

ST KIERAN'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 8 We nurture the faith and wellbeing of our school community, inspiring minds through the joy of learning

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November

28 – Production Dress Rehearsal

29 - 2017 Prep Orientation

29 – P & F meeting 2.20pm

December

5- Grandparents Day

6 - 2017 Prep Orientation

7- School Concert

8- Parent Helpers Morning Tea

12- End of Year Mass 10am

12- Final Assembly 2.15pm

13- Grade 6 Graduation Dinner

16- Students last day. 1pm Finish

January

31- Children are come in for testing

February

1- Children are come in for testing

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

Message from the Principal

This Sunday we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent. A time when we begin '*preparing*' for the birth of Jesus. The month before Christmas can often seem like the longest time of year for children because they are often 'preparing' for other significant things. School productions, school reports, graduations, orientations and meeting their 2017 teachers are all examples of things that make '*preparing*' exciting yet at times quite anxious for children. The staff at St Kieran's will be doing their utmost to slow things down at this time so that the end of the year is enjoyable and the real meaning of Christmas is celebrated and shared.



**Lord God,
Only you can see into my heart and know
that under all the busy-ness of my life,
there is a deep longing
to make this Advent one that welcomes you
more deeply into my own life.**

**My heart desires the warmth of your love
and my mind searches for your Light
in the midst of the darkness.**

**Help me to be a peacemaker this Advent
and to give special love to those
who disagree with me.
Give me the strength and courage
to forgive those who have hurt me.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Parents & Friends Meeting

Our Parents & Friends Committee have organised a meeting for Tuesday 29th November at 2.30pm in the School Hall. The meeting will focus on any ideas for the 2017 fete. It would be great to see some new faces there with ideas to assist in 2017.

Parent Helper Morning Tea

The St Kieran's staff would like to acknowledge and thank all the parents who have generously given up there time this year to help with all the wonderful learning, happening inside and outside our classrooms at St Kieran's. There will be a morning tea on Thursday 8th December at 10.30am.

We would love to see as many parents there as possible.

School Production

The production is now less than two weeks away. This Monday, 28th November the children will have a full dress rehearsal beginning at 10.45am. Children will have their snack and recess play at 10am. At 10.30am children will change into their costumes. If there are parents who are not working at this time it would be of great help if you could assist the junior grades with costumes at this time. On the day of the production (7th December) the children will travel by bus to Lowanna for a final run through. The children will all be back at school by 1pm on the day of the concert. If you would like to pick your child up at lunch time to have a rest before the production please feel free to do so. On the night of the production all children are expected at Lowanna by 6.15pm. A **permission note** for the rehearsal to Lowanna will go out on Monday. Please remember to return your ticket order forms. If you need another order form, please see the office.

Lost Property

A reminder for parents to please ensure jumpers and jackets are named. There are lots of items in the lost property box that are unnamed and reasonably new. Next week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday tables will be set up at the end of the day for parents to come and look through lost property to find anything that may be lost.

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

School Fees

Thank you to all families who have paid their fees. Your prompt attention to this is greatly appreciated as it helps the school to function and meet our financial commitments. We ask that you make every attempt to pay all outstanding amounts within the next few weeks. We have only four more weeks before the end of the school year. If you are experiencing difficulties and need to make alternative arrangements to pay your fees, please call into the office to make an appointment.

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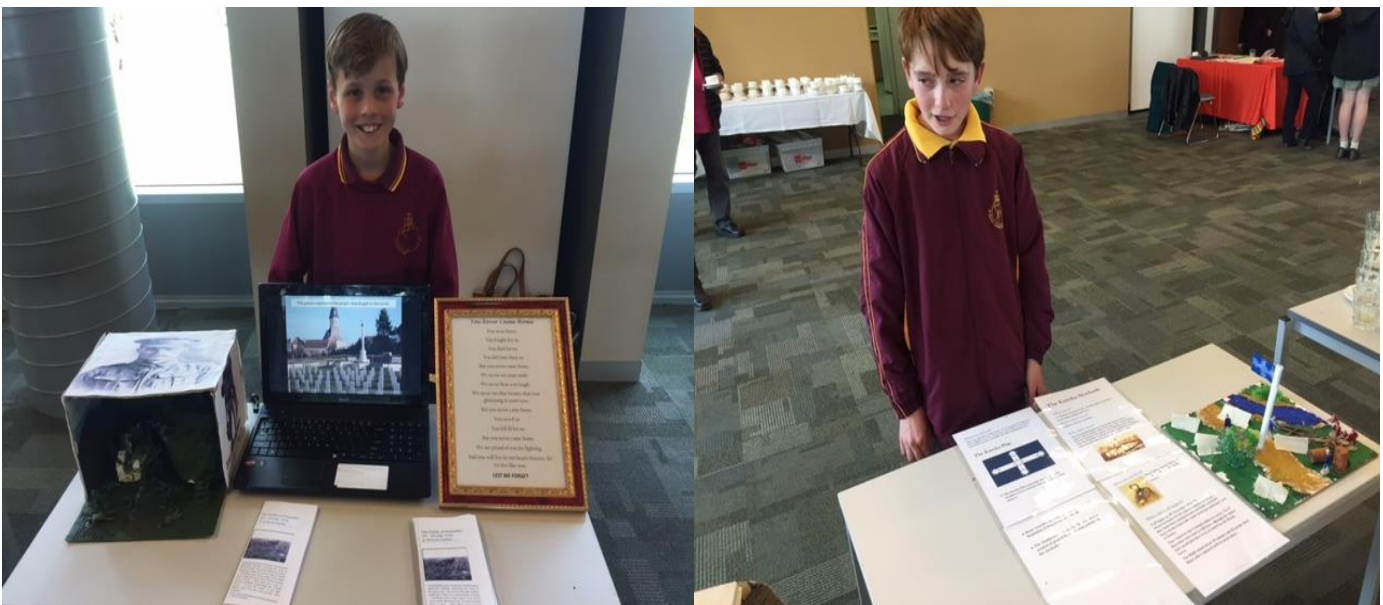
Grade 5/6 Debating

As is the tradition at St Kieran's the Grade 5/6 teachers have prepared children incredibly well for public speaking, in particular debating. At assembly on Monday we saw a very difficult topic being debated with strong arguments, confidence and tremendous teamwork. All senior students had input in the debates and grew enormously from the opportunity and I thank the children pictured below for sharing their talents and expertise with the entire school.



History Enrichment Project

Last Month, Liam Luke, Griffin Stewart, Bayden Heusmann, Will Orton, Ben Bialy and Leigh Effenberg were chosen to represent St Kieran's in a History Enrichment project facilitated by Federation University. The boys travelled to Churchill and enjoyed two days of learning with children from all across Gippsland. The students then presented their projects to special guests, parents, friends and teaching staff. Below are pictures from the afternoon where the students presented their projects.





Latrobe Valley Toy Drive

Representatives from the Salvation Army and St Vinnies were extremely grateful to St Kieran's families for all their generous toy donations. The students also enjoyed the morning seeing Santa arrive on a fire truck and Captain Koala keeping them entertained. Hearing important 'Fire Safety' messages was also an important learning focus of the morning.

