

ST KIERAN'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April

28- St Kieran's Athletics in Newborough

May

4- Responsible Pet Program

5- District Athletics

9/10/11- NAPLAN (Grade 3 & 5)

10- 2018 Prep Information night

12- Mother's Day Liturgy (P – 3)
2.30pm

12- Winter Sports (Grade 4-6)

18- School Photos

19- District Cross Country

19- Mass at St Marys

10- 2018 Prep Information night

June

5-7 - Grade 5/6 Camp

9 - Term 2 Closure Day (No School)

11- Queen's Birthday Holiday

19/20 Parent/Teacher interviews

Message from the Principal

Tuesday of this week saw a wonderful tradition at St Kieran's continue despite the atrocious weather. More than 40 students and their families, staff and past students united together on ANZAC day morning to remember the soldiers that made our country what it is today. The St Kieran's students and staff marched proudly before being given the opportunity to lead the Moe community in the National Anthem. A sincere thank you to the RSL for allowing St Kieran's to continue this important responsibility and to all our families and staff who gave up their family time to be part of such an important day in the Australian calendar.

ANZAC PRAYER

God of love and liberty, we give thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war. We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come. That the liberty, truth and justice which they sought to preserve may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth. This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



ANZAC DAY 2017



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

St Kieran's Athletics Tomorrow

A timetable has been sent out today for the athletics tomorrow. There are showers forecast so it would be a good idea for the children to pack a light raincoat. There will be an assembly at 2.30pm back in the St Kieran's Hall where the children will sing their chants and the winning team announced.

St Kieran's Canteen

Please note the school canteen will BE CLOSED tomorrow, Friday, 28th April due to the St Kieran's Athletics. No lunch orders will be available on this day only.

Congratulations & Best Wishes to the Cook family

Congratulations to Amie, Ward, Kaedan and Liam on the safe arrival of Cohen Lucas, born on Holy Thursday night.

Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week for the Diocese of Sale commences on Friday 28th April and runs until the 5th May. This year's Catholic Education Week theme is: 'Unity in Diversity!' As part of this theme the students from all classes will form personal profiles next week which will be used later in the term as part of a theme day where we celebrate our uniqueness that God has created.

Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all Catholic schools to celebrate our distinctive mission and share things that are special about our schools and ethos with families, parish and the wider community. A special Leadership Eucharist and dinner unites Leadership teams across our Diocese; coming together to celebrate Catholic Education. Our school's Leadership team will participate in this significant event. We are very proud of our school and our Catholic heritage, proud of our children and parents, and proud of the achievements of our wonderful staff!

Safety of St Kieran's Car Park

Please make sure you enter and leave our school carpark at a safe speed for the safety of all our families. Please also remember to only park where there is a designated carpark bay. The drop off bays are for dropping off and picking up only. At home time I will put a big focus on children going straight to the carpark to avoid unnecessary queues.

2018 Prep Enrolments and Information Night

As part of our enrolment and transition process this term, we will be having an information/open night on May 10th in the hall. We encourage all existing families who have siblings starting in 2018 to attend. This will be an opportunity for parents to have school tours, gather information about our school, ask questions and meet staff. As part of our enrolment process for 2018 we have also invited all the local kinders to come and visit St Kieran's. Children will be then given the opportunity to participate in 'Prep for a Day'

School Uniform – No Runners

A reminder that all students are required to wear black school shoes except for Wednesday(PE) and Friday (Tennis) . Children are able to have their runners in their school bags on the other days if they wish to change at lunch time to play sport. According to our Sunsmart policy hats must be worn until Friday 12th May. This is also the last day the students are required to wear their summer uniform.

Naplan

On May 9th, 10th, & 11th NAPLAN will commence for children in years 3 and 5. NAPLAN (National Assessment Program) tests will be held for all students in Australia at Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the school's assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance. The tests results need to be put into context with all other forms of assessment used by teachers. They cannot be used as the one and only tool to make a judgement on how your child is progressing academically. Nor do they measure how a child is coping socially, emotionally, spiritually and physically, which are all aspects of a child's education! Your best resource is to speak to your child's teacher who can provide a broad view of your child's progress. Test results are used by the school to help identify trends and patterns in curriculum areas and help evaluate teaching programs/strategies.

District Athletics

Next Friday the 5th of May are the Moe District Athletics. Children from Grade 3- 6 who have come 1st or 2nd in the St Kieran's Athletics will be given a permission form on Monday 1st May to compete at the District Athletics to be held at Joe Carmody in Newborough.

Future Planning For Parishioners

The Parish Pastoral Team initiative of a seminar entitled 'Planning Ahead' will be held on Monday May 1 at 6.30pm in Oblate Hall, St Kieran's. The aim of the seminar is to assist parishioners in planning for their future needs in terms of Wills, Funeral Planning, Powers of Attorney etc. All welcome to attend.



Lowanna Transition Information for Year 6 Students

INFORMATION EVENING
Tuesday 9 May 2017
Parents of prospective students for 2018 are invited to an Information Evening commencing at 7.00pm in the Year 7 Learning Centre.
Enrolment packages will be available on the night.

SECONDARY AWARENESS DAY
Wednesday 17 May 2017
Parents of prospective students for 2018 are invited to attend tours to learn what Lowanna College has to offer and get a firsthand look at our excellent facilities.
Tours will commence from the General Office at **10.00am & 2.00pm**.



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