs DeVent in the library. Please return ticket orders with correct money in an envelope. Thank you.

2017 Class Structure And New Staffing

In 2017 St Kieran's welcomes Kimberly Gee and Kristy Walsh to our staff. Kimberly will work one day a week teaching Physical Education from P-6. Previously Kim has taught at Lavalla in the Physical Education department and currently shares the responsibility of coordinating the St Kieran's Playgroup. I'm very excited about the enthusiasm and expertise Kim will bring to the school community. Mrs Gee will replace Mrs Effenberg in the PE role to allow Mrs Effenberg to take up a full time classroom position at St Kieran's.

Kristy Walsh joins the staff to work in the classroom one day a week. Kristy is a parent at the school and has worked in a replacement role as a Grade 1/ 2 class teacher at St Kieran's since Term 2. Our Grade 1 / 2 students love sharing their learning with Mrs Walsh and will be very excited to know Mrs Walsh will still be at school next year.

The other exciting changes for 2017 will be the introduction of a structured Literacy and Numeracy intervention program. Mrs Dinney will return after recovering from her illness to work 4 days running specialist Maths/Literacy programs.

James Hassett will continue to have a presence in the Grade 5/6 classrooms, however he will also use his expertise to teach an extension program one day a week for students in Grade 3-6.

Below is the Grade Structure for 2017. If you have any concerns about friendships or learning routines for your child please come and see me or give me a call so we can carefully complete our classroom allocations for next year.

2017	Number of Students
P/ 1	19
1/ 2	20
2/3/4	20
3/4	21
5/6	21
5/6	21

Long Service Leave - Mr. McKenna will be on Long Service Leave from 7th to 18th November. Mrs Jodi Mallows will be Acting Principal during Peter's absence.



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 18th November at 9:00am, we will be having a special assembly where the toys will be collected. We will be having 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 Gipps town Moe on Saturday 3rd December.



Cooking from the garden using spinach & eggs to make spinach and ricotta filo squares with 3/4 VE. Prep/ 1 made Chocolate Brownies with eggs from the garden and Bunnings came and delivered seedlings and planted pumpkin, cucumber, zucchini and tomato.



Camp Allambee - Grade 3/ 4 Camp

What! You've never been to Camp Allambee before? I have and it's amazing! I'm here to explain why the camp is the best. Camp Allambee has a different variety of activities like the Giant Swing, the Vertical Challenge and the Flying Fox. I bet you'll want to go there soon!

Just think about it, the camp has a Flying Fox! It's not just any old tiny Flying Fox; it's a giant Flying Fox; probably the length from the car park to Prep1/H's room. Anyways, back to the topic. It's a little scary at first but when you step off that platform it feels like you're gliding through the air like an eagle. Cool isn't it? That is why you must go to Camp Allambee!

Okay, let's talk about the Vertical Challenge! Now, the Vertical Challenge will take your breath away! There are 3 obstacles you have to climb and the first one was ladders. They shake and isn't like a normal ladder that stays still. The second one is the rock climbing wall. It's not very hard but there are some rocks that will give you a challenge. The wall then leads us to the wood beams. It is very frightening when you climb up those beams but a relief when you're finished. That is why you must go to Allambee Camp and experience the type of challenge that will take your breath away.

Time for the best part, the Giant Swing! You can swing really high if you get pulled to the maximum height. What happens is that you sit in a harness and you get slowly pulled up by your teammates. There is a green rope that you have to pull when the instructor tell you too. When you pull the rope, you will swing! It is so cool!

In conclusion, I've told you most of the things about Camp Allambee; from the Flying Fox to the Giant Swing. That is why Camp Allambee is the best and I know you will agree! **By Aaron Grade 4**

Let me tell you that camp Allambee is the best camp you could go to. My first reason is because it has so much to do you never get bored. These are the activities the Giant swing, Low ropes, Hut building, Billy carts, Flying fox, Vertical challenge, Archery, Initiative course, and Race Around the World. My second reason is because the food is really good, and it tasted really yummy and it was home made. Also it was fun doing tea duty and breakfast duty. My third reason is free time they have got free time activities and the games that they have are really fun like gaga. Every free minute we got there was at least 20 people playing in there! So Mr Mac we would love a gaga pit at St Kieran's. **By Xavier Grade 3**











