

ST KIERAN'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 6 — We nurture the faith and wellbeing of our school community, inspiring minds through the joy of learning

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November

- 18- Prep/One/Two- excursion
- 18- Latrobe Valley Toy Drive presentation 9am
- 18- 4/5/6- Health & Hygiene session
- 22- 2017 Prep Orientation
- 23- 4/5/6 Debating at St Ita's PS
- 28- Production Full Dress rehearsal in St Kieran's Hall. 11am-1pm
- 29 - 2017 Prep Orientation
- 29- Marist Sion Orientation Day

December

- 5- Grandparents afternoon tea
- 6 - 2017 Prep Orientation
- 7- School Concert
- 12- End of Year Mass 10am
- 13- Graduation Assembly
- 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

Over the last couple of weeks, the students of St Kieran's have displayed in many ways their generosity and empathy towards others in less fortunate situations than themselves. We have seen fun and creative ways to fundraise with crazy hair, guess the lollies in a jar and Crazy Sock Day. The students and ultimately the families have shown their support in many ways; by bringing in coins, non-perishable food items and with some much needed toys for the Latrobe Valley Toy Run. This type of support is a wonderful attribute making St Kieran's a school to be proud of.

St Kieran's Mission

Thank-you everyone for your incredible support with the St. Kieran's Crazy Sock Day in support of the Latrobe Valley Toy drive, Parishes in Partnership Christmas hampers and Catholic Mission's work in Cambodia. Together we raised \$213 to send to Catholic mission and we have a sizeable donation to pass on to the Toy drive and Parishes in Partnership. It is incredibly moving to see the support from our community and that we have contributed to three worthy causes.



St Kieran's Production

Every great production needs a full dress rehearsal and this year there will be a couple of changes to this session. The students will be having a full dress rehearsal on Monday 28th of November from 11:00am until 1:00pm. This rehearsal will occur in the St Kieran's Hall. If you are organising a costume from home, please ensure all costumes are at school before this date.

On the day of the production (7/12/16), the students will travel by bus during school hours to Lowanna for a final run through. However, they will not need their costumes for this session. This session will not be a matinee, therefore parents are not allowed to attend this practice. Lowanna have asked that we respect this change in not having a matinee. More information will follow about practice times for the production day.

Please remember to return your ticket order forms. If you need another order form, please see the office.

Community Connections - Nutrition sessions and Hygiene program at St Kieran's

St Kieran's has been connecting with our local community to enhance the learning of our students. As part of Nutrition week, we recently ran a Nutrition session conducted by Claire Watts, Senior Health Promotions Officer at Latrobe Community Health Service. The children learned all about the five food groups and some healthy lunchbox and eating tips.



Last Friday, Wendy Ruddell, Manager of the Outer Gippsland School Nursing Program / Refugee Nurse at Latrobe Community Health Service, commenced the first of three sessions with our 4/5/6 students. The Hygiene Program is designed to educate students on keeping good physical and mental health, dealing with physical, social and emotional changes and relationships. We thank both Claire and Wendy for conducting the programs.

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

Walk to School October

Thank you to all the staff, children and families who participated in Walk to School October. Despite the poor weather throughout the month, we still had quite a good participation rate with 89 students walking at least once in the month. The total number of walks for our school was 536 walks and 383.8kms (based on average walk).

Congratulations to Toby Rawson who was the major prize winner of the scooter donated by Latrobe Community Health Service. Toby generously donated the scooter to our Latrobe Valley Christmas Toy Drive which was such a kind and thoughtful gesture.



St Kieran's Playgroup

The St Kieran's Playgroup is a fantastic community playgroup that prides itself on promoting a culture of collaboration and support. This playgroup has developed strong relationships with the local community services, in particular the kindergarten and school and with that input, they have been able to enhance the playgroup program to support the learning and development of the children attending.

On Thursday night at the Victorian Playgroup Awards, Kimberly Gee, Michelle Guthrie and Tammie Bertram walked away with recognition of their outstanding contribution to delivering high quality experiences for children, parents and their families within the community. They not only won Rural Community Playgroup of the Year which is a fantastic award, but also Victorian Playgroup of the Year!

On behalf of St Kieran's Primary School, we congratulate these three ladies on their outstanding achievements.



Tuck-shop Co-ordinator required for 2017

The school tuck-shop continues to be a great fundraiser for the school, raising around \$5,000 each year for the P&F. To keep this great resource for our school, we need someone to take over running the tuck-shop as of 2017. Duties involve ordering stock, shopping and rosters. If you are interested please see either Heather Hitchins, Belinda Vella or Mr. Peter McKenna.

Thank you,
Heather Hitchins Tuck-shop Co-ordinator.



Grandparents Day

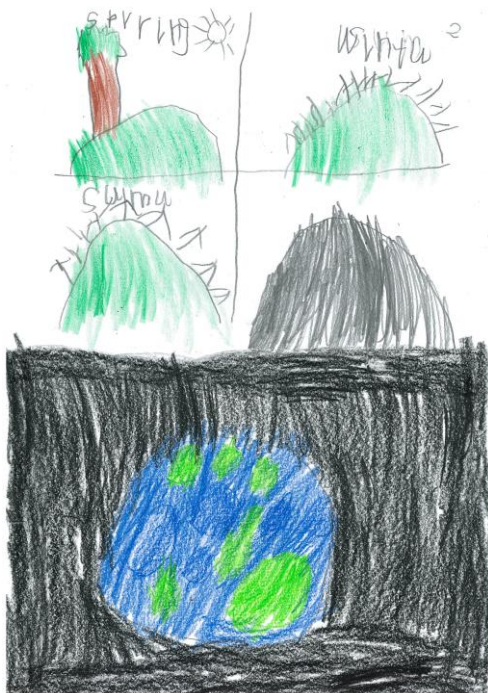
We would like to celebrate our wonderful Grandparents and the special bond that is shared with our students at St Kieran's. We have organised a special afternoon with some activities in the classroom to share with your grandchildren, finishing off with an afternoon tea in the St Kieran's Hall. Grandparents Day will be on Monday 5th December from 1.45pm-3.00pm. Please come along and join us.



Junior Excursion

The Junior level (Prep/One & Grade One/Two) will be completing their Science unit on Earth and Space with an excursion to the Planetarium at Scienceworks in Spottswood, on Friday 18th November. They will travel by bus leaving school at 8:00am sharp, returning by 4:00pm. Below are a couple of examples of the students learning.

Lochie Effenberg



Emma Rudy

