

ST KIERAN'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 10 We nurture the faith and wellbeing of our school community, inspiring minds through the joy of learning

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

- 12- End of Year Mass 10am
- 12 -Prep-2 Swimming Program 11am-1pm
- 12- Final Assembly 2.15pm
- 13- Grade 6 Graduation Dinner 6pm
- 13 - Prep-2 Swimming Program 11am-1pm
- 13 – Grade 3-6 Swimming Trials 11.30-1pm
- 14- Free hotdogs & icy pole from Parents & Friends
- 16- Students last day. 1pm Finish

January

- 31 – Testing day for students

February

- 1- Testing day for students
- 2- Students first day of classes
- 21- District Swimming Moe Gr 3-6

Message from the Principal

Where has 2016 gone! This week is the final newsletter of the year and my opportunity to once again reiterate how proud I am of the students and staff of St Kieran's. There was no greater example of pride and admiration than on Wednesday night. Students performing acting roles beyond their years, solos worthy of standing ovations, exceptional team orientated class dances and a staff that went to extraordinary lengths to ensure perfect preparation and success for the night.

The perfect ending to the night was the retelling of the 'Christmas Story' and the gentle reminder that despite the hectic pace of December as families and staff we need to slow down, emphasise and prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Next week we see the final time some of our families will walk through the gates of St Kieran's. Our Grade 6 students leave us knowing they have been outstanding leaders in their role as learners and members of the St Kieran's Community. Sadly it is the end of an era for some of these families who have made an enormous contribution to our P & F and other areas of the school over the years. We are extremely grateful to the following families who we say good bye to at the end of 2016: Luke Family (Will), Weir family (Liam), Davis family, Warner family, Bur family, Flores family, Walsh family (Elijah), Ballantine family and the Plavins family. Thank you to everyone for their support this year, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone in early 2017.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

End Of Year Mass

Our end of year, whole school Mass will take place on **Monday 12th December at 10.00am**. All parents and grandparents are welcome. The Grade 6 children will be a focus of the Mass, as well as celebrating and giving thanks to God for our wonderful school year in 2016.

Lunch Orders Finished Today

Please note that our school canteen will be closed after today. I would like to thank all our parents who helped in the canteen over 2016. It is our most successful fundraiser for the school and allows our families the opportunity to have a day where they can have a lunch treat.

Reports & 2017 Classes

End of school reports will be distributed to students on Thursday 15th December. Reports will be sent home on Tuesday 13th December to allow parents to read the reports before the graduation dinner. Please make sure you come and see the class teachers if you have any concerns or queries regarding reports. The testing days will be on Tuesday 31st January & Wednesday 1st February. School classes for all students will resume on Thursday 2nd February 2017.

Returning Library Books

All school borrowed library books and class readers are now due back at school. If all families could please check at home for any school books and return to your child's classroom or the library this week.

Book Lists for 2017

Book lists for all Grades for next year will be completed by the class teachers to ensure that all families have the correct stationary for the year. The levy for each child has gone up slightly to accommodate this. Please see your child's class teacher next week if you have any questions regarding the change to booklists.

End of Term

Classes conclude at 1.00pm on Friday 16th December. Classes resume on Thursday 2nd February, 2017.

Final Assembly

Our final assembly for 2016 will be held on Monday 12th December at 2:15pm. The assembly will begin with the exchanging of values from our Grade 6 students to our Grade 5 students. During the assembly the P & F will draw the raffle, the Grade Six PowerPoint will be shown and our 3/4 choir will perform.

Health and Wellbeing team

Our Health and Wellbeing team has been working hard all year to achieve the benchmarks under the Achievement Program. To date we have successfully achieved the Physical Activity, Sun Protection and Tobacco Control benchmarks. We are currently working on Alcohol and Other Drug Use. Thank you to our four Health and Wellbeing Student reps, Caige, Ben, Will and James for all their great work this year and to our Parent representative Tammie Bertrand.



Assessment Interview Reminder

The teachers will test children on their Numeracy and Literacy skills on the first two days of school, **Tuesday, 31st January and Wednesday 1st February** in your child's classroom. We ask for your patience and support with this issue, the testing is mandated by the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria to meet government requirements. Rather than taking valuable teaching time, we feel it necessary to take these two days to complete assessments on as many children as possible.

We have allowed **40 minutes** for each interview session to ensure that the testing can be completed in the one session.

Please book your interviews online for the times that suit **YOUR FAMILY**. *Please remember that if you have more than one child the interview times will need to all be booked at the same time for your convenience.*

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

(See below for information on how to register your time online.)

For parents who don't have internet access please call Peter McKenna to arrange a time for your interview. If you are unable to attend on this day please contact teachers to arrange another time.

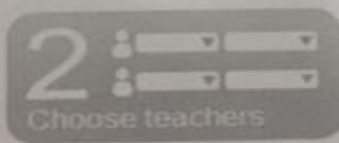
Kind regards **Peter McKenna**

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Enter THIS school event code. **6jmmmy**

Then follow the three simple steps.



Grandparents Day

It was wonderful to see so many Grandparents and Special Friends attend our Grandparents afternoon last Monday. We had visitors come from far and wide to spend the afternoon with us. Following afternoon tea in the hall our grandparents spent some time in their grandchild's classrooms doing special activities. This was followed by an Advent Liturgy in the hall. We enjoyed celebrating our wonderful Grandparents and the special bond that is shared with our students at St Kieran's. Thanks to all those who were able to attend.



In The Kingdom Of Heaven 2016 Production



Concert reflections Grade 1/2

On the night of the concert, I hopped in my mum's car and she drove me and my brother to Lowanna. I hopped out of the car and I was feeling nervous but also excited! Our production was called 'In the Kingdom of Heaven. 'Then we went into the basketball courts. Finally it was our grade's turn to go on for our song. We danced to 'I can see clearly now.' When we finished the other classes did their songs. Then the production finished and my mum picked me up from the basketball courts. By Wylee 2/1D

Last night at our production I was nervous but people made me smile. Our production was called 'In the Kingdom of Heaven.' In the audience I saw my Nan. When I went on stage and I saw my mum watching me. I had fun on the basketball courts too! I saw Jack's song and Mia's song. Jack's was cute. Mia was funny because she pretended to whip Caige but she actually didn't whip him. She was just acting. I had fun! **By Matilda 2/1D**

Well, it all started when we got to Lowanna and we went to the basketball courts. We waited in there while the production was on. We had to wait a few minutes and soon it was our turn. We wore rainbow clothes. The girls wore a skirt and it was on string and we tied it up at the back. The skirt was high and we had to wear it with black tights. The boys wore black jeans and a hat. We had to wear rainbow coats and we had to wear bare feet on stage. After that we watched the rest of the show right at the back. Then there was a finale. Then it finished and we had to meet our mums at the basketball courts. **By Siena 2/1D**

Wow! The concert was great! I liked it, it was so much fun. I had a fantastic night. In my class the girls wore bright vests and skirts, they were great. The boys wore hat and vests. We sang 'I can see clearly now'. I loved our song. It was super fun! **By Monica 2/1D**

On Wednesday night we went to Lowanna College for our production, 'In the Kingdom of Heaven.' Our class dance was to the song 'I can see clearly now.' When the other classes sang the songs we went to the basketball court to wait. When it was time for our grade to dance, we lined up. The boys wore a yellow hat, a tie and a vest. The girls wore a vest, skirt and a feather hair clip. The whole class had to have black pants and a t-shirt. It was such a fun night and everybody did a great job! **By Baylee 2/1D**

Our production was called 'In the Kingdom of Heaven.' It was AMAZING! First we went to the Lowanna gym. We got changed and put our hair pieces in. Some people did cartwheels as well as practised our dance. Soon it was time to go on stage. Then we went on the stage. We did the dance to 'I can see clearly now.' We wore little skirts, vests and colourful hair pieces. When we finished our dance we went up to the top seats to watch the rest of the concert. When it was time for the finale, we sang 'Christmas Star' and 'Heaven.' When we finished the finale, we all went home. It was an awesome night! **By Isla 2/1D**

On Wednesday we went to Lowanna College because we needed to practise for the production. On the night, we were all excited when it was our turn to dance. It was fun when it was my brother's dance because it was funny. We wore black pants, a white t-shirt, a colourful vest and little skirts. Our song was 'I can see clearly now.' **By Abut 2/1D**

City Excursion Prep-2

Last Friday 1/2 and Prep /1 H went to Scienceworks. We went into the Planetarium and there was a huge screen. There were chairs that went down. We went on a bus and it took us three hours to get there and back. We went to sports works right next to the Planetarium. There were games. There was a skeleton that you had to peddle a bike to make it go. The thing that I learnt was that there was a Teapot Constellation and I had fun. **By Emma Grade 1 H**

Last Friday 1/2 and Prep/2 H went to Scienceworks and we went on a bus, it took about 2 hours, when we got there and I was so excited. First we went through a little mouse, it wasn't made out of leaves. Then we went into a round room and we watched a movie. It was about 2 kids and a dog and the dog's name was Tieco, it was so so cool. Then we went to have a snack, and we had snack. On the grass a yellow sign said do not feed the sea gulls but Declan did not listen to the sign, Mandy my mum came. Then we got to play on the equipment it was cool. **By Olivia Yr. 1H**

