

ST KIERAN'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 4 We nurture the faith and wellbeing of our school community, inspiring minds through the joy of learning

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

- 15- School Board Meeting
- 18- School Photos
- 19- District Cross Country
- 19- Combined Mass with St Mary's

June

- 5-7 - Grade 5/6 Camp
- 8- Pie Drive Collection
- 9 - Term 2 Closure Day (No School)
- 11- Queen's Birthday Holiday
- 19/20 Parent/Teacher interviews
- 28- School Disco

Message from the Principal

May all our mothers and grandmothers in our St Kieran's School Community including our teachers, parents and parishioners have a very enjoyable and relaxing Mother's Day on Sunday with their families. Thanks to Emily Haesler, our class teachers and the students for providing us with a beautiful Mother's Day Liturgy this morning. Thanks also must go to P & F for providing the Mother's Day stall and the raffle that accompanied the liturgy.

Mother's Day Reflection

*When God created mothers,
He made two loving arms
To cradle us and shelter us
From any worldly harm.*

*When God created mothers,
He made a pair of hands
To care for us and guide us through
Our choices and our plans.*

*When God created mothers,
He made the warmest heart
To understand and give our lives
A happy, loving start.*

*Why God created mothers,
Is not a mystery-
He meant to share
His love with us
And did it perfectly.*



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Saint Eugene de Mazenod Mass – Friday 19th May

This Friday St Kieran's will celebrate the feast of Eugene de Mazenod with St Mary's. The mass will be held at St Kieran at 10am. We would love to see as many of our school families there to celebrate this important day.

Child Safety – Focusing on the role of the Bystander

As the Principal of St Kieran's I would love to be writing in the newsletter informing parents that bullying incidents don't exist amongst our students, but like the majority of principals in primary schools and secondary schools I cannot say this. What I can say though, is that my staff and I make 'child safety' the highest priority. Our goal is to ensure we identify and educate children, that diversity amongst our students should be celebrated rather than discriminated against. This term during our assemblies we will be focusing on the role of the '**bystander**' in bullying situations. It is important that a child can identify bullying and be a supportive bystander.

A bystander is someone who sees or knows about bullying or other forms of violence that might be happening to someone else. Bystanders can be either part of the bullying problem or an important part of the solution to stop bullying. Bystanders can act in different ways when they see or know about bullying. A supportive bystander will use words and/or actions that can help someone who is being bullied. We will use some of our Grade 6 leaders to act out role plays, teaching students how to respond in these situations and become a supportive bystander.

Child Safety – New iPad for signing in at the office

Over the next few weeks we will be fazing in a new digital sign in procedure at the front office. Staff, parents and visitors will use this system to sign in. Monica Huffer will be available on a Monday & Tuesday if anyone needs any assistance. As part of mandated 'Child Safety' procedures all visitors to our school will need to read and sign the St Kieran's Child Safety Code of Conduct.



School Photos - Winter Uniform - Thursday 18th May

Today was the last day of hats and summer uniform. Please make sure your child is in full winter uniform beginning Monday which includes the correct black shoes. Monica Huffer will open the uniform shop Monday for any parents who wish to buy new uniforms. School photos will be next Thursday so please ensure the St Kieran's School Uniform is worn correctly.



GaGa Pit

Last year many of our 3/4 students returned from their camp asking if it was possible if St Kieran's could build a GaGa pit. Fortunately, this week we were able to make this happen by using some of the money raised by the 2017 fete. The GaGa pit has been so popular in the first few days of use that we have had to make a timetable for recess and lunch. We would like to thank TM&H Hardware for their generous support in helping us with some of the timber requirements.

School Advisory Board Meeting

The School Board meeting is on Monday 15th May at 7.30pm in the school staff room. Anyone wishing to join the St Kieran's Advisory Board please let me know. Meetings are held once per month and allow parents to have an input into school initiatives and decision making.

Sibling Enrolments for Foundation 2018 (Prep)

To our current school families with siblings due to commence school in Foundation (Prep) next year (2018), our sibling enrolments are now open. Please contact the office by 25th May to arrange an interview time with you and your child. Times are from 9:00- 11:00 Monday to Friday. Our Year 6s can also give you and your child a tour of St Kieran's if you wish. Interviews are held during school hours in May. New family enrolments will open on Monday 15th May.

Expression of interest for Piano Lessons at St Kieran's

St Kieran's has the opportunity to gain access to a piano teacher once a week for individual lessons. Anthony is currently in his 6th year teaching private lessons (specifically Piano, Brass, Woodwind and more recently, Violin & Cello) at Warragul North Primary School. The lessons would be \$28 for a half hour lesson. If you are interested in your child having piano lessons please contact the office.

Our garden on show!

Representatives from Latrobe City and Stephanie Alexander Kitchen garden foundation visited our school garden last term. It was a great opportunity to showcase and share the great work our parent Garden Coordinator, Mandy Bialy is doing in our garden. Lots of learning and sharing of ideas took place. Our scarecrow even got a makeover!



First Aid in Schools Training – Tuesday 23rd May

St John Ambulance will visit our school on Tuesday 23rd May to deliver free First Aid in Schools training to our students. Through the First Aid in Schools program, trained St John presenters lead students from Foundation to Yr 6 through tailored sessions on the importance of First Aid and what to do in the event of an emergency. Our junior students learn about how to identify when there is an emergency, keeping themselves safe, and how to call for an ambulance. Senior students learn about delivering CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and the things they can do to assist in an emergency. Parents are most welcome to attend the sessions to observe but cannot participate in the training. Sessions are as follows:

#	Session Times	Presenter 1 Location – Library	Presenter 2 Location – MPR
1	9.05 – 9.50	F/1 & Yr2M (Olivia Bialy, Emma Rudy, and Jake Vella)	1/2E & Yr2M (Riley O’Brien, Baylee Turner Elizabeth Nairn and Anjelo Abuan)
2	10.05 – 10.50	3/4B	3/4M
	10.50 - 11.40	RECESS	RECESS
3	11.40 – 12.25	5/6B	5/6 VB

Participating students will be given a special piece of homework for parents to complete. We encourage you to “do your homework” and go online (www.stjohnvic.com.au/quiz) to see how much you know about First Aid. Are you First Aid READY? More information about the St John First Aid in Schools program can be found at: www.stjohnvic.com.au/schools

School & District Athletics

Over the last few weeks St Kieran's has participated in school and district Athletics. I would like to thank Mrs Gee and the staff for organising these great days and to all the parents that gave up their time to assist and support the children. Congratulations to Curtin House for winning the St Kieran's Athletics and to St Kieran's for winning the Small Schools Shield at the Moe District Athletics. Results from District Athletics will be included in the next newsletter.





Harvest FESTIVAL



NEWBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Murray Road, Newborough.

Vegetable market * Hope Farm Bakery Bread * Gourmet Food* Live Music

*** Home Grown * Bek's Barnyard * Plant Stall * Hand Made * Local Artists ***

*** Cal's Singing school * Farmyard Games * Pony Rides * Market Stalls ***

Custom Car Display *Baileys Bouncers *Slides and Jumping Castles

Large Miniature Railway Display - Latrobe Valley Model Railway Association

Saturday 20th May 9am -1pm

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